

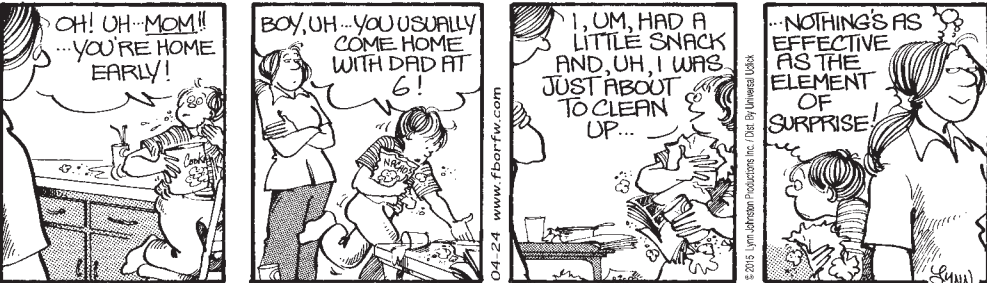
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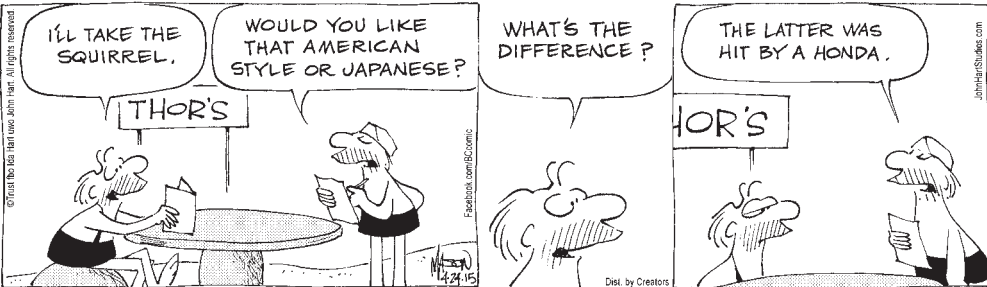
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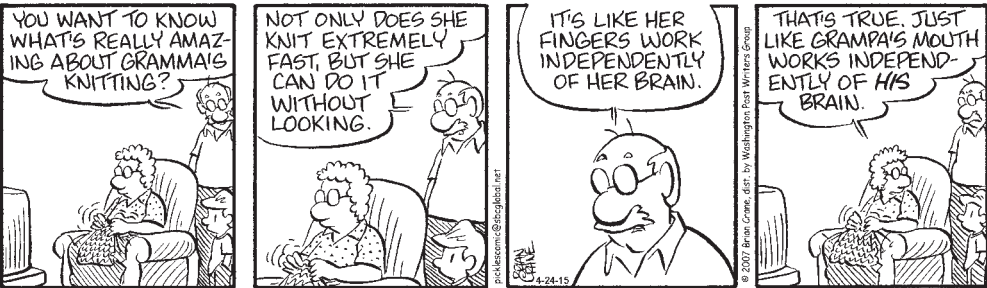
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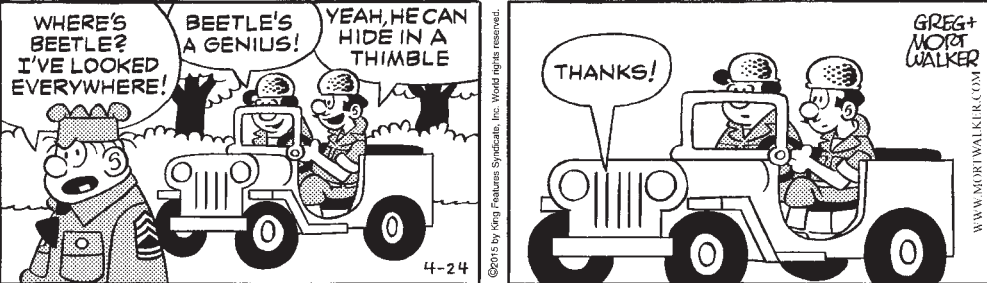
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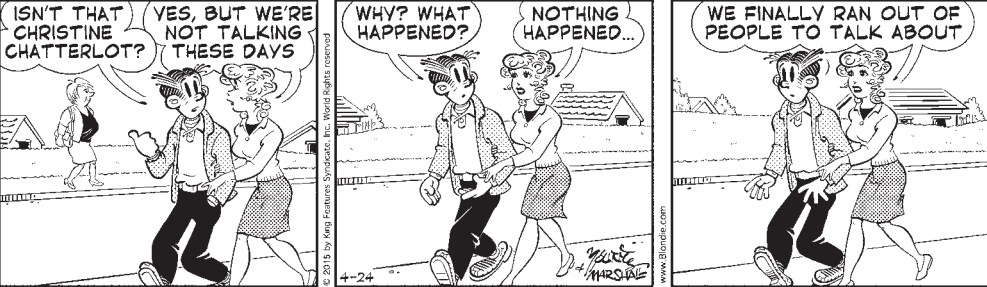
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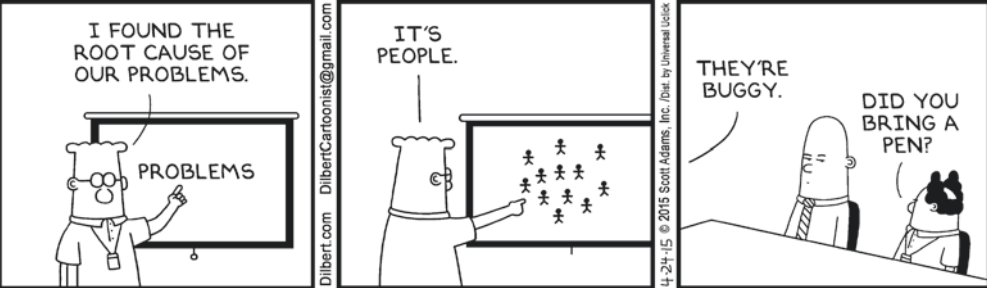
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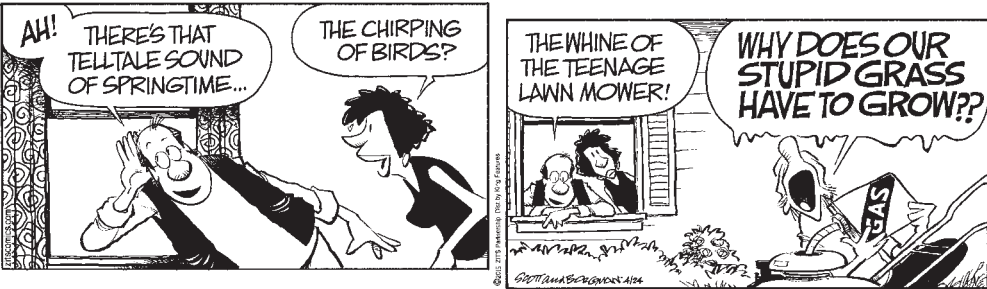
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ZITS

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DEAR ABBY

Timing is right for plastic surgery, but parents object

Dear Abby: I am 23 years old, working full-time as a teacher and I'm about to move out of my parents' house. I have decided to have breast augmentation surgery, and I know the best time to do it would be this summer so I'll have time to recover before school starts.

The problem is my parents are adamantly against my having this surgery. I've heard it all: "I wish you loved your body the way it is." "That's so superficial," and "You'll regret it!"

I would wait until I move out, but my new place (which is being built) won't be finished until the end of the school year. I have postponed this surgery for several years, and now I have the money and I'm ready. How can I please my parents and also please myself? — **Tired Of Waiting**

Dear Tired Of Waiting: Have another talk with your folks and explain that while they may wish you loved your body the way it is, you don't. Tell them that you don't feel wanting the surgery is superficial and that you feel it will give you confidence about your appearance that you don't have now.

The decision about whether to have plastic surgery is a personal one. No one should make it "for" you; the choice should be yours and yours alone. If you decide later that you regret it, you can have the implants removed. Some women have done that — but most women don't.

Dear Abby: I am planning a wedding this summer. My fiancée and I are paying for it ourselves, so we are trying to keep it within a budget. I'm so excited I want to shout it from the rooftops because I thought this day would never happen.

My problem is, when I have shared the news of our engagement, some people have



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Advice

told me, "I can't wait to get my invitation." We have already made up our guest list and they aren't on it, so how can I tactfully reply without offending? My fiancée and I have even discussed whether it would be worth the extra money each guest will cost in order to keep the peace and not have anyone carry a grudge against us. — **Struggling To Be Polite In Virginia**

Dear Struggling: When someone who is not on your guest list says he or she can't wait to receive an invitation, that's your cue to explain that due to budget constraints, your wedding will be small — pretty much immediate family only. No one can argue with that.

Dear Abby: Yesterday I spent the afternoon with a friend who was in town for her husband's business conference. Her 20-year-old son called her because he had broken the screen on his cellphone.

Over the next two hours as we visited, she took phone calls from him, researched places to get his phone fixed, then proceeded to fill out insurance forms on her phone for the repair while I sat there. I finally stood up and said I was leaving because she seemed to be "busy." She immediately became offended and rudely said, "Well! Sorry I p-d you off!"

Abby, it was a broken cellphone, not a broken arm. Am I wrong for feeling the way I do? We have been friends for more than 30 years. — **Insulted In Reno**

Dear Insulted: You're not wrong. Your friend must have thought her son's predicament was an emergency, which is why she felt compelled to deal with it immediately.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 24, 1915

A frost which came as a surprise to most of the Hermiston orchardists Wednesday night and the night before caused considerable damage in sections where fruit trees were laden with blossoms and fruit. The thermometer registered from 32 degrees down to 27 degrees. In the lowlands which includes most of the older orchards the greatest damage was done as it registered the coldest and no preparation for smudging was made. On the hillsides south of town some smudging was done and most of the fruit saved. In the northern part of the project better known as the "sandhill," and which has received considerable knocking under than name again proved itself reliable when no damage was caused by the cool wave.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 24, 1965

The dental assistant training program sponsored jointly by Blue Mountain College and the Oregon State Employment Department is in the midst of its first nine month training program aimed at providing much needed dental assistants for Oregon dentists. Eighteen women from Eastern Oregon are taking part in the nine month program, in classroom space provided

above the Oregon Bank. Dr. Kenneth Miller, who retired from active practice here due to health in 1963, is in charge of the school. He is assisted by Kay Meyersick, dental hygienist. Bob Hawk, director of the vocational and technical school at Blue Mountain College, said the Pendleton school is one of three in the state.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 24, 1990

Bob Emmens experienced the beginning of the Cold War when he was captured by the Russians following his part in a World War II raid on Tokyo. Emmens, one of the famed Doolittle Tokyo Raiders who trained at the Pendleton Airport in the 1940s, recalls that Russia had joined the Allied Forces in declaring war on Germany, but was not at war with Tokyo. Emmens' plane was the only one to land in Russia; most of the raiders crashed in China and some were shot down and taken prisoner by the Japanese. Emmens crawled on his stomach under barbed wire, found the underground and escaped to Iran. He is among 44 of the 79 Doolittle Raiders still living. Eight of the raiders returned to Pendleton this week for the first time in the 48 years since they trained for their April 18, 1942, bombing flight. They were greeted by avid fans who purchased books and videos and asked for autographs.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 114th day of 2015. There are 251 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 24, 1915, what's regarded as the start of the Armenian genocide began as the Ottoman Empire rounded up Armenian political and cultural leaders in Constantinople.

On this date:
In 1792, the national anthem of France, "La Marseillaise," was composed by Captain Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle.
In 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress.
In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States. (The United States responded in kind the next day.)
In 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin. (The rising was put down by British forces almost a week later.)

In 1962, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology achieved the first satellite relay of a television signal, using NASA's Echo 1 balloon satellite to bounce a video image from Camp Parks, California, to Westford, Massachusetts.

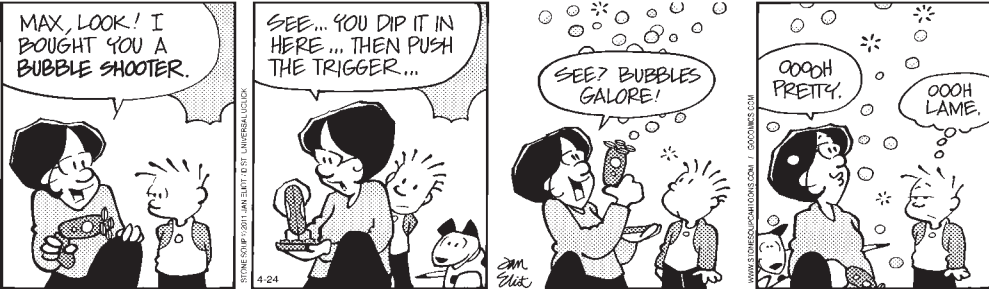
In 1970, the People's Republic of China launched its first satellite, which kept transmitting a song, "The East Is Red."

In 1995, the final bomb linked to the Unabomber exploded inside the Sacramento, California, offices of a lobbying group for the wood products industry, killing chief lobbyist Gilbert B. Murray.

Today's Birthdays:
Movie director-producer Richard Donner is 85. Actress Shirley MacLaine is 81. Actress-singer-director Barbra Streisand is 73. Country singer Richard Sterban (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 72. Rock musician Doug Clifford (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 70. Rock singer-musician Jack Blades (Night Ranger) is 61. Actor Michael O'Keefe is 60. Actor-comedian Cedric the Entertainer is 51. Rock musician Aaron Comess (Spin Doctors) is 47. Actor Rory McCann (TV: "Game of Thrones") is 46. Country-rock musician Brad Morgan (Drive-By Truckers) is 44. Singer Kelly Clarkson is 33. Rock singer-musician Tyson Ritter (The All-American Rejects) is 31.

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

