### **COFFEE BREAK**

BY LYNN JOHNSTON

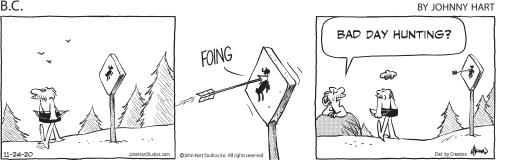
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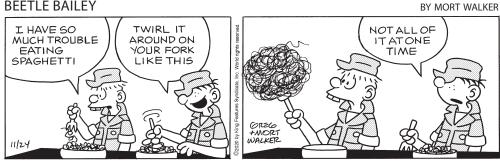




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WHAT'S THAT?

BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE

# **DEAR ABBY Cranky friend at work may** be threat to advancement

Dear Abby: I moved to town not long before the pandemic and don't have many close friends here. One of my best friends is a co-worker, "Ronna," whom I love dearly.

Ronna has had an extremely rough past, including an extensive history of parental abuse that has left her thin-skinned and suspicious of authority figures. Because of this, she's constantly butting heads with our management team and confronting them about perceived slights.

While some of the points she makes are reasonable, many are taken too personally or blown way out of proportion, and she tends to act very dramatic/livid about it. I'm looking to move up in the company, and I'm torn between loyalty to my friend and the need to remain on good terms with our higher-ups. I'm also worried that my friendliness with management will lead to Ronna resenting or distrusting me. How can I safely navigate? In The Middle in Colorado

Dear In The Middle: Do not involve yourself in Ronna's problems on the job. If you do, they will spill over onto you. Maintain your personal relationship with her away from the office, while networking and trying to widen your circle of friends.

From what you have written, I doubt that Ronna will be working for your employer much longer. Workers who react in a "very dramatic/livid" manner are usually laid off because their behavior is unprofessional and disruptive.

Dear Abby: I am having problems with



my baby dad helping me with our 2-year-old daughter. I don't like the idea of putting him on child support. I have tried counseling with him. In addition to asking him to step up, I have tried giving him lists of what our daughter needs, and he still isn't helping. Instead he's asking me to help with his bills.

I don't know what to do. I really don't want to go after child support since he now has two jobs. I need his help, but I don't know how to get

him to contribute. Any ideas? - Struggling Mom in Ohio

Dear Mom: You have tried asking, you have tried counseling. The only option left to convince him to step up to the plate and fulfill his obligations as a father is to contact Child Support Services and ask for help.

P.S. You absolutely should not pay his bills!

Dear Abby: I have been asked by a close friend to officiate at his wedding. I'm honored to have been asked, and it would be easy for me to get the credentials, but I am not comfortable doing it for personal reasons. I know it's his special day, and he really wants me to do it. How can I politely decline without hurting our friendship? I don't know how to word my refusal. — Not For Me

Dear Not: Be honest to the degree that you can be without causing hurt feelings. Explain that you are honored to have been asked to officiate (which is true), but would not be comfortable in that role (also true). Then deflect by offering to support your friend in some other way on his special day.

# DAYS GONE BY

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 24, 1920

Alfalfa growers in Hermiston do not wish stockmen any bad luck but they would not mind it if something would happen that would make a brisk demand for hay and would restore the alfalfa price to the good old days when it sold around \$25 a ton or more. They are not getting any such price now. In fact, hay at Stanfield has been selling for as low as \$16 per ton baled, which means about \$10 in the stack and there is not much demand even at that. With nearly 70 percent of the hay still in the hands of the growers the situation is not all that could be asked for. Nevertheless, Hermiston and the surrounding country look prosperous. The women are well dressed and there are a lot of men who do not do all their travelling on foot or behind horses. The writer counted 22 automobiles parked on the two sides of the Main street block by the Oregon hotel yesterday. They were not purchased however on money derived from \$10 hay.

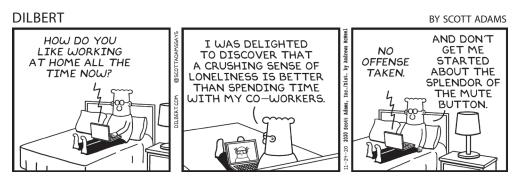
50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 24, 1970

Sunday's high was 18. Periods of freezing rain and icy roads made for hazardous driving conditions. But by Tuesday, downtown Pendleton was the warmest spot in the state with a high of 66. Springtime, huh? Forget it. More snow is on the way. Temperatures are expected to begin dropping late today with mixed rain and snow tonight, and Eastern Oregon may settle down to the Thanksgiving turkey amid white.

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 24, 1995

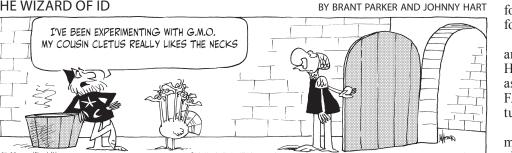
Students in Amy Dickeson's Pendleton Junior High School science class were hungry Wednesday for more than knowledge. They wanted pizza, even if it was the day before American's unofficial eating festival of Thanksgiving. Students ladled sauce over English muffins and added cheese and toppings. The ordinary ingredients represented parts of a cell, something the biology class has been studying for several weeks. "That's the cell membrane," said Robin Binschus, 13, as she pointed at an olive on her hand-made pizza. Before students could enter the buffet line of toppings, they had to turn in a complete illustration of a cell and all its inner workings. The students agreed that eating pizza is a good reward for studying biology's tiny building blocks. "I think it's a wonderful idea," said Amanda Henshaw, 13. "They're in your body, they're important and we're eating them."





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Earlier this week a massive storm hit Oregon. While Eastern Oregon was one of the more fortunate areas with Pendleton and Milton-Freewater recording one inch of snow, the low temperature was 8 degrees Saturday and

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**On Nov. 24, 1859**, British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species," which explained his theory of evolution by means of natural selection.

In 1865, Mississippi became the first Southern state to enact laws that came to be known as "Black Codes" aimed at limiting the rights of newly freed Blacks; other states of the former Confederacy soon followed.

In 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, in a scene captured on live television.

In 1974, the bone fragments of a 3.2 million-yearold hominid were discovered by scientists in Ethiopia; the skeletal remains were nicknamed "Lucy."

In 1987, the United States and the Soviet Union agreed on terms to scrap shorterand medium-range missiles. (The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty was signed by President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev the following month.)

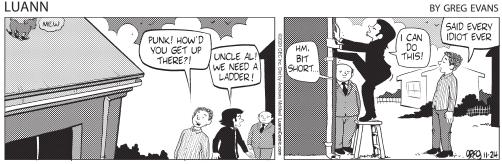
In 1991, rock singer Freddie Mercury died in London at age 45 of AIDS-related pneumonia.

In 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court stepped into the bitter, overtime struggle for the White House, agreeing to consider George W. Bush's appeal against the hand recounting of ballots

in Florida.

In 2014, it was announced that a grand jury in St. Louis Čounty, Missouri, had decided against indicting Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson in the death of Michael Brown; the decision enraged protesters, who set fire to buildings and cars and looted businesses in the area where Brown had been fatally shot.

Today's **Birthdays**: Country singer Johnny Carver is 80. Rock drummer Pete Best is 79. Rock musician Clem Burke (Blondie; The Romantics) is 66. Rock musician John Squire (The Stone Roses) is 58. Actor Lola Glaudini is 49. Actor Colin Hanks is 43. Actor Katherine Heigl is 42.



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### PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN





