

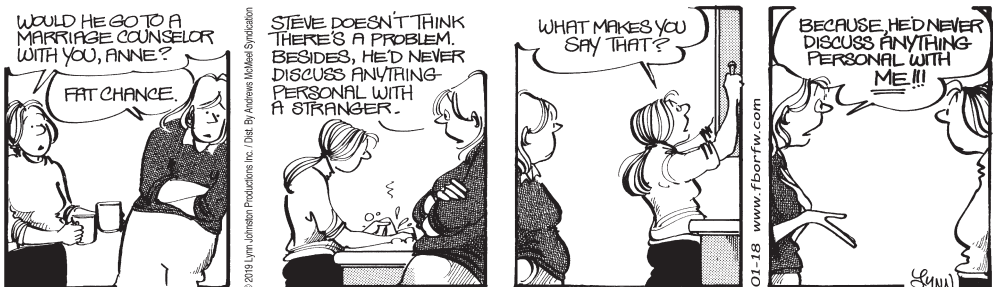
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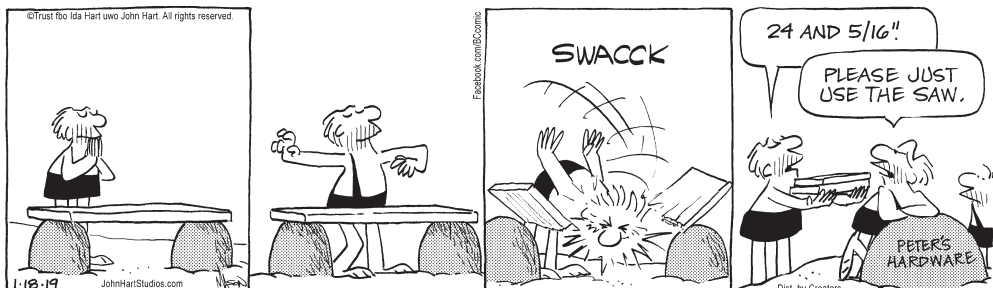
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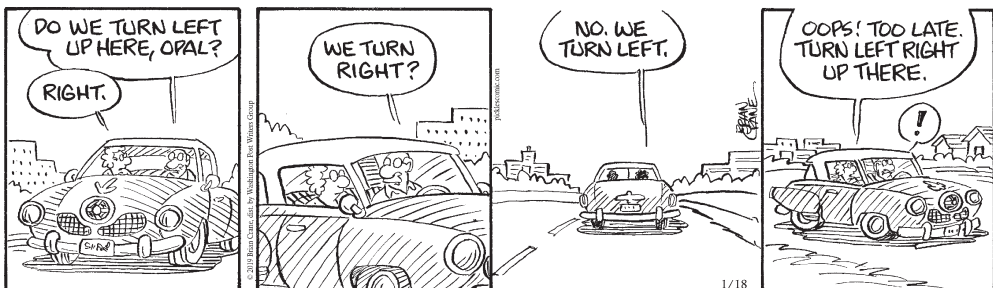
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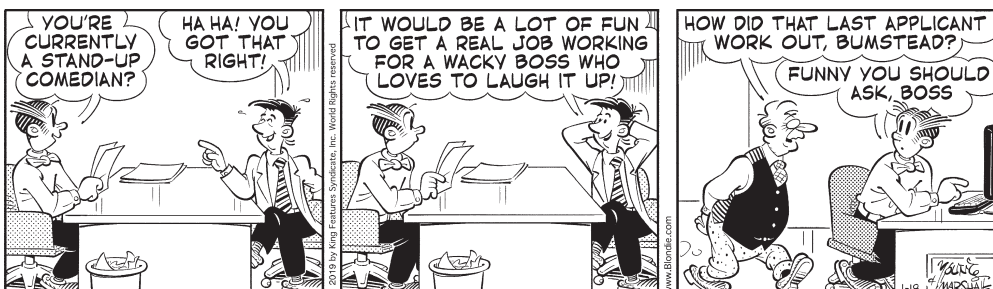
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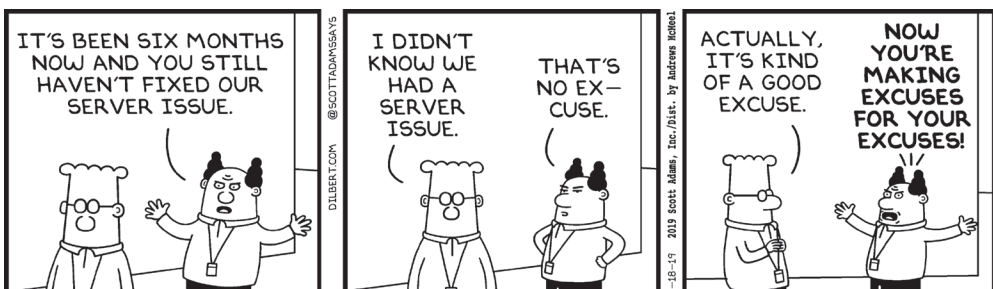
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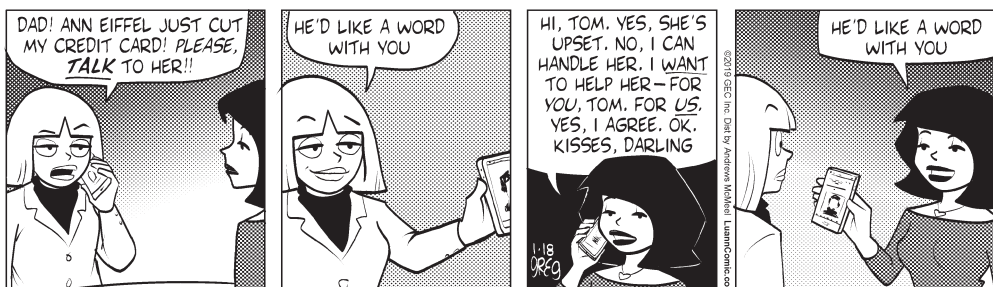
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DEAR ABBY

As girlfriend becomes more distant, woman feels despair

Dear Abby: My girlfriend and I have lived together off and on for three years. We met at a lesbian bar in Los Angeles, and it was love at first sight for me.

I suspect she has been seeing another woman. She has changed her dress style and even her cologne. When I confront her, begging her to tell me if she's been cheating, she laughs it off. We don't communicate well anymore, and she's sleeping in another room now.

I have cared for her for so long. We were going to be married. Now I feel she doesn't love me anymore. I have tried following her, but she disappears and sometimes doesn't come home for days. I haven't slept or eaten in weeks.

I love her so much. If she doesn't come back to me, I've had thoughts of suicide. I can't afford a shrink. I hope you can help.

Freaked Out & Clueless in California

Dear Freaked Out: What's happening is painful, but you don't need a "shrink" to help you figure this out. People who love each other — or even care about each other's feelings — do not treat each other the way you are being treated. That your girlfriend has been seeing someone else is entirely possible. And whether she laughs it off or not, it isn't funny.

I know it's hard, but someone who acts the way she has isn't worth killing yourself over. It may be scary, but it's time for the two of you to separate. If you need emotional support, have friends with you when



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you tell her. And if you need more support than they can give, contact the nearest gay and lesbian center for counseling because they will be able to help you. Trust me, you'll be glad you did.

Dear Abby: My wife has gotten herself into more debt than she earns in a year. She finally confessed to me that she can make only the minimum payments on her credit cards.

She has asked me for help, but she refuses to allow me to monitor her progress paying off her debts. I have refused to help her get out of the hole she has dug for herself unless I have access to her credit card statements. She had the gall to be upset with my request. I no longer trust her to manage her spending. Am I wrong to feel this way? — Needs Access in Texas

Dear Needs Access: No, you are not wrong. Your wife has a serious problem and is refusing to take the "medicine" that's required to fix it. I'm not sure what kind of help she expects from you, unless it's money to bail her out of her situation.

Some people shop for the "thrill"; others do it to cope with depression. I have mentioned an organization, Debtors Anonymous, in my column before. It's for individuals who are unable to control their spending. The website is debtorsanonymous.org, and you should look into it. However, if your wife continues to refuse to allow her spending to be monitored, for the sake of your own financial future, you should consult an attorney.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 18, 1919

Do you know that even in this renowned city of the last frontier, the Equine Caballus (commonly called a horse) is no longer to be had for driving purposes? The fact was brought home this morning when a stranger desiring to drive into the country sought everywhere to find a horse and single buggy. He went to all the places that formerly operated as livery stables but in vain. Men looked at him with queer expressions as much as to say, "What do you mean — horse." They had cars of various makes to sell and they knew of cars for country hire but a horse and buggy was beyond them.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 18, 1969

A Milton-Freewater naval officer, Lt. Cmdr. Ron Foster, received shrapnel wounds to his legs in the explosions that rocked the USS Enterprise this week. The officer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Foster, Milton-Freewater. He graduated from

McLoughlin Union High School and Eastern Oregon College. He is a career officer with nine years of service behind him. Foster said today he talked with his son Wednesday night on a ship-to-shore call. "He said he was all right except for wounds in his leg from shrapnel." The Enterprise counted 24 dead, 17 missing and 85 injured after a series of explosions rocked the carrier, the world's biggest warship. The Enterprise was 75 miles southwest of Honolulu when the blasts occurred Tuesday.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 18, 1994

A 14-year-old Pendleton trapshooter has been selected to the Amateur Trapshooting Association sub-junior All-America team. Ryan Hadden claimed the sub-junior clay target singles title at the Grand American national tournament at Vandalia, Ohio, last August and won the Class B singles award at the Western Zone Shoot at Spokane the following week. His father, Rick Hadden of Pendleton, won the Class A singles award at Spokane. Ryan began shooting in 1991.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 18, 1957, a trio of B-52s completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1904, actor Cary Grant was born Archibald Leach in Bristol, England.

In 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending the First World War, opened in Versailles, France.

In 1943, during World

War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion. The Soviets announced they'd broken through the long Nazi siege of Leningrad (it was another year before the siege was fully lifted). A.U.S. ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

In 1975, the situation comedy "The Jeffersons," a spin-off from "All in the Family," premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was

observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In 2001, President Bill Clinton, in a farewell from the Oval Office, told the nation that America had "done well" during his presidency, with record-breaking prosperity and a cleaner environment.

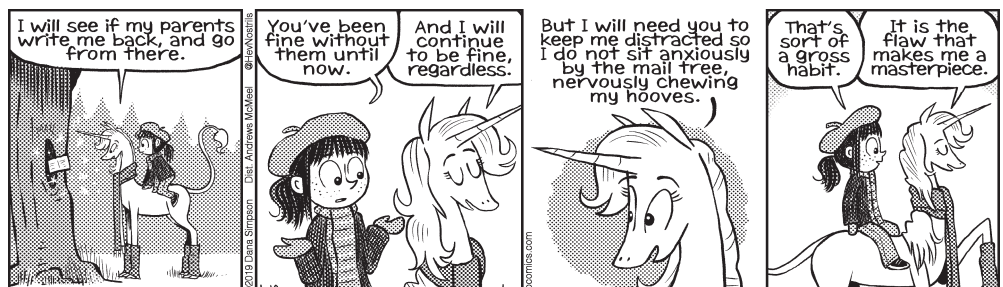
In 2005, the world's largest commercial jet, the Airbus A380 "superjumbo" capable of flying up to 800 passengers, was unveiled in Toulouse, France.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 86. Former Sen. Paul Kirk, D-Mass., is 81. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 78. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 66.

Thought for Today: "Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind." — Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

