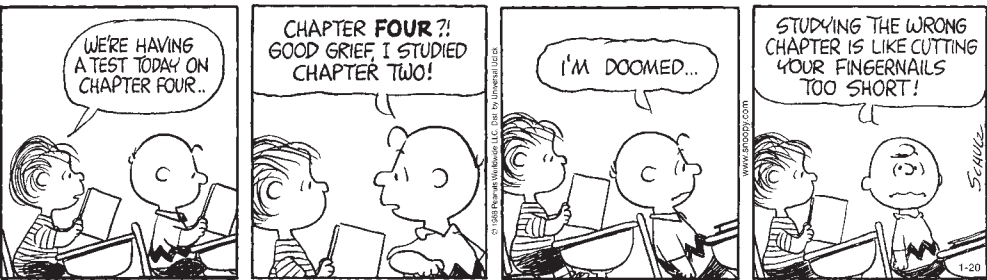


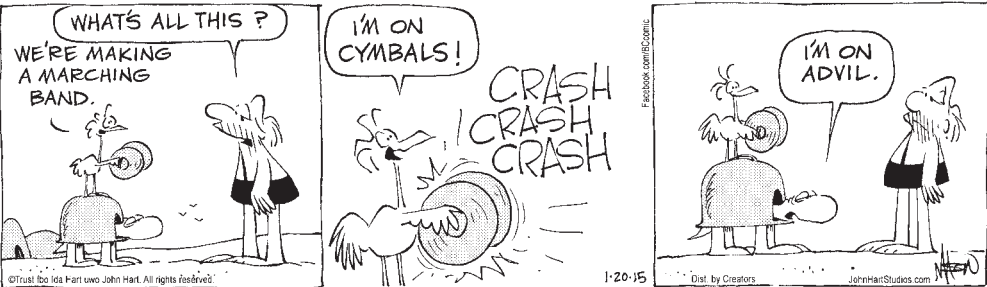
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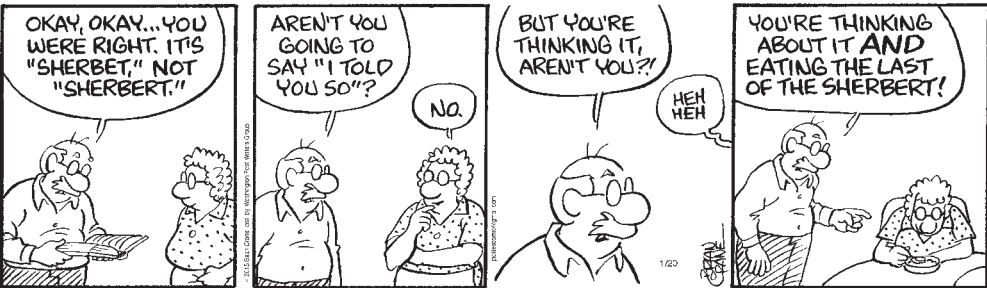
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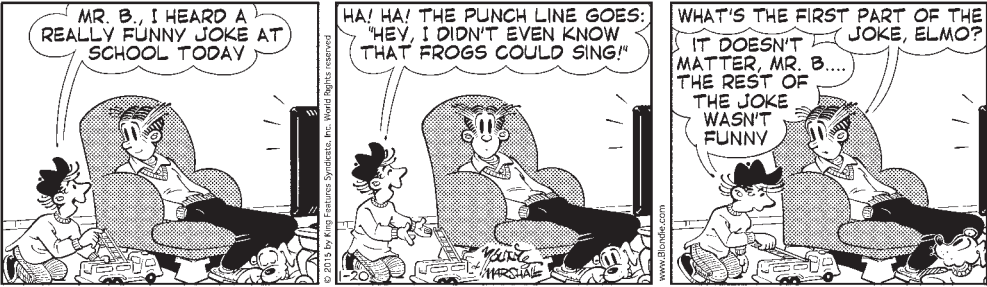
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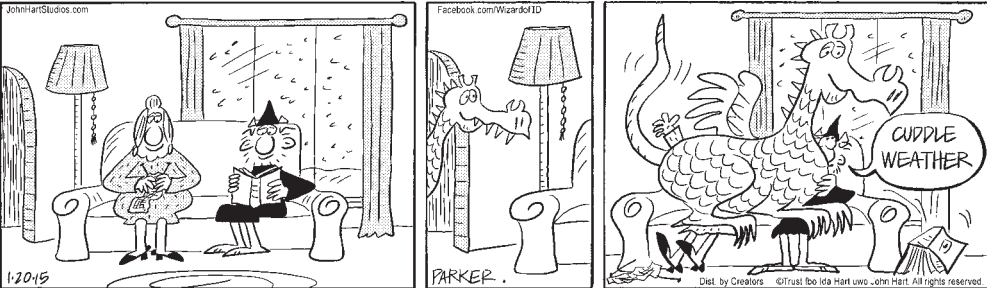
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DEAR ABBY

Gay grandma is unhappy being shielded from son's kids

Dear Abby: I came out of the closet when my son was 4. I thought I had taught him not to judge because of a label. He's now 30, with a wife and two adorable children who own my heart.

When my granddaughter was born, my partner and I were at the hospital and have visited with them often and they with us. However, after my grandson was born last year, my son quit speaking to me.

I have asked him numerous times what the issue is. His response is: "I have to protect my children from people who are gay. I don't want them to know anyone who is gay." His wife and her family are very religious, and I feel this is the real reason. What can I do? — **Heartbroken Gay Granny**

Dear Heartbroken: If your son is under the mistaken impression that he is going to somehow "protect" his children by isolating them from gay people, he must be living in an alternate reality. Does he also plan to emigrate to the moon?

I suspect you have put your finger squarely on the reason why your son is now ostracizing you. His wife appears to wield the power in that family, and could benefit by learning more about homosexuality AND her religion, which I assume preaches love and tolerance for one's fellow man rather than judgment and exclusion.

You can't force your son and his wife to have contact with you if they don't want to. Leave open the possibility that they may, over time, reconcile their love for you with their



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faith. For your own emotional well-being, it's important you find other outlets for your maternal instincts and go on with your life because any child would be blessed to be a part of it. Sadly, a large number of LGBT young people are rejected by their parents when they come out. These kids would benefit greatly from having a positive adult mentor like you. This could be your golden opportunity to make a significant, positive difference in someone's life. Contact Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays at pflag.org to find out how to get involved.

Dear Abby: My boyfriend is a widower. We have been dating for more than a year. He has his house and I have mine.

I just found out that we are sleeping in the bed his late wife died in. (She died in her sleep.) I had assumed that he had taken care of all that stuff because her clothes and other personal effects are gone.

How do I suggest we get another bed at his place? I try to have him come to my home as often as I can. But there are still times we end up at his house, and it's creepy. — **Sleeping Poorly In Florida**

Dear Sleeping Poorly: I agree. Tell him how you feel and suggest the two of you select a new mattress for his bed together. You have been a couple long enough that you should be able to speak frankly with him. And he has enough time invested in you that he should be willing.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 19-20, 1915

Bert Jerard, a Pendleton boy, bids fair to perpetuate his name on the campus of the University of Oregon as the result of a musical composition he has written for an "alma mater" song. In the fall of 1913 the student body of that institution conducted a campaign for a distinctive song for the college and in a contest that took in alumni and undergraduates, Leland Hendricks was awarded the prize of \$25. However he wrote merely the words and ever since then attempts have been made to put it to suitable music. All attempts were pronounced failures by the students who wanted something "singable and whistleable." This year young Jerard, whose ability to coax music out of a piano is well known here, was induced to throw his talent into the breach. His composition is pronounced by Hendricks, the author of the song, as "the real stuff" and has appeal to the fancy of all the students who have heard it. It is said to be classical enough to meet the requirements for an "alma mater" song and catchy enough to make it popular. A \$25 prize was offered by the student body for the best music but young Jerard has refused to accept any monetary reward for his labors.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 18-20, 1965

A 17-year-old La Grande youngster led the Oregon state police on a hair raising chase across the Blue Mountains between La Grande and Pendleton Monday night in heavy

fog, at speeds between 100 and 120 miles an hour. The youngster finally lost control of his vehicle about 13 miles east of Pendleton on Highway 30 after running two roadblocks. He was first pursued by the La Grande police after he stole a car in La Grande. The La Grande police chased him as far as Starkey and then summoned help from the state police. After dodging two roadblocks, one near Meacham and another at mile post 226, the youth started down Emigrant Hill in extremely thick fog with three police cars in pursuit. He ran into an embankment and was taken into custody, and returned to La Grande. Ironically, the youngster had stolen the same car earlier and abandoned it near Elgin, but saved the keys. When he spotted the vehicle Monday in La Grande he simply jumped inside, used his keys and drove off.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 18-20, 1990

A 35-year-old Umatilla man is listed in good condition this morning after being shot in the throat following an attempted drug deal, police said. Mike Miles, who lives in Room 70 at the Tillicum Motel in Umatilla, told police Thursday night he was shot with a sawed-off shotgun after refusing to sell drugs. Police said Miles identified his assailant as Randy Franklin, 32, a transient. Franklin and another man, Jake Gallegos, 26, of Hermiston, were charged with attempted murder and were being held without bail today at the Umatilla County Jail pending arraignment, Umatilla Police Chief Eldon Olson said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 20th day of 2015. There are 345 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 20, 1265, England's first representative Parliament met for the first time; the gathering at Westminster was composed of bishops, abbots, peers, Knights of the Shire and town burgesses.

On this date: In 1649, King Charles I of England went on trial, accused of high treason (he was found guilty and executed by month's end).

In 1887, the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In 1936, Britain's King George V died; he was succeeded by Edward VIII.

In 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee

conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Jews.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was sworn into office for an unprecedented fourth term.

In 1954, "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial," a play by Herman Wouk based on part of his novel "The Caine Mutiny," opened on Broadway.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson was inaugurated for a term of office in his own right. Rock-and-roll promoter Alan Freed, 43, died in Palm Springs, California. The Byrds recorded the Bob Dylan song "Mr. Tambourine Man" at Columbia Records in Hollywood.

In 1986, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Arte Johnson is 86. Former astronaut Buzz Aldrin is 85. Olympic gold medal figure skater Carol Heiss is 75. Singer Eric Stewart is 70. Movie director David Lynch is 69. Country-rock musician George Grantham (Poco) is 68. Rock musician Paul Stanley (KISS) is 63. Rock musician Ian Hill (Judas Priest) is 63. Comedian Bill Maher is 59. Actor James Denton is 52. Rock musician Greg K. (The Offspring) is 50. Sophie, Countess of Wessex, is 50. Actor Rainn Wilson is 49. TV personality Melissa Rivers is 47. Rap musician ?uestlove (questlove) (The Roots) is 44. Rock singer Kevin Parker (Tame Impala) is 29.

Thought for Today: "To enjoy life one should give up the lure of life." — *Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian religious leader (1869-1948).*

STONE SOUP BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

