

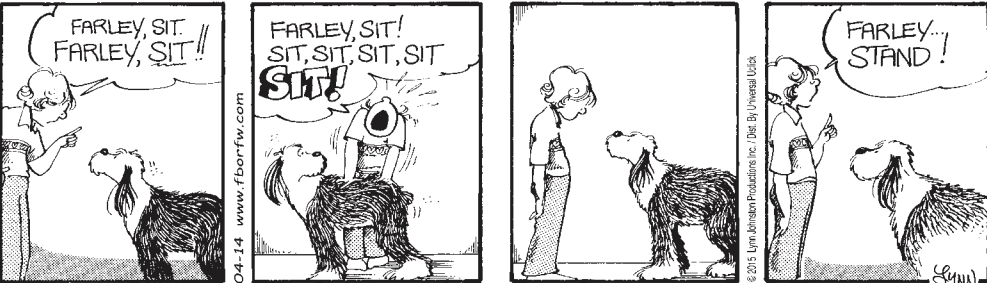
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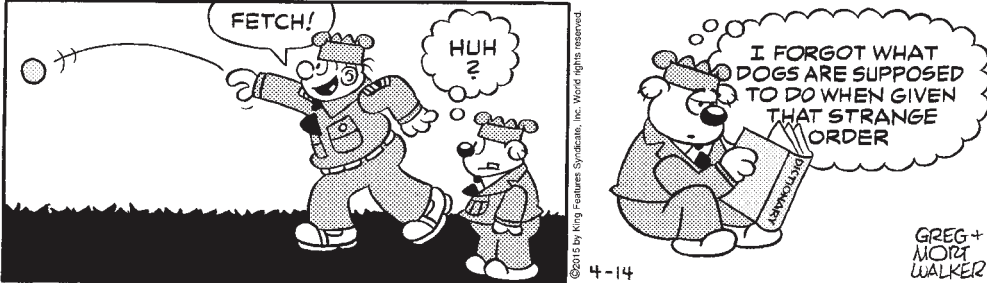
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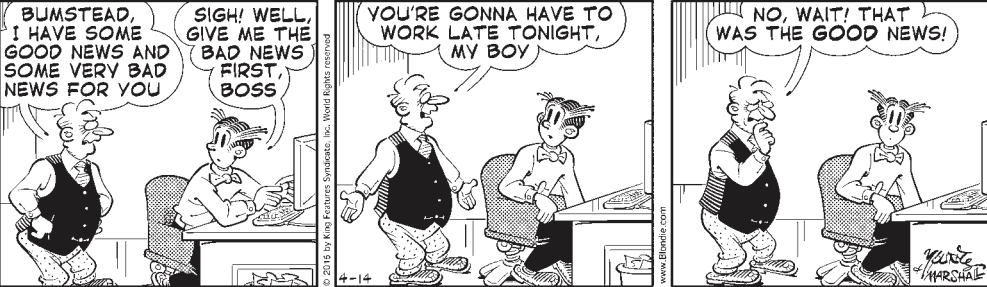
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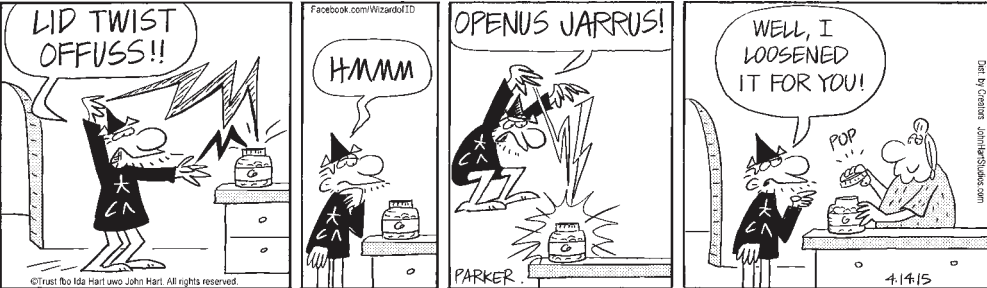
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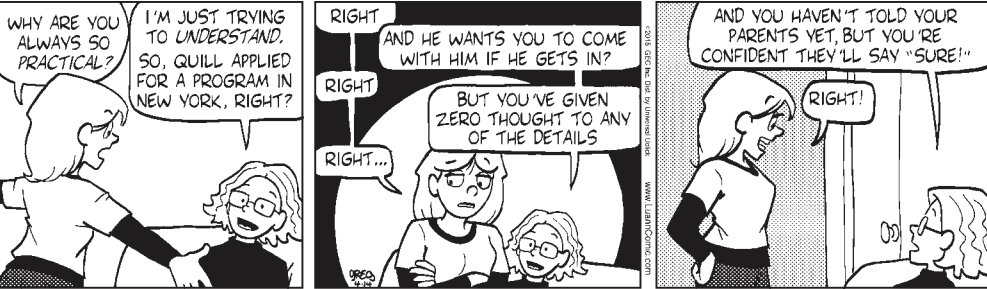
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DEAR ABBY

Husband's family meetings leave wife out of the loop

Dear Abby: My husband, "Rory," and I both come from close families. Whenever something is wrong, troublesome, etc., in either of our families, we have meetings where the entire immediate family comes together to discuss the issue.

The problem is, I am not invited to his! It's not like I'm a recent addition to this family. Rory and I dated for 15 years before getting married. My family started inviting him to our meetings after we had dated for a year, including discussions about my dad losing his job, my brother's stint in rehab and more.

Rory's family has had lots of similar meetings, but I am excluded because I am not a blood relative. Even when my husband lost his job, I was not invited to attend. I was left sitting out in the hallway with the children and the boyfriend of one of his other siblings.

I am Rory's WIFE. Shouldn't I be allowed in on the family discussions now that we're married, especially ones that center on my husband? Am I overreacting because I'm so angry about this? How can I overcome this exclusion from his family? — **Wants To Join In**

Dear Wants To Join In: You are not overreacting. If you haven't done so already, discuss this with your husband. He is the one who needs to make his family understand you are now a full-fledged member of the clan. If their line of thinking is followed to its logical conclusion, then no man or woman who marries in is fully accepted. "What God has joined together, let no man put asunder," the saying goes. The tradition in Rory's family creates division, and it isn't healthy.

Dear Abby: I have a suggestion for your readers. When you attend a funeral or a wake,



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

or meet a friend or relative who has been recently widowed, DON'T say, "If there is anything I can do, just ask." Call the person in the near future and invite him or her to dinner with you. It doesn't have to be a steak dinner or anything fancy. A home-cooked pot roast would be wonderful.

Of all my friends, only one has done this several times. The phone rings and he'll say, "We're having spaghetti tonight. Would you like to come over? We'll throw in another meatball." I get so tired of going out alone to eat, or settling for a sandwich. — **Grateful Widower In Illinois**

Dear Grateful: When a death happens, sometimes people are well-intentioned, but they feel awkward and don't know what to do. Thank you for writing and giving me the opportunity to remind them that it isn't the FOOD as much as it is the FELLOWSHIP that matters at a time like this.

Dear Abby: The subject is email, which is how so many of us communicate nowadays. When one gets an email from a friend or relative, it seems to me only common courtesy in most cases to acknowledge it with a response, if only to say thanks. The reply need not be immediate, but there should be one, I think. Many people just don't reply. What do you think? — **Tom In Palo Alto**

Dear Tom: I think some people may be too busy to respond, particularly if the communication doesn't seem important or contain a question.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 13-14, 1915

Though no complaint has been filed against the unknown man who severely cut and stabbed Hellwig Breeding in a fight at German Hall Sunday morning, the grand jury will make an investigation of the affair which will doubtless lead to the knowledge of the assailant's name and probably an indictment. Subpoenas were issued this morning for a half dozen or more of the witnesses of the fight and they will appear before the grand jury in the morning. Prosecuting Attorney Steiwer has talked with some of the witnesses and none seem to know the man who wielded the knife. The best information obtainable leads him to believe the man was not from this city but had been working on some farm. A good many of the witnesses are positive they would know him if they saw him but some are doubtful upon this point as the fight took place in the dark outside the hall.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 13-14, 1965

A restraining order was filed Monday preventing Morrow County school board from proceeding with plans to construct a new high school in Boardman. Filing the suit which resulted in the injunction were Margaret Jorgenson and Howard Gollyhorn, both candidates for the school advisory committee, and

Maxwell Jones and LaVelle Partlow, all of Irrigon. The plaintiffs charge that the school board meeting at which the decision was made to build the new high school in Boardman instead of at a point midway between Boardman and Irrigon was not properly announced; that the decision was actually made at an informal session prior to the public meeting; and that the board ignored reports of the State Board of Education, its own engineers and of experts employed by it.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 13-14, 1990

Rebuilding Heppner's grocery store, lost in a fire that destroyed a central downtown block last month, could begin within three weeks. Central Market owners Forrest and Gail Burkenbine say they have asked for bids and that architects are putting finishing touches on plans for a bigger store with more parking. Forrest Burkenbine said he and his wife had thought they would rebuild on the old store's foundation, but chose to expand after they bought the adjacent lot on which the Wagon Wheel Restaurant and Lounge once stood. The restaurant was the suspected origin of the fire that caused an estimated \$1 million in damage to three businesses Feb. 3. Bev's Bookkeeping, accountant for many Heppner businesses, also was destroyed, although books and files were saved.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 104th day of 2015. There are 261 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth during a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington.

On this date:
In 1775, the first American society for the abolition of slavery was formed in Philadelphia.
In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.
In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic at 11:40 p.m. ship's

time and began sinking. (The ship went under two hours and 40 minutes later with the loss of 1,514 lives.)

In 1935, the "Black Sunday" dust storm descended upon the central Plains, turning a sunny afternoon into total darkness.

In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published by Viking Press.

In 1956, Ampex Corp. demonstrated the first practical videotape recorder at the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters Convention in Chicago.

In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bradford Dillman is 85. Country singer Loretta Lynn is 83. Actress Julie Christie is 75. Retired MLB All-Star Pete Rose is 74. Rock musician Ritchie Blackmore is 70. Actor John Shea is 66. Actor-turned-race car driver Brian Forster is 55. Rock singer-musician John Bell (Widespread Panic) is 53. Baseball Hall of Famer Greg Maddux is 49. Actor Anthony Michael Hall is 47. Actor Adrian Brody is 42. Rapper DaBrat is 41. Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar is 38. Rock singer Win Butler (Arcade Fire) is 35.

Thought for Today: "Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay." — *Simone de Beauvoir, French author (born 1908; died this date in 1986).*

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

