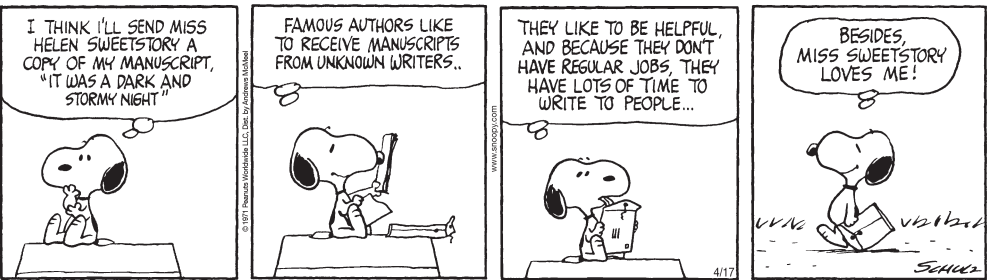


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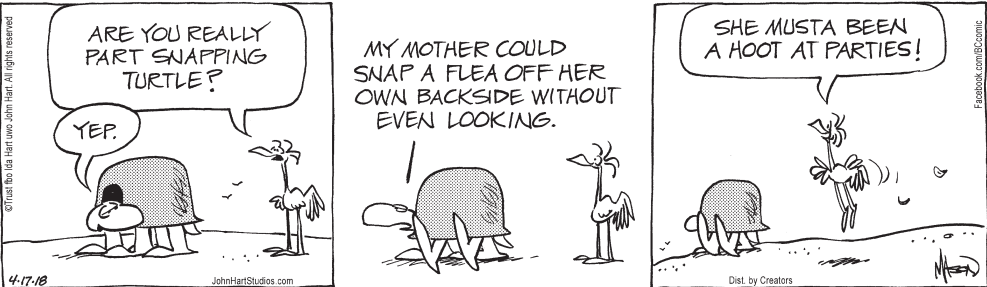
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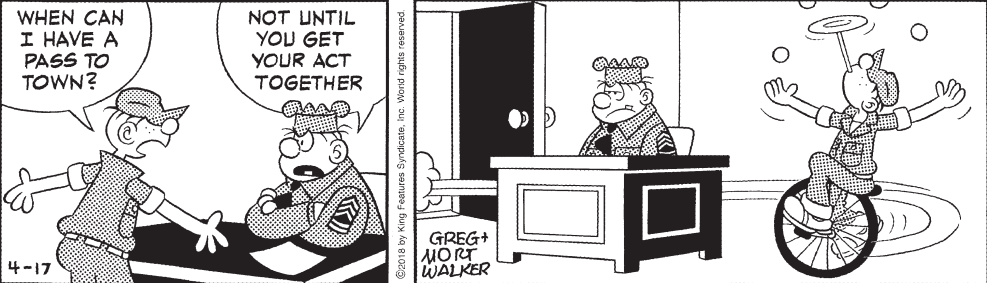
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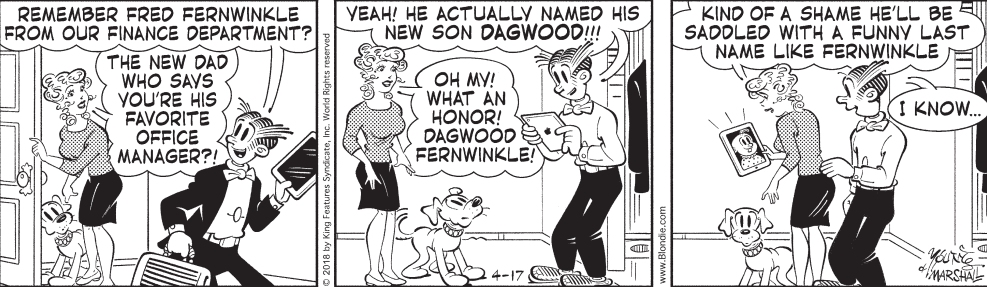
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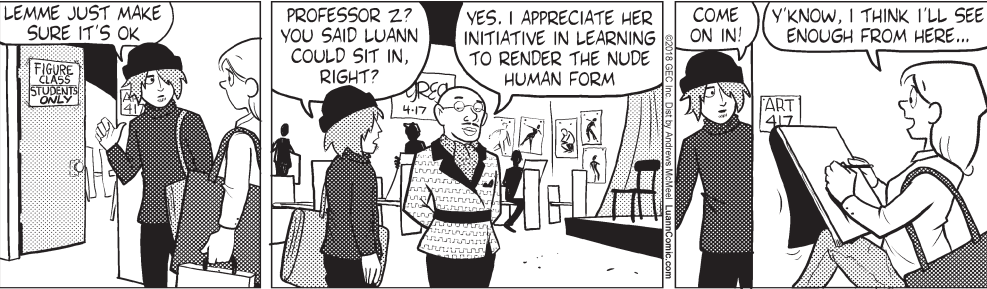
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DEAR ABBY

Bride accuses mom of using wedding to spotlight herself

Dear Abby: Once I announced my engagement, my already thin, fit mother went on a diet and lost 20 pounds. My weight has always been an issue with her, and I can't believe she would draw attention to it in this way.

She called me a bridezilla because I told her I think she's trying to showboat my wedding because she's the one with the insecurity issues. I would have been happy to elope, but she insisted on this big wedding to show off to her friends and "recoup the gifts she gave to their kids."

How do we get through the next six months and keep our already fragile relationship intact? — **Daughter Of Momzilla**

Dear Daughter: Weddings are supposed to be about the happy couple, not a means for a third party to "recoup" gifts she gave to her friends' children. If you feel you would be happier eloping rather than be miserable "going on with the show," that's what you and your fiancé should do. However, if you do decide to go through with the wedding, you and your mother should agree there will be no further discussion about weight — hers or yours. Period.

Dear Abby: I came into work Monday morning to the news that one of my co-workers had passed away the day before from a massive heart attack. I was shocked and saddened. I was also appalled that my employer posted her death on Facebook less than 24 hours later.

I don't feel that this is an appropriate forum to announce a death, and I also don't think it was my employer's responsibility to notify the world. In my opinion, the family should notify the public if they choose. Are there



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

any rules of etiquette regarding social media and announcing a co-worker's death? — **Sad News In California**

Dear Sad News: Of course it is the prerogative of family members to post that kind of news. Ideally, your employer should have waited an extra day or two to allow the family to get the word out. However, unless a family member complained to you about what your employer did, you shouldn't be so quick to judge.

While you have experienced a shocking loss, your boss has, too, particularly if the employee was a longtime one. That he/she shared it on social media isn't surprising these days, considering how much information is being posted online, nor was it a breach of etiquette.

Dear Abby: I have been with my boyfriend nearly 19 years, and we both agree that we don't want marriage. I just found out that for the last nine months he has been seeing someone else on his lunch break.

He says he loves me and doesn't want to lose me, but he loves her, too, and she is his friend. He said he would stop the affair, but because she's his friend, he won't stop texting and seeing her "as a friend."

Should I trust what he is saying? We don't have kids together, but we raised his two and my one together as our own. — **Silent Pain**

Dear Pain: Should you trust that your boyfriend won't resume the affair with his "friend" — or that he has stopped it? I don't think so. Although the two of you aren't formally married, you have had an understanding that lasted almost 19 years, and he has breached it. You now must decide whether you want to be part of a "threesome," and for that, you have my sympathy.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 16-17, 1918

The War Savings Society, members of which pledge themselves to forego everything not necessary for the preservation of health and efficiency and to do everything in their power to stimulate the sale of War Savings Stamps, was organized last evening at a meeting of the local chapter of the National Women's Council of Defense. The call for the organization of the society was sent out from state headquarters and Mrs. T.R. Hampton, president of the local chapter, and R.T. Bishop, in charge of the W.S.S. campaign in this county, presented the subject. Forty-eight ladies signed the pledge last evening and Mrs. S.A. Lowell was elected chairman.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 16-17, 1968

Broken, bloody, burned bodies lay limp on rooftops, across logs, in ditches, on hillsides and under debris this morning near SW 19th and Emigrant. A commercial airliner had crashed in a simulated test and Umatilla Civil Defense coordinator Tom Campbell was busy directing rescue workers. About 9 a.m., shortly after the disaster, the Pendleton

Fire Department, law enforcement agencies, hospitals and volunteers were alerted for this mock disaster to test Civil Defense readiness. The victims were men, women and children who played their parts convincingly. They groaned, suffering from their wounds and burns created by make-up artists. Civil Defense workers bandaged their wounds and carried them on stretchers into ambulances, which took them to St. Anthony and Community hospitals. At the hospitals doctors were deciding whether to amputate that leg or arm.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 16-17, 1993

In her hometown, she's recognized as "Amazing Grace" Drake for her dedication to the community. The Rev. Grace Drake of Heppner is among 10 "community superstars" named statewide. She will be a guest Sunday for the Trail Blazer vs. San Antonio game in Portland. She was chosen for the Budweiser/Blazer-sponsored award after being nominated by the Chamber of Commerce. The honoree will receive \$500 for the charity of her choice. It's no surprise that she plans to donate the money to the Neighborhood Center's summer youth program that she originated.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On April 17, 1961, some 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in an attempt to topple Fidel Castro, whose forces crushed the incursion by the third day.

In 1492, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.

In 1521, Martin Luther went before the Diet of Worms to face charges stemming from his religious writings. (Luther was later declared an outlaw by Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.)

In 1924, the motion picture studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer was founded, the result of a merger of Metro Pictures, Goldwyn Pictures and the Louis B. Mayer Co.

In 1937, cartoon character

Daffy Duck made his debut in the Warner Bros. animated short "Porky's Duck Hunt," directed by Tex Avery.

Boston Marathon allowed women to compete for the first time; Nina Kuscsik was the first officially recognized women's champion, with a time of 3:10:26.

In 1986, at London's Heathrow Airport, a bomb was discovered in the bag of Anne-Marie Murphy, a pregnant Irishwoman about to board an El Al jetliner to Israel; she'd been tricked into carrying the bomb by her Jordanian fiancé, Nezar Hindawi. The bodies of kidnapped American Peter Kilburn and Britons Philip Padfield and Leigh Douglas were found near Beirut; they had been slain in apparent retaliation for the U.S. raid on Libya.

In 1993, a federal jury in Los Angeles convicted

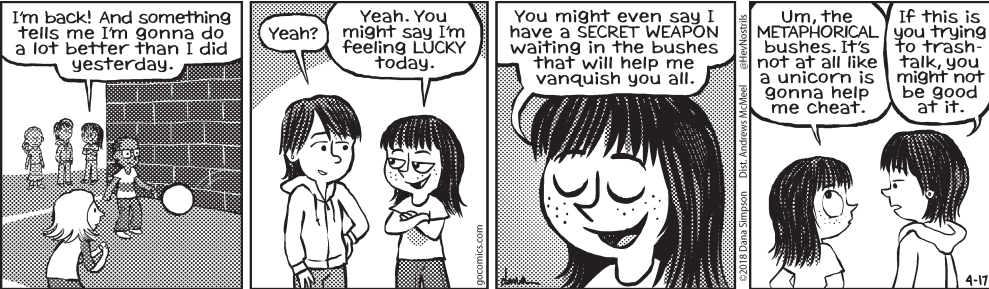
two former police officers of violating the civil rights of beaten motorist Rodney King; two other officers were acquitted. Turkish President Turgut Ozal died at age 66.

Today's Birthdays: Actor David Bradley is 76. Composer-musician Jan Hammer is 70. Actress Olivia Hussey is 67. Actor Sean Bean is 59. Former NFL quarterback Boomer Esiason is 57. Rock singer Maynard James Keenan is 54. Singer Liz Phair is 51. Rapper-actor Redman is 48. Actress Jennifer Garner is 46. Country musician Craig Anderson is 45. Actress-singer Lindsay Korman is 40. Actress Rooney Mara is 33. Actor Paulie Litt is 23. Actress Dee Dee Davis is 22.

Thought for Today: "Beware of little expenses. A small leak will sink a great ship." — Benjamin Franklin (born 1706, died this date in 1790).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

