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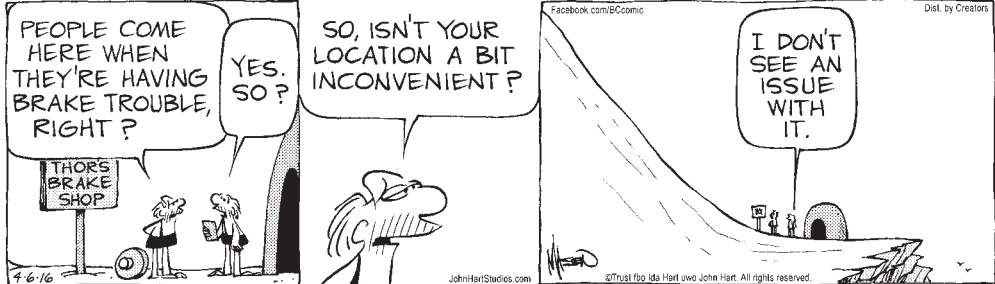
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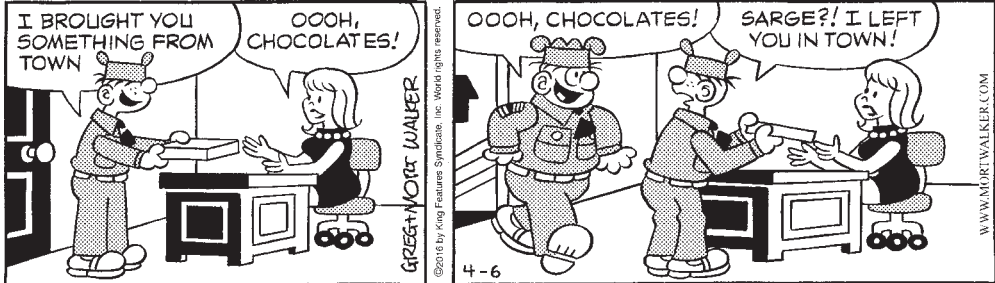
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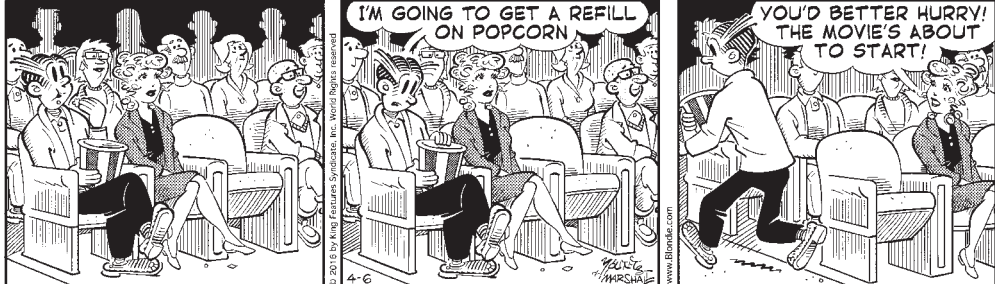
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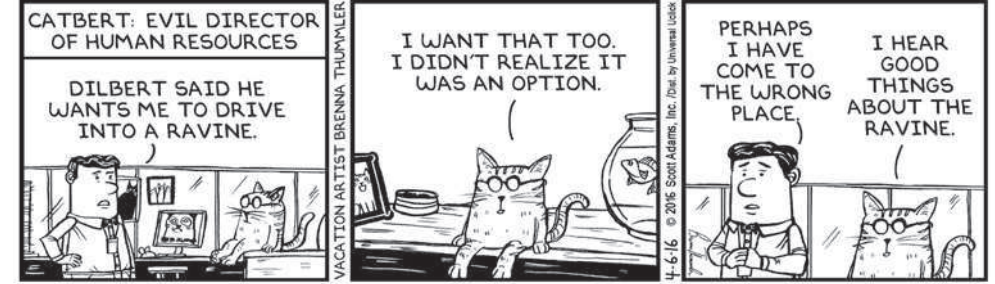
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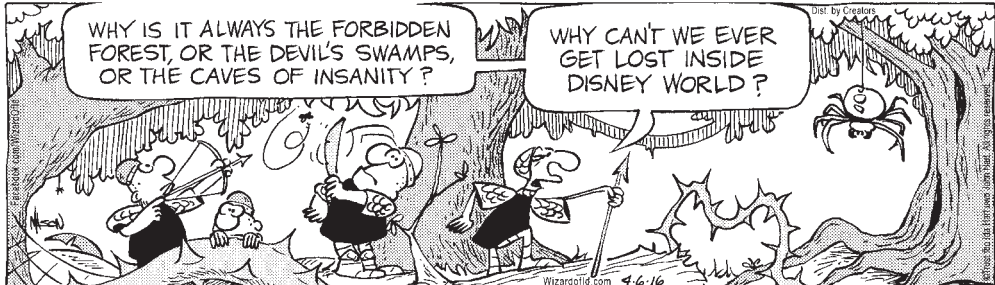
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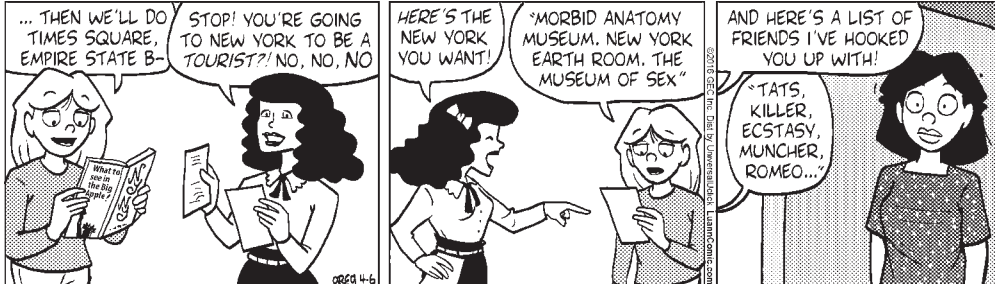
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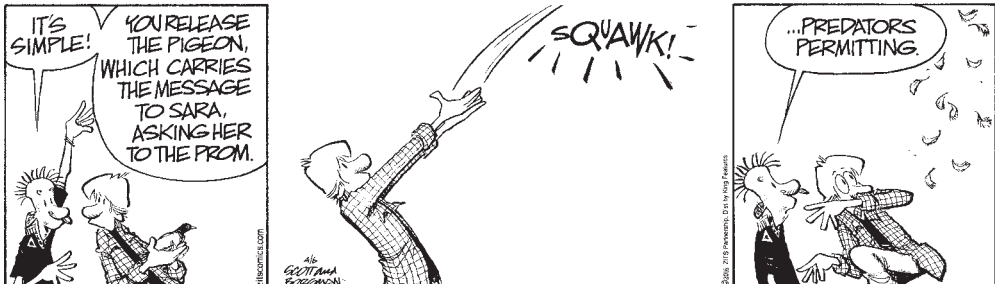
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DEAR ABBY

Bisexual father is hesitant to reveal identity to sons



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I am a single father of teenage boys. I have always played an active role in my children's lives, physically, emotionally and financially. My older son lives with me; my younger sons live with their mother.

I am bisexual and have always been attracted to both men and women. It took me a long time to admit it to myself. I suffered from depression for many years as I struggled with my sexual identity. Unfortunately, I was diagnosed with HIV. Since then, I have been on medication and live a very healthy lifestyle.

None of my children knows about my sexuality or my diagnosis. I have wanted to tell them for a while now, but I can never bring myself to do it. I'm afraid that if I tell them, they'll be ashamed of me and it will add unnecessary stress in their lives. On the other hand, I'm tired of keeping secrets. Furthermore, I worry about the possibility that they could find out from someone else.

All four of us will be together for an event in a couple of months. I feel this could be a good opportunity to tell them. Or should I tell them on their own, individually? Am I selfish for wanting to tell my children? Or am I foolish for not telling them? — Keeping Secrets

Dear Keeping Secrets: If your children ask you about your health or your sexual

orientation, do not lie to them. However, I see no reason for you to make a blanket announcement about this now because I sincerely believe that most young people do not care to know.

If you wind up partnering with another man, they will at some point begin to draw their own conclusions. If your health takes a turn for the worse, they will need to know your status. Until then, my advice is to keep mum.

Dear Abby: I want to get my belly button pierced this year for my 15th birthday, but my parents said no. It's just getting my belly button pierced. They let me dye my hair and get my cartilage pierced — so why not my belly button?

It's not going to affect my parents whatsoever. It's my body. I think they should let me do reasonable things to it, like get my belly button pierced. I just don't get it. — Unpierced In Wisconsin

Dear Unpierced: Your parents may be afraid that if you get your belly button pierced you will want to expose that area of your body to show it off — and they would prefer that you dress more modestly until you're older. They could also be concerned that your piercing might become infected. Whatever their reason, as a minor, you should not get anything pierced without their permission.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 6, 1916

The fire escape ordinance, which has been in the making for several weeks, was finally passed by the council last evening and, as passed, it will require the installation of fire-escapes on at least three hotels, on all of the school buildings, lodging houses, dance halls and many other buildings. The ordinance includes "All hotels, lodging houses, theaters, schools, mills, factories, houses where manufacturing is done, hospitals, buildings containing lodging rooms, dance halls or rooms sometimes let for public amusements or assemblies, all public buildings more than two stories high, and all buildings within fire limits more than two stories high shall have at least one fire escape of incombustible material and conveniently accessible from each room of the building."

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 6, 1966

Approximately 200 persons visited the Fossil Museum during the week of March 21 and on its grand opening days, Saturday and Sunday. Their remarks were highly complimentary to those who worked hard to promote

the enthusiasm and to collect the items that make the museum a repository of pride to the community. On hand to greet visitors Saturday were Mayor Jack Steiwer in a costume of the gay '90s, reminding one of Fossil's 75th anniversary celebration, and Fossil Community Club President Edwin Asher in a "stove pipe" hat. They served as guides, explaining the meaning or significance of items, and served free coffee furnished by the Fossil Fire Department.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 6, 1991

Keith May, a Pendleton first grade teacher, figures U.S. educators could learn a lot by comparing American classrooms with those in Japan. He'll get a chance to do that come October. May, 35, learned Thursday he is one of six people to earn a prestigious fellowship award that will send him to Japan. He and five other teachers were the cream of 135 educators who applied for a Kyotaru Fellowship. May was selected from 19 semifinalists who participated in the final competition held last Saturday in Portland. Competitors submitted written proposals and addressed about 15 judges, many of whom were Japanese.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 97th day of 2016. There are 269 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 6, 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.

On this date:

In 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, New York.

In 1886, the Canadian city of Vancouver, British Columbia, was incorporated.

In 1909, American explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson and four Inuits became the first men to reach the North Pole.

In 1917, Congress approved a declaration of war against Germany.

In 1945, during World War II, the Japanese warship Yamato and nine other vessels sailed on a suicide mission to attack the U.S. fleet off Okinawa; the fleet was intercepted the next day.

In 1954, a month after being criticized by newsmen Edward R. Murrow on CBS' "See It Now," Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., was

given the chance to respond on the program; in his pre-filmed remarks, McCarthy charged that Murrow had, in the past, "engaged in propaganda for Communist causes."

In 1965, the United States launched Intelsat I, also known as the "Early Bird" communications satellite, into geosynchronous orbit.

In 1971, Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky, 88, died in New York City.

In 1980, 3M introduced its "Post-it Notes," a re-branding of a product formerly known as "Press 'n Peel."

In 1996, actress Greer Garson died in Dallas at age 91.

In 1998, country singer Tammy Wynette died at her Nashville home at age 55.

In 2014, actor Mickey Rooney, 93, died in North Hollywood.

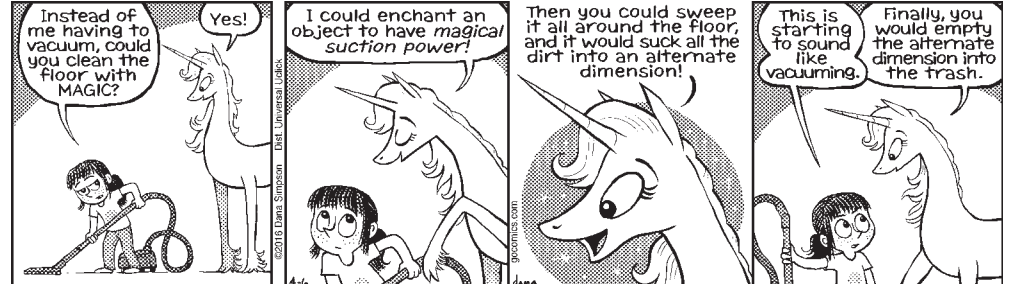
Today's Birthdays: Nobel Prize-winning scientist James D. Watson is 88. Composer-conductor Andre Previn is 87. Country singer Merle Haggard is 79. Actor Billy Dee Williams is 79. Actor Roy Thinnes is 78. Movie director Barry

Levinson is 74. Actor John Ratzenberger is 69. Baseball Hall of Famer Bert Blyleven is 65. Actress MariLu Henner is 64. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Janet Lynn is 63. Actor Michael Rooker is 61. Former U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., is 60. Rock musician Warren Haynes is 56. Rock singer-musician Frank Black is 51. Actress Ari Meyers is 47. Actor Paul Rudd is 47. Actor-producer Jason Hervey is 44. Rock musician Markku Lappalainen is 43. Actor Zach Braff is 41. Actor Joel Garland is 41. Actress Candace Cameron Bure is 40. Actor Teddy Sears is 39. Jazz and rhythm-and-blues musician Robert Glasper is 38. Actress Eliza Coupe is 35. Folk singer-musician Kenneth Pattengale (Milk Carton Kids) is 34. Actor Bret Harrison is 34. Actor Charlie McDermott is 26.

Thought for Today: "Never think that you're not good enough yourself. A man should never think that. My belief is that in life people will take you at your own reckoning." — Isaac Asimov (1920-1992).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

