



International Choreographers Day

People have probably been moving to rhythms as long as there has been music. The earliest evidence that archaeologists have found for dancing dates back to at least 7000 BC, and it's likely that dancing goes even further back than that! As dance has evolved over the centuries and throughout the world, choreographers have been creating, planning and often teaching dances to others. International Choreographers Day is here to pay attention to and show appreciation for those people who help the rest of the world enjoy, share in and be entertained by dance.

#INNOVATION

Partial Heart Transplant Shows Success In First Year

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A study by Duke Health physicians found that the new manner of valve procurement used, during the partial heart transplant, led to two well-functioning valves and arteries that are growing in concert with the child as if they were natural vessels.

"This publication is a proof that this technology works, this idea works and can be used to help other children," says Joseph W. Turek, Duke's chief of Paediatric Cardiac surgery, who led the landmark procedure and is first author of the study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The study also found that the procedure requires about a quarter of the amount of immunosuppressant medication than a full heart transplant, potentially saving patients from detrimental side effects that might complicate over decades.

Turek says that the innovation has paved the way for a *domino heart transplant*, where one heart is able to save two lives. During a *domino heart transplant*, a patient who has healthy valves, but is in need of stronger heart muscle, receives a full heart transplant. Their healthy valves are then donated to another patient, in need, creating a *domino effect*.

"You could potentially double the number of hearts that are used for the benefit of children with heart disease," Turek says. "Of all the hearts that are donated, roughly half meet the criteria to go on to be

used for full transplant but we believe there's an equal number of hearts that could be used for valves."

"If you introduce the donated hearts that weren't being put to use, into the supply chain and add the valves from *domino heart transplants*, that can create a substantial change," he says.

The partial heart transplant procedure has been performed 13 times at four centers around the world, including nine at Duke, several of which have been *domino heart transplants*.

Turek says that bringing this innovation to a clinical trial would be the next step to achieving the volume in procedures that would change the availability of hearts by a large amount.

This innovation adds a lot to the whole donation community," Turek says, "because it's treating more kids while also honouring the wishes of selfless donor parents who've given the ultimate gift. It allows them to offer hope to another child in the process."

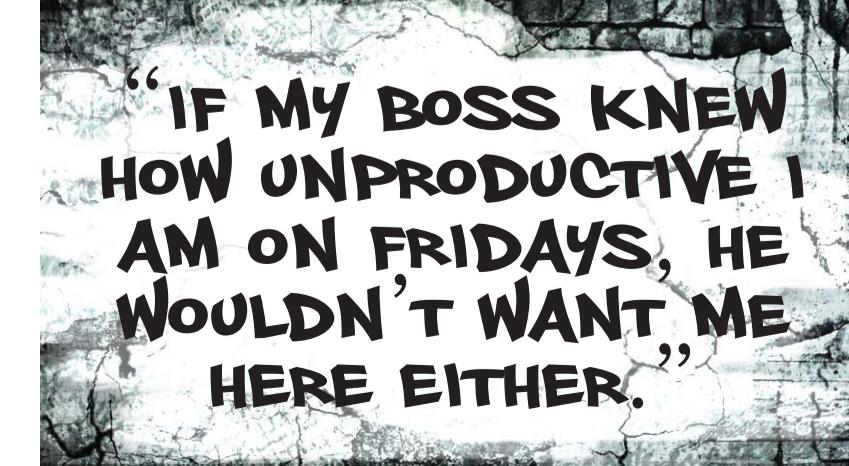
The Brett Loyer Foundation supported the preclinical trial. In addition to Turek, study authors include Lillian Kang, Douglas Overby, Michael P. Carbone, and Taufiq K. Rajab.

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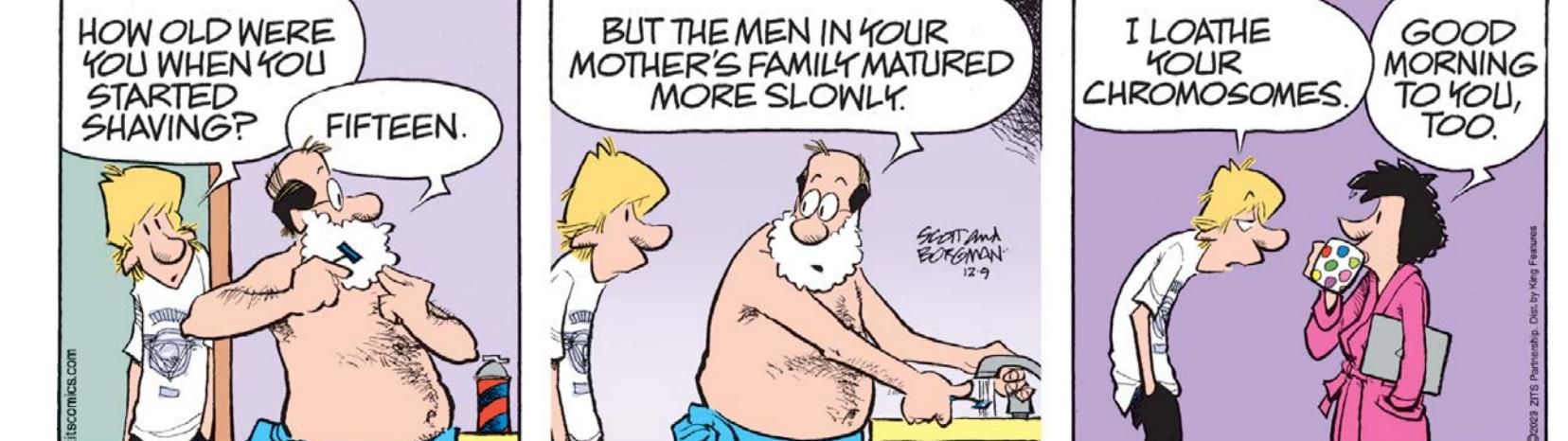
BABY BLUES



By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



ZITS



By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman

The honorable member of the TMC is an experienced parliamentarian and in a flawed moment, displayed his talents of mimicry. He chose to do so to express his ire about the Vice-President. It was unfortunate that the mimicry was more about physical deformities and the particular style of speech. The barbs had been sharp and accurate. Naturally, a reaction was expected. Since it would be considered ignoble to treat this as a personal issue, the reply was made to express dismay at the insults to the position of the Vice-President and the parliament, as a whole.



How Not Be In The Parliament



Dr Goutam Sen
CTVS Surgeon,
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It is hard to differentiate and whatever the perpetrators say, it is for our elected members of the parliament that faced it, to decide the impact of the event and can choose to designate it either way.

The focus was to bring attention to issues like unemployment and financial support that have not reached all. Therefore, there is

the full and large numbers were suspended.

Such action can never be acceptable and so, there were meetings on the grounds of the parliament, outside the chambers.

Long Dharnas lead to boredom.

After a period of sloganizing and speechification enfil set in, it is

that the acting talents of members come to the fore and songs and performances abound, to keep the people from straying.

The honorable member of the TMC is an experienced parliamentarian and in a flawed moment,

pointing fingers and asking for immediate action was unwarranted. When the government did not respond satisfactorily, the opposition chose the option to become more physical, rather than vocal. Streaming into the well of the house has become a common practice. The unruly manner in which it was done led to demand for stringent measures.

The gassing of the visitors' gallery and metal detectors of better quality were desirable. The human factor came in much later and responsible people have been summarily suspended. Again, the topmost have been untouched. It is intriguing that the pass system, despite its stringent restrictions, has been found to be flawed. The human factor of word-of-mouth referral of a known worker and parent was enough to vouch for the reliability of the passholder.

The point that was missed, was that the generations may have divergent views. Now, this will

become a long-drawn investigation.

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