BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ









**COFFEE BREAK** 

# FOR BETTER OR WORSE



B.C.







BY JOHNNY HART

SAYS THE ONE

RESTING ATOP

14 SPECIES

OF SLUG.

# WHAT THE DISGUSTING.

# **PICKLES** BLAH HEAR IS WRITING BLAH.







BY MORT WALKER





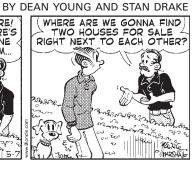


















# THE WIZARD OF ID

WIZARD! I NEED YOU THAT'S PRETTY TO CAST A PLAGUE OF SERIOUS MAGIC. LOCUSTS ON THE CITY LETS TALK PRICE

TIFFANY! SIT

HERE



WHATEVER! JUST

STOP THE PAIN!



BY GREG EVANS

YOU'RE SMEARING ME

WITH GOOP! HOW SHOULD IT FEEL?

# BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



HOW

DOES





I'M GOING TO PUT MUD ON

AND



# **DEAR ABBY**

# Cancer diagnosis is unlikely to thaw grandmother's heart

**JEANNE** 

**PHILLIPS** 

Advice

Dear Abby: I recently found out my grandmother has been diagnosed with lung cancer and has elected not to treat it. The doctors give her a year at the most. My dilemma is whether to extend just one more olive branch.

She has never been a "warm and fuzzy" type of grandmother. She was cold and distant when I was in my teens and 20s, and downright mean when I was in my 30s. If I try to talk to her at family functions, she turns away and begins a conversation with

someone else, not even acknowledging that I'm standing there. Last year at a family reunion, she took several photos with my mom and sister, and when it was suggested I join them in the photo, she walked away before one could be snapped. I'm not the only family member or grandchild she behaves this way toward. None of us knows why.

Do I try one more time, suspecting the diagnosis hasn't softened her heart and that I'll again end up with hurt feelings? Or do I assume that nothing I do now will change who she is and that I will have no positive, happy memories of her? — Invisible In Kansas

Dear Invisible: Frankly, the chances of your grandmother transforming into someone warm and accepting don't look promising because she appears to be a punitive and unhappy person. However, if you feel you might have regrets if you don't try once more to connect with her, then make the effort so that when she dies, you'll know you did everything you could. Don't do it for her, do it for yourself.

Dear Abby: Ever since I was young, which was not that long ago, I have known

my parents' marriage wasn't a healthy one. But only recently has it begun to affect me emotionally. It isn't that I blame myself, but that I'm afraid of how my own romantic endeavors will

Recently, I was told about my mother's infidelity. I was always curious and suspected that one or both of them had affairs. But now more than before, I worry about finding love. Love is something we all seek, and I believe we all need, but

I don't see myself as able to handle that kind of heartbreak.

I understand why Mom did it — that's part of what hurts me. I'm angry that they would masquerade a failure "for me," that failure being their "relationship." I think my anger is valid. My family has screwed me up emotionally and it started long before I knew what was going on. What should I do? -Screwed Up In Oregon

Dear Screwed Up: When children are raised in a household where the parents' words and actions are different, they cope either by believing only what they are told (even if it contradicts what they see happening) or only what they see. While it can interfere with forming healthy relationships later in life, it's the way they keep themselves sane.

You are right to be concerned, and I hope you will discuss this with a licensed counselor or therapist because if you do, you will find it helpful.

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# **DAYS GONE BY**

# 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 7, 1915

Over 200 strong Umatilla county people made the trip to Celilo falls yesterday aboard the steamer Annie Comings, had the pleasure of a river ride that was as delightful as it was novel for those aboard, and participated in the great celebration at Big Eddy. The steamer reached the scene of the festivities just in time to join in the program which was witnessed by a crowd estimated at 10,000. Miss Thelma Thompson of Pendleton and Miss Sadie Olive Griffin, sponsors for this county, with other young ladies from over the northwest, dedicated the canal by each pouring a bottle of Umatilla river water into the canal. This ceremony was a pretty one and was conducted under the fire of a battery of moving picture cameras and a squad of newspapermen with kodaks.

## 50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 7, 1965

The Umatilla County Fair Board has rescinded its order that the Peace Pipe Museum must move from fairgrounds building No. 1 during August. Kem Tellefson, fair board

chairman, informed D.W. Bliss, president of the Umatilla County Historical Society, in a letter dated May 3. Tellefson also accepted Bliss's offer of last week of space in the museum building during the fair for a rock show. The decision ends six weeks of apprehension on the part of historical society members that they might lose the Roger J. Bounds Indian collection because of the order. Bliss said the borrowed collection would leave the city and probably the state if the order stood.

## 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 7, 1990

Riverside gave coach Kevan Pratt his 200th high school baseball victory in the first game of a doubleheader with Pilot Rock Saturday, but he'll have to wait a while longer for number 201, thanks to Rockets pitcher Tucker Hodgen. Riverside took advantage of a bundle of Pilot Rock errors to take a 16-1 victory in the first game, which was shortened to five innings by the 10-run mercy rule. Hodgen faced the best-hitting lineup in the Columbia Basin Conference in the second game but struck out 14 Pirates in a 4-2 victory that kept Pilot Rock hopes alive for a spot in the District 7A

# THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 127th day of 2015. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 7, 1915, in an incident that sparked international outrage, a German torpedoed U-boat and sank the British liner RMS Lusitania off the southern coast of Ireland, killing 1,198 people, including 128 Americans, out of the nearly 2,000 on board.

On this date:

In 1789, America's first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President George Washington, who'd taken the oath of office a week earlier.

In 1824, Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125, had its premiere in Vienna.

In 1928, the minimum voting age for British women was lowered from 30 to 21 the same age as men.

In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.

In 1942, U.S. Army Gen. Jonathan Wainwright went on a Manila radio station to announce the Allied surrender of the Philippines to Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims, France, ending its role in World War II.

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

In 1975. President Gerald R. Ford formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi Minh City formerly Saigon — the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover. **In 1984**, a \$180 million

out-of-court settlement was announced in the Agent Orange class-action suit brought by Vietnam veterans who charged they'd suffered injury from exposure to the defoliant.

Birthdays: Today's Former Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., is 83. Rhythm-andblues singer Thelma Houston is 72. Actress Robin Strasser is 70. Singer-songwriter Bill Danoff is 69. Rock musician Bill Kreutzmann (Grateful Dead) is 69. Rock musician Prairie Prince is 65. Movie writer-director Amy Heckerling is 63. Actor Michael E. Knight is 56. Rock musician Phil Campbell (Motorhead) is 54. Country musician Rick Schell is 52. Rock singer-musician Chris O'Connor (Primitive Radio Gods) is 50. Actress Traci Lords is 47. Singer Eagle-Eye Cherry is 44. Actor Breckin Meyer is 41. Rock musician Matt Helders (Arctic Monkeys) is 29. Actress-comedian Aidy Bryant is 28. Actor Actress Dylan Gelula is 21.

Thought for "Be a philosopher but, amid all your philosophy be still a man." — David Hume, Scottish philosopher (1711-

# STONE SOUP







BY JAN ELLIOT

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**BIG NATE** 

