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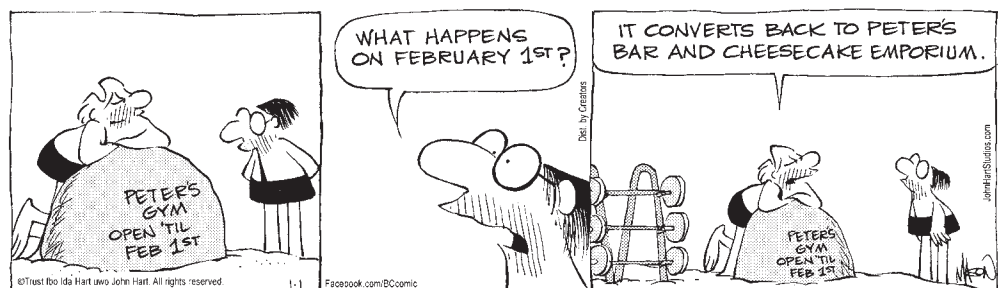
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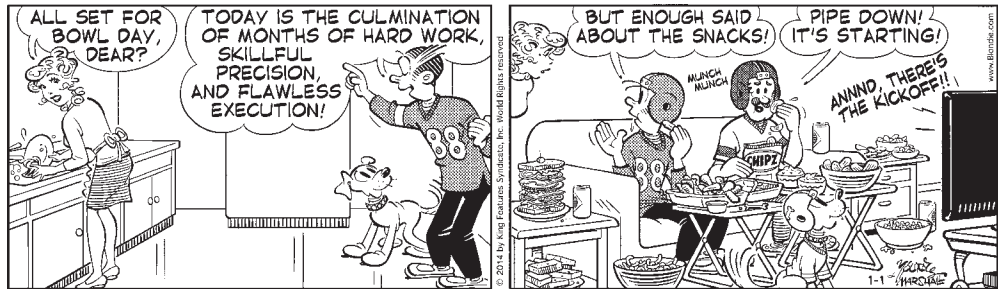
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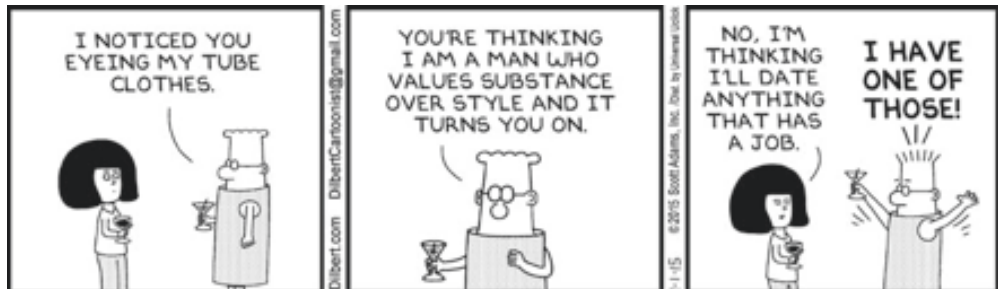
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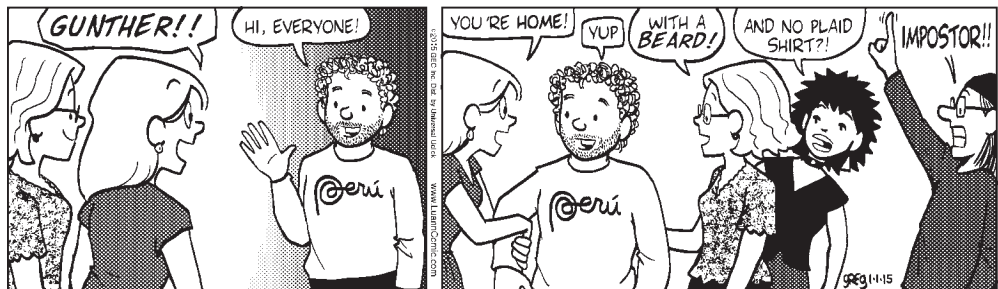
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DEAR ABBY

Dawn of another year brings opportunities to begin anew

Dear Readers: Welcome to 2015! If the last year was challenging for some of us, a new one has arrived, bringing with it our chance for a new beginning.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Today is the day we have an opportunity to discard destructive old habits for healthy new ones, and with that in mind, I will share Dear Abby's often-requested list of New Year's Resolutions, which were adapted by my late mother, Pauline Phillips, from the original credo of Al-Anon:

Just For Today: I will live through this day only. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all of my problems at once.

I know that I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just For Today: I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine.

Just For Today: I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just For Today: I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. I will not be a mental loafer.

Just For Today: I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I'll not speak ill of others. I will improve my appearance, speak softly, and not interrupt when someone else is talking.

Just For Today: I will refrain from improving anybody but myself.

Just For Today: I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll quit. If I am overweight, I will eat healthfully — if only just for today. And not only

that, I will get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's only around the block.

Just For Today: I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

And now, Dear Readers, I would like to share an item that was sent to me by L.J. Bhatia, a reader from New Delhi, India:

Dear Abby: This year, no resolutions, only some guidelines. The Holy Vedas say, "Man has subjected himself to thousands of self-inflicted bondages. Wisdom comes to a man who lives according to the true eternal laws of nature."

The prayer of St. Francis (of which there are several versions) contains a powerful message:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

"Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
"Where there is injury, pardon;
"Where there is doubt, faith;
"Where there is despair, hope;
"Where there is darkness, light;
"And where there is sadness, joy.

"O Divine Master,
"Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

"To be understood, as to understand;
"To be loved, as to love;

"For it is in giving that we receive,
"It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
"And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

And so, Dear Readers, may this new year bring with it good health, peace and joy to all of you. — Love, Abby

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 1, 1915

There were only 83 days during the 365 days of 1914 upon which Old Sol did not show his face to Pendleton people. The records kept day by day by E.F. Averill, official weather observer, show that and many other interesting things. These records show that 148 days were perfectly clear and that 134 of the remaining days were partly clear. Only on 89 days was there enough rain to measure, that is over .01 of an inch. February had less clear days than any other month, only two being marked thus in the records. January had but three.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 1, 1965

A Hermiston girl, Martha Lieb, 16, will sing with the Walla Walla symphony next spring. Miss Lieb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lieb, won the honor in a teen talent contest sponsored by the symphony society. She sang a Swedish folk song and the Visi D'Arti from Tosca in the contest. A pupil of

Ted Roy, she's had about a year of voice instruction.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 1, 1990

There is a surreal aura of innocence about 7-year-old Blayne Windham, who remembers nothing of Sept. 2, 1988, the day he drowned and was brought back to life. Blayne, who was adopted by Dean and Roberta Windham only 10 days before the accident, doesn't realize the trauma he's lived through, nor the long road ahead. He's more interested in tromping through the mud, wrestling in the yard, and playing war with his buddy, Colby Leen, who lives across the street. Less than 16 months ago, Blayne was found unconscious at the bottom of the 4 1/2-foot pool at the Round-Up Athletic Club. His limp body was pulled out of the water without a pulse, without a heart beat. When he awoke during his month-long stay at St. Anthony Hospital, it was quickly evident that the boy had lost many of his physical and mental abilities. Recovery has been uphill, but Blayne has climbed steadily, his mother said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the first day of 2015. There are 364 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 1, 1975, a jury in Washington found Nixon administration officials John N. Mitchell, H.R. Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman and Robert C. Mardian guilty of charges related to the Watergate cover-up; a fifth defendant, Kenneth Parkinson, was acquitted, and Mardian's conviction for conspiracy was later overturned on appeal.

On this date:
In 1515, Louis XII, King of France, died; he was succeeded by Francis I.
In 1660, Englishman Samuel Pepys began keeping his famous diary.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states shall be "forever free."
In 1935, The Associated

Press inaugurated Wirephoto, the first successful service for transmitting photographs by wire to member newspapers.

In 1945, France was admitted to the United Nations.

In 1953, country singer Hank Williams Sr., 29, was discovered dead in the back seat of his car during a stop in Oak Hill, West Virginia, while he was being driven to a concert date in Canton, Ohio.

In 1959, Fidel Castro and his revolutionaries overthrew Cuban leader Fulgencio Batista, who fled to the Dominican Republic.

In 1979, the United States and China held celebrations in Washington and Beijing to mark the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

In 1984, the breakup of AT&T took place as the telecommunications giant was divested of its 22 Bell System companies under terms of an antitrust agreement.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., is 93. Actor Ty Hardin is 85. Documentary maker Frederick Wiseman is 85. Actor Frank Langella is 77. Rock singer-musician Country Joe McDonald is 73. Writer-comedian Don Novello is 72. Actor Rick Hurst is 69. Country singer Steve Ripley (The Tractors) is 65. Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., is 61. The head of the International Monetary Fund, Christine Lagarde, is 59. Rapper Grandmaster Flash is 57. Actress Ren Woods is 57. Actress Dedee Pfeiffer is 51. Actress Embeth Davidtz is 49. Country singer Brian Flynn (Flynnville Train) is 49. Actor Morris Chestnut is 46. Actor Verne Troyer is 46. Elin Nordegren is 35.

Thought for Today: "Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." — Oprah Winfrey.

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

