

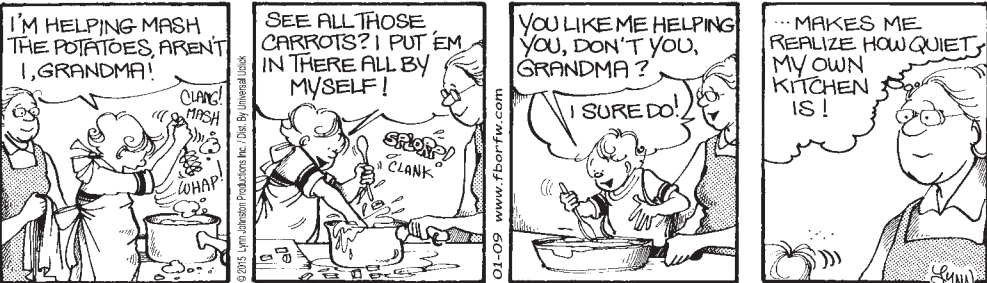
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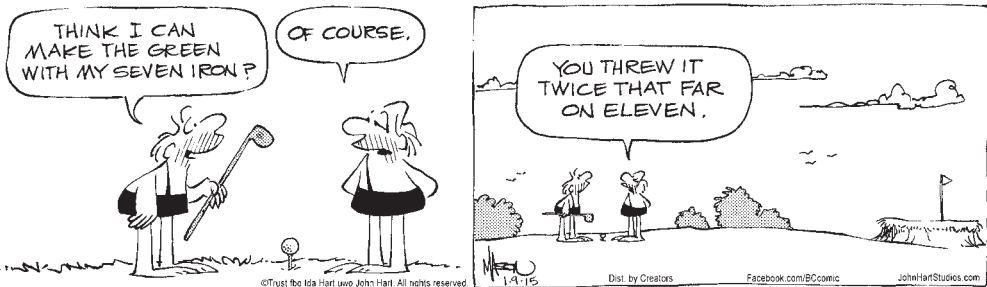
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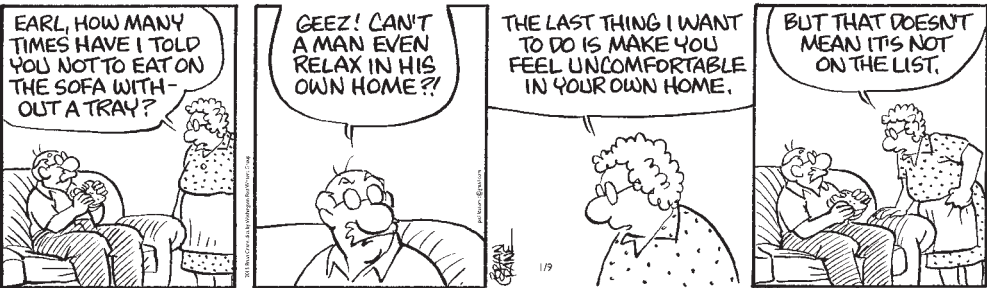
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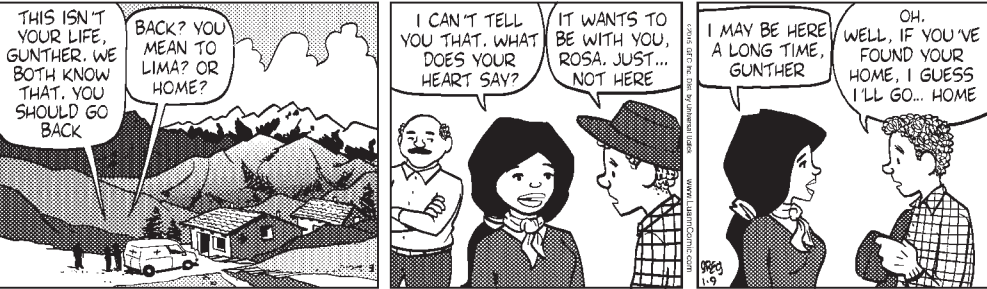
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DEAR ABBY

Secret of son's parentage weighs on mother's mind

Dear Abby: I am worried about how my 10-year-old son, "Jake," will take some news he's not aware of yet. I wasn't able to have children, so my husband and I turned to in-vitro, using a donated egg from a family member. We thank God this method worked.

Our plan was to explain it to Jake when he got older, once he understood about the birds and the bees. Now I am starting to get this fear that he will be very upset when he learns about it and be angry with us.

I don't want him to go into a depression over it. What should we do? Should we wait like we planned? Should we have told him already? Or should we say nothing? — **Mom In Chicago**

Dear Mom: Not knowing Jake, I can't gauge his level of maturity. I'm not sure why being told how special he is, and how grateful you and your husband are to be his parents would send him into a depression. But because you think it might, discuss this with a child psychologist before talking to your son. Please don't put this off, because if other family members know about the egg donation, it is only a matter of time before the cat will be out of the bag, and it's better that Jake hears this information from you.

Dear Abby: I am a 23-year-old woman in grad school, and I have noticed something about my male friends. Whenever they meet a new girl, the first comment out of their mouths is about her looks. Then they will expound at length on her physical assets (or lack thereof).

Abby, it makes me furious. Not only does



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Advice

it make me feel self-conscious about my own body, it also makes me angry that these talented, charming and outgoing girls are judged first by their cup size.

Is there anything I can say to my friends to make them amend their behavior? Or am I being overly sensitive and need to accept that this is a "guy thing"? Thanks for your input. — **Objectified In Omaha**

Dear Objectified: It's a guy thing.

That they talk this way in front of you may indicate that they consider you "one of the guys." Since it bothers you, speak up and suggest they knock it off. If you do, it may jar them back to reality.

Dear Abby: My wife and I would love your take on a disagreement we've had since we were married. It's the age-old question, "So, where did you two meet?"

We met abroad at a university exchange program and were introduced to each other by our school sponsors in the bar where all the students hung out. We shook hands, exchanged greetings and I left right afterward.

I answer the question by saying, "We met in a bar." My wife says, "We met in university." Who's right? — **Bar None? In Texas**

Dear Bar None: You both are, but have you never heard the adage, "A happy wife makes for a happy life"? My advice is to stick with her version.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 9, 1915

Roused from her bed by a knock on her door, and opening it when the voice of a man announced that he had an express package for her, Mrs. Mary Hanna, an aged woman who lives alone at 602 East Railroad street, was seized and choked by the man who ordered her to give up a hoard of money she had in her house. She fought him with a pair of scissors but finally surrendered her purse in which was 50 cents, but refused to disclose the hiding place of \$200. Charged with being the perpetrator of the attack and robbery, Robert Johnson, a peddler who has been rooming at 107 Garfield street, was arrested and the case against him was considered by the grand jury yesterday.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 9, 1965

The Umatilla County Juvenile Advisory Council last night lent its weight to a move for creation of a second Circuit Court for the Sixth Judicial District — Umatilla and Morrow counties. The court, under the propos-

al submitted by the district bar association, would handle all family relations cases in Umatilla County. This would include juvenile matters, divorce and probate. The new court would eliminate "piecemeal jurisdiction" on family troubles, said Tom Mosgrove, Pendleton attorney and spokesman for the bar association.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 9, 1990

As his wife slept beside him, Lloyd Franke lay in bed early Monday listening to the wind howl. Suddenly, a tree next to their 75-year-old home on Washington Street in Ir-rigon blew against the house. The tree, which measured more than two feet in diameter at its base, cut through the bedroom wing like a cleaver, chopping it in two. The tree shoved an outside door across the room to the foot of the bed, and debris trapped them for a few moments. Mildred Franke, who is 86 and has lived in the house since 1953, said they escaped "without a scratch" with the help of her nephew and another man. By mid-afternoon the rest of their bedroom wing had been torn down to allow repairs to begin.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the ninth day of 2015. There are 356 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 9, 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing on the shores of Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines as the Battle of Luzon got underway, resulting in an Allied victory over Imperial Japanese forces.

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

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, New Jersey.

In 1861, Mississippi became the second state to secede from the Union, the same day the Star of the West, a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements and supplies to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, retreated because of artillery fire.

In 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of

the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, California.

In 1914, the County of Los Angeles opened the country's first public defender's office. The fraternity Phi Beta Sigma was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

In 1968, the Surveyor 7 space probe made a soft landing on the moon, marking the end of the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported autobiography of him by Clifford Irving was a fake.

In 1995, in New York, the trial of Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and 11 other defendants accused of conspiring to wage holy war against the United States began. (All the defendants were convicted of seditious conspiracy, except for two who reached plea agreements with the government.)

Today's Birthdays: Author Judith Krantz is 87. Football Hall-of-Famer Bart Starr is 81. Sportscaster Dick Enberg is 80. Actress K. Callan is 79. Folk singer Joan Baez is 74. Rockabilly singer Roy Head is 74. Rock musician Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) is 71. Singer David Johansen (aka Buster Poindexter) is 65. Singer Crystal Gayle is 64. Actor J.K. Simmons is 60. Rock singer Steve Harwell (Smash Mouth) is 48. Rock singer-musician Dave Matthews is 48. Roots singer-songwriter Hayes Carll is 39. Singer A.J. McLean (Backstreet Boys) is 37. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, is 33.

Thought for Today: "One's lifework, I have learned, grows with the working and the living. Do it as if your life depended on it, and first thing you know, you'll have made a life out of it. A good life, too." — *Theresa Helburn, American theatrical producer (1887-1959).*

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

