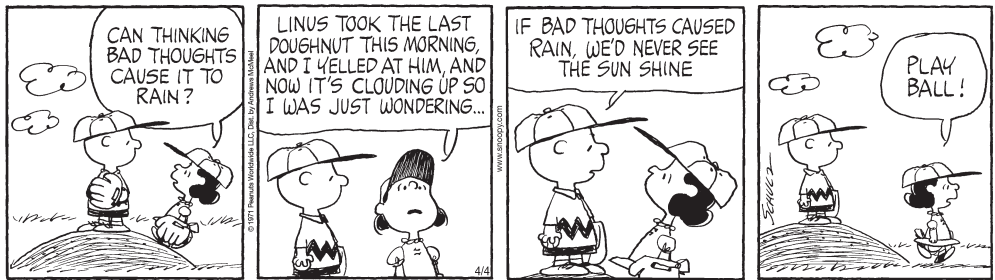


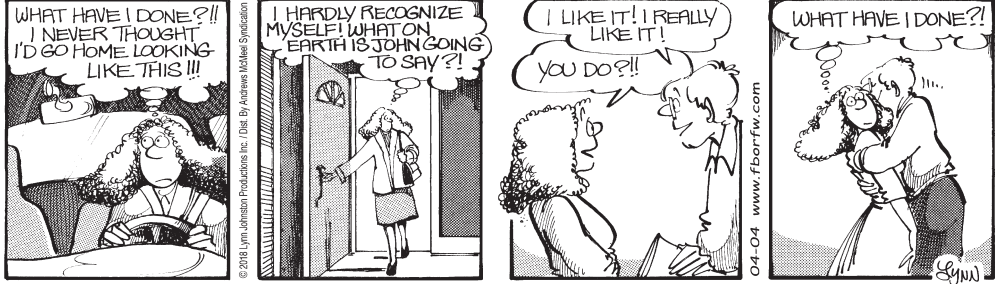
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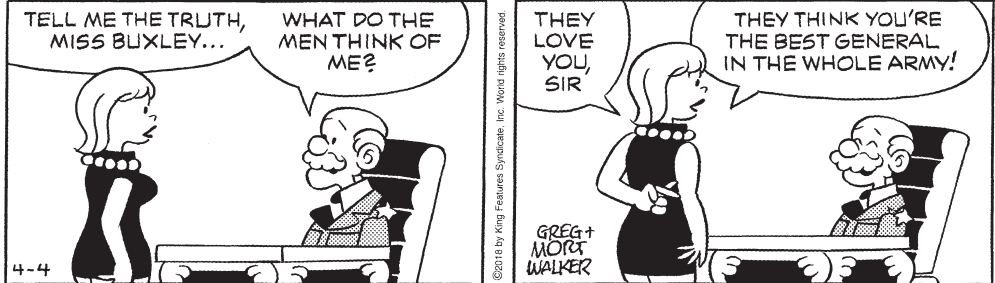
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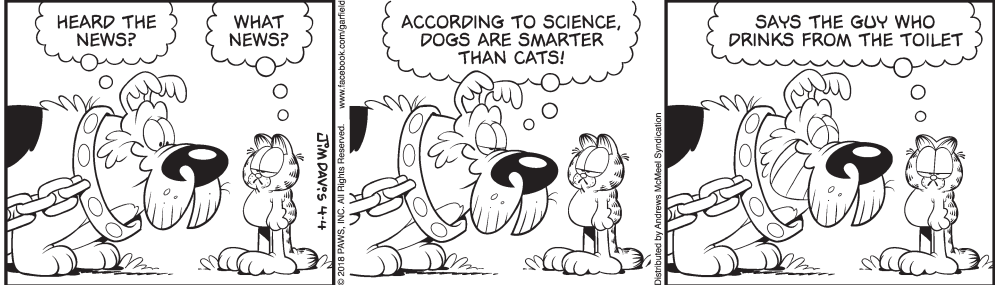
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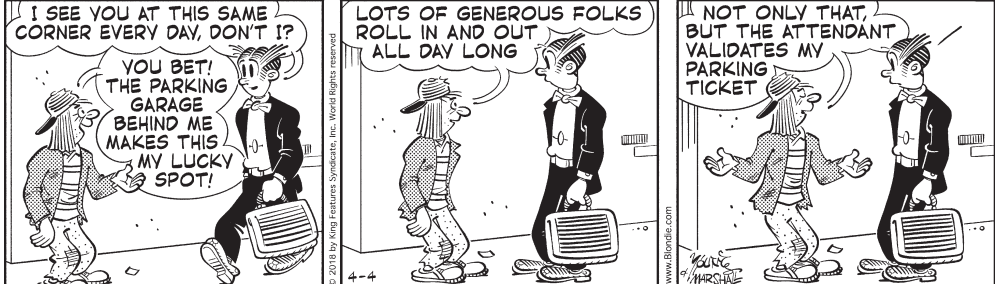
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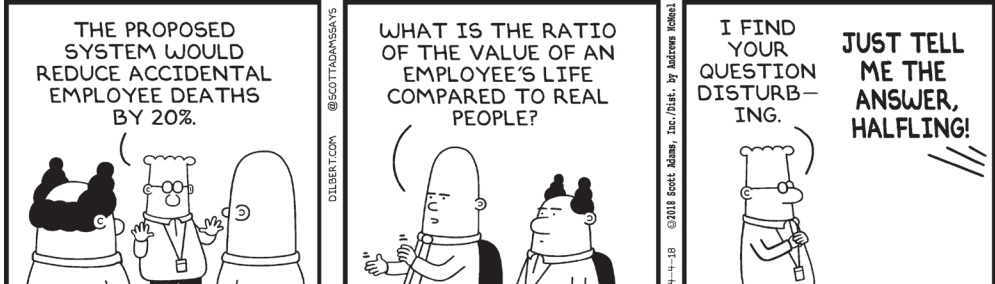
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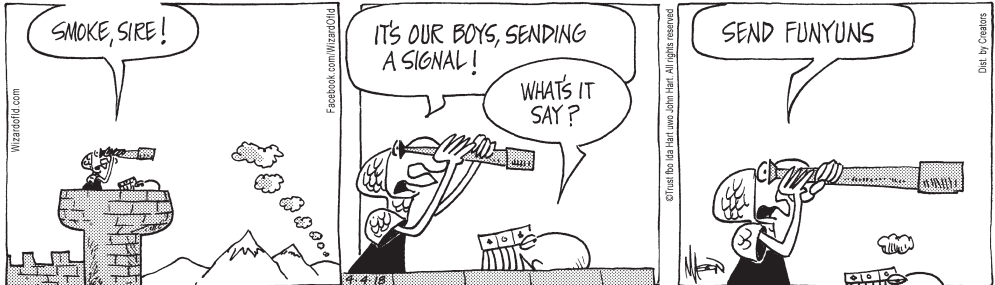
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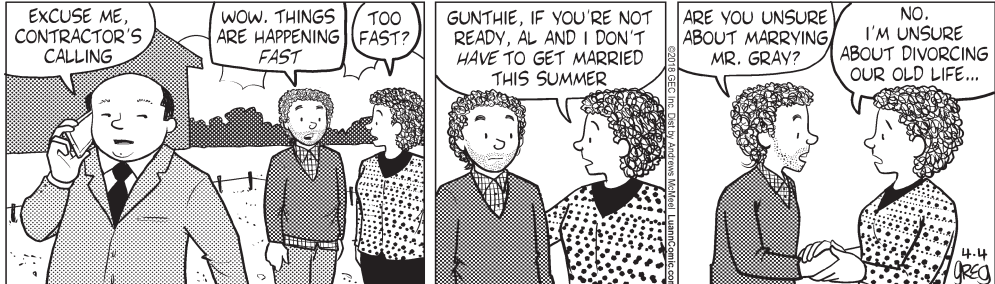
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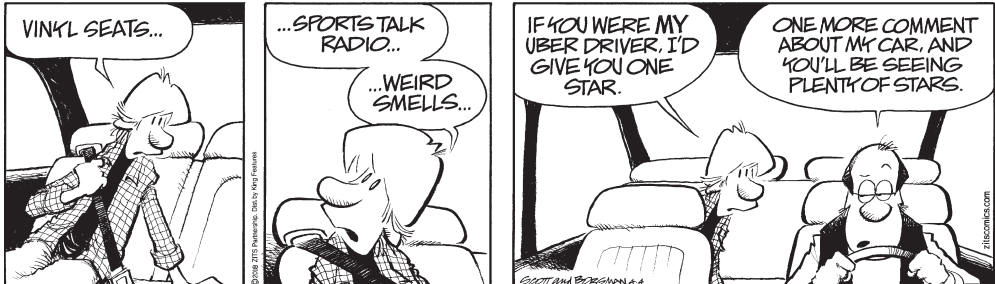
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DEAR ABBY

Marriage threatened by wife's online relationship with ex

Dear Abby: My wife of 20 years has been electronically unfaithful. There have been covert telephone calls and late-night text messages to a boyfriend from long ago. He's divorced and found her on Facebook, telling her he needed "advice on dating."



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like her that much. I told him it was unusual and said it was a good thing he had moved.

A month later she showed up, uninvited, to visit him. I think she came here to get pregnant, which she did. Her family now expects him to move back to Oklahoma, quit school and work to support the family. He's a smart kid with the potential to do well in college. His father is dead, the mother is clueless, and I am concerned about this boy. The girl's father and brother are in prison. How can I advise him? — Caring Tutor In California

She admits to the phone calls and messages and nothing more. I believe her. They haven't met — just these covert exchanges, which are frequent and sometimes lengthy, over the course of several months. The "whys" behind her behavior are not important. We know our marriage is damaged, and we will work on that. She says she knows she was wrong to let it go on as long as it did, and further communication will stop. Should it include unfriending him on Facebook? I'm perplexed by the new paradigm of relationships. — Covert Exchanges In The South

Dear Covert: I disagree that the reasons that led to your wife's behavior aren't important. I hope you two will work out your disconnect with licensed professional help, because it will make the process faster. As to whether she should unfriend her old boyfriend on Facebook, the answer is an unequivocal "yes."

Dear Abby: I tutor a 16-year-old boy. His family moved to our city five months ago. They live in a crowded apartment with other relatives. One day, he told me a 20-year-old girl was obsessed with him, and he didn't

Dear Abby: After decades of sucking it up, should I send a letter to the individuals who bullied me incessantly and made my life a living hell in high school? Should I let them know all has not been forgiven or forgotten? — Former Victim In Montana

Dear Former Victim: No. Why would you want more contact with the cruel and thoughtless individuals who made you miserable? Live your life fully and happily in the present and don't look back. THAT is the best revenge.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 4, 1918

The neatness of the approach to Pendleton was a subject considered to some extent by the Commercial Association last evening. Attention was paid to the habit of the city employees and of junk men to use the old Happy Canyon grounds near the depot as a storage place, thus making the vacant ground, which is so situated that it is the first to meet the eye of the person arriving by train, extremely unsightly. The Commercial Association holds a lease on the grounds and last evening instructed the city affairs committee to see that the grounds are kept clean.

Sheep Company. Stafford estimated that all but 160 acres of land within the Ukiah School District was included under the new assessment procedure in which farm land will be taxed on its productivity and not its selling price. Nearly one-third of Morrow County area will be re-appraised under the new method of taxing agricultural lands, Bill Johnson, Morrow appraiser, announced Tuesday.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 4, 1993

When Pam Severe-McKay agreed to an interview with a freelance writer, she had no idea what influence the publicity would have on her Working Girls Hotel in downtown Pendleton. The hotel — actually a bed-and-breakfast — was featured in the March edition of Pacific Northwest magazine. "A soon as the article hit — the day after — I had people calling me," said McKay. "They started booking into the summer. I was surprised at the immediate response." The article explains the connection between the bed-and-breakfast and the Pendleton Underground Tours, both located in the same block along Emigrant Avenue. The downtown bed-and-breakfast once was part of Pendleton's naughty past — a brothel, McKay said.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 4, 1968

Farmers crowded county tax offices the last few days, meeting the April 1 deadline for filing of papers they hope will reduce their share of the property tax load and shift it onto other classes of property, such as residential, commercial and utility. Assessor Lloyd Stafford said today he had received about 400 applications from farmers, with each application averaging about five tax lots. Included in the 400 applications were 107,000 acres owned by Cunningham

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot and killed while standing on a balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee; his slaying was followed by a wave of rioting (Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Chicago were among cities particularly hard hit). Suspected gunman James Earl Ray later pleaded guilty to assassinating King, then spent the rest of his life claiming he'd been the victim of a setup. In 1818, Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union. In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office. In 1859, "Dixie" was performed publicly for the first time by Bryant's Minstrels at Mechanics' Hall in New York. In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln, in a letter to Kentucky newspaper editor

Albert G. Hodges, wrote: "I claim not to have controlled events, but confess plainly that events have controlled me." In 1917, the U.S. Senate voted 82-6 in favor of declaring war against Germany (the House followed suit two days later by a vote of 373-50). In 1933, the Navy airship USS Akron crashed in severe weather off the New Jersey coast with the loss of 73 lives. In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington, D.C. In 1958, Johnny Stompanato, an enforcer for crime boss Mickey Cohen and the boyfriend of actress Lana Turner, was stabbed to death by Turner's teenage daughter, Cheryl Crane, who said Stompanato had attacked her mother. In 1975, more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crash-landed shortly after takeoff from Saigon. Microsoft was founded by

Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

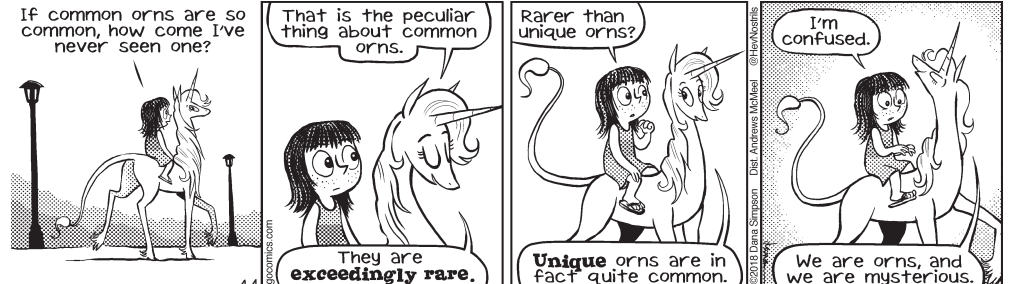
In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage. (It was destroyed in the disaster of January 1986.)

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., is 86. Recording executive Clive Davis is 86. Author Kitty Kelley is 76. Actor Craig T. Nelson is 74. Country singer Steve Gatlin (The Gatlin Brothers) is 67. Actress Lorraine Toussaint is 58. Actor Hugo Weaving is 58. Rock musician Craig Adams (The Cult) is 56. Talk show host/comic Graham Norton is 55. Actor David Cross is 54. Actor Robert Downey Jr. is 53.

Thought for Today: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. The true neighbor will risk his position, his prestige and even his life for the welfare of others." — Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

