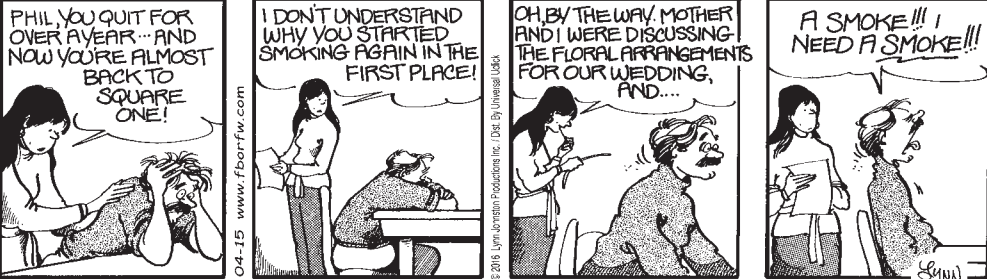


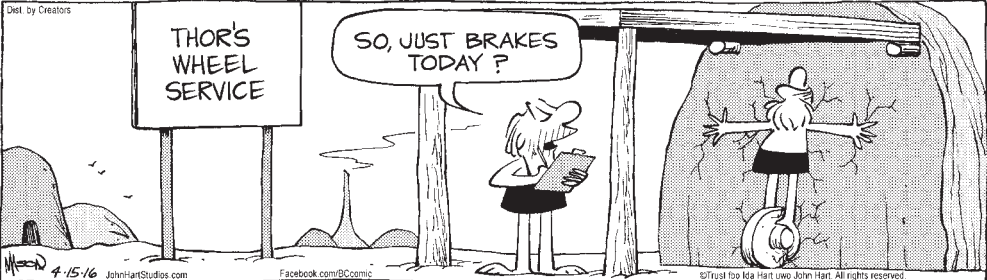
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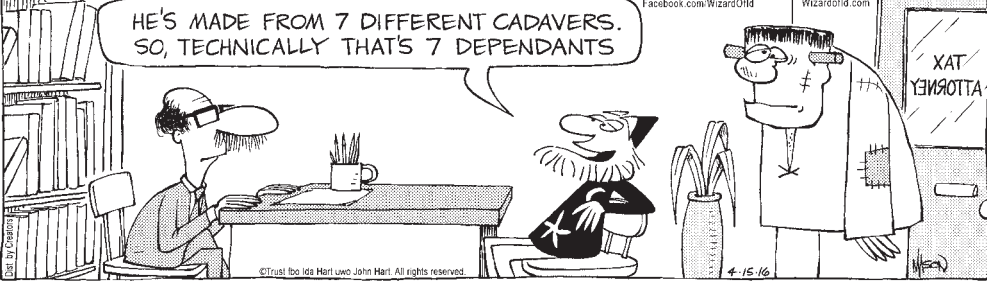
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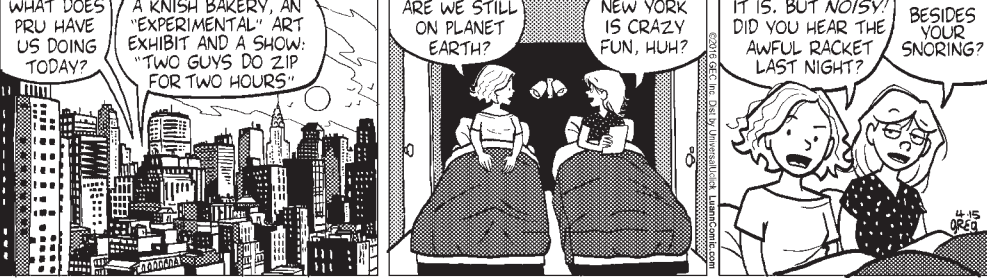
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DEAR ABBY

Refuge after parents' divorce turns into a prison for teen

Dear Abby: I'm 17 and have been in a relationship since I was 13 with the same person on and off. I have been with him since my parents divorced, so you might say he's been my crutch for a long time.

He makes it clear that without him I am an emotional mess. I spend every day isolated from friends and family, while he spends his time with his friends. (I'm not allowed to be with them.) If I'm out with a friend, it is a huge issue.

I love him and I don't want to break up, but it feels like I'm alone even when I'm with him. I'm sick of letting a man make me feel like he's my reason for being alive. I want better. I deserve better. I am so confused. Please help me. — **Deserves Better In New York**

Dear Deserves Better: I am crossing my fingers and hoping that you are still living with one of your parents. If you have been living with this person, I cannot stress strongly enough how important it is for you to make other arrangements.

You acknowledge that he has been your "crutch." Well, unless someone is severely disabled — which you are not — crutches are meant to be temporary. Among the warning signs of an abuser is being controlling and preventing his victim from forming healthy relationships with other people. Another red flag is if the person chips away at his victim's self-esteem by saying she/he "can't survive without him."



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

That you want something better for yourself and know you deserve better is a sign that you still have some healthy self-esteem. So please act on it. End this relationship and don't look back.

Dear Abby: I am a postal worker. With wedding and graduation seasons fast approaching, please pass along some suggestions to your readers:

Before addressing envelopes, please make sure your address books are up to date. We do everything in our power to make sure all mail gets to where it is supposed to be, but you'd be shocked how often it's addressed to someone who moved many years ago — or worse, is deceased.

Be sure to include the recipient's last name and try not to use nicknames. If the address is off by a little bit, a last name on the envelope is sometimes helpful. You might think everyone knows Uncle Bob as "Moose." But as carriers, unless we know the recipient personally, we only know his or her proper name.

And don't forget to include your return address on the envelope so if it can't be delivered, you'll know the recipient didn't receive it. That way, you won't think that "Aunt Ann" didn't want to attend or have her think she wasn't invited.

And last but not least, be sure to have proper postage on the envelope! Often, due to the size or thickness of an invitation, extra postage is needed. I hope this will help your readers. — **Michigan Mail Carrier**

Dear Mail Carrier: So do I!

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 15, 1916

Rieth is henceforth to be the name of the division point west of Pendleton instead of Pilot Rock Junction, according to instructions received here today by Agent T.F. O'Brien from Superintendent William Bollons. The change in name is made because some confusion results from the fact Pilot Rock and Pilot Rock Junction are too near alike. Freight and mail intended for the junction has at times gone to Pilot Rock and vice versa, hence the necessity of a change. Where the new name was secured is a mystery. The instructions received set forth no explanation of how the name came to be chosen but gives information that the change will be in effect as soon as a new time table is published.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 15, 1966

A child's wagon with two youngsters aboard and a small motorcycle collided on East Birch Creek Road Thursday evening,

sending all three involved to St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. Nine-year-old Russell Nickerson was treated for a fractured left leg and his brother, William, 8, was treated for a lacerated left eyebrow, after the wagon they were in and a motorcycle, driven by 15-year-old Ronald Burden, collided about a quarter of a mile south of Pilot Rock. Burden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Burden, was treated for lacerations over his entire body and released. The two Nickerson children, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nickerson, were admitted to the hospital.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 15, 1991

Hermiston city building inspector Bert Curtis was seriously burned Sunday in an accident at his home. Curtis was welding on a pickup bumper shortly after noon when fumes from the gasoline tank caught fire and exploded, fire authorities said. Curtis, 48, received burns over about 8 percent of his body. He was listed in serious condition today at Emanuel Hospital in Portland with burns on the neck, chest and hands.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 106th day of 2016. There are 260 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 15, 1912, the British luxury liner RMS Titanic foundered in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland more than 2 1/2 hours after hitting an iceberg; 1,514 people died, while less than half as many survived.

On this date: In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln died nine hours after being shot the night before by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater in Washington; Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

In 1920, a paymaster and a guard were shot and killed during a robbery at a shoe company in South Braintree, Massachusetts; Italian immigrants Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were accused of the crime, convicted and executed amid worldwide protests that they hadn't received a fair trial.

In 1945, during World

War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had died on April 12, was buried at the Roosevelt family home in Hyde Park, New York.

In 1959, Cuban leader Fidel Castro arrived in Washington to begin a goodwill tour of the United States. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles resigned for health reasons (he was succeeded by Christian A. Herter).

In 1960, a three-day conference to form the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) began at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. (The group's first chairman was Marion Barry.)

In 2013, two bombs packed with nails and other metal shards exploded at the Boston Marathon finish line, killing two women and an 8-year-old boy and injuring more than 260. (Suspected bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev died in a shootout with police; his brother and alleged accomplice, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, was tried, convicted and sentenced to death.)

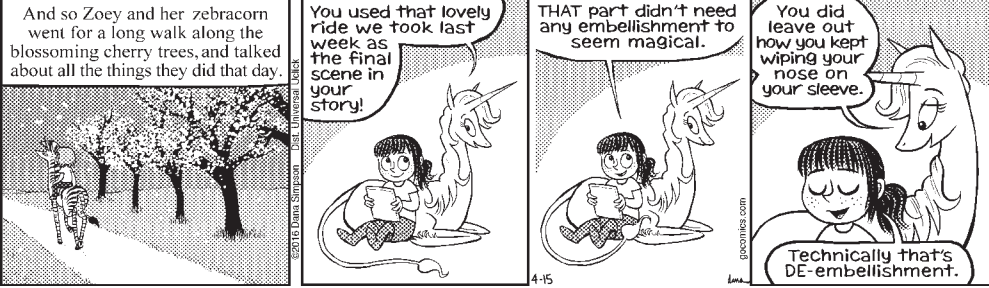
Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Roy Clark is 83. Actress Claudia Cardinale is 78. Author and politician Jeffrey Archer is 76. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 73. Actor Michael Tucci is 70. Actress Lois Chiles is 69. Writer-producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason is 69. Actress Amy Wright is 66. Columnist Heloise is 65. Actor Sam McMurray is 64. Actress-screenwriter Emma Thompson is 57. Bluegrass musician Jeff Parker is 55. Singer Samantha Fox is 50. Olympic gold, silver and bronze medal swimmer Dara Torres is 49. Rock musician Ed O'Brien (Radiohead) is 48. Rock musician Patrick Carney (The Black Keys) is 36. Actor-writer Seth Rogen is 34. Actress Emma Watson is 26. Actress Maisie Williams is 19.

Thought for Today:

"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost." — *Arthur Ashe, American tennis champion (1943-1993).*

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