

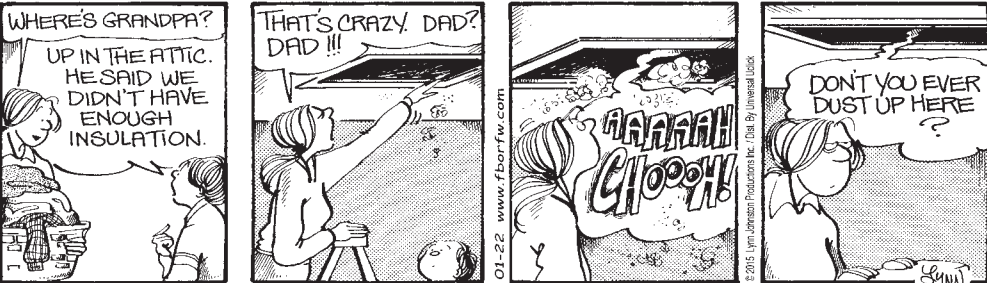
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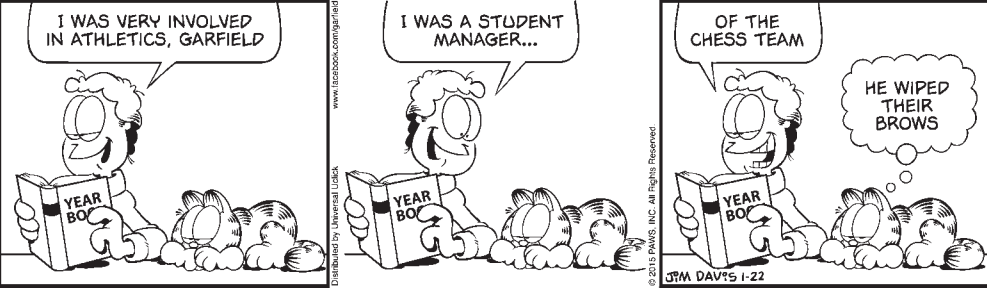
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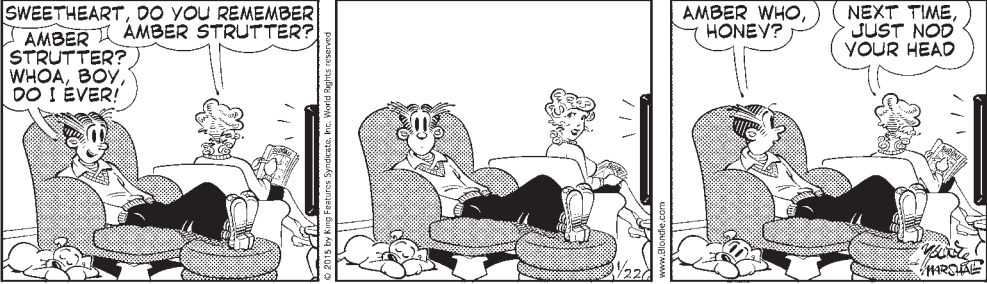
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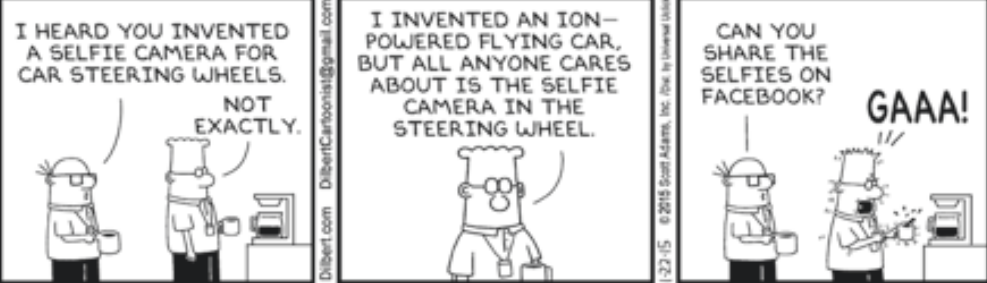
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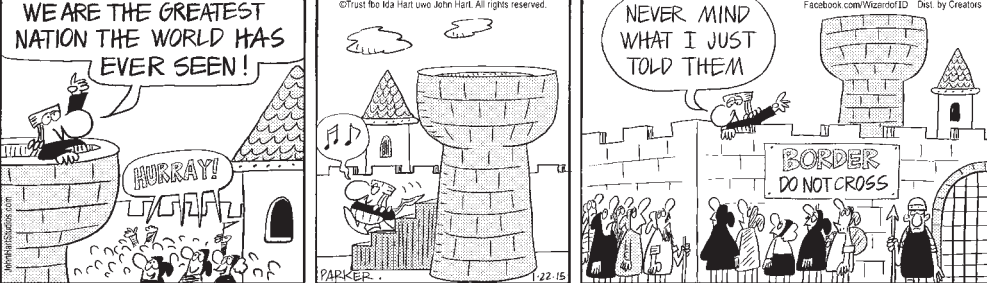
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DEAR ABBY

Readers share many reasons for choosing to be cremated

**Dear Abby:** I just finished the letter from “Plotting and Planning in Arizona” (Oct. 5), regarding why cremation is so popular. There are also other reasons.

My father, a WWII veteran, had planned to be buried in a national veterans’ cemetery. After his death we were informed that the only option currently available was interment in the veterans’ wall of honor columbarium, because the cemetery had run out of space for traditional burials. — **Proud Daughter Of Wwii Vet**

**Dear Proud Daughter:** “Plotting and Planning” guessed one reason was cost, while another might be that we live in a more mobile society. Readers agreed, but offered additional input:

**Dear Abby:** Several people I know prefer cremation because they are claustrophobic. Even the thought of being shut up in a casket gives them the heebie-jeebies. — **David In East Moline, Ill.**

**Dear Abby:** Rather than be buried in a cemetery (\$\$\$) or be cremated (my kids objected), I’m donating my body to medical science. I have degenerative arthritis, asthma and other minor conditions. Perhaps by doing this, I can help one of my own or someone else, contribute to medical science and prolong a few lives. — **Carol In Long Beach, Calif.**

**Dear Abby:** A few reasons why I have requested cremation: First, due to modern technology, it is now possible to take a portion of one’s cremains and turn them into diamond-like gems, one of which I’d like to leave to



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my dear mother-in-law to be. Second, because of the proliferation of fine mini-urns — which may be used as jewelry — I intend to have a portion of my ashes distributed to a few of the women who have touched my life in various ways over the years. I feel it is not only my right but also my duty to avoid saddling others with the exorbitant costs of today’s funeral extravaganzas. — **Kiffin, The Pragmatist**

**Dear Abby:** Cremation has a lot going for it. “Green burials” are becoming more popular. You can be wrapped in a shroud and buried in the ground. No chemicals, everything is biodegradable — ashes to ashes, dust to dust. — **Keep It Natural**

**Dear Abby:** Being an avid scuba diver, I have instructed my family that I wish to be cremated and my ashes turned into part of the memorial reef by the Neptune Society. This will help to create an underwater reef system not only for fish, but for divers to enjoy. That way, I’ll be able to return to nature, give divers a place to enjoy and forever be back in the water that I have always loved. — **Scuba Shell**

**Dear Abby:** I’m opting for cremation when my time comes. I don’t want to be dug up in the future for someone’s science project, grave robbers or archaeologists. I have “urned” my rest. — **Ralphee In Alabama**

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
Jan. 22, 1915

The Boy Scouts of Pendleton are to become protectors of game, game and song birds, and game fish. Under a plan proposed by District Warden E.F. Averill and which will be put into effect by him and Scout Master Clarence Tubbs, the local boys enlisted in this organization will become a factor in making for better game conditions in the county. It will be the duty of the Boy Scouts after they have received their commissions, to protect every animal, bird and fish under the protection of state or federal laws and to destroy varmints and other enemies of game. They are to report game conditions, game violations and to try to influence those they come in contact with to aid in the protection of the wild game. Though they will not be permitted to make arrests because of their age, they may inform on violators and, while on their hikes, will serve as a game patrol.

50 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
Jan. 22, 1965

Four boys who caused \$1,500 of damage at Hawthorne Court School were unable to answer “Why?” at a hearing Thursday. The youngsters, 7, 9, 10 and 12 years of age, broke into the school about 1 p.m. New Year’s Day.

They “tore up four rooms,” said Cpl. Gene Monaghan of the Pendleton Police Dept. Two of the boys are from Pendleton. Two are from Milton-Freewater. They were visiting here New Year’s Day. Judge D.R. Cook waived restitution of damages — under the law he could have asked for \$100 from each — because of the families’ financial condition and the tender ages of the youngsters involved. He placed all of the boys on probation and ordered the two Pendleton youngsters placed in a foster home temporarily. The Milton-Freewater youngsters were ordered to attend Sunday School every Sunday, join the Boy Scouts and take part in other organized activities.

25 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
Jan. 22, 1990

A Nebraska-based organization will take over residential and vocational programs for about 60 developmentally disabled clients here Feb. 1, a county official said. Bethphage, a private non-profit group affiliated with the Lutheran Church, will take over the program formerly operated by Nova Enterprises, Evelyn Jensen, director of the Umatilla County mental health department, said. Umatilla County has run the programs since October, when Nova’s board of directors voted to disband after its worker’s compensation insurance was canceled.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 22nd day of 2015. There are 343 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

**On Jan. 22, 1901,** Britain’s Queen Victoria died at age 81 after a reign of 63 years; she was succeeded by her eldest son, Edward VII.

**On this date:** In 1498, during his third voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus arrived at the present-day Caribbean island of St. Vincent.

**In 1908,** Katie Mulcahey became the first — and only — woman to run afoul of New York City’s just-passed ban on women smoking in public establishments. (Declaring, “No man shall dictate to me,” Mulcahey served a night in jail after refusing to pay a \$5 fine; the law, which did not specify any fines, ended up being vetoed by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr.)

**In 1917,** President Woodrow Wilson pleaded for an end to war in Europe, calling for “peace without victory.” (By April, however, America also was at war.)

**In 1944,** during World War II, Allied forces began landing at Anzio, Italy.

**In 1957,** suspected “Mad Bomber” George P. Metesky was arrested in Waterbury, Connecticut. (He was later found mentally ill and committed until 1973; he died in 1994.)

**In 1970,** the first regularly scheduled commercial flight of the Boeing 747 began in New York and ended in London some 6 1/2 hours later.

**In 1973,** the U.S. Supreme Court, in its Roe v. Wade decision, legalized abortions using a trimester approach.

**Today’s Birthdays:** Former Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., is 87. Actress Piper Laurie is 83. Actor Seymour Cassel is 80. Author Joseph Wam-

baugh is 78. Actor John Hurt is 75. Singer Steve Perry is 66. Country singer-musician Teddy Gentry (Alabama) is 63. Movie director Jim Jarmusch is 62. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Mike Bossy is 58. Actress Linda Blair is 56. Actress Diane Lane is 50. Actor-rap DJ Jazzy Jeff is 50. Country singer Regina Nicks (Regina Regina) is 50. Celebrity chef Guy Fieri (TV: “Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives”) is 47. Actress Olivia d’Abo is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Gay (Shai) is 46. Actress Katie Finneran (TV: “The Michael J. Fox Show”) is 44. Actor Gabriel Macht is 43. Actor Balthazar Getty is 40. Actor Christopher Kennedy Masterson is 35. Rock singer-musician Ben Moody is 34.

**Thought for Today:** “Children need models rather than critics.” — *Joseph Joubert, French moralist (1754-1824).*

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

