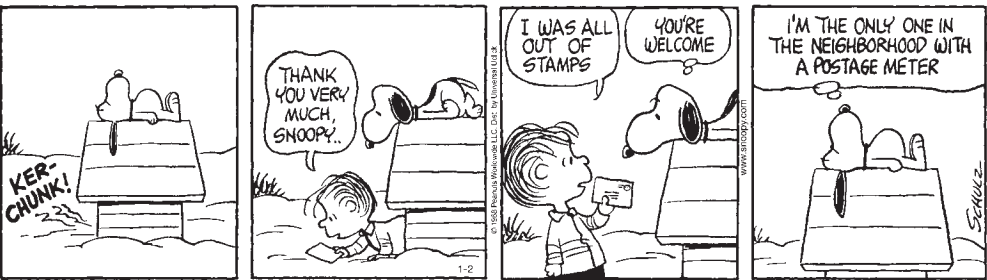


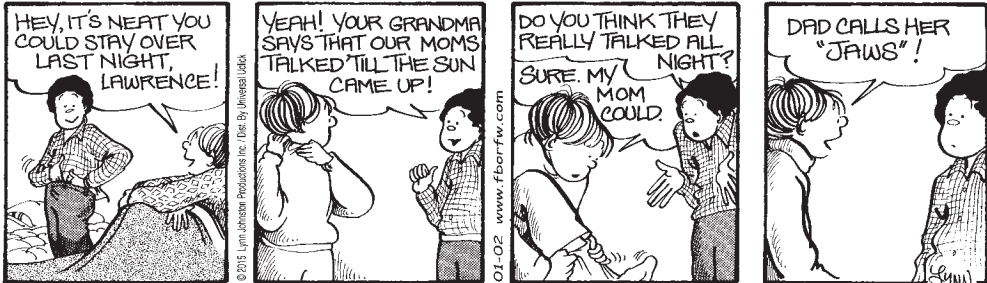
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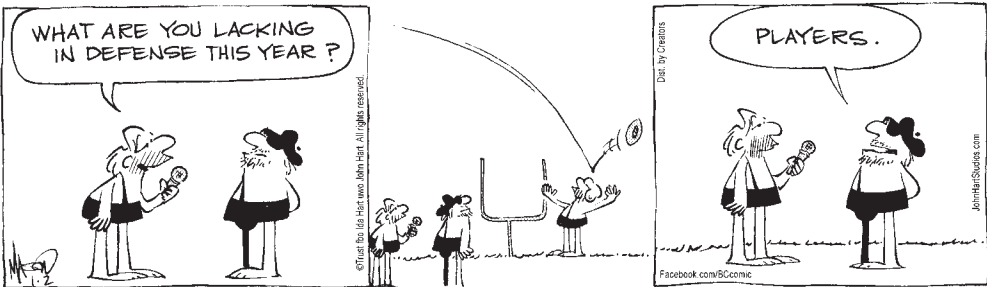
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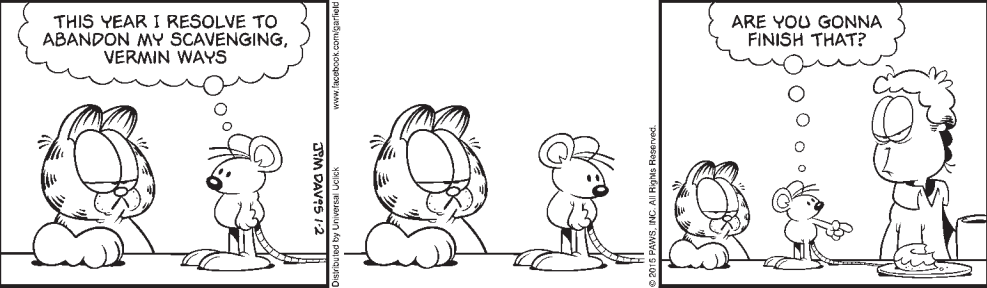
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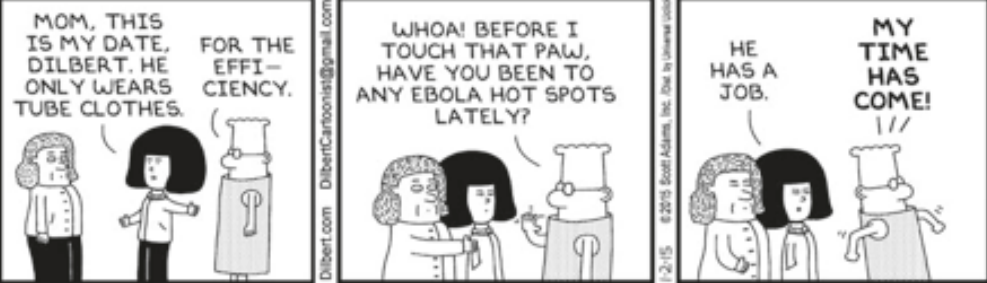
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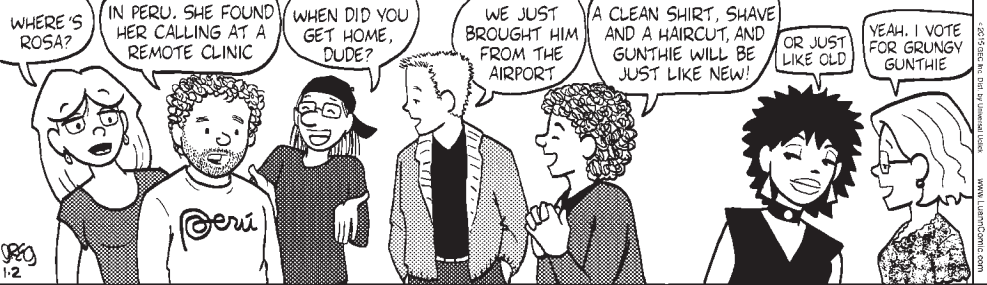
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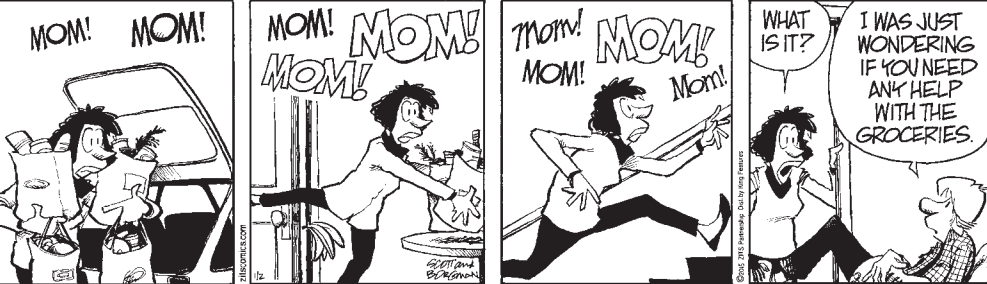
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DEAR ABBY

Good manners are in short supply when couple eats out

Dear Abby: I am recently divorced and now seeing a wonderful woman who is pretty much everything I was looking for except for a couple of issues, which concern going out to eat — which we do often. Not once has she offered to pay for a meal.

I make good money, but she is not financially strapped by any means. While I can live with her not paying, what annoys me is she rarely says thank you after a dinner date. Once, she ordered a to-go selection to take home to her daughter. I paid for it, but again got no thanks. When we arrived at her house, she gave the food to her daughter without mentioning that I had bought it for her.

Other than her manners, she's a great gal and I'm happy we're together. Am I being petty and overly sensitive? My ex-wife never appreciated me, so I guess it's a sore spot. How should I approach this without jeopardizing everything else? — **Hesitant To Speak Up In The Midwest**

Dear Hesitant: Your great gal has poor manners. Approach it by telling her exactly what you have written to me. Then ask her why she never says thank you and didn't bother to give you credit when you did something nice for her daughter.

Either this woman never learned basic manners, or she takes you for granted. And if this is a pattern with all the women in your life, it's important you understand why and do something about it before you marry again or you will never be happy.

Dear Abby: I stepped into a public restroom with three regular stalls and a handicap/wheelchair-accessible stall. All the stalls were occupied, so I got in line. By the time



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Advice

it was my turn, the handicapped stall was available. Behind me was a mother with a fussy baby and a toddler, and she needed to use the baby changing station, which happened to be located inside the handicapped stall. I let her go first.

What I didn't realize was a woman in a wheelchair was also in line behind me. She got upset when I let someone else use the stall instead of allowing her. Someone else in line piped up and told her she had to wait in line like everyone else.

When situations like this arise, should disabled people be allowed to skip the line and go straight to the big stall? Even if the mother with the baby and the location of a diaper changing station were not a factor, is the right thing to do to let a wheelchair-bound person use the restroom first, even if he/she is at the end of the line? — **Trying To Be Polite**

Dear Trying: Yes, it is. It's called a "handicapped stall" for a reason. The person with the disability should have been allowed to use it first — even if he/she was at the end of the line.

Dear Abby: I have two children from a previous marriage. We have a distant relationship. For valid reasons, they have been written out of my will. Should I tell them now, or let them find out after my death? — **Wondering What To Do**

Dear Wondering: I see no reason to announce it now, because before you die you might change your mind.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 2, 1915

On Monday Deputy Sheriff George McDuffee, the hero of the July train robbery in this county, will take the oath of office as sheriff in Morrow county. He had been nominated by the republicans last spring and his action in shooting the leader of the bandits and preventing a further plundering of the passengers of the held-up train proved a big political asset for him, although his efficiency as an officer had been proved many times before.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 2, 1965

A freakish dust and snow storm has been howling through the eastern part of Umatilla County the past 24 hours, closing highways and covering fields with a two inch layer of the mixture. Judge Sam Cook said visibility at his Helix home was down to about 100 yards and the dust looked like a thin brown-colored fog. He said dust and snow had drifted on to the roads and that instead of trying to drive

through it you had to drive on top of the layer of silt. Highway 11 between Pendleton and Milton-Freewater was closed for three hours today due to the lack of visibility.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 2, 1990

A 9-year-old Umatilla boy who had brain surgery three months ago probably will be able to go home this month if he keeps progressing. On Christmas Eve, Ron McCorkle Jr. of Umatilla was allowed to leave his Portland hospital bed to spend a few hours with his family. The third grader at McNary Heights Elementary School had eight hours of surgery last October in the St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., to repair an aneurysm. Physicians stopped his heart for 72 minutes during surgery, the longest they had ever done so. A month later, young McCorkle was flown to a Portland hospital for continued treatment. If his recovery continues at the same pace, Ron may be released from the hospital in January or February, his mother said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the second day of 2015. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 2, 1965, New York Jets owner Sonny Werblin signed University of Alabama quarterback Joe Namath to a contract reportedly worth \$427,000.

On this date: In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1893, the U.S. Postal Service issued its first commemorative stamp to honor the World's Columbian Expedition and the quadricentennial of Christopher Columbus' voyage.

In 1900, Secretary of State John Hay announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China.

In 1921, religious services were broadcast on radio for the first time as KDKA in Pittsburgh aired the regular Sunday service of the city's Calvary Episcopal Church.

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flem-

ington, New Jersey, on charges of kidnapping and murdering the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.)

In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1955, the president of Panama, Jose Antonio Remon Cantera, was assassinated.

In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts launched his successful bid for the presidency.

In 1971, 66 people were killed in a pileup of spectators leaving a soccer match at Ibrox Stadium in Glasgow, Scotland.

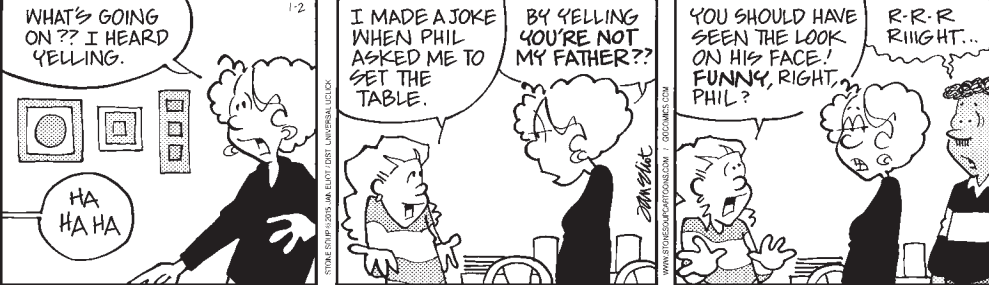
In 1974, President Richard Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 miles an hour as a way of conserving gasoline in the face of an OPEC oil embargo. (The 55 mph limit was effectively phased out in 1987; federal speed limits were abolished in 1995.)

Today's Birthdays: Country musician Harold Bradley is 89. Singer Julius La Rosa is 85. Former House Speaker Dennis Hastert is 73. TV host Jack Hanna is 68. Actress Wendy Phillips is 63. Actress Gabrielle Carteris is 54. Movie director Todd Haynes is 54. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher David Cone is 52. Actress Tia Carrere is 48. Actor Cuba Gooding Jr. is 47. Model Christy Turlington is 46. Actor Taye Diggs is 44. Rock musician Scott Underwood (Train) is 44. Rock singer Doug Robb (Hoobastank) is 40. Actor Dax Shepard is 40. Actress Paz Vega is 39. Country musician Chris Hartman is 37. Ballroom dancer Karina Smirnoff (TV: "Dancing with the Stars") is 37. Rock musician Jerry DePizzo Jr. (O.A.R.) is 36. Actress Kate Bosworth is 32. Jazz singer-musician Trombone Shorty is 29.

Thought for Today: "You are not very good if you are not better than your best friends imagine you to be." — Johann Kaspar Lavater, Swiss theologian (1741-1801).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

