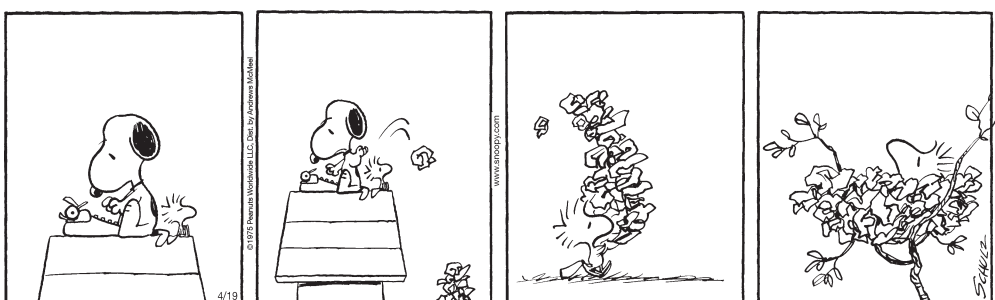


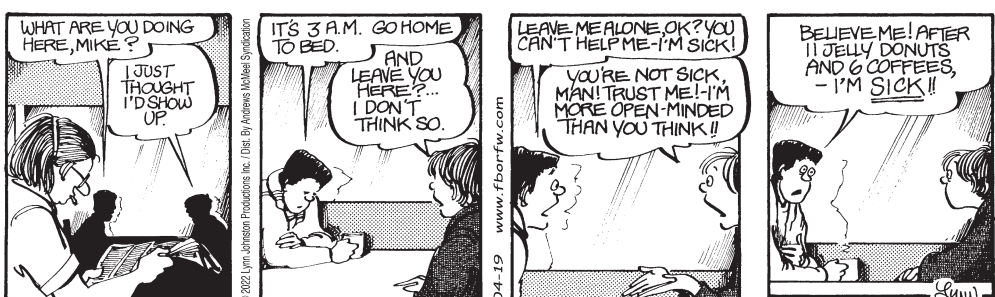
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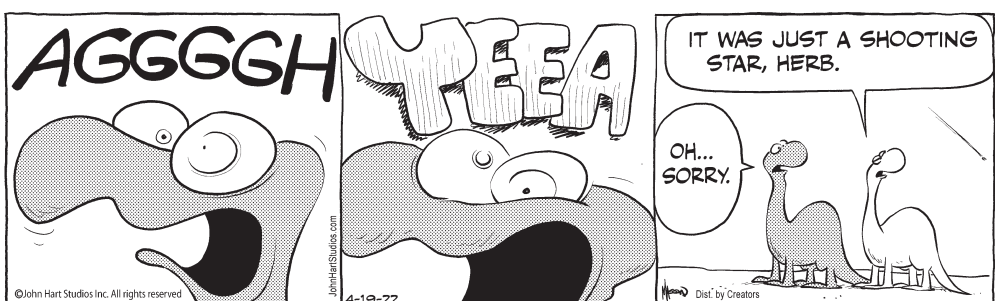
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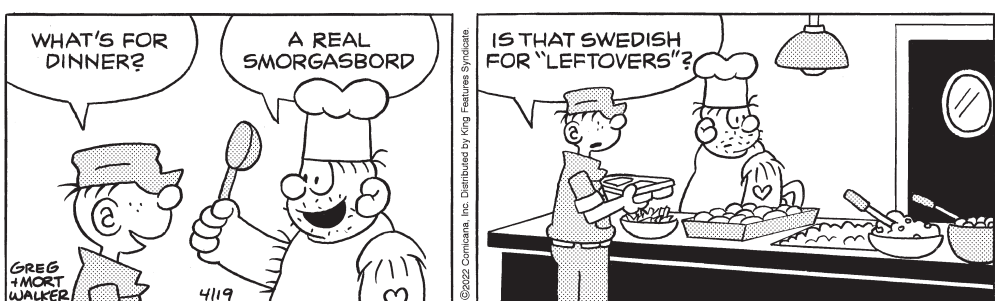
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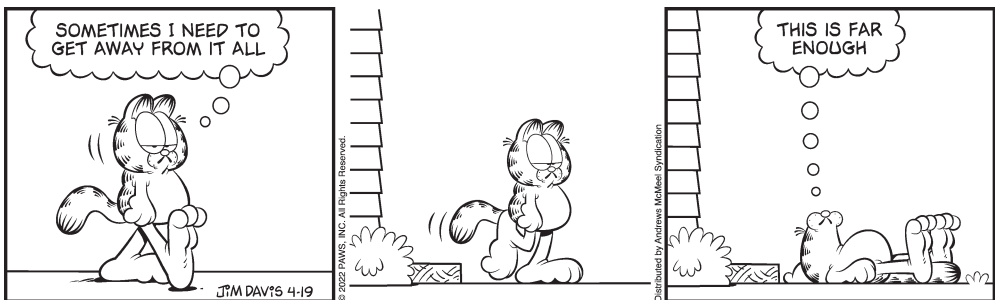
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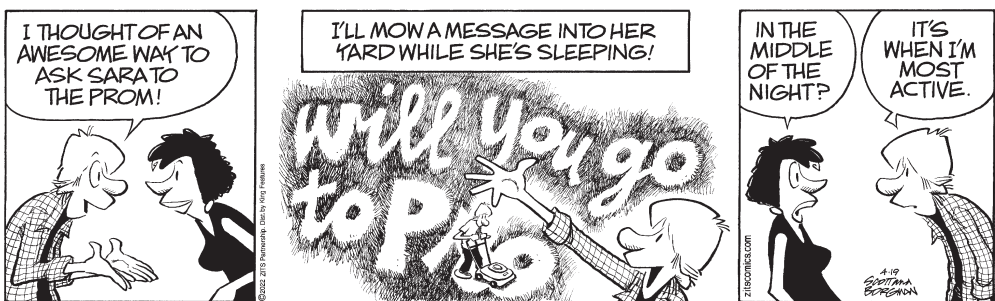
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DEAR ABBY

Woman's patience with man's addiction runs out

Dear Abby: I have been with my boyfriend for five years. We do not live together, nor do we share any children. He has been a smoker since he was very young, and when we got together, he said he would like to quit. Well, it still hasn't happened.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
ADVICE

As the child of an addict (alcohol) I understand how difficult quitting can be. Luckily, my father quit cold turkey 20 years ago and never relapsed. Abby, I do not want a future with a smoker.

Am I within my rights to put my foot down? I brought up quitting this week. He became very defensive and made me seem like a monster for asking for a real timeline about quitting. He struggles with anxiety and thinks trying to quit will send him over the edge. How do I navigate future conversations?

Choking In Pennsylvania

Dear Choking: Tell your boyfriend you care about him and about his health, but you can no longer tolerate watching him damage it because of his tobacco addiction. If he doesn't already know that the smell on his breath, body and clothing is offensive, point it out, and also that secondhand smoke is unhealthy for you. Then tell him he has a choice to make: It's the smoking or you. The decision is his. There are many effective smoking cessation programs available, and he should discuss them with his physician, who may be delighted to know he is interested.

Dear Abby: I am currently in a relationship that is approaching the seven-year mark. We dated in our 20s and rekindled in our 40s. We live together, but I'm afraid we are growing apart. Due to health issues, I don't work; he works second shift. I cry easily.

When there are disagreements, we can usually work it out. I think about the discussion later and have more to say or ask. He then tells me we have already talked about it and he's not discussing it again. He says I "overanalyze everything." It's not that. I just have another question or something I left out.

His refusal to talk makes me feel as though things are unresolved. Please help me to understand if I am too demanding and should just leave it alone.

Unanswered In Illinois

Dear Unanswered: It isn't "too demanding" to want to discuss something further. If revisiting the issue would rekindle the disagreement, your partner is far too controlling. If you have a question, there's no reason why you shouldn't be able to ask without it leading to conflict. To deny you that opportunity seems disrespectful.

Give it more time after a disagreement and decide if it's really necessary to revisit the subject. When you do, avoid reapproaching it in a way that could be perceived as an invitation to another argument.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

A simple definite plan whereby taxpayers may cut school costs approximately \$75,000 in Umatilla county was placed before the meeting at the court house yesterday afternoon by W. W. Green, county superintendent of schools, during the sessions held under the auspices of the state tax investigating commission. Mr. Green's plan is to eliminate several high schools in the smaller towns of the county which he informed the taxpayers will cut expenses. "At Umatilla the high school has eight pupils, and the cost per pupil of operating that high school is \$650," Mr. Green said. "There is a good gravel road between Hermiston and Umatilla, and wouldn't it be good business to take these eight pupils from the Umatilla high school and educate them in the Hermiston school?" He suggested that the same thing at Echo and Stanfield be practiced and also indicated that a great saving could be made in the north end of the county by the same practice.

both for and against the closure. The hearing is intended to give everyone in the area a chance to state their views. Closure of the crossing was recommended some months ago after a study of all crossings in Pendleton. The purpose of the closure is to improve safety.

25 years ago — 1997

For the past five years, Pendleton High School's Life Skills students have participated in a variety of odd jobs. This spring they are selling "No-Stink-Mink" fertilizer, thanks to job coach Pam Wachter. The fertilizer, a natural by-product of minks, is "94 percent nitrogen and all organic," Wachter pointed out. And it really doesn't stink — unlike the minks. Local mink rancher Brad Wheeler used a tractor provided by the FFA at the high school to make a manageable pile of the fertilizer produced by more than 1,000 minks at his area farm. Students from Life Skills Class shovel the product into buckets provided by Burger King of Pendleton and Hermiston. The journalism class at PHS designed fluorescent orange labels. The fertilizer, available at PGG or through PHS, sells for \$3 per bucket. The class will make a percentage of every bucket sold that will help fund a class field trip to Portland.

50 years ago — 1972

A hearing has been set for May 2 by the Pendleton City Council on closing the railroad crossing at SW 5th near Frazer. A 25-day test closure that ended April 6 brought comments

TODAY IN HISTORY

On April 19, 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

In 1865, a funeral was held at the White House for President Abraham Lincoln, assassinated five days earlier.

In 1897, the first Boston Marathon was held; winner John J. McDermott ran the course in two hours, 55 minutes and 10 seconds.

In 1912, a special subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee opened hearings in New York into the Titanic disaster.

In 1977, the Supreme Court, in *Ingraham v. Wright*, ruled 5-4 that

even severe spanking of schoolchildren by faculty members did not violate the Eighth Amendment ban against cruel and unusual punishment.

In 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; about 80 people, including sect leader David Koresh, were killed.

In 2013, a 19-year-old college student wanted in the Boston Marathon bombings, was taken into custody after a manhunt that had left the city virtually paralyzed; his older brother and alleged accomplice, 26-year-old, was

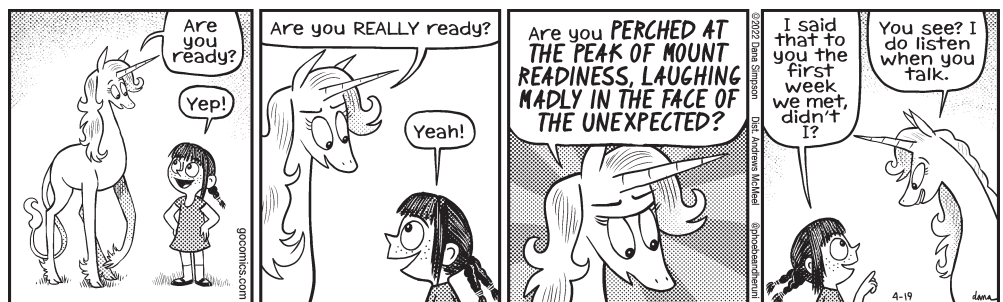
killed earlier in a furious attempt to escape police.

In 2015, Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old Black man, died a week after suffering a spinal cord injury in the back of a Baltimore police van while he was handcuffed and shackled. (Six police officers were charged; three were acquitted and the city's top prosecutor eventually dropped the three remaining cases.)

In 2018, Raul Castro turned over Cuba's presidency to Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, the first non-Castro to hold Cuba's top government office since the 1959 revolution led by Fidel Castro and his younger brother Raul.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

