

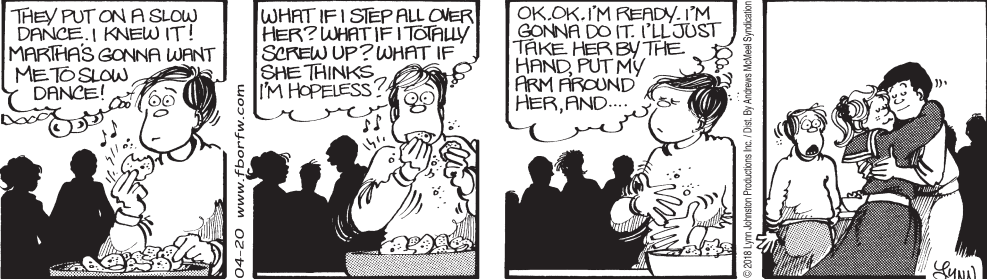
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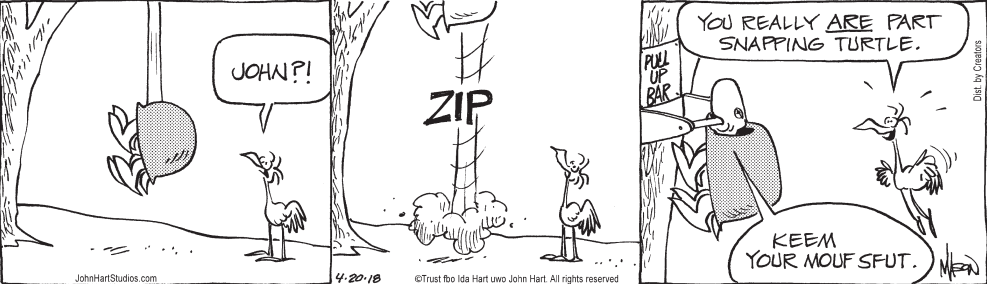
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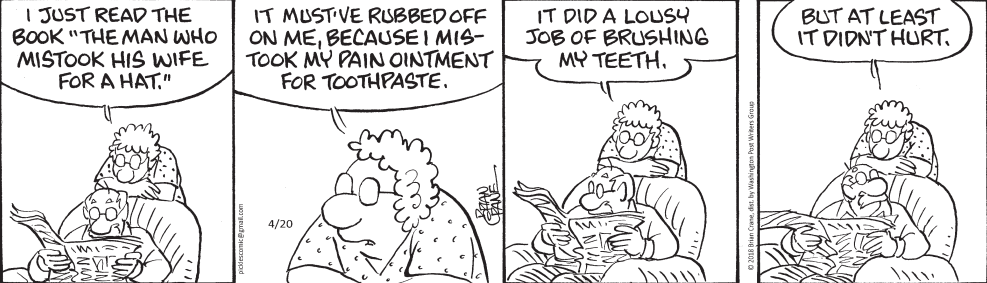
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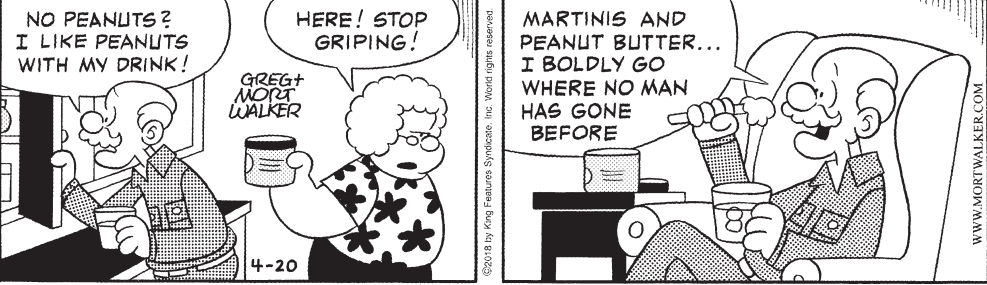
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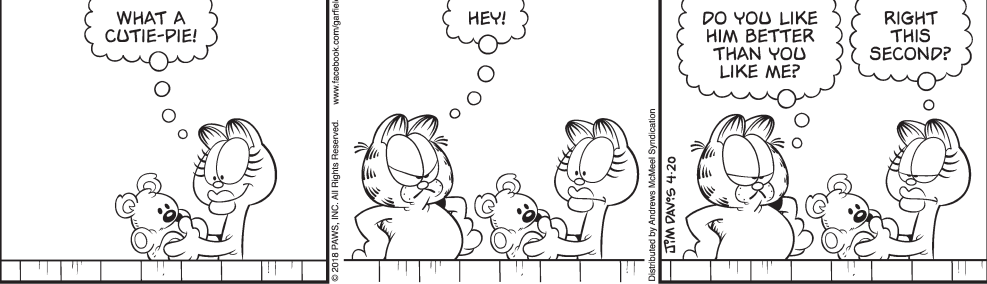
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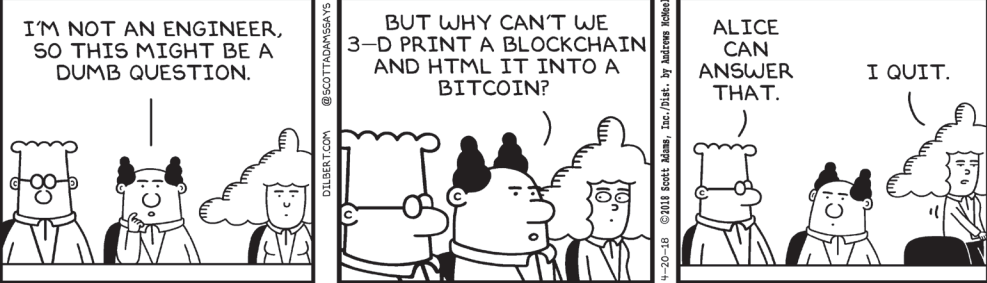
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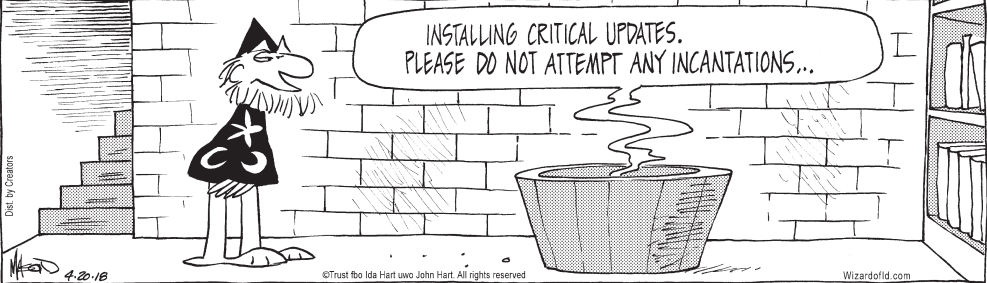
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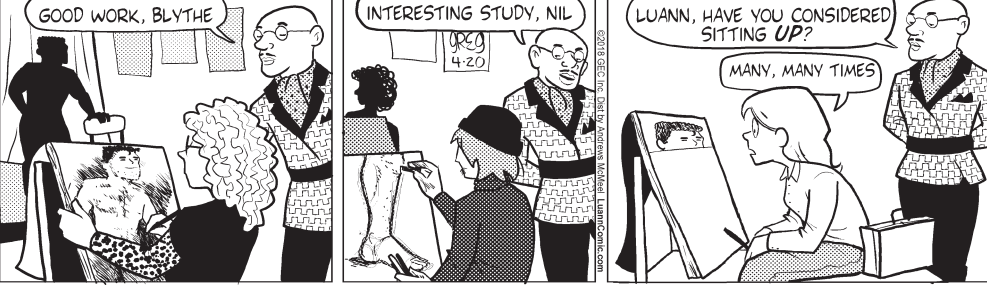
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DEAR ABBY

Age is a barrier to daughter joining mom's social club

Dear Abby: I am part of a small social ladies group. The eight of us range in age from mid-50s to late-60s. We get together once a month for lunch, a movie, dinner, shopping, etc. I look forward to it, and we always have a good time.

Recently, we lost a few members due to relocating, and the subject came up about trying to get a few more women interested in joining us. When I mentioned it to my daughter, who is in her early 30s, she got very excited and wants to join. When I approached the group about it, they were dead set against it, which surprised me. They feel it would change the atmosphere of the group because of the age difference.

I haven't told my daughter yet because I know her feelings will be hurt. Now I'm torn about whether to continue with this group of ladies, since I'm upset that my daughter will be excluded for a reason I consider to be trivial. Some of the ladies have never even met her. There have never been any "rules" discussed about who wouldn't be accepted.

I don't know how to proceed with this. Our next get-together is coming up soon, and I'm stressed as to how to handle it. Help! — **Social Lady In California**

Dear Social Lady: The way to handle it is to explain to your daughter that the other members of the group prefer socializing with women their own age, which is why she won't be invited to join them. Explain that it isn't personal, that they might not feel comfortable discussing issues in front of her that she has yet to face.

Because your daughter has time on her



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

hands, encourage her to consider volunteering or joining a social group of contemporaries, and if you still feel as upset as you do about this group, ask if she'd mind if you joined her.

Dear Abby: "Russ," my partner of 33 years, passed away nine months ago. Needless to say, it has been a tough time for me. I had a close relationship with his sister, who lives down the street. She and her husband were very supportive after Russ' death.

Russ' sister knows me only within the context of being her brother's husband. Now that he's gone, and I'm back to being a single gay man, how do I set boundaries without offending her? She's always asking where I'm going, what I'm doing, what I have been doing and who I'm going with. It's making me very uncomfortable because I don't think it's any of her business.

I refrain from discussing my private life with her, but she doesn't seem to be getting the message. I don't want to offend her since she's been so good to me, but at the same time, I need my privacy. — **Single Again**

Dear Single: Could you be feeling guilty for deciding to start a new phase in your life? (You shouldn't, because it's normal and natural.) Russ' sister isn't some stranger who is trying to pry. She probably regards you as her surrogate brother. These are questions she would ask Russ if he had lived and you had passed away.

Please try to be less sensitive when she shows an interest. However, if that's not possible, you will have to level with her about how her questions make you feel.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 20, 1918

Dell Blanchett, famous Round-Up cowboy, has made the supreme sacrifice on the western front. He was killed on March 30, according to a telegram received this morning by the American National bank from the director of records at Ottawa, Canada. Blanchett, who had made Pendleton his headquarters since he began attending the Round-Up, was one of the first advocates of a company of cowboy cavalry in Umatilla county and he was one of the leading spirits in the organization of Troop D. He was the first to enlist. He was later rejected for physical disability and left at once for Calgary where in the late summer he enlisted in a cavalry squadron formed there. In England his squadron of cavalry was ordered transferred to the infantry, but Blanchett, because of his superior horsemanship, was one of 16 selected to fill up the gaps in the famous fighting Canadian cavalry known as the Lord Strathmore Horse.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 20, 1968

Fishermen out for the wily trout on the opening day of the season today didn't have exactly ideal weather conditions. But they could be worse. It wasn't snowing much below 2,000 feet, the wind was mostly around 10 to 20 miles an hour, and the temperatures

were mostly in the 40s during the morning. No hurricanes had been reported, nor sleet storms, nor hailstones as big as prunes, nor subzero temperatures. All of these were out — some grumbling, it's true, but out, just the same. And some who returned early had fish — and all were a bit cool. Meacham had an inch of snow on the ground this morning, and considerable snow fell at higher altitudes, such as Anthony Lakes — where only skiers are supposed to go at this time of the year.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 20, 1993

A contract agreement between Heppner and its city manager of nearly two years, Gary Marks, appears unlikely following a split decision by the City Council last week. Consequently, this south Morrow County town of 1,500 could lose the man who has helped the community survive — and in some cases prosper — under the impact of steep Measure 5 cuts. "I'm not willing to commit to a long-term contract unless I can provide stability for my family," Marks said. Pay is not the major issue. Half of the council balked at Marks' request that the city co-sign on a downpayment loan, to ensure he'd be able to buy a house. And the same three objected to a clause in the proposed contract that would guarantee him severance pay and allow him to set his own work hours.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 110th day of 2018. There are 255 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 20, 1898, the United States moved closer to war with Spain as President William McKinley signed a congressional resolution passed the day before recognizing Cuban independence and authorizing U.S. military intervention to achieve that goal.

On this date:

In 1792, France declared war on Austria, marking the start of the French Revolutionary Wars.

In 1914, the Ludlow Massacre took place when the Colorado National Guard opened fire on a tent colony of striking miners; about 20 (accounts vary) strikers, women and children died.

In 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

In 1972, Apollo 16's lunar module, carrying astronauts John W. Young and Charles M. Duke Jr., landed on the moon.

In 1978, a Korean Air Lines Boeing 707 crash-landed in northwestern Russia after being fired on by a Soviet interceptor after entering Soviet airspace; two passengers were killed.

In 1988, gunmen who had hijacked a Kuwait Airways jumbo jet were allowed safe passage out of Algeria under an agreement that freed the remaining 31 hostages and ended a 15-day siege in which two passengers were slain.

In 1999, the Columbine High School massacre took place in Colorado as two

students shot and killed 12 classmates and one teacher before taking their own lives.

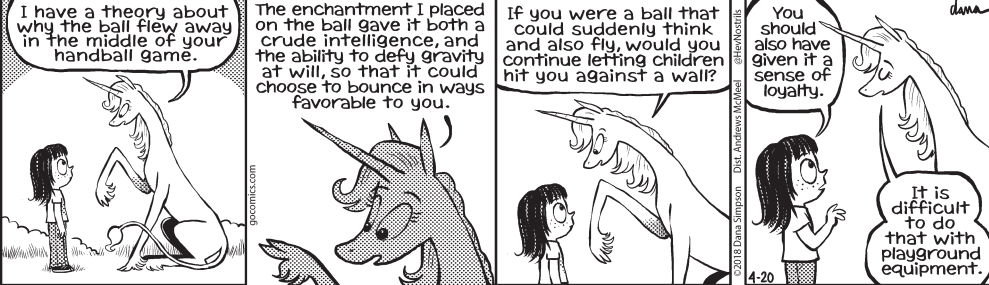
In 2010, an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil platform, leased by BP, killed 11 workers and caused a blow-out that began spewing an estimated 200 million gallons of crude into the Gulf of Mexico. (The well was finally capped nearly three months later.)

Today's Birthdays: Retired Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens is 98. Actor Leslie Phillips is 94. Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., is 82. Actor George Takei is 81. Singer Johnny Tillotson is 80. Actor Ryan O'Neal is 77.

Thought for Today: "History is the autobiography of a madman." — *Alexander Herzen, Russian author (1812-1870).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

