

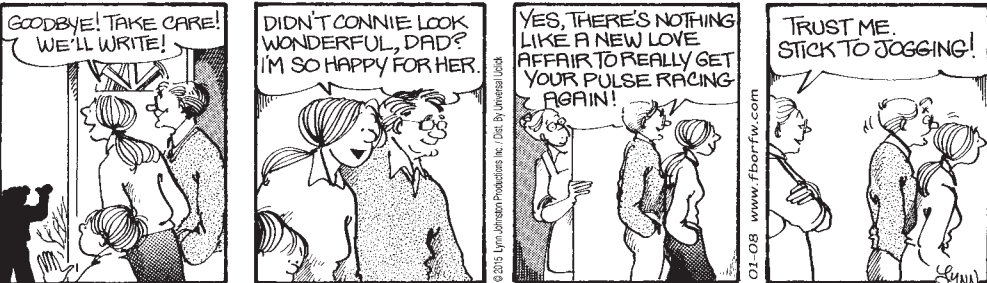
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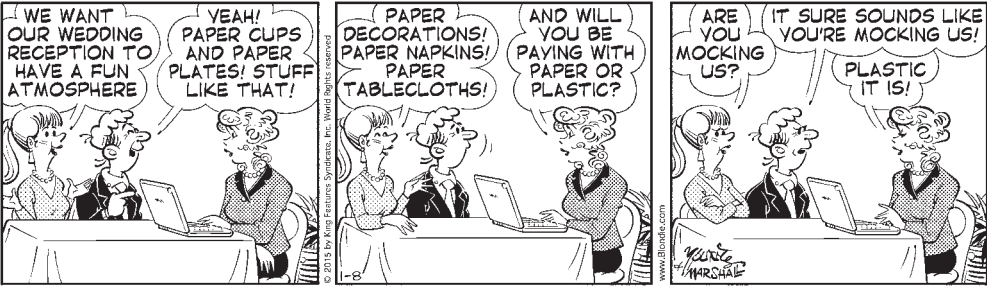
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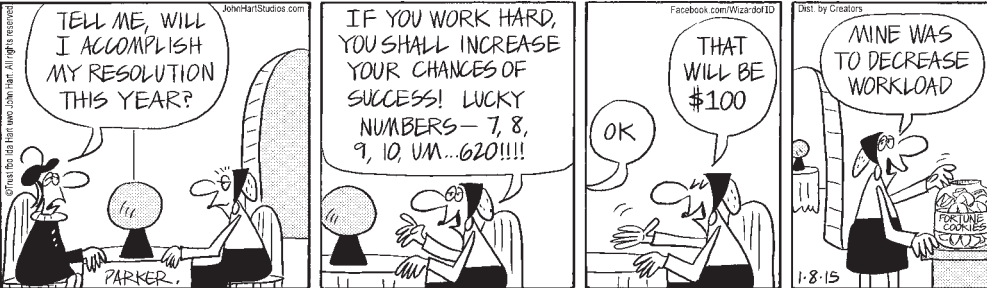
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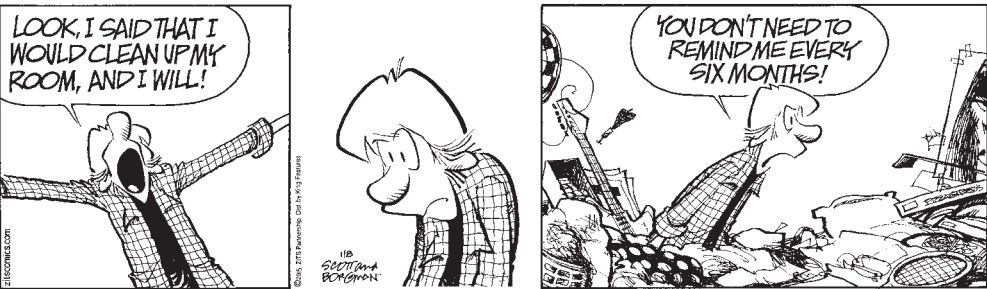
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DEAR ABBY

Online search yields shocking news about live-in boyfriend

Dear Abby: Recently, a member of the family suggested that my mother Google the name of my sister's new live-in boyfriend. (Another family member said he had done it months ago.) When Mom did, she saw that he is a convicted sex offender. We were all shocked as he has been very good to my sister and other members of the family.

So far, we haven't said anything to my sister or her boyfriend, and I am unsure what to do. I have a small child and it makes me nervous. I don't know if my sister knows, and I don't know how to bring it up.

I am upset with my family member because he didn't say anything immediately after finding this information. I'm upset at my sister if she knows and hasn't been honest with us, and I am upset with this man. What should I do? — **Upset In Virginia**

Dear Upset: First let me tell you what NOT to do. Do not remain silent and stew. Tell your sister everything you have written to me and ask if she's aware that her live-in boyfriend is on a sex offender website. If his offense concerned a minor child, it is possible that he is not supposed to be around children — and if he has been that the authorities would like to know. But first, discuss this with your sister who may — or may not — be able to put your fears to rest.

Dear Abby: I have been dating a widower for a year. While he was eager to jump into the dating pool, he still has a mini shrine of his late wife's ashes and belongings in their



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

house. I can't bring myself to have dinner or sleep over there with that overt presence.

He recently told me he's saving her remains to be intermingled with his when he dies. It was among a long list of her afterlife instructions he described. He's in good health. I figure he has 25 years — or more — life expectancy before the big event.

Realistically, shouldn't I expect more than second best in his world?

Is there a time limit for grieving, or does the deceased get to control her hubby from the other side? — **Waiting And Wondering**

Dear Waiting And Wondering: Realistically, this has less to do with what you should "expect" than conclusions the widower must arrive at on his own. Ask him in a nonconfrontational way how he FEELS about carrying out all of his deceased wife's wishes — and whether he thinks it is fair to himself or you. Be prepared to discuss it without becoming emotional. His answers will tell you everything you need to know about a future with him.

P.S. If your relationship with him is good, why not focus on the present and not worry about what happens to his body when he's gone? However, if this is a deal breaker, then don't invest any more time.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 8, 1915

In order to make the turn from the west end of Webb street into Tutuilla road a right angle one, the city council has come to an amicable agreement with Mrs. Katherine Stover whereby a three cornered piece of her corner lot, 40 feet wide on Webb street and 120 feet deep on Tutuilla will be thrown into the road. The city agrees to assume the street improvement lien against it, amounting to perhaps \$175, and to move her house for her. This arrangement will not only improve the street but will permit the new steel bridge, being built by the county and city, to be placed in a more favorable location. The street committee was authorized to move Mrs. Stover's house at once.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 8, 1965

The Air Force announced plans today to disband 155 Air Force Reserve units by April. The action involves about 8,000 reservists in 44 states and the District of Columbia. Two Oregon units are among those being disbanded — the 9606th recovery unit at Pendleton

and the 9608th recovery unit at Redmond. A military spokesman estimated between 50 and 75 men would be affected. Although the announcement did not say so, the action was believed to be a forerunner to the merger of the Air Force Reserve into the Air National Guard. Such a move would parallel action already taken with respect to the Army Reserve and National Guard.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 8, 1990

Winds clocked at nearly 80 mph snapped power poles and trees in northeastern Oregon Sunday night and Monday morning, causing general havoc throughout the region. No injuries have been reported, but power was out throughout the area and damage to homes, businesses and schools is widespread. Toll-gate Highway 204 was closed today and a Boise Cascade employee estimated that some 2 million board feet of lumber had been blown down. At the height of the wind storm the entire Umatilla Electric Cooperative's customer service area — from Meacham to Boardman — was without power early today, Director Russ Dorran said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the eighth day of 2015. There are 357 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 8, 1815, the last major engagement of the War of 1812 came to an end as U.S. forces led by Maj. Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans. (Given the slowness of communications at the time, the battle took place even though the United States and Britain had already signed a peace treaty.)

On this date:

In 1642, astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.

In 1790, President George Washington delivered his first State of the Union address to Congress in New York.

In 1863, America's First Transcontinental Railroad had its beginnings as California Gov. Leland Stanford broke ground for the Central Pacific Railroad in Sacramento. (The transcontinental railroad was completed in May

1869.)

In 1912, the African National Congress was founded in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

In 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

In 1959, Charles de Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his State of the Union address, declared an "unconditional war on poverty in America."

In 1965, the Star of India and other gems stolen from the American Museum of Natural History in New York the previous October were recovered from a bus depot locker in Miami.

In 1982, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

In 1998, Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life imprisonment.

Today's Birthdays:

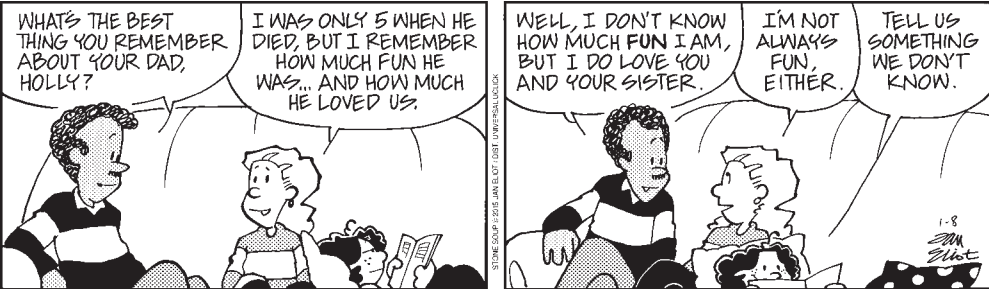
Actor-comedian Larry Storch is 92. Actor Ron Moody is 91. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 87. CBS newsman Charles Osgood is 82. Singer Shirley Bassey is 78. Game show host Bob Eubanks is 77. Country-gospel singer Cristy Lane is 75. Rhythm-and-blues singer Anthony Gourdine (Little Anthony and the Imperials) is 74. Physicist Stephen Hawking is 73. Singer Juanita Cowart Motley (The Marvellettes) is 71. Rock musician Robby Krieger (The Doors) is 69. Rock singer David Bowie is 68. Movie director John McTiernan is 64. Singer R. Kelly is 48. Reggae singer Sean Paul is 42. Actress-rock singer Jenny Lewis is 39. A Rock musician Disashi Lumumbo-Kasongo (Gym Class Heroes) is 32.

Thought for Today:

"Contempt for happiness is usually contempt for other people's happiness, and is an elegant disguise for hatred of the human race." — *Bertrand Russell, English philosopher and mathematician (1872-1970).*

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

