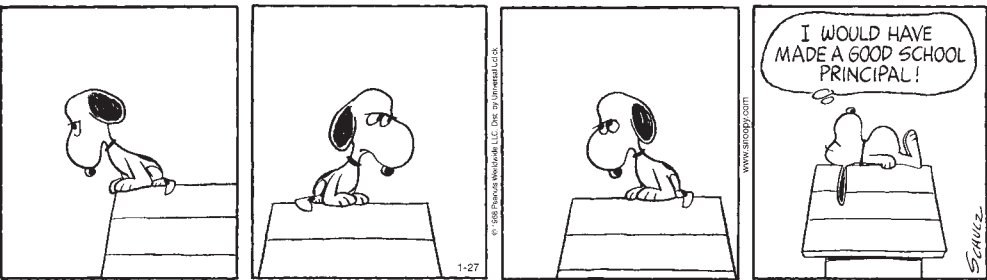


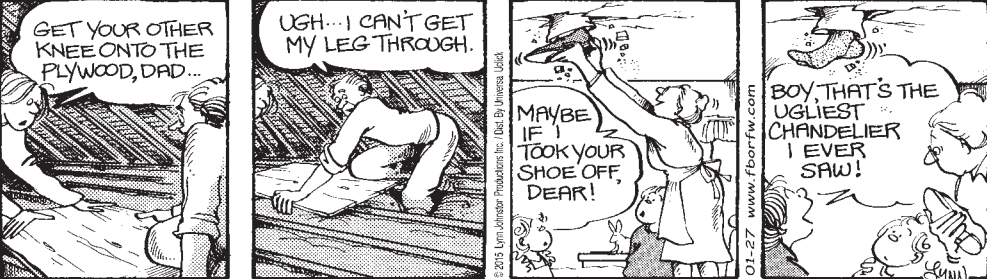
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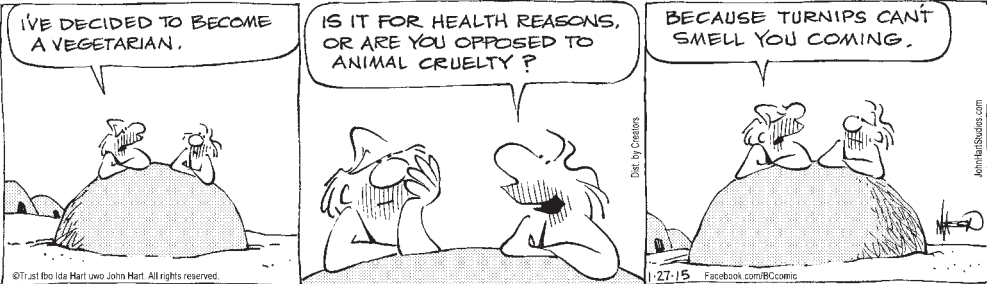
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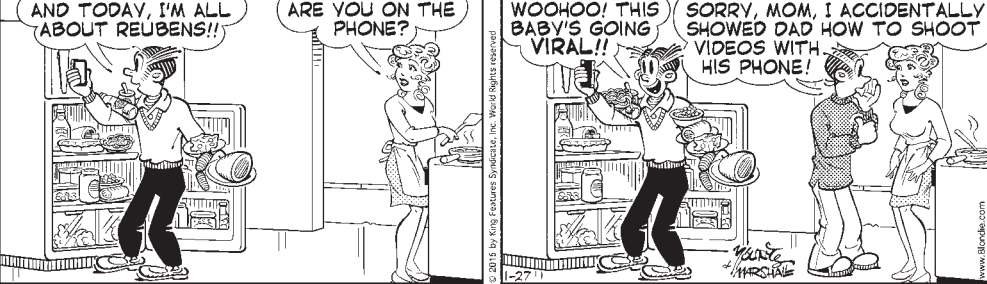
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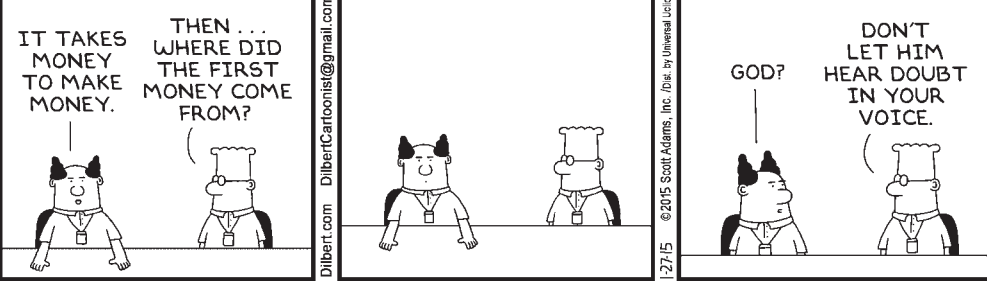
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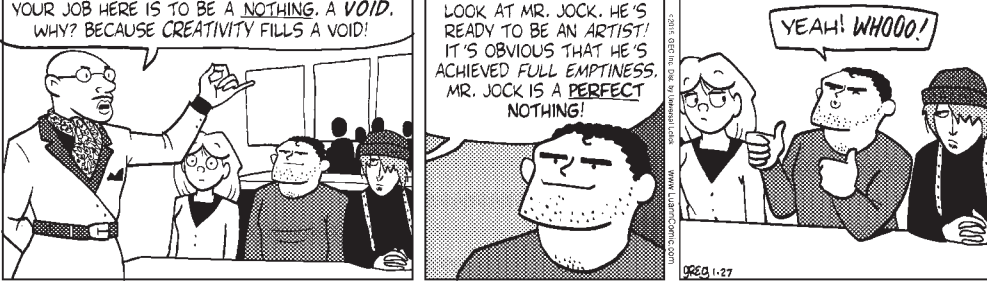
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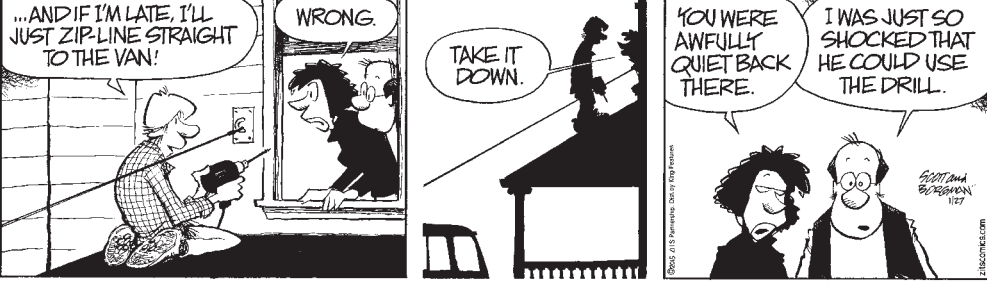
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DEAR ABBY

Woman isn't really attracted to the man of her dreams

Dear Abby: I am considered to be a quite attractive — easily a nine or a 10 — professional dancer here in Las Vegas. I recently met a guy who has literally met almost all my dream qualities for a life partner, husband and father of my future children.

The problem is, I'm not attracted to him. He's not ugly; he has symmetrical features, straight teeth, nice skin and is in pretty good shape, if a little on the skinny side. I have always dated muscular, very fit men who get me excited at the sight of them, and I'm wondering if there's something wrong with me because after nine months I'm still struggling with his looks.

I feel like there is no sexual chemistry. But we have another kind of chemistry because we get along great, and he motivates me to be a better person.

Am I shallow, or is the lack of sexual chemistry a sign that maintaining a successful long-term relationship won't happen? — **Miss Picky In Las Vegas**

Dear Miss Picky: I'm not going to call you shallow. Whether lack of sexual chemistry is a deal-breaker for you depends upon how important sex is to you. From what you have told me, looks are a primary factor in what draws you to men. (It would be interesting to know how long the relationships you described lasted.)

Bear in mind that men who are Adonises can lose their looks if they don't consistently work at it — just as women do. Much as we might wish it, looks don't always last forever. That's why, if you're looking for a long-term relationship, it's extremely important to take into consideration qualities that will last.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: My 67-year-old mother has vascular dementia and breast cancer. In accordance with her living will and many conversations we had before the dementia began, we (Mom, my sisters and I) have decided to forgo treatment. She has been widowed for 17 years; she watched her husband — our father — die from cancer. She lives in an excellent health care facility that will provide her with palliative care when the time is right.

My question is, how do we inform people (family and friends) of her diagnosis and of our treatment plan? Without knowing the whole story, without having seen her very recently, it seems everyone has an opinion on what we "should" do. How do we tell these people that, while we appreciate their concern, this is her decision without hurting their feelings and our relationships? — **Family With A Dilemma**

Dear Dilemma: How do these unwanted advice givers know that you do not plan to subject your mother to treatments that would only prolong her decline? If you solicited their opinion, you made a mistake. If you didn't, then the last sentence of your letter — if said kindly — is an appropriate way to phrase the message.

Your mother's treatment plan is nobody's business but yours and your sisters'. If these are her wishes as stated in her advance directive for health care, then you should respect them. To do otherwise would be a betrayal of her trust.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 26-27, 1915

St. Mary's hospital in Walla Walla was totally destroyed by fire this afternoon. The loss is estimated at fifty thousand dollars. Forty-five patients were removed to nearby houses. One was on the operating table and the physicians completed their operation before having him removed to another hospital. The building was an old frame one, and the hospital was conducted by the Catholic sisters. First news of the burning of the hospital was received over the telephone this afternoon by Mrs. C.S. Howard from Miss Martha Gorton, one of the nurses in the hospital whose mother is in the hospital here. Miss Gorton stated that the hospital had been burned to the ground.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 26-27, 1965

Jeanne L. Wheeler of Pendleton High School and Kathy Ryan, senior student at Pilot Rock High School, have been named Homemakers of Tomorrow in a contest sponsored by General Mills. They were chosen

in written homemaking examinations taken Dec. 1 by 552,704 senior girls in 14,236 of the nation's high schools. They are now eligible for state and national scholarship awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Last month, Miss Ryan, who is also an honor student and treasurer of the student body, place third in the Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 26-27, 1990

Change has been blowing in the cold mountain air at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort over the past five decades. But no change has been as large as those currently being considered by its owners, Russell Hunemiller of Boise and Dwane Schubert of Union. Plans to open the backside of the mountain and the installation of a second chairlift are under strong consideration, Hunemiller said. "That would give us 1,480-vertical-feet in drop and boy is the snow good back there," Hunemiller said. The possibility of constructing overnight accommodations for couples and a dormitory-type facility for groups also is on the agenda.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 27th day of 2015. There are 338 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 27, 1945, during World War II, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

On this date:

In 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1901, opera composer Giuseppe Verdi died in Milan, Italy, at age 87.

In 1913, the musical play "The Isle O' Dreams" opened in New York; it featured the song "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" by Ernest R. Ball, Chauncey Olcott and George Graff Jr.

In 1944, during World War II, the Soviet Union announced the complete end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted

for more than two years.

In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a one-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flat.

In 1965, "Up the Down Staircase," Bel Kaufman's novel about a young, idealistic teacher at a New York inner-city school, was published by Prentice-Hall.

In 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft. More than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the orbiting of nuclear weapons.

In 1977, the Vatican issued a declaration reaffirming the Roman Catholic Church's ban on female priests.

In 1984, singer Michael Jackson suffered serious burns to his scalp when pyrotechnics set his hair on fire during the filming of a Pepsi-Cola TV commercial at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

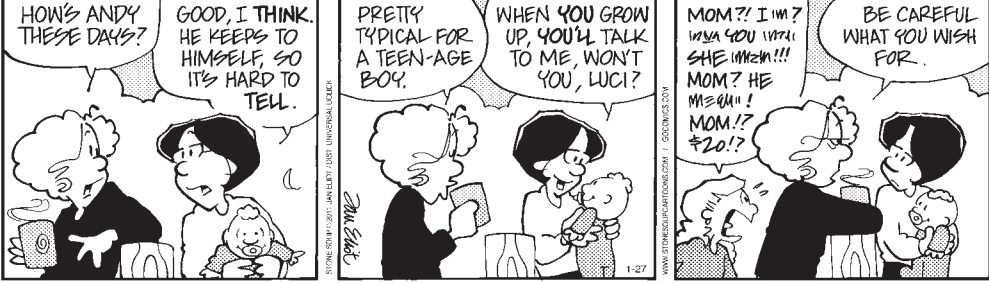
Today's Birthdays:

Actor James Cromwell is 75. Actor John Witherspoon is 73. Rock musician Nick Mason (Pink Floyd) is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nedra Talley (The Ronettes) is 69. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 67. Political commentator Ed Schultz is 61. Chief U.S. Justice John Roberts is 60. Country singer Cheryl White is 60. Country singer-musician Richard Young (The Kentucky Headhunters) is 60. Actress Mimi Rogers is 59. Rock musician Janick Gers (Iron Maiden) is 58. Actress Susanna Thompson (TV: "Arrow") is 57. Rock singer Margo Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 54. Actor Alan Cumming is 50. Actor-comedian Patton Oswalt is 46.

Thought for Today: "When a true genius appears, you can know him by this sign: that all the dunces are in a confederacy against him." — *Jonathan Swift, Anglo-Irish satirist (1667-1745).*

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

