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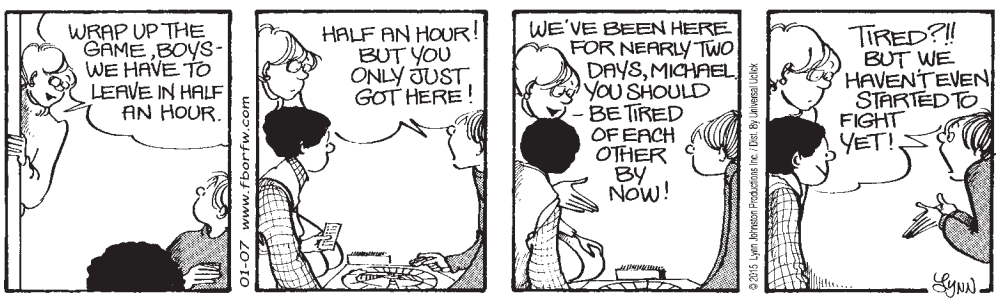

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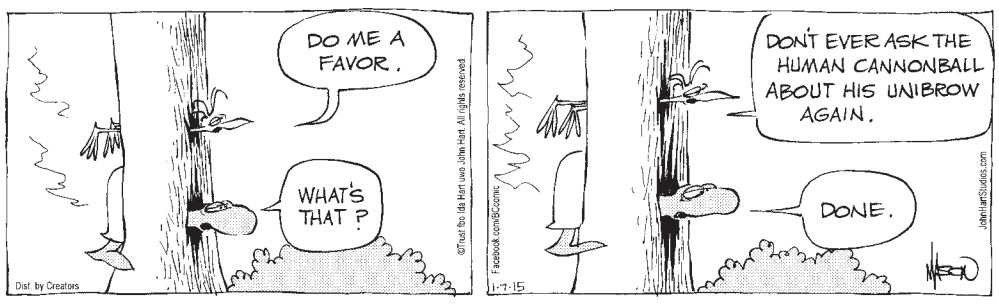

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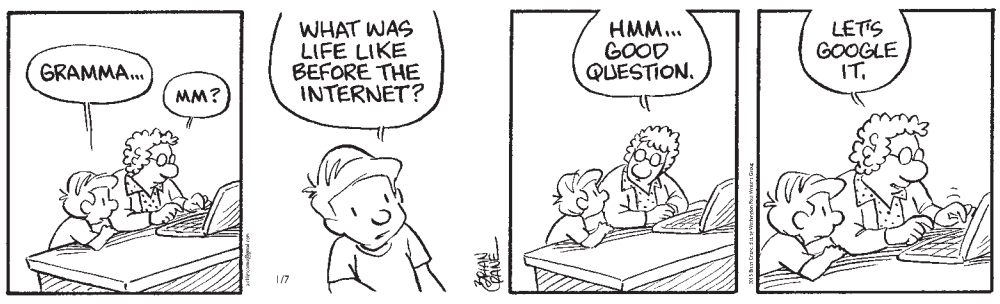

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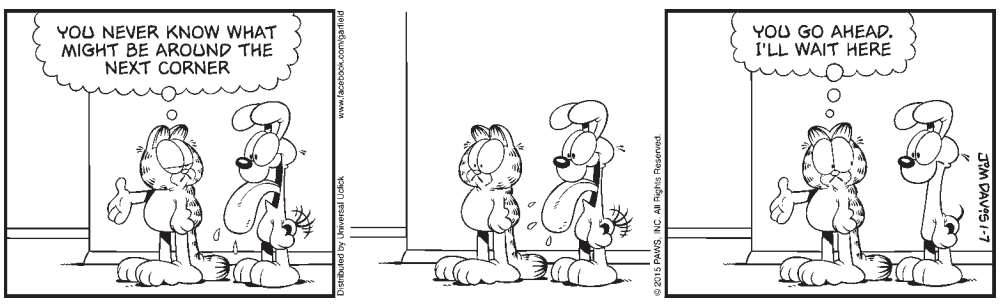

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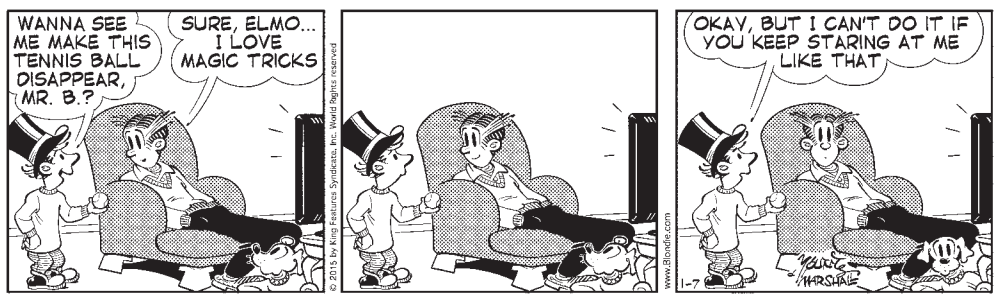

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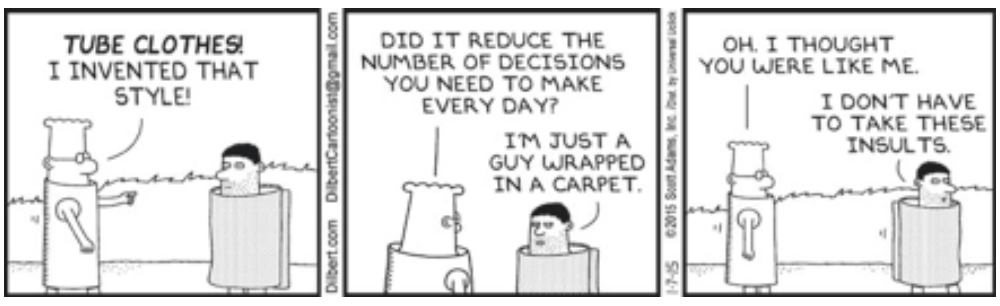

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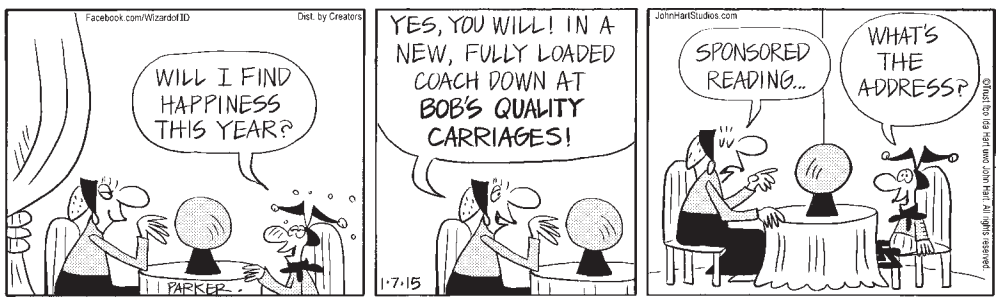

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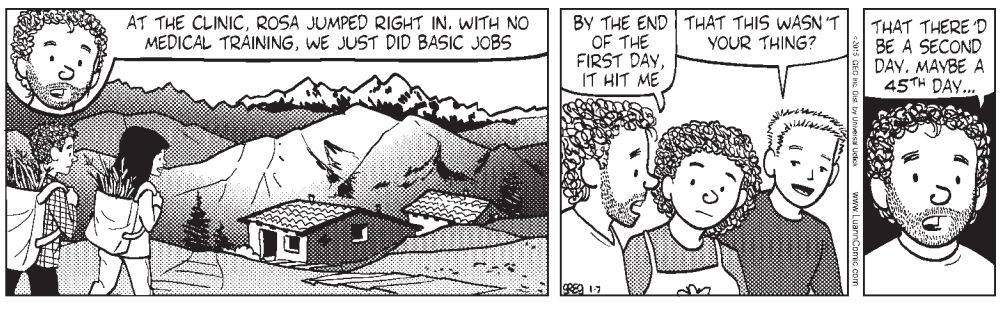

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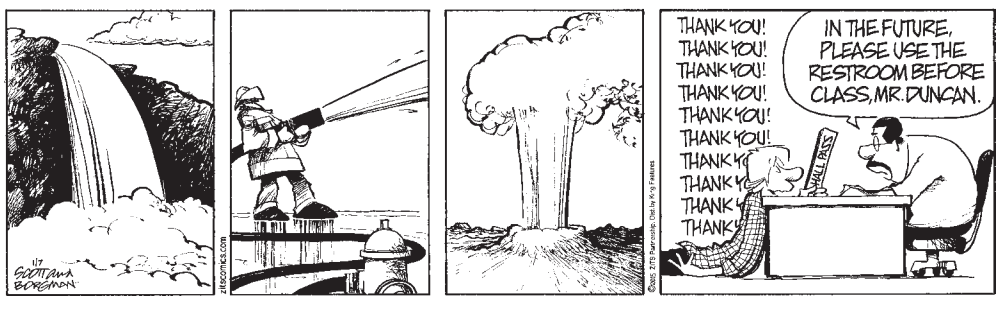

BIG NATE BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

DEAR ABBY

Woman's illicit affair seems to upset only her sister

JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: My sister has been seeing a married man for two years. He has told her the only reason he is staying in this loveless marriage is for his daughter (standard lie of a cheating husband).

His wife found out midway through this "relationship," but forgave him when he swore he would stop, which of course he didn't. When I told my sister how wrong this relationship is and that she deserves better, I ended up alienating her.

I have recently learned that his wife just had a second child, and my sister is pregnant, too. I'm sick to my stomach with all of this. I told her how crazy her situation is, but she refuses to see how horrible "the man she loves" really is. She says she is fine raising this child alone, and if her lover is in their lives, then she will be satisfied with that.

I am the only one freaking out about this. How do I deal with it and not totally lose my sister? — **Freaking Out In Illinois**

Dear Freaking Out: Your sister is an adult. She has made her choices and may have to learn the hard way what you have been trying to tell her. Realize that as much as you love her, you cannot live her life for her. Let her know you're there for her and the baby, because she's going to need all the support she can get.

Dear Abby: I am 30 and my husband, "Brent," is 35. We have had some financial troubles lately and recently had to move in with my mother-in-law.

My question is, how old should a child be before his mother quits walking around naked in front of him? My mother-in-law still walks around completely nude in front of Brent and his 39-year-old brother. Although she is in good health, she always seems to need Brent's help getting in and out of the shower.

She also parades nude in front of me, and it makes me very uncomfortable. I have talked to Brent about it a few times, and he said she's been this way his whole life.

Is this normal behavior? Am I overreacting? I have a daughter, and I don't get naked in front of her. How do I approach this without causing hurt feelings? — **Covered Up In The Midwest**

Dear Covered Up: Obviously, in the household that your husband was raised, this behavior WAS normal. I am puzzled, however, that your mother-in-law needs help getting in and out of the shower. What are the "boys" supposed to do — scrub her back?

Because her nudity makes you uncomfortable, the most tactful way to approach this would be for Brent to explain to his mother that you were not raised this way, and that you both would appreciate it if she'd wear a robe when you're around. It's worth a try.

Dear Abby: If I sit at the end of a pew in church and someone comes in after me insisting I move because it's his/her "favorite" seat, should I do it or ask the person to sit somewhere else? — **Got Here First In Pennsylvania**

Dear G.H.F.: If you're sitting in God's house, you should be on your best behavior. Don't commit a sin of omission; be an angel and shove over.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 7, 1915

At a cost of a little more than $2110 a mile, the stretch of macadam road between Adams and Athena has been completed by Roadmaster C.H. Martin, and roadmaking operations have now stopped until after the cold winter weather is past. The distance by the road between Adams and Athena is about five and a half miles and the total cost of grading and laying the macadam was $11,609.63. This is considered a low cost for this character of road. The completion of the Adams-Athena stretch gives the county a macadam road from Pendleton to Weston.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 7, 1965

Mayor Dewey West received word Monday from the League of Oregon Cities that Boardman is one of 12 cities in the state with a natural fluoridated water supply and the only one in Morrow County. There are 21 cities and 5 unincorporated areas that fluoridate their water, which is about 14 percent of the population of the state. Eugene, Salem, Albany and Sweet Home received expression of support for fluoridation at the last election.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 7, 1990

Fred Ziari of Hermiston is striking out on his own after years of giving growers advice on behalf of a local power company. On Tuesday, Ziari opened IRZ Consulting in Hermiston, an engineering company specializing in irrigation system design and other services for agriculture. Ziari had worked as irrigation specialist at Umatilla Electric Cooperative Association since 1982, where he developed water management and irrigation scheduling programs unique in the United States. In one of the programs, growers on more than 100,000 acres use home computers linked to Umatilla Electric's computer satellite system to help determine daily water needs. Ziari has received state and national energy awards for his work.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the seventh day of 2015. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 7, 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

On this date:

In 1610, astronomer Galileo Galilei began observing three of Jupiter's moons (he spotted a fourth moon almost a week later).

In 1789, America held its first presidential election as voters chose electors who, a month later, selected George Washington to be the nation's first chief executive.

In 1800, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, was born in Summerhill, New York.

In 1894, one of the earliest motion picture experiments took place at the Thomas Edison studio in West Orange, New Jersey, as Fred Ott was filmed taking a pinch of snuff and sneezing.

In 1904, the Marconi International Marine Communication Company of London announced that the telegraphed letters "CQD" would serve as a maritime distress call (it was later replaced with "SOS").

In 1942, the Japanese siege of Bataan began during World War II. (The fall of Bataan three months later was followed by the notorious Death March.)

In 1949, George C. Marshall resigned as U.S. Secretary of State; President Harry S. Truman chose Dean Acheson to succeed him.

In 1955, singer Marian Anderson made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in New York, in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera." The opening of the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa was televised for the first time.

In 1963, the U.S. Post Office raised the cost of a first-class stamp from 4 to 5 cents.

In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

Today's Birthdays: Author William Peter Blatty is 87. Magazine publisher Jann Wenner is 69. Singer Kenny Loggins is 67. Singer-songwriter Marshall Chapman is 66. Latin pop singer Juan Gabriel is 65. Actress Erin Gray is 65. Actor Sammo Hung is 63. Actor David Caruso is 59. Talk show host Katie Couric is 58. Country singer David Lee Murphy is 56. Rock musician Kathy Valentine is 56. Actor David Marciano is 55. Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., is 54. Actress Hallie Todd is 53. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., is 51. Actor Nicolas Cage is 51. Singer-songwriter John Ondrasik (Five for Fighting) is 50. Actor Doug E. Doug is 45. Actor Jeremy Renner is 44. Brett Dalton (TV: "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.") is 32.

Thought for Today: "Nothing in science has any value to society if it is not communicated, and scientists are beginning to learn their social obligations." — *Anne Roe Simpson, American psychologist (1904-1991).*