

THE SIX BUNNY-WUNNIES GO TO LONG BEACH "...
"THE SIX BUNNY-WUNNIES
MAKE COOKIES.". "THE
SIX BUNNY-WUNNIES JOIN AN ENCOUNTER GROUP





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**COFFEE BREAK** 

### FOR BETTER OR WORSE













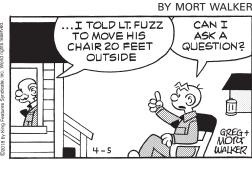


**PICKLES** I HATE WATCHING YOU EAT MEMS. OH? WHY'S THAT?





BEETLE BAILEY TO TRY AND KEEP THIS MEETING SHORT.





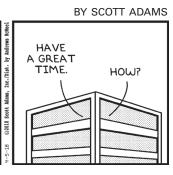
























## **DEAR ABBY**

# Man's decision to keep cancer a secret could impact others

**JEANNE** 

**PHILLIPS** 

**Advice** 

Dear Abby: I'm writing in response to the man who wants to keep his cancer prognosis secret until he nears the end

("Keeping It to Myself," Jan. 11). My mother was diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer that had spread to her brain. Her dizziness is how we found out. She didn't want to tell anyone for a while (which surprised me because she had always been a drama queen and a hypochondriac), but she ended up telling. It was the best thing she could have done.

The four of us kids were there with her through her treatments, she became much closer to the sister she had spent decades hating and she found out who her true friends were. Mom lived four years, until she finally passed in 2006. It's still raw for me. But I'm grateful for the time we had to get closer and share our

I hope "Keeping" takes your advice and tells his friends. If he does, he may find these hard times to be some of the "best" times. That's what my mom said. — Claudia In New

Dear Claudia: Thank you for sharing. I opened the question to my readers, and like you, most — but not all — agreed with my answer. Read on:

Dear Abby: As a former cancer patient and licensed therapist, I'd urge "Keeping" not to share that information if he doesn't want to. Truth is, not all people who hear the news will be supportive. Some will avoid him, some will pity him, and others will say amazingly inappropriate and unhelpful things. A prognosis of two years is a long time for people to react to him — and for him to handle their reactions. I found it stressful to cope with the emotions of others as they reacted to my situation. Until "Keeping" is ready, he should be cautious about with whom he shares his diagnosis. -

Lyn In New York

Dear Abby: After chemo and clinical trials failed to contain my husband's cancer, he was told he had less than a year to live. We had already shared the initial prognosis with family and friends. Loved ones from near and far have visited him, called and emailed. Their visits have done more for his quality of life than any drug, and have probably extended it.

He has also made once-in-a-lifetime trips this past year with siblings, which

would not have happened if we had waited to disclose his prognosis. Our adult children and grandchildren have spent more time with us and have become more loving and tolerant of each other. "Keeping's" next two years are a blessing and a gift. I hope he uses every

moment wisely. — **Debra In Texas Dear Abby**: I was in the same situation and, for me, it was not even a choice. I felt I had to tell everyone in our circle. The result was a warm outpouring of support and concern, even from neighbors we barely knew, which particularly helped my wife.

I have been very fortunate. My new treatment worked, I am now in remission, and we no longer need day-to-day support. But we have wonderful memories of people who were eager to help. We have established deeper friendships and the experience has made US more generous, too. — **Mike In Oregon** 

Dear Abby: Your advice was spot-on. My mother was in stage 4 pancreatic cancer and refused to let me tell anyone, even her siblings. When she died, it was my responsibility to spread the news, only to be berated by everyone who loved her. Relatives and close neighbors were devastated that they hadn't been able to have a final visit or the chance to prepare themselves for the loss. — Lisa In

# **DAYS GONE BY**

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian **April 5, 1918**

Though he was born in Germany, August Bauer is not a German born and wants it understood. He is the victim of circumstances over which he had no control. He is a citizen of Luxembourg. His mother was visiting in Germany when he was born and thus he was obliged to give Germany as his birth place when he made out his declaration of intention of becoming a citizen of the United States. "I don't belong to those Germans and I want people to know it," he said today in explaining the situation. His declaration of intention had become void because it was made prior to 1906 but he has been granted the privilege of making

#### 50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 5, 1968

A long night in a fallout shelter was just starting when Tina Fix asked SMSGT Theodore J. McNulty to run a radiation test on her overfrom modern problems classes at Pendleton High School spent Thursday night in the fallout shelter at the Armory, along with several persons from Eastern Oregon and Washington. The occasion was a shelter manager instructor course conducted by Leonard J. Chase and Louis Farnsworth of the Division of Continuing Education, Oregon State System of Higher Education. Tom Campbell, Umatilla County civil defense coordinator, arranged the course.

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian **April 5, 1993**

Silhouetted in the morning light, Delamarter Care Center resident Crystal Wachter visits with 2-year-old Allison Frey as 1-year-old Jacob Rawls trots down the hall for a good morning hug. The Grandkids Day Care center at the Pendleton nursing home just east of Pendleton is the brainchild of Beth Delamarter, who wanted to bring the young and old together for the benefit of both. After four years the program, which serves about 40 children, is a huge success, according to director Tracy Gower. Activities, a regular part of the program, night kit. Miss Fix and several other students are designed to prompt seniors to interact with the children.

# THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On April 5, 1764, Britain's Parliament passed The American Revenue Act of 1764, also known as the Sugar Act, which was repealed in 1766.

In 1614, Indian Chief Powhatan's daughter Pocahontas married Englishman John Rolfe, a widower, in the Virginia Colony.

In 1792, President George Washington cast his first veto, rejecting a congressional measure for apportioning representatives among the states.

In 1887, 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. British historian Lord Acton wrote in a letter, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.'

In 1915, Jess Willard knocked out Jack Johnson in the 26th round of their fight

in Havana, Cuba, to claim boxing's world heavyweight

In 1925, a tornado estimated at F-3 intensity struck northern Miami-Dade County, Florida, killing five people.

In 1933. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order creating the Civilian Conservation Corps and an anti-hoarding order that effectively prohibited private ownership of gold.

In 1955, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill resigned his office for health reasons. Democrat Richard J. Daley was first elected mayor of Chicago, defeating Republican Robert E. Merriam.

In 1964, Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur died in Washington, D.C., at age 84.

In 1976, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes died in Houston at age 70.

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.

Today's Birthdays: Movie producer Roger Corman is 92. Former U.S. Secretary of State and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell is 81. Country singer Tommy Cash is 78. Actor Max Gail is 75. Actress Jane Asher is 72. Singer Agnetha Faltskog (ABBA) is 68. Actor Mitch Pileggi is 66. Singer-songwriter Peter Case is 64. Rock musician Mike McCready (Pearl Jam) is 52. Singer Paula Cole is 50. Country singer Pat Green is 46. Rapper-producer Pharrell Williams is 45. Rapper/producer Juicy J is 43. Country singer-musician Mike Eli (The Eli Young Band) is 37. Actress Hayley Atwell is 36. Actress Lily James is 29.

Thought for Today: "A man is only as good as what he loves." — Saul Bellow, Canadian-born American author (1915-2005).

# PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN









# **ZITS**







# **BIG NATE**







