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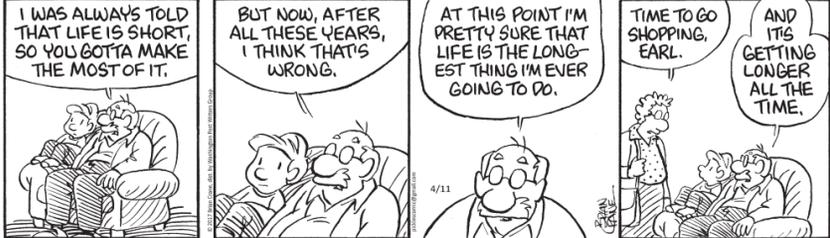
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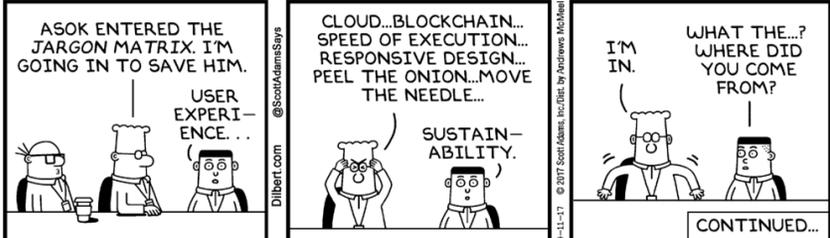
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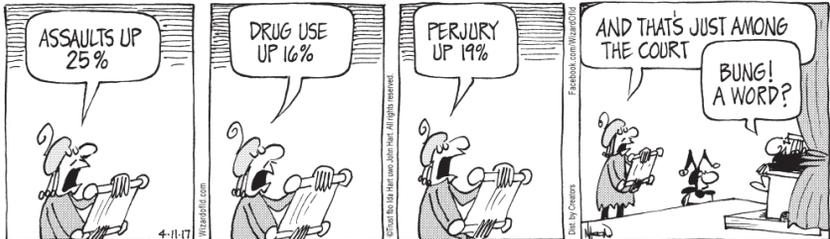
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DEAR ABBY

Woman who fled from love now regrets her hasty retreat

Dear Abby: A few years ago I met a wonderful person. I spent roughly three months with him in a budding relationship. My issue is that one night he said those three little words, and I panicked and disappeared from his life. I know it was a horrible and cowardly thing to do. I just didn't know how to handle it other than ask him why and saying, "You can't mean me, right?"



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

I have felt horrible that I vanished without any explanation and most likely hurt him. I really would like to apologize for my actions and immaturity. He didn't deserve that type of treatment. I recently found his address and wonder if it would be all right to send an apology, or if it would be best not to open potential wounds. — Disappeared In Illinois

Dear Disappeared: Because you feel an apology and an explanation are in order, I see no harm in offering them. However, before you do, think this through. Is there more to this than a guilty conscience? Because years have passed, you both may be at different places in your lives than you were then. One or both of you may be married or involved with others. So before you do this, be absolutely sure not only of your motivations, but also of your expectations.

Dear Abby: I have recently had discussions with friends and family about the best way to express concern for someone who is facing major surgery. Some say they'd prefer hearing about others who have undergone

similar procedures successfully. (But might that set expectations that can't be met, since not all procedures and physical circumstances are the same?) Or is it best to keep comments general? For example: "You will be in my thoughts/prayers/heart," or "I hope it goes even better than you hope it will." What's the most helpful way to express concern? — Sensitive Subject

Dear S.S.: Unless the surgery is for something life-threatening — in which case the thoughts, prayers and heart are necessary — keep the message upbeat and positive. Example: "Is there anything I can do for you while you're recuperating?" And if the answer is no, say, "I'll give you a call in a couple of days to see how you're doing, and we'll visit when you're up for company."

Dear Abby: If you give a wedding shower gift, is it proper to also give a wedding gift? I have done both for many years, but recently was questioned about why I do it. I told the person that's the way my mother raised me. Was she correct? — Gift Giver In Conroe, Texas

Dear Gift Giver: Your mother raised you right. Weddings and showers are separate events. When attending a shower, it is customary to give the honoree a gift. The same is true for a wedding. That someone has given the bride a shower gift does not mean the person is not supposed to give the couple a wedding gift.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 10-11, 1917

Government hunters and trappers must stay on their present job despite the call of Uncle Sam for more soldiers and sailors. They are needed there more than at the front as they are considered a factor in increasing the food supply inasmuch as they kill off the animals who prey upon stock. This is the substance of a letter received this morning by District Inspector E.F. Averill from his chief in response to the latter's request to form his hunters into a detachment of scouts.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 10-11, 1967

A giant bird kite designed in South America, a fish-shaped kite from Japan and a tetrahedron-shaped kite designed in a local back yard were among the prize winners at the annual Pendleton Lions Club kite flying contest Saturday. Kites of every description filled the air at the Sherwood Grade School where a brisk wind kept the kite flyers on their toes. A seven-year-old girl walked off with the largest trophy. Pamela Jo Berg, a second grader at Sherwood, got her kite up the highest and won the trophy for the highest flying kite. Cynthia McCoy, 3, of Pendleton

was judged the youngest kite flyer, and Jerry Pickerd, 14, an eighth grader at Pilot Rock, was the oldest flyer.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 10-11, 1992

Two Oregon Trail sites — including the grave of a man who died as his family came west by covered wagon in 1852 — will be improved, and a railroad museum established with grants totaling more than \$75,000, city of Echo and state officials announced today. Most of the money will be used to construct an interpretive facility, including signs, shelter, parking area, foot trails and fencing, plus revegetation of disturbed areas around a half-mile stretch of the old Oregon Trail on a sagebrush-covered parcel about five miles west of Echo. The project was initiated by the Community Action Program East Central Oregon in Pendleton, which requested \$13,911 from the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, for a coordinated effort with the Bureau of Land Management — the property owner — and the city of Echo. BLM will contribute \$51,600 toward the Echo Meadows project and the city of Echo will provide about \$4,000 in materials and a supervisor's salary, said Suzan Eskenazi at the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council in Salem.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 101st day of 2017. There are 264 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On April 11, 1947, Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers played in an exhibition against the New York Yankees at Ebbets Field, four days before his regular-season debut that broke baseball's color line. (The Dodgers won, 14-6.) "Monsieur Verdoux," Charlie Chaplin's dark comedy about a Bluebeard-like figure, received a hostile reception at its premiere in New York.

On this date: In 1689, William III and Mary II were crowned as joint sovereigns of Britain.

In 1713, the Treaty of Utrecht was signed, ending the War of the Spanish Succession.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln spoke to a crowd outside the White House, saying, "We meet this evening, not in sorrow, but in gladness of heart." (It was the

last public address Lincoln would deliver.)

In 1921, Iowa became the first state to impose a cigarette tax, at 2 cents a package.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman relieved Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his commands in the Far East.

In 1965, dozens of tornadoes raked six Midwestern states on Palm Sunday, killing 271 people.

In 1970, Apollo 13, with astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert, blasted off on its ill-fated mission to the moon.

In 1979, Idi Amin was deposed as president of Uganda as rebels and exiles backed by Tanzanian forces seized control.

In 1980, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission issued regulations specifically prohibiting sexual harassment of workers by supervisors.

Today's Birthdays:

Ethel Kennedy is 89. Actor Joel Grey is 85. Actress Louise Lasser is 78. Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Ellen Goodman is 76. Movie writer-director John Milius is 73. Actor Peter Riegert is 70. Movie director Carl Franklin is 68. Actor Bill Irwin is 67. Country singer-songwriter Jim Lauderdale is 60. Songwriter-producer Daryl Simmons is 60. Rock musician Nigel Pulsford is 56. Actor Lucky Vanous is 56. Country singer Steve Azar is 53. Singer Lisa Stansfield is 51. Rock musician Dylan Keefe (Marcy Playground) is 47. Actor Johnny Messner is 47. Actor Vicellous Shannon is 46. Rapper David Banner is 43. Actress Tricia Helfer is 43. Rock musician Chris Gaylor (The All-American Rejects) is 38. Actress Kelli Garner is 33.

Thought for Today: "We think in generalities, but we live in detail." — Alfred North Whitehead, British philosopher (1861-1947).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

