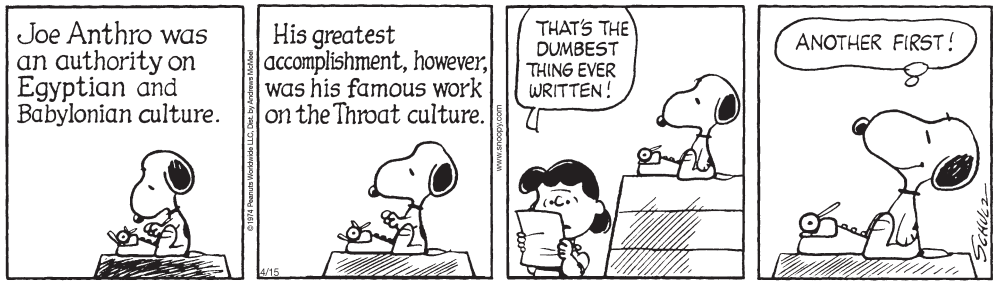


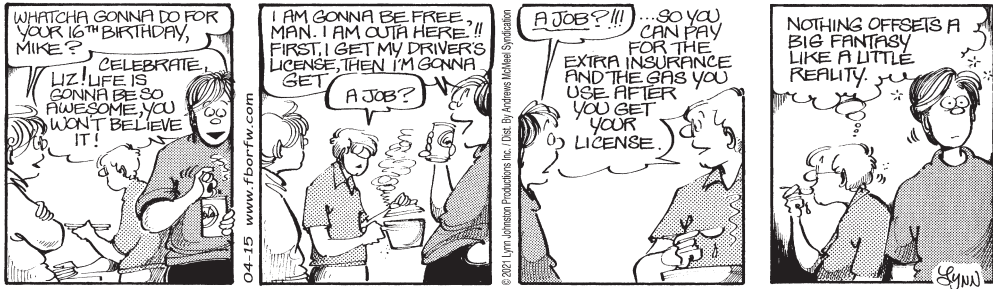
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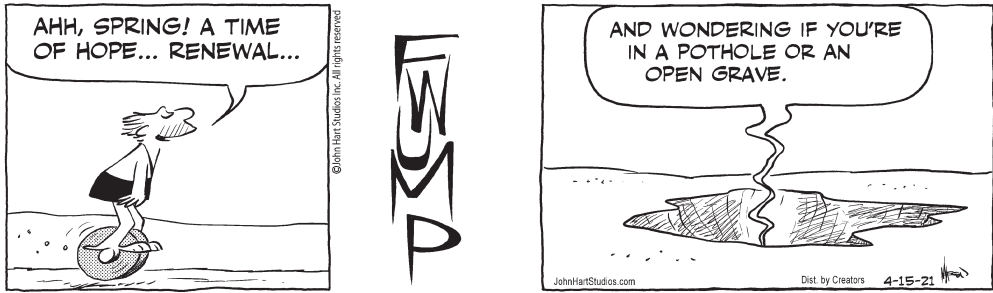
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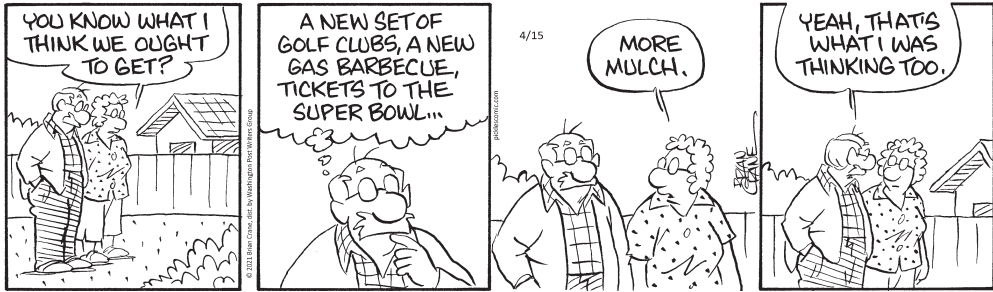
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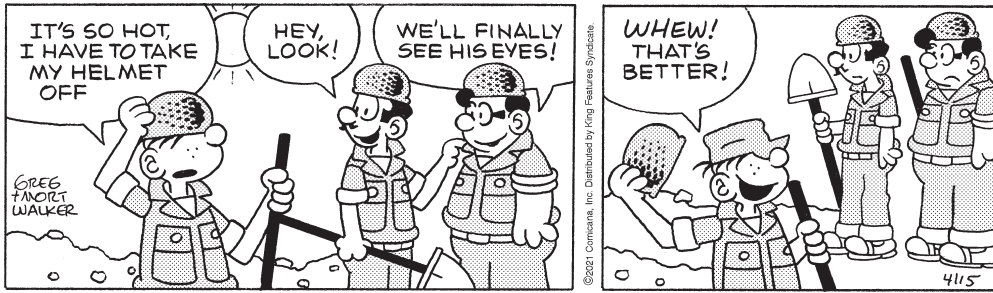
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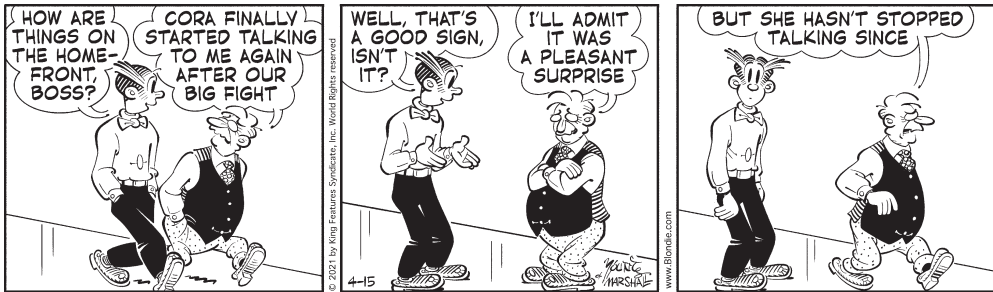
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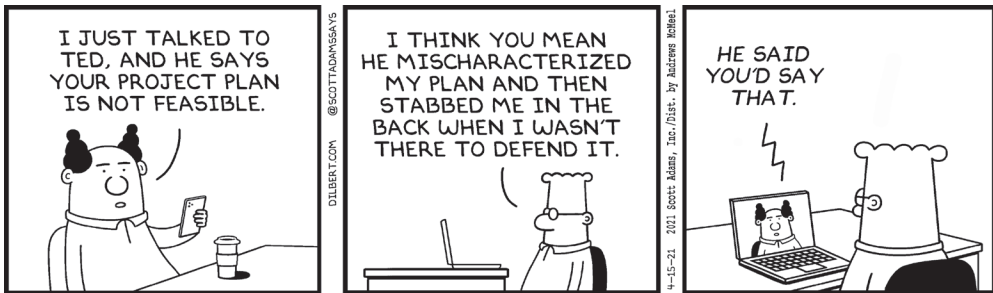
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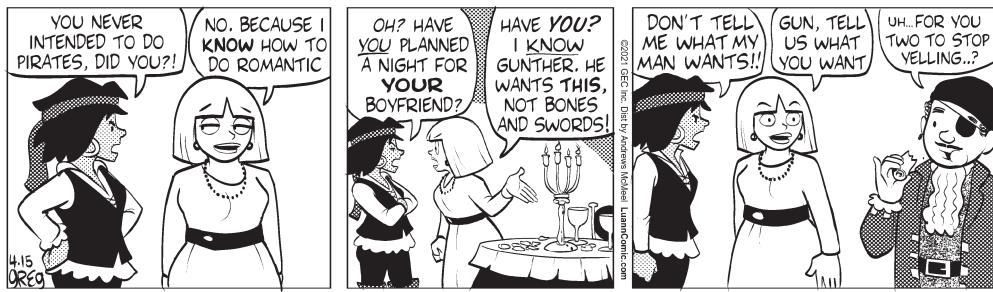
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DEAR ABBY

Long marriage becomes verbally, physically abusive over time

Dear Abby: My husband's dad, "Adam," is very mellow and can talk to anyone. His mom, "Eve," is friendly, but a little more reserved. Early in their marriage, Adam was a drinker, and my mother-in-law has never forgiven him for the way he treated her during that time. She has always treated him disrespectfully, but as they get older, it's becoming worse.



encouragement, he can receive it because there are programs available for male victims of domestic violence. Stop Abuse for Everyone (SAFE) is an organization that helps abused individuals of all ages, genders, races and sexual orientations. The website is stopabuseforeveryone.org.

She has hit Adam when we had people over because he didn't do what she told him to do. I told her to stop, and my husband told her she embarrassed him, but Eve forgets or doesn't care and continues to do it. She talks down to him constantly. If that's how she acts when people are around, I hate to think what happens behind closed doors.

He makes me laugh, something I haven't done in a while. I really like this guy, but he is still grieving. Some days he's good, but others he's a mess.

When she hits him, Adam sits there expressionless and doesn't react. He's not the man he once was, and he is adored by many people. What can we do to help my FIL and make her stop doing this in front of her grandkids and company? Eve claims to be a Christian, but isn't acting like one. — Frustrated in Michigan

I want us to be in a relationship, and I think he could be "the one." We've only been courting for a month, but he has been pursuing me for a year. Should I give it more time, or should I move on with my life? I haven't been intimate with him, but he still makes me feel like a woman, which is something I've missed. — Thinking It's Him in Maryland

Dear Frustrated: Your father-in-law may have had a drinking problem years ago, but he has a different problem now. He is a victim of verbal and physical abuse. He may have tolerated it all these years out of guilt for what he put his wife through when he was drinking. He may also have become so beaten down that he can no longer protect himself.

Dear Thinking: As you know, the process of grieving isn't a straight line. When a loved one dies, the survivors have good periods and ones that are less so. You are further along in this grieving process than your friend because his loss is more recent.

He does need help. With your and his son's

If a relationship (or more) is what you want, allow him more time to work through his feelings. However, if the bad spells don't become less frequent, suggest he talk with his doctor about joining a grief support group in which he can safely vent his feelings.

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago April 15, 1921

Great interest was displayed in the Indian pageant "Seeking the White Man's Book of Heaven," which was given by Mr. and Mrs. Parsons Motanic and young people of Parkdale under the direction of Rev. J.M. Cornelison at the Presbytery of Pendleton which has just been concluded at Parkdale. Pastors of the churches at Bend and Redmond have expressed a desire to have the pageant put on in their churches to arouse interest in missionary work. The Home Mission board in New York has also inquired as to the probable cost of having a party of Indians coming east with the missionary in the near future to stage the same pageant in a number of the large churches.

near San Francisco, and McChord AFB at Tacoma. As each plane came in ground crews set smoke signals for the C41s to hit with their two-ton dead weight pellets, simulating heavy equipment. The 100-foot parachutes brought their cargo to the exact target in three out of four drops.

25 Years Ago April 15, 1996

50 Years Ago April 15, 1971

The accuracy of U.S. Air Force pilots was effectively demonstrated at the Navy Bombing Range near Boardman Monday in a competitive heavy equipment drop demonstration. The occasion was part of the continuing training in the Military Airlift Command, 22nd Air Force. Taking part were planes from Norton Air Force Base at San Bernardino, Calif., the Norton Reserve, Travis AFB

Everybody knows Hermiston has lots of potatoes; but would you believe classical musicians? The town counts two natives playing with major orchestras — Tim Morrison, a trumpet player with the Boston Symphony, and Ron Blessinger, a violinist with the Oregon Symphony. "Per capita, we may have the highest rate in classical musicians in the world," says Blessinger, 30, who will appear in Hermiston April 24 when the Oregon Symphony hits the road to celebrate its 100th anniversary. Asked how he earned a spot in the Oregon Symphony having been raised in a town too small for an orchestra program, Blessinger gives a one-word reply. "Parents," he says. "If a child shows talent for a classical instrument, parents have to be prepared to drive a long ways, which is what my parents did with me."

TODAY IN HISTORY

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson, baseball's first Black major league player, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day at Ebbets Field. (The Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves, 5-3.)

while less than half as many survived.

sands of protesters staged "tea parties" around the country to tap into the collective angst stirred up by a bad economy, government spending and bailouts.

In 1452, artist and inventor Leonardo da Vinci was born in or near the Tuscan town of Vinci.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who died on April 12, was buried at the Roosevelt family home in Hyde Park, New York.

In 2013, two bombs made from pressure cookers 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, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, was tried, convicted and sentenced to death.

In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

In 1989, 96 people died in a crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England. Students in Beijing launched a series of pro-democracy protests; the demonstrations culminated in a government crackdown at Tiananmen Square.

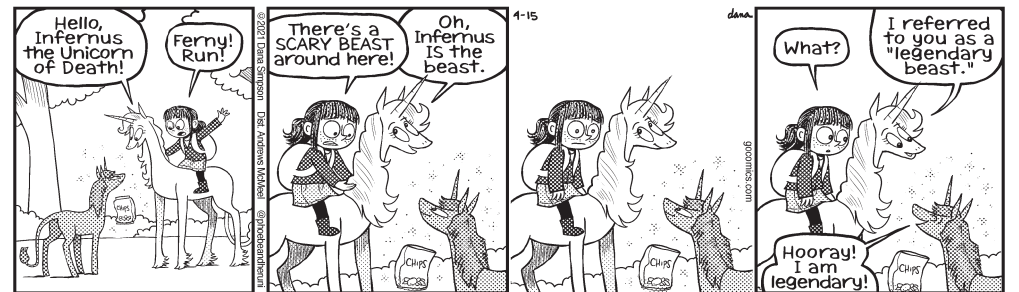
Today's Birthdays: Actor Claudia Cardinale is 83. Writer-producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason is 74. Columnist Heloise is 70. Actor-screenwriter Emma Thompson is 62. Rock musician Ed O'Brien (Radiohead) is 53. Actor-writer Seth Rogen is 39.

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 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,

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

