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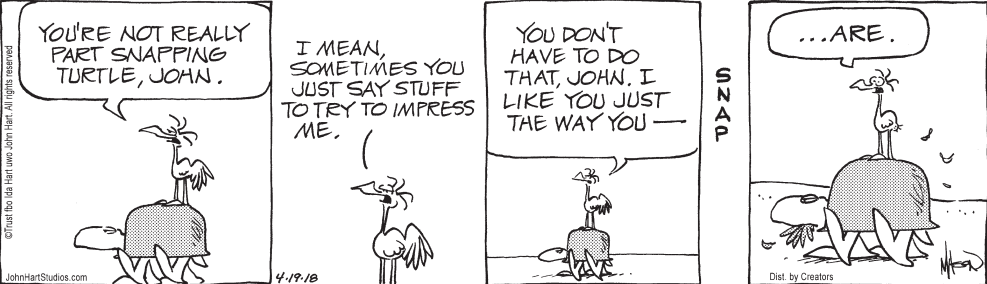
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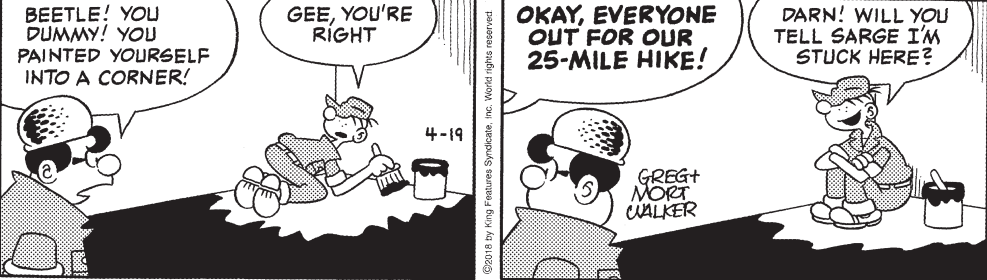
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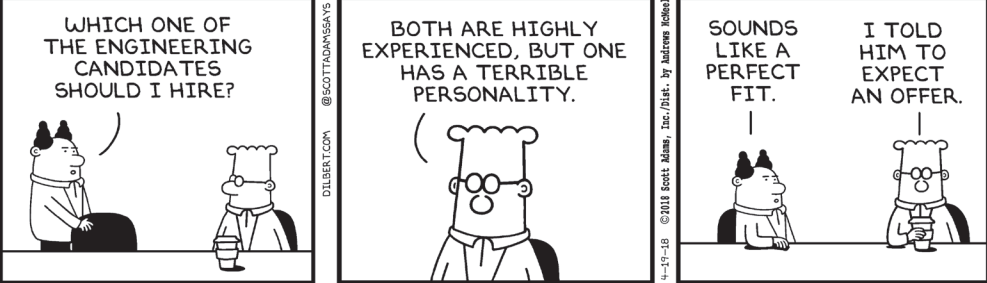
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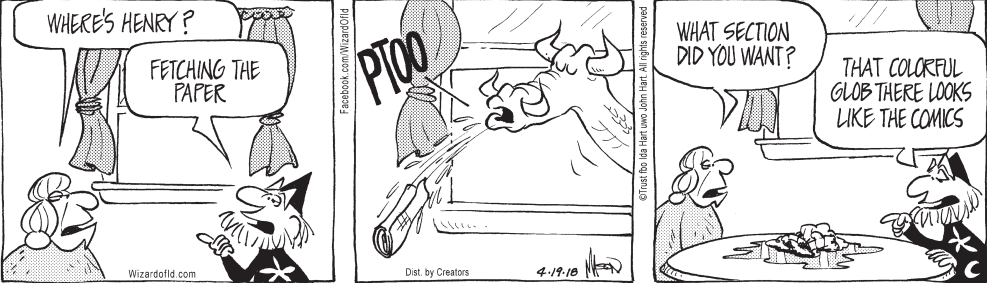
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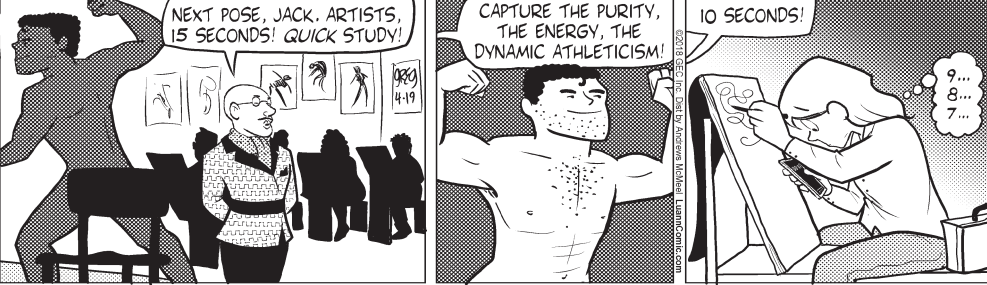
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DEAR ABBY

Brother's fiancée is unaware of his hidden opiate addiction

Dear Abby: My divorced 38-year-old brother is addicted to opiates. My wealthy, enabling mother constantly bails him out financially. My brother is engaged to a very kind woman — a mother of three he met four months ago. She's not aware of his lies, manipulations, debt and pill addiction.

My brother has already destroyed a previous marriage with his actions, and I'm finding it difficult to sit back and let this happen to yet another innocent woman. I am tired of lying for him, and I know that eventually this will come to a head. Do I come forward with the truth now and possibly harm their relationship, or watch them go through with this marriage and hope for the best? — **Unsure In Nashville, Tenn.**

Dear Unsure: Be prepared for the eruption that is sure to follow, but for the sake of those children, let the woman know what she will be dealing with if she goes through with the marriage. Whether she heeds your warning will be up to her, but at least she will know what she's in for.

Dear Abby: My teenage son and daughter confided to me that their younger cousin (15) has been posting on social media that she's hanging out with men who are five years older and taking her mother's car without her knowledge. My teens have both warned her that she's making poor choices, but she won't listen.

It doesn't help that there is no father around, and her mother doesn't know how to say "no." My teens are very concerned.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

As the girl's uncle, I need advice on how to intervene. — **Privy To A Bad Situation**

Dear Privy: It's definitely time for some adult intervention. If you are at all close with your niece, talk with her about how dangerous what she's doing is — not only to herself, but also the men she's been seeing because they could land in jail. While you're at it, tell her mother what you know so she can hide her car keys before her daughter gets into a serious accident and hurts herself or someone else.

Dear Abby: When my wife introduces me at a company event and/or party, she says, "This is my husband, 'Philip'; he's a teacher." I am uncomfortable being introduced that way because people have the preconceived notion that being a teacher defines who I am (which it does not).

I have pointed out that people are not usually introduced with their careers, unless they are doctors. My wife says I'm "overreacting." I have asked her to stop doing it, but she thinks I'm just being silly. Your thoughts/comments on our discussion would be greatly appreciated. — **More Than A Teacher In Arizona**

Dear More: You and your wife have a bigger problem than how she introduces you. You are married to someone who dismisses and belittles your feelings. Whether you are overreacting is beside the point. If you prefer not to be introduced the way she is doing it, she should have enough respect for you to comply with your request.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 19, 1918

Charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, George Brown, said to be a resident of the Holdman district, is being held on a complaint filed in the justice court and will be given a hearing this afternoon. Brown is charged with having made improper proposals to a little nine year old girl. Meeting the girl on the street shortly before 6 last evening, he is said to have given her a dime and to have led her by the hand to Happy Canyon, just outside of the door of which he sat down with her and, offering her more money, laid hands on her. She began crying and jerked away, her actions drawing the attention of a passing country woman who took her home. Later the woman came up town and identified Brown to Officer Scheer, who placed him under arrest. His insistent denials led to the bringing of the little girl up town and her identification removed all doubt. Brown is said to have been drunk. Much feeling against him was caused by his offense.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 19, 1968

Doc Baysinger, possibly out for the season now with a broken ankle, and Russ Evans

combined to lead Weston to an 8-6 baseball win over Touchet Tuesday. Baysinger slashed a triple to lead off the second inning, but was thrown out trying to take third and in the process injured his ankle, which Weston coach Lee Derrick feared might be broken. Baysinger started on the mound for the Tigers but had to be replaced by Evans in the second. The duo combined for a six-hitter. Evans aided his own cause with a three-bagger and a single to lead Tiger hitters.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 19, 1993

Doris Bounds of Hermiston has received the Medal of Honor from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She received the award April 9 at the Hermiston branch of Inland Empire Bank. The prestigious Medal of Honor includes nominations from each state. But a recipient is not chosen from every state, said Beverly Harris-Jenkins of Hermiston, president of the DAR's Blue Mountain chapter. Bounds is Inland Empire Bank president and a well-known philanthropist. She is a major contributor of Native American artifacts and historical pieces to the High Desert Museum near Bend. She also is involved in political issues.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On April 19, 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 two dozen children and sect leader David Koresh, were killed.

In 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

In 1893, the Oscar Wilde play "A Woman of No Importance" opened at the Haymarket Theatre in London.

In 1935, the Universal Pictures horror film "Bride of Frankenstein," starring Boris Karloff with Elsa Lanchester in the title role, had its world premiere in San Francisco.

In 1945, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" opened on Broadway.

In 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, relieved of his Far East command by President Harry S. Truman, bade farewell in an address to Congress in which he quoted a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

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.

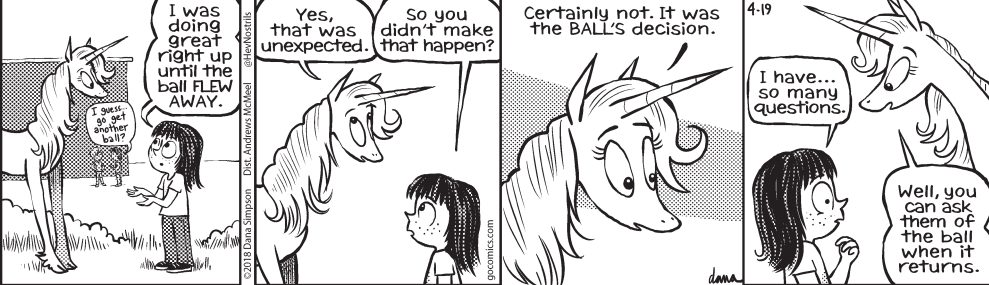
In 1995, a truck bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people. (Bomber Timothy McVeigh, who prosecutors said had planned the attack as revenge for the Waco siege of two years earlier, was convicted of federal murder charges and executed in 2001.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Elinor Donahue is 81. Rock musician Alan Price (The Animals) is 76. Motorsports Hall of Famer Al Unser Jr. is 56. Actor James Franco is 40. Actress Kate Hudson is 39. Actor Hayden Christensen is 37. Actress Catalina Sandino Moreno is 37. Actress-comedian Ali Wong is 36. Actress Kelen Coleman is 34. Actor Zack Conroy is 33. Roots rock musician Steve Johnson (Alabama Shakes) is 33. Actor Courtland Mead is 31. Tennis player Maria Sharapova is 31.

Thought for Today: "The charm, one might say the genius of memory, is that it is choosy, chancy and temperamental: it rejects the edifying cathedral and indelibly photographs the small boy outside, chewing a hunk of melon in the dust." — *Elizabeth Bowen, Irish-born author (1899-1973).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

