

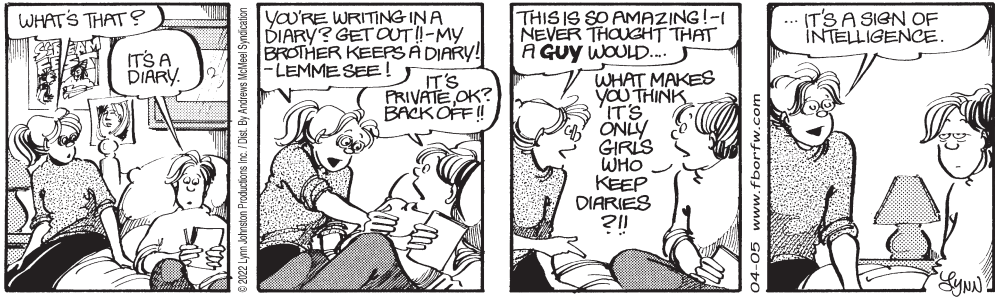
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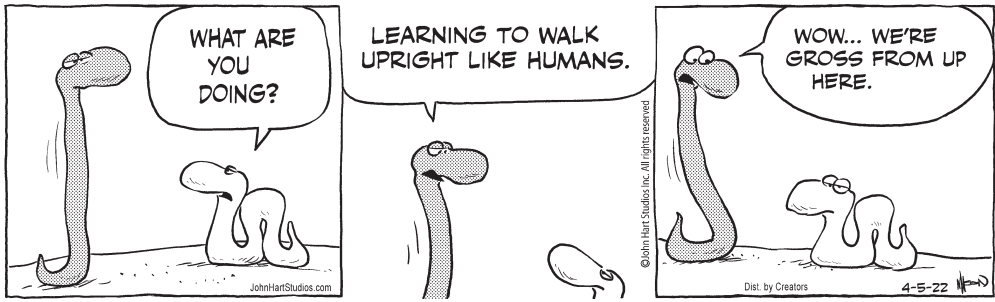
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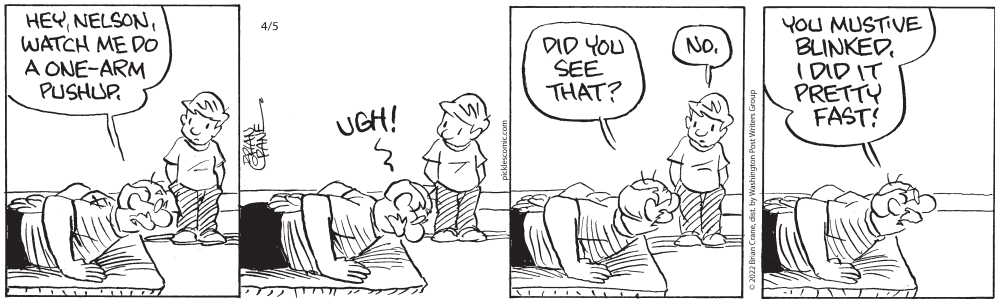
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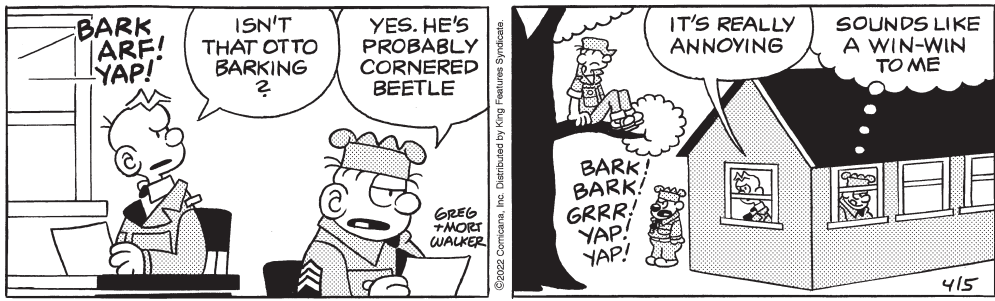
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DEAR ABBY

Lengthy marriage now includes threats, ill will



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I am a 50-year-old man, married for 25 years. In the beginning, it was great, but our relationship slowly started failing. I feel like I'm trapped in a cage.

I want a happy life with or without her, but I see nothing but darkness around me. When I ask for divorce, I get accused of cheating and threatened with paying her spousal support for the rest of my life. Marriage counseling doesn't seem to be an option. What should I do? — **Wants To Be Free In Oregon**

Dear Wants: If marriage counseling "isn't an option," it doesn't mean you can't get psychological counseling to help you become emotionally stronger. While you're at it, it is important that you talk with an attorney about the divorce laws in your state. Once you have done that, you will be better able to decide if you want to "live in darkness" for the rest of your life, or what you may have to sacrifice in order to be finally free.

Dear Abby: My boyfriend of four years refuses to come clean to me about his infidelity and cheating. I've given him countless chances to come forward, but he always denies it. I caught him with a girl who has been following us around the whole time we've been together.

Abby, I have done everything I could to get him to own up, but he doesn't! What should I have done or what can I do so my life can move forward and I

won't have to worry about what he's doing? — **Two-Timed In California**

Dear Two-Timed: As you stated, you have been deeply hurt by your boyfriend's dishonesty. He is who he is, and he isn't going to change. Obviously, one woman isn't enough for him. You have now wasted four precious years of your life on a cheater who lies consistently. Isn't that enough?

Dear Abby: I am a fourth grade student who is, let's say, good at math. I usually finish my math homework easily, but lately it's been piling up. The problem is, my classmates ask me for help a lot. I enjoy helping them, but sometimes it's hard to explain things, or I can't find the time to get my own work done.

The teacher is usually doing a math group with other students, so my friends can't ask her. Should I fall behind by helping my friends or focus on my own work and risk hurting their feelings? — **Stressed In Idaho**

Dear Stressed: You shouldn't be helping your friends to the exclusion of your own work. It is important for your sake and your friends' that you discuss this with your math teacher. She needs to know she should be devoting more attention to the students outside her math group who need further instruction instead of relying on you to do it. After your work is finished, lend a hand to the other students if you wish.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Should you pass up the main thoroughfare which connects to overlapping towns of Milton and Freewater as you struck the tract known as "the debatable land," you would suddenly be confronted by a series of buildings under construction, surrounded by acres of material ready for use. It is the new plant of the new union high district which will cost in excess of \$200,000 and will be the finest and best equipped building in the state outside of the city of Portland. Mr. E. R. Goodwin, formerly of Gresham, is the directing genius and G. L. Jessup, now in his third year as instructor, is metaphorically guiding the plow.

50 years ago — 1972

The history of Umatilla and Morrow counties is a saga of courage, enterprise and boldness. Settlement of the far reaches of Eastern Oregon in the latter half of the 19th century required the coming together of hard men — men who could defeat adversity with sheer strength, men with the humor to shrug off disaster with a laugh, and men with the vision to build an empire for their descendants.

This history has come to life in a new book written by Mildred Searcy of Athena, and published by The East Oregonian Publishing Co. of Pendleton. Titled "Way Back When," the book gives the history of all the cities in this area, with the names of the founders.

25 years ago — 1997

The Oregon Employment Department has released data showing the JOBS Plus Program, better known as the welfare-reform effort, has had a dramatic impact in helping the unemployed return to work. Statistics show 585 unemployed people successfully have used JOBS Plus during the past eight months, earning paychecks rather than receiving unemployment payments from the state. Including welfare recipients, a total of 1,914 people had found work through JOBS Plus since the program went statewide in 1996. Employers hiring JOBS Plus workers are reimbursed by the state at the minimum wage for up to six months. Program participants receive paychecks rather than public assistance checks. They are hired into training positions and learn job skills, develop job references and employer contacts designed to keep them permanently employed.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On April 5, 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death following their conviction in New York on charges of conspiring to commit espionage for the Soviet Union.

In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth Colony in present-day Massachusetts on a monthlong return trip to England.

In 1887, in Tusculumbia, Alabama, teacher Anne Sullivan achieved a breakthrough as her 6-year-old deaf-blind pupil, Helen Keller, learned the meaning of the word "water" as spelled out in the Manual Alphabet.

In 1986, two American servicemen and a Turkish woman were killed in the

bombing of a West Berlin discotheque, an incident that prompted a U.S. air raid on Libya more than a week later.

In 1987, Fox Broadcasting Co. made its prime-time TV debut by airing the situation comedy "Married with Children" followed by "The Tracey Ullman Show," then repeating both premiere episodes two more times in the same evening.

In 1991, former Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, his daughter Marian and 21 other people were killed in a commuter plane crash near Brunswick, Georgia.

In 2008, actor Charlton Heston, big-screen hero and later leader of the National Rifle Association,

died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 84.

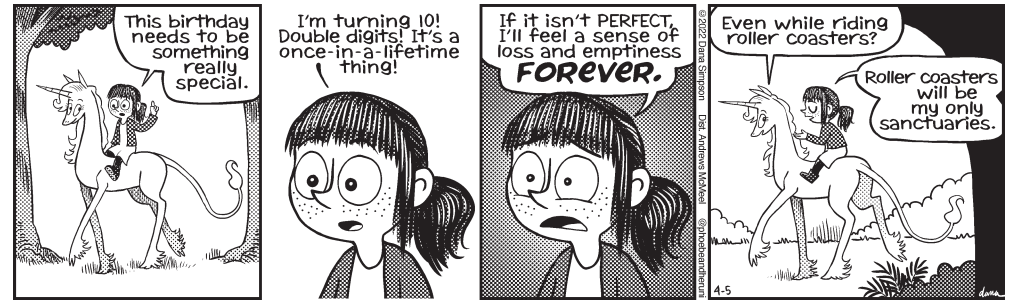
In 2010, an explosion at the Upper Big Branch mine near Charleston, West Virginia, killed 29 workers. In a televised rescue, 115 Chinese coal miners were freed after spending eight days trapped in a flooded mine.

In 2016, UConn won an unprecedented fourth straight women's national championship, capping another perfect season by routing Syracuse 82-51.

In 2019, inspecting a refurbished section of fencing at the Mexican border in California, President Donald Trump declared that "our country is full," and that illegal crossings must be stopped.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

