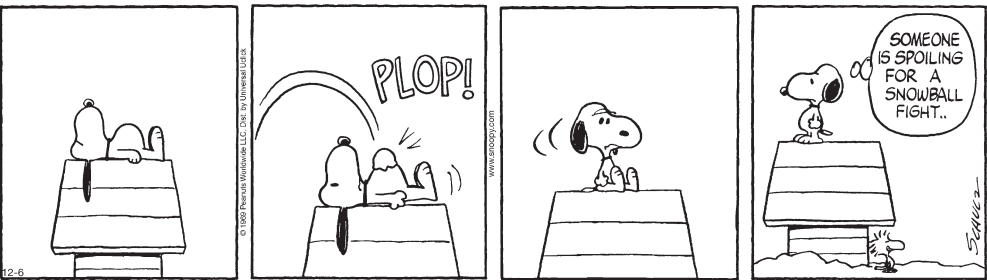


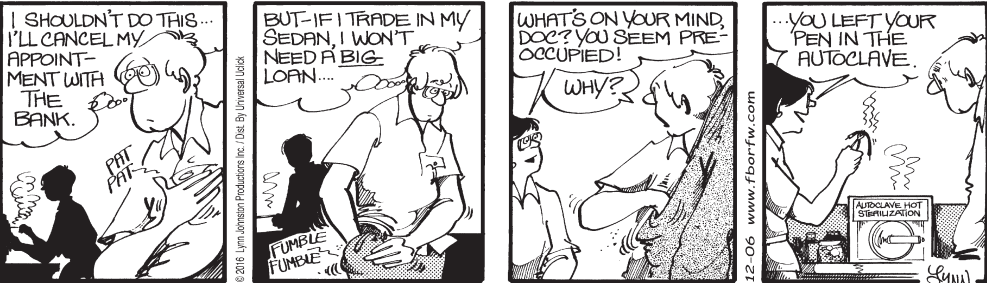
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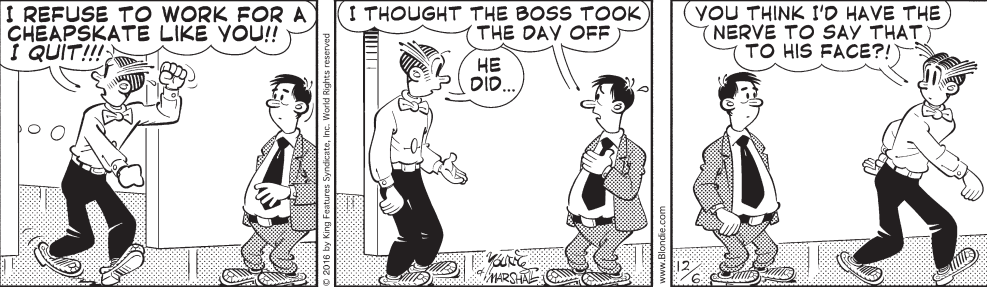
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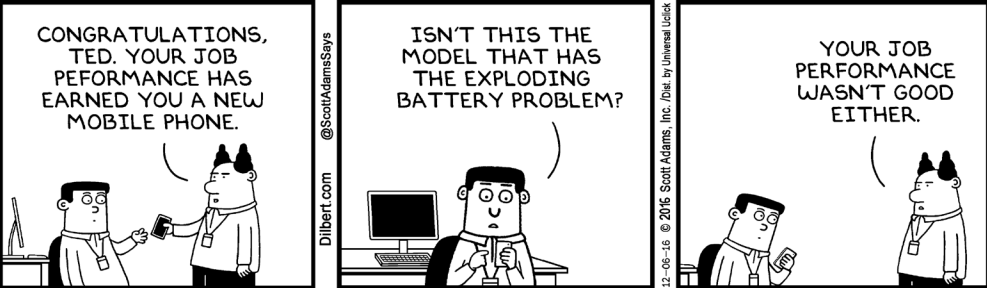
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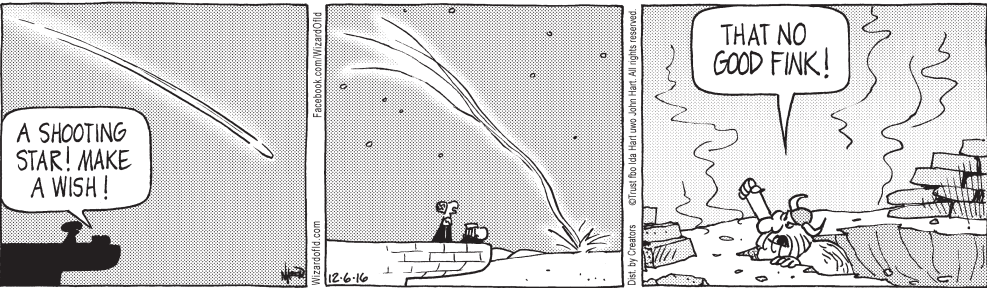
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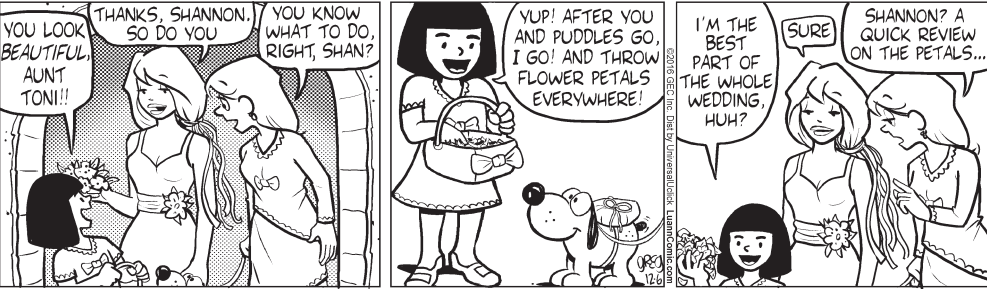
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DEAR ABBY

Knitted breast prostheses are made with tender loving care

Dear Abby: You would be doing millions of women a great service by telling them about Knitted Knockers Support Foundation. It has been tirelessly working at inspiring volunteer knitters and crocheters to provide FREE soft, light prostheses for breast cancer survivors.

Typically, the traditional prostheses can be hot, heavy, expensive and take quite a while to arrive. Knitted Knockers are made by people who care. Sometimes your request can be filled that very day. All you need to do is ask. These are sent nationwide and all over the world.

I learned about this wonderful organization earlier this year, and I am now the Northern California distribution point. The response we've had from women who receive them is astounding.

Please let breast cancer survivors know about Knitted Knockers at www.Knitted-Knockers.org. There they will find an order form to fill out, and we will be happy to mail out one or a pair. They give women confidence and comfort at a time when they can really use it.

If you know a knitter or crocheter, encourage them to join the cause. Knit and crochet patterns and a list of acceptable yarns are on the website. Abby, thanks for passing the word on! — **Claire G. In California**

Dear Claire: I know many women will be glad to know about the service you are offering, and grateful for the knitters and crocheters who devote their time so generously to make recovery easier for breast cancer survivors. Thank you for writing.

Dear Abby: I'm a retired widow and former model. I have dated mostly men my



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

own age and a little older. I was in a sexless (but affectionate) marriage for nearly 30 years, and I have looked forward to a robust sex life with a new love. But I'm finding that men who are intellectually matched to me are no longer interested in making love. If they are interested, they don't seem to want a monogamous relationship. Any hints? — **Starved For Affection**

Dear Starved: Just this. Widen your dating profile to include younger men, and if you're lucky, you may find someone who is not only your intellectual match but also can perform.

Dear Abby: It's Santa here, asking if I could address your readers about a couple of things my helpers at the malls are bringing to my attention.

First and foremost: When you stand in line with your child, and it's finally their turn and they start to cry, scream and tremble, please DON'T force them to sit on Santa's lap. If you do, you are traumatizing your child. Is a picture really worth your child's well-being?

Next, I would discourage new moms from rushing from the hospital with their newborn, 2- or 3-day-old babies. You need to remember how many children sit on Santa's lap. Babies' immune systems are fragile, and Santa's suit can be loaded with germs. Thanks for your time, Abby, and Merry Christmas to all. — **Shopping Mall Santa**

Dear S.M. Santa: Thank you for your sensible suggestions. Some parents' heads become so full of sugarplums at Christmas that they forget their little ones are too young to associate Santa with the goodies he brings with him. I hope readers will take your message to heart.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 5-6, 1916

Jay Mosier, who until a few days ago was proprietor of a cigar store in the city, was caught in the police toils last night and the evidence was so strong that he was fairly embarked in the bootlegging business that he forfeited bail of \$150 rather than stand trial. Incidentally he has departed for other regions and must remain away or take the chance of paying further for his illegal trade. Mosier's method of operation, according to the police, was similar to that of the men apprehended a short time ago. He was securing liquor in shipments from California and addressed to fictitious persons. He was claiming the shipments through the medium of strangers.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 5-6, 1966

Fire hit the Moore & Ripley Drug Co. at 131 W. Main, Hermiston, at 5 a.m. today and spread to the Pacific Power & Light business office east of the drug firm before firemen were successful in extinguishing the

blaze. Adjoining buildings, the Inland Empire Building on the west and the Pheasant Cafe to the east, were saved by fire walls and through the efforts of the Hermiston Fire Department and Umatilla and Ordinance fire equipment and men. Major loss in the blaze was the Moore & Ripley store, heavily stocked with merchandise for the Christmas buying season.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 5-6, 1991

Twenty-seven percent of a sample of lower Umatilla Basin wells have tested above federal nitrate levels, a state hydrogeologist said Wednesday at the Farm-City Fair in Hermiston. In sampling 199 wells to see if nitrate levels exceeded the federal drinking water standards of 10 parts per million, results ranged from 50 parts per million to some being undetectably low. "Results are rather sketchy," said Jerry Grondin of the Water Quality Division of the state Department of Environmental Quality. Grondin said data showed that alluvial wells — those closer to the surface — are average higher concentrations of nitrates.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 341st day of 2016. There are 25 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Dec. 6, 1889, Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, died in New Orleans. The Mark Twain novel "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" was first published in England under the title "A Yankee at the Court of King Arthur" (it was published in the U.S. under its more familiar name four days later).

On this date:
In 1790, Congress moved to Philadelphia from New York.

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was ratified as Georgia became the 27th state to endorse it.

In 1907, the worst mining disaster in U.S. history occurred as 362 men and boys died in a coal mine explosion in Monongah, West Virginia.

In 1916, the musical "Her Soldier Boy," featuring the song "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit-Bag," opened on Broadway.

In 1917, some 2,000 people died when an explosives-laden French cargo ship collided with a Norwegian vessel at the harbor in Halifax, Nova Scotia, setting off a blast that devastated the city.

In 1922, the Anglo-Irish Treaty, which established the Irish Free State, came into force one year to the day after it was signed in London.

In 1939, the Cole Porter musical comedy "Du Barry Was a Lady" opened on Broadway.

In 1947, Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Harry S. Truman.

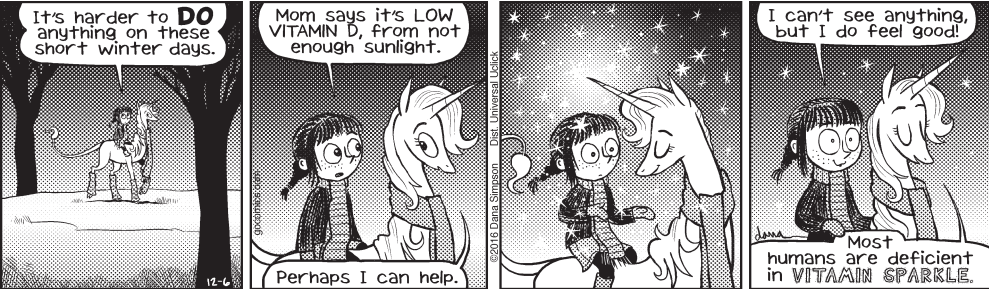
In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit failed as Vanguard TV3 rose about four feet off a Cape Canaveral launch pad before crashing down and exploding.

Today's Birthdays:
Comedy performer David Ossman is 80. Actor Patrick Bauchau is 78. Country singer Helen Cornelius is 75. Actor James Naughton is 71. Former Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Frankie Beverly (Maze) is 70. Former Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., is 68. Actress JoBeth Williams is 68. Actor Tom Hulse is 63. Actor Wil Shriner is 63. Actor Kin Shriner is 63. Actor Miles Chapin is 62. Rock musician Rick Buckler (The Jam) is 61. Comedian Steven Wright is 61. Country singer Bill Lloyd is 61. Rock musician Peter Buck (R.E.M.) is 60. Rock musician David Lovering (Pixies) is 55. Writer-director Judd Apatow is 49. Rock musician Ulf "Buddha" Ekberg (Ace of Base) is 46.

Thought for Today: "Do not wait to strike till the iron is hot; but make it hot by striking." — *William Butler Yeats, Irish Nobel Prize-winning poet (1865-1939).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

