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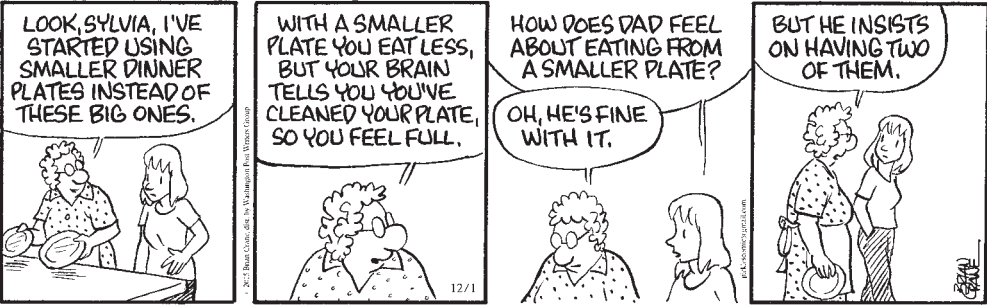
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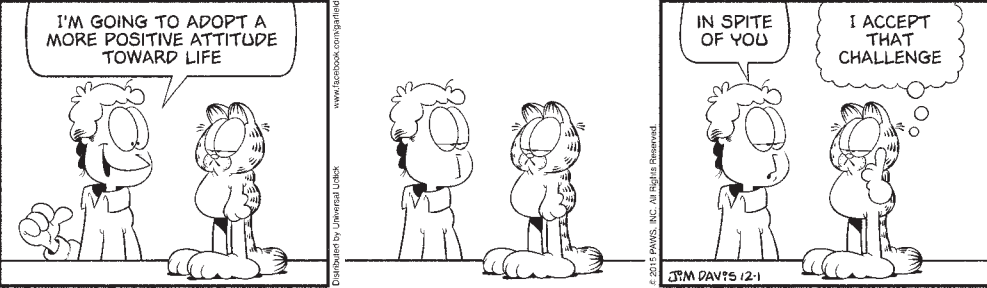
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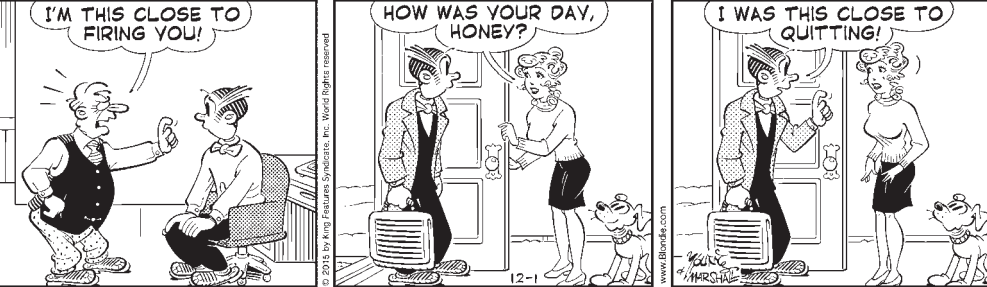
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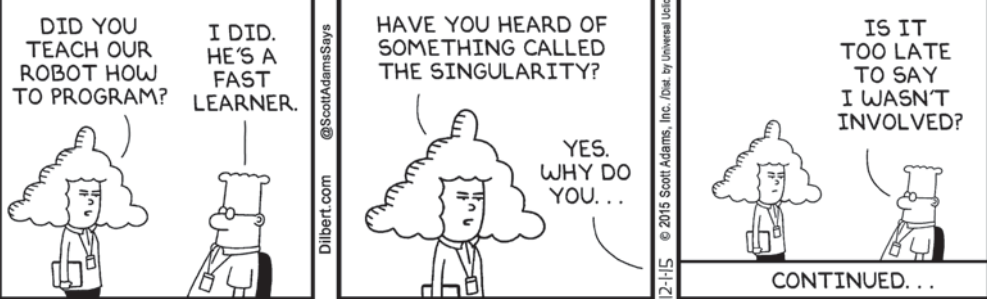
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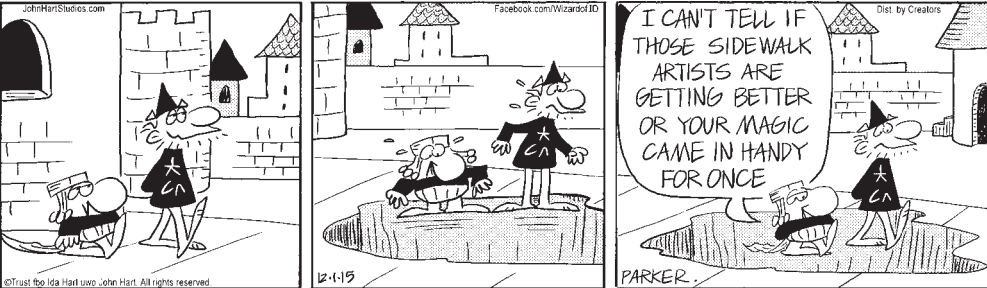
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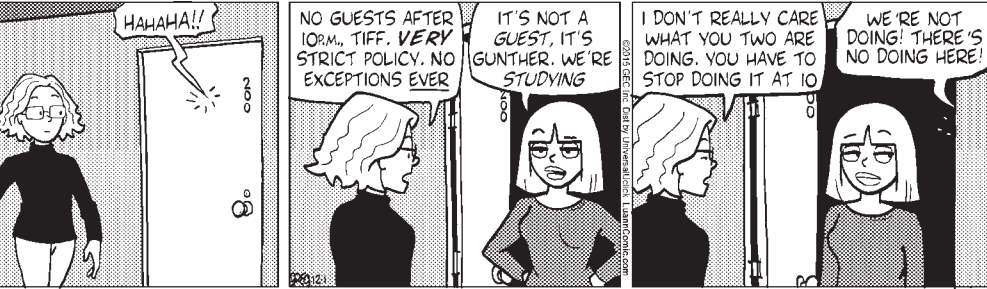
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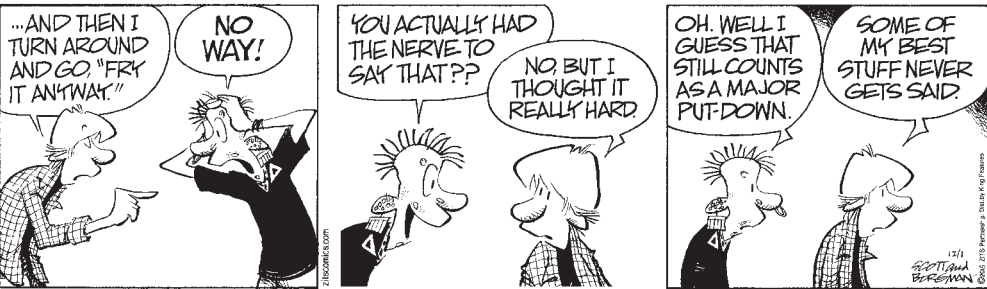
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DEAR ABBY

HIV is treatable, but only if you know you're positive

Dear Abby: Today, Dec. 1, is World AIDS Day. With effective treatment, people with HIV can live as long as those without HIV. Fear, shame and ignorance remain barriers to testing and treatment, which can be more deadly than HIV itself.

People with HIV who are in treatment need never develop advanced HIV (formerly full-blown AIDS). Please encourage your readers, regardless of age, gender or sexual orientation, to get tested, and if positive, to get treatment. HIV can affect anyone.

— **Mary In Frederick, Md.**

Dear Mary: I'm glad you wrote. Knowing one's HIV status is extremely important because, unlike in years past, the disease can be controlled. But in order to do that and not spread it to others, it is essential that sexually active individuals get tested.

Readers, you can be a healthy HIV-positive person and control it IF you know you have it AND get treatment. Ask your doctor about being tested, if you have one. If you don't have a doctor, contact your county health department about how to find testing and treatment in your community, or visit www.freehivtest.net for information about free tests in many areas across the nation and abroad.

Dear Abby: I am retired, divorced and never had children. My two sisters have four adult children between them. Their kids are all married and have children themselves.

Every Christmas there is a gift exchange, which I don't attend because I stay in Florida during the winter. At this stage in my life,



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

I dread the holiday because it is expected that I spend a minimum of \$50 per person for two dozen people.

I own some properties I am desperately trying to prepare for the market. At my age, I no longer need or want anything. It has reached a point where the "preferred" gift is money, which isn't the idea behind the Christmas holiday. How can I politely stop this habit? — **Mrs. Ebenezer Scrooge In New Hampshire**

Dear Mrs. Scrooge: You politely stop the habit by telling your sisters in advance that you are trying to prepare your properties for sale and money is limited. Therefore, you will be buying Christmas gifts only for your younger grandnieces and -nephews from now on (if you choose). Be sure to send the adults lovely holiday cards, however, so they know they are remembered.

Dear Abby: Besides the usual snoring most wives tolerate, I have had to endure something worse. At least once a week for the last few years, my husband will make a fist while asleep and swing it across the bed, striking me. The last time, it caused a tooth to chip, and frankly, it scares me to death.

He is by no means violent when awake. Other than sleeping on the couch, what can I do? — **Black And Blue In New Jersey**

Dear B And B: Before your husband causes you any more physical harm, schedule an appointment for him with a sleep disorder specialist. For both your sakes, please don't put it off. Your doctor or medical insurance carrier should be able to refer you to one.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 1915

A plan for giving public recognition to those teacher of the state who have proved themselves progressive as well as successful in their work has been announced by State Superintendent J.A. Churchill. To all teachers who meet the requirements adopted by the state superintendent, there will be given a professional teacher's certificate which will certify that the holder has not only taught successfully during the preceding year, but that said holder has been progressive and has shown the proper professional spirit toward the work.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 1965

Searchers crisscrossed rugged, timbered, Wallowa Mountain country again today with lessening hope that a research chemist from Oregon State University would be found alive. Roy Barbour, 22, has been missing since Friday when he failed to return to a rendezvous with elk hunting companions. Temperatures have been close to zero. Snow lies two feet deep and in places is heavily

drifted. Planes flew over the Moss Springs area east of Cove after darkness Monday in the hope of being able to spot a campfire. None was seen. Searchers set out again today on horseback, on snowshoes and skis, in snow tracks and by plane.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 1990

A judge's order that card-lock gasoline facilities must comply with the same rules as other retail gas stations may force the legislature to reconsider self-service in Oregon, station operators say. However, most service station owners, including those operating card-locks, say they'll wait for the dust to settle before speculating on the impact of the order signed Monday by Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Arthur LaFrance. The judge ruled that card-lock operations must have an attendant on duty to pump gas for retail customers. Card-lock proponents are expected to appeal the decision, which would delay the judge's enforcement order, probably for several months, said Bruce Harris, the Portland attorney who successfully represented 10 service stations in a lawsuit brought against the state fire marshal in September.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus; the incident sparked a year-long boycott of the buses by blacks.

On this date:
In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

In 1860, the Charles Dickens novel "Great Expectations" was first published in weekly serial form.
In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln sent his Second Annual Message to Congress, in which he called for the abolition of slavery, and went on to say, "Fellow citizens, we cannot escape

history. We of this Congress and this administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves."

In 1921, the Navy flew the first non-rigid dirigible to use helium; the C-7 traveled from Hampton Roads, Virginia, to Washington, D.C.

In 1934, Soviet communist official Sergei M. Kirov, an associate of Josef Stalin, was assassinated in Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge.

In 1941, Japan's Emperor Hirohito approved waging war against the United States, Britain and the Netherlands after his government rejected U.S. demands contained in the Hull Note.

In 1942, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States.

In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their

homeland.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

In 1989, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev met with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

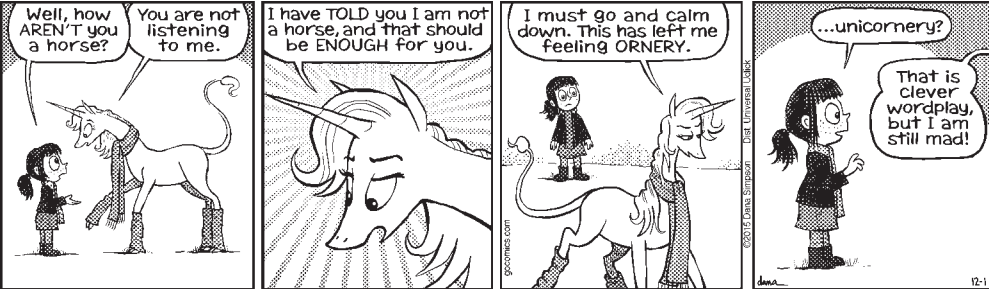
In 1990, British and French workers digging the Channel Tunnel between their countries finally met after knocking out a passage in a service tunnel.

Today's Birthdays:
Actor-director Woody Allen is 80. World Golf Hall of Famer Lee Trevino is 76. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 70. Actress-comedian Sarah Silverman is 45.

Thought for Today:
"I got a simple rule about everybody. If you don't treat me right, shame on you." — *Louis Armstrong, American jazz musician (1900-1971).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

