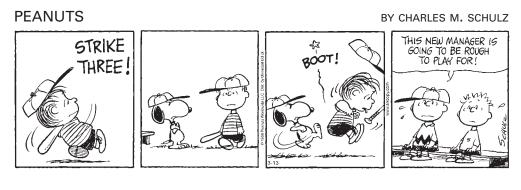
## **COFFEE BREAK**









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### GARFIELD BY JIM DAVIS WHAT WOULD I DO IF LIZ EVER DUMPED ME? YOU LOOK LIKE A CRIER HMMM. Ο 0 $\cap$ 0 JAN DAVIS

**BLONDIE** BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE

# **DEAR ABBY Old world tradition clashes** with new world diet change

Dear Abby: I have been dating my boyfriend, Mike, for about two years, and things are going great. During this time, I have become very close with his family. Both of his parents came to the United States from Europe, and with their culture comes his mother's traditional cooking and the need to make sure everyone's bellies are full.

I have always enjoyed her food; however, in the last six months I have become a vegetarian. Out of courtesy for her, I have been making sure to

eat at home before spending time at Mike's house. I can see that his mother feels a bit put off because I have been eating less of her food, but I feel it would be rude to ask her for a separate meal to accommodate my diet. What should I do? - Nervous In New England

Dear Nervous: Your boyfriend's mother may be put off because she doesn't understand why you seem to be enjoying her cooking less. If you and Mike have been seeing each other for two years, you and his mother should be able to have an honest conversation with each other. TELL her you enjoy her cooking, but that you have changed your diet and no longer eat meat, etc. If she volunteers to prepare something else for you, it would be gracious of her. However, if she doesn't, I agree that it would be rude to ask her to do so.

Dear Abby: My husband and I were close friends with another couple, seeing them once or twice a week. Then we had to move away from our hometown because of a job opportunity. We tried to stay in touch, but predictably were not as close as when we were neighbors.

A few months ago, we were able to move



back home, and we have been trying to revive the friendship. We have invited them to dinner three times only to be told: "We have commitments this week, and next week is crazy at work. Let's try to get together next month when things calm down." But there was no follow-up.

They do travel a lot, have small children and demanding jobs, so it's hard to know if the delays are real or if they aren't interested in being friends any longer. How much do we

try before feeling we're annoying them and giving up? — Back Home In Ohio

Dear Back Home: Do as your friends suggested and give them a call in a month or six weeks. If they are still unavailable, say, "OK. Then the ball is in your court," and see if they follow up. And if they don't, then realize it's time to give up. When you moved away, they moved on.

**Dear Abby**: As a Valentine surprise, my boyfriend of two years presented me with a donation he had made in my name to his favorite charity. I thought it was impersonal and it hurt my feelings. Am I wrong to think he really doesn't care much for me? — Rose-Less In North Carolina

Dear Rose-Less: Let me put it this way, your boyfriend isn't very good when it comes to gift selection. Many men aren't. But more important than candy or flowers is how he treats you the other 364 days of the year, and that's how you should judge him.

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**DAYS GONE BY** 

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 13, 1915

That the fishing in the smaller creeks of the county will be much poorer than it has been for years as a result of the freezing weather last winter is the statement of G.W. Ellis, pioneer Ukiah rancher who is in Pendleton today. During the winter Owen and Snipe creeks, both near his place, froze solidly to the bottom, he states, and when the ice thawed dead fish floated down the creeks in great numbers. Mr. Ellis states that in the 35 years he has lived in the Ukiah country, the past winter has been the driest he has known. At present, Mr. Ellis says, there is no more water in the mountain streams than there usually is in June, However, he takes an optimistic view of the situation, believing that the late rains will make up the deficiency in moisture caused by the light snows.

#### 50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 13, 1965

A Norway maple will be planted at the Pendleton swimming pool Monday in obser-

vance of the 100th birthday of the First National Bank of Oregon. The bank is making similar presentations in other Oregon cities. More than 100 sugar maples are being planted along the capitol mall in Salem by the bank. Pendleton branch manager Robert McCurdy will make the presentation here at 2 p.m. Monday to Mayor Rudy Enbysk, city manager Mel Gardner and Schools Supt. Ellis Neal.

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 13, 1990

A body found in a ditch east of Pendleton Friday has been tentatively identified as that of a 76-year-old Boise taxidermist. Steve Fogelson, deputy district attorney in Umatilla County, said authorities believe the man, Delbert Andrew Koll, was abducted from his Boise home and taxidermy business Feb. 2. The FBI opened a kidnapping case Feb. 7 in Boise after Koll was reported missing and still is involved in the investigation, Mike McPheters, FBI agent in Pendleton, said. Koll's vehicle, a 1980 Chevrolet Caprice, was taken at the time of the abduction and has not been recovered, Fogelson said.









Today is the 72nd day of 2015. There are 293 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 13, 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed a measure allowing black slaves to enlist in the Confederate States Army with the promise they would be set free.

On this date:

In 1781, the seventh planet of the solar system, Uranus, was discovered by Sir William Herschel.

In 1845, Felix Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64, had its premiere in Leipzig, Germany.

In 1901, the 23rd President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, died in Indianapolis at age 67.

In 1925, the Tennessee General Assembly approved a bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution. (Gov. Austin Peay signed the measure on March 21.)

In 1933, banks in the

U.S. began to reopen after a "holiday" declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

In 1947, the Lerner and "Briga-Loewe musical doon," about a Scottish village which magically reappears once every hundred years, opened on Broadway.

In 1954, the Battle of Dien Bien Phu began during the First Indochina War as communist forces attacked French troops, who were defeated nearly two months later.

In 1975, the first Chili's restaurant was opened in Dallas by entrepreneur Larry Lavine.

In 1980, Ford Motor Chairman Henry Ford II announced he was stepping down, the same day a jury in Winamac, Indiana, found the company not guilty of reckless homicide in the fiery deaths of three young women in a Ford Pinto.

In 2013, Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina was elected pope, choosing the name Francis.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Roy Haynes is 90. Country singer Jan Howard is 85. Songwriter Mike Stoller is 82. Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 76. Opera singer Julia Migenes is 66. Actor William H. Macy is 65. Comedian Robin Duke is 61. Actress Glenne Headly is 60. Actress Dana Delany is 59. Rock musician Adam Clayton (U2) is 55. Jazz musician Terence Blanchard is 53. Actor Christopher Collet is 47. Rock musician Matt McDonough (Mudvayne) is 46. Actress Annabeth Gish is 44. Actress Tracy Wells is 44. Rapper-actor Common is 43. Rapper Khujo (Goodie Mob, The Lumberjacks) is 43. Singer Glenn Lewis is 40. Actor Danny Masterson is 39. Actor Noel Fisher is 31. Singers Natalie and Nicole Albino (Nina Sky) are 29.

Thought for Today: "Dare to err and to dream. Deep meaning often lies in childish plays." — Friedrich von Schiller, German author (1759-1805).

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#### STONE SOUP BY GREG EVANS



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