

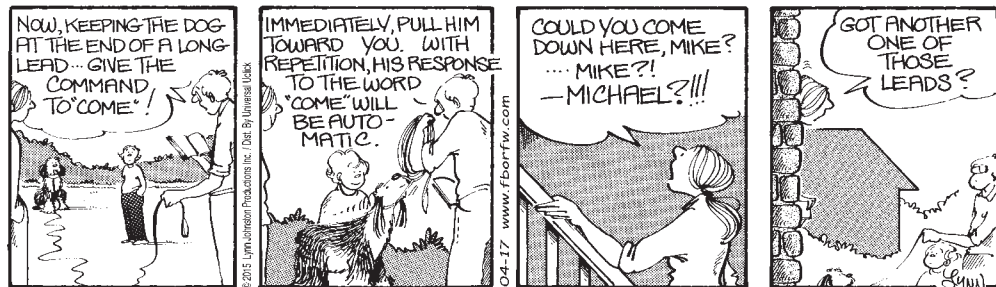
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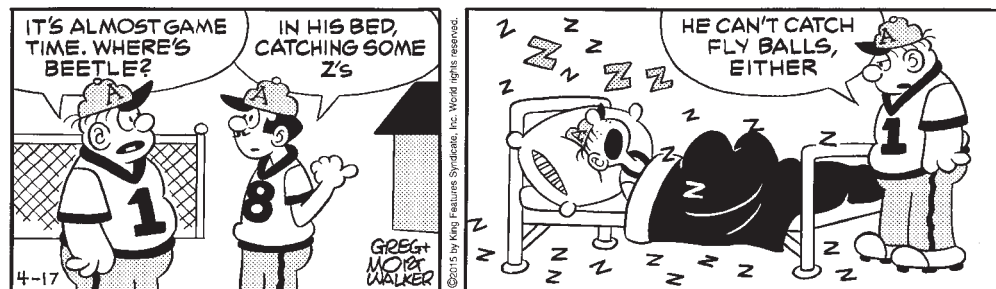
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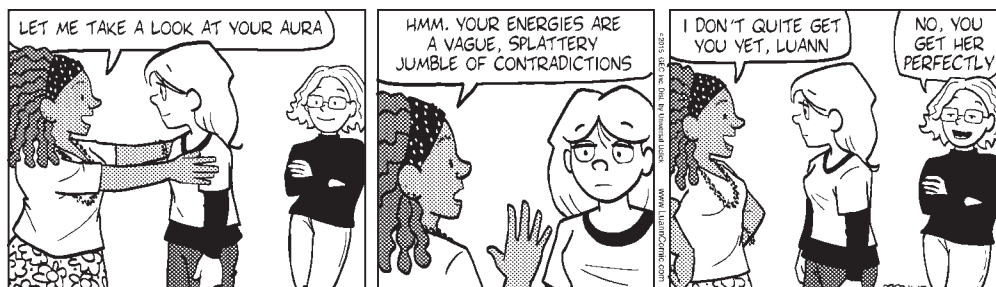
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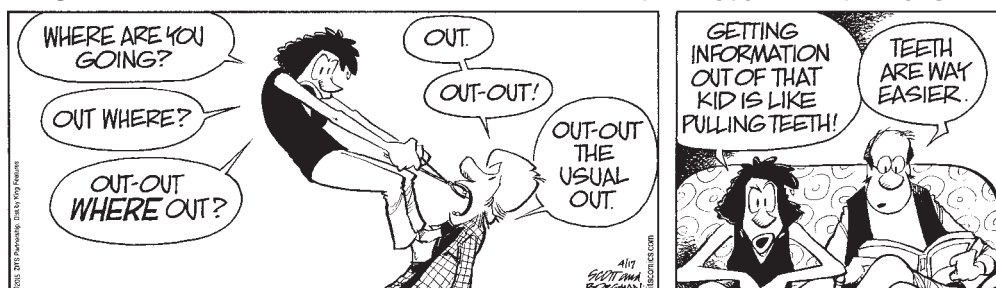
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DEAR ABBY

Friend's food criticism is hard for couple to swallow



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My wife and I have a friend, "Jonah," whom we love dearly, but he has no filter. He's college-educated, has a white-collar job and is over 50. The problem is, anytime we invite him for dinner or take food items to his house, he makes horrible remarks about my wife's cooking, particularly when it's a holiday party based on my wife's Slavic heritage.

how she looks. I have told her she's still beautiful. We haven't been intimate in three months and I think it's because she's afraid I won't like how different she looks without clothes.

I don't know how to tell her that my love for her isn't based on her physical beauty. It's based on who she is as a person. THAT'S what is beautiful to me. Do you have any feedback for me? — Loving Her In Louisiana

My wife is a really good cook. No one else makes fun of these foods, many of which are common in the U.S., but Jonah makes negative comments every time. I have told him that it's rude, and so has my wife.

Dear Loving Her: Before jumping to conclusions about why you and your wife haven't been intimate, I think you should ask her directly. It may have nothing to do with her weight — and it could be something she should discuss with her gynecologist.

We would hate not inviting him to future parties with our usual crowd, but it gets me upset when he does this. My wife has actually prepared an alternative meal for him so he won't have to eat the "heritage-style" food. He even makes snide comments when I bring foods popular in other parts of the U.S.

Of course, it never hurts to tell a woman that she's beautiful because of who she is in your eyes and that she always will be. It's a song we women never tire of hearing — and the chorus is always welcome music.

Abby, do we continue inviting him or not? It is straining our friendship. — In A Food Fight In New Hampshire

Dear Abby: My husband helps with the kids and with the housework. But he never remembers holidays and special occasions. We have been married 15 years.

Dear In A Food Fight: Because Jonah has indicated that he doesn't like the food at your parties, stop inviting him. And because he doesn't appreciate the effort when you bring regional food to his home, stop doing that, too. If he asks why he wasn't included, feel free to give him an "unfiltered" answer. If you visit him, bring a generic house gift, such as nuts, a box of candy, a bottle of wine. If he doesn't accept it graciously, stop doing that, too.

I have talked to him about how hurtful this is, but it never helps. I want him to think about me and put some effort into getting me something. My friends say, "How can you complain? He helps you do housework!" What do you think? — Wife Of An Imperfect Husband

With a "friend" like Jonah, it would be better to socialize at a restaurant that serves food he does like, or at an activity that doesn't revolve around food. I am amazed that you have tolerated his behavior this long.

Dear Wife: If the problem is that your husband doesn't know what to buy for you, offer some suggestions. If he simply can't remember the date — and some spouses don't — start "reminding" him a week in advance. If he still doesn't "pop," then appreciate the fact that you have a husband who tries every day to show you he loves you by making your life easier. Many women are not so lucky.

Dear Abby: My wife has gained a little weight and has become self-conscious about

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 17, 1915

With a contract in his possession from Ben Colvin, one of the heaviest land owners of the eastern Oregon stock belt for the sale of his ranch for \$130,000, P.L. Rawn, a Pendleton real estate man is accused of writing fictitious promissory notes to himself over Colvin's signature and selling them at a discount. Rawn was arrested in the Multnomah hotel yesterday after living there for four weeks. The hotel management accuses him of cashing two checks, one for \$25 and the other for \$75, on Boise banks. The second check was returned to the hotel a few days ago because of lack of funds. Four other promissory notes bearing Colvin's signature were found in Rawn's possession. He admitted, detectives say, the forgery of the signatures, but had not time to dispose of the notes.

days ago he decided enough was enough and started hitch hiking home. Umatilla County sheriff's deputy Sam Sellers saw the youth thumbing a ride and questioned him. When the Torrance, Calif., boy said he wanted to go home, police contacted his parents. They were on their way today from California to be reunited with their son.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 17, 1990

Leaders of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation gave blessings at the Monday ground breaking for the Bonneville Power Administration's \$12.8 million Umatilla Fish Hatchery at Irrigon. Representatives of the five agencies — the Northwest Power Planning Council, Confederated Tribes, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bonneville Power — wielded golden shovels as construction equipment, already moving tons of earth, droned nearby. When the hatchery is completed in July 1991, it will be operated by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife managers of the Irrigon Hatchery next door. The Confederated Tribes are co-managers for the hatcheries being built to restore fish populations in the Columbia River and its tributaries as directed by the 1980 Pacific Northwest Power Act.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 17, 1965

A 16-year-old California boy who ran away after an argument with his father was on his way home today. The boy told Hermiston police he had roamed through Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Washington, ending up cutting pulp in a Washington forest, where a few

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 107th day of 2015. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 17, 1975, Cambodia's five-year war ended as the capital Phnom Penh fell to the Khmer Rouge, which instituted brutal, radical policies that claimed an estimated 1.7 million lives until the regime was overthrown in 1979.

On this date:

In 1492, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.

In 1924, the motion picture studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer was founded, the result of a merger of Metro

Pictures, Goldwyn Pictures, and the Louis B. Mayer Co.

In 1961, some 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in an attempt to topple Fidel Castro, whose forces crushed the incursion by the third day.

In 1964, Geraldine "Jerrie" Mock became the first woman to complete a solo airplane trip around the world as she returned to Columbus, Ohio, after 29 1/2 days in her Cessna 180. Ford Motor Co. unveiled the Mustang at the New York World's Fair.

In 1970, Apollo 13 astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft while en route to the moon.

Today's Birthdays: Actor David Bradley is 73. Composer-musician Jan Hammer is 67. Actress Olivia Hussey is 64. Actor Clarke Peters is 63. Rock singer-musician Pete Shelley (Buzzcocks) is 60. Actor Sean Bean is 56. Former NFL quarterback Boomer Esiason is 54. Actor Joel Murray is 53. Rock singer Maynard James Keenan is 51. Actress Lela Rochon (is 51. . A Singer Liz Phair is 48. Rapper-actor Redman is 45. Actress Jennifer Garner is 43. Singer Victoria Adams Beckham is 41.

Thought for Today: "I think America is richer in intelligence than any other country in the world; and that its intelligence is more scattered than in any country of the world." — Will Durant, American historian (1885-1981).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

