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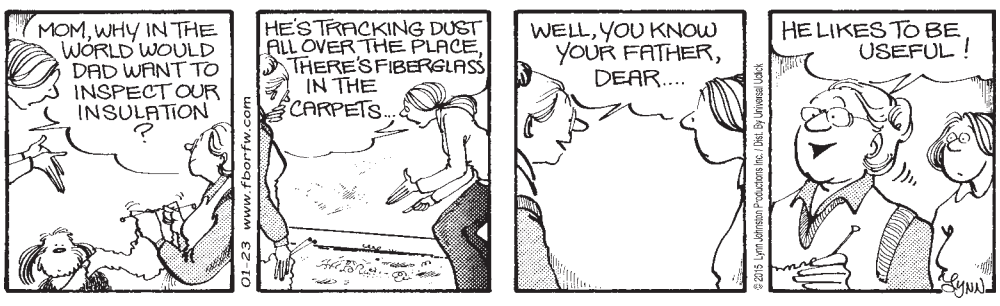

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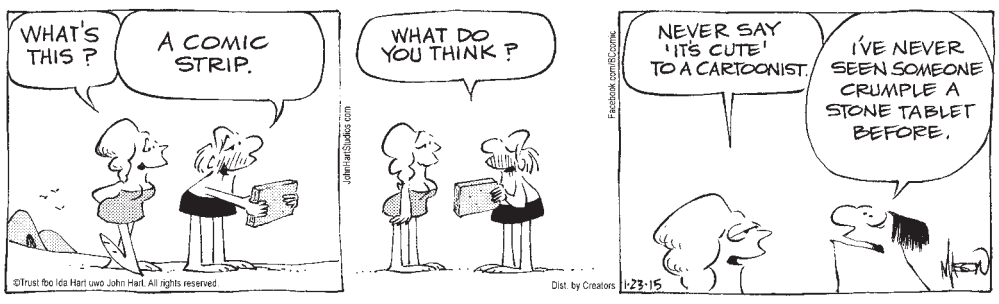

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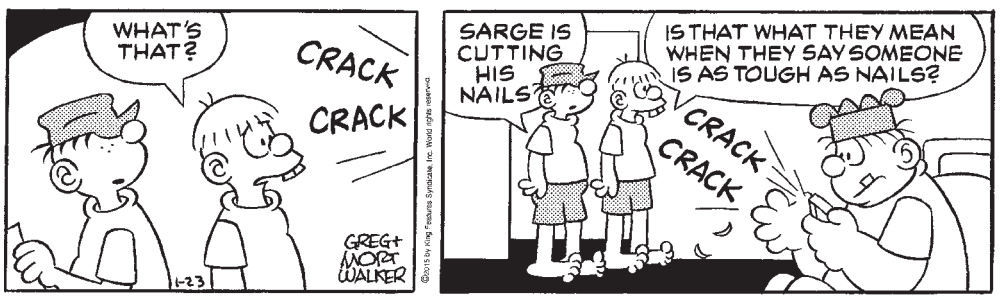

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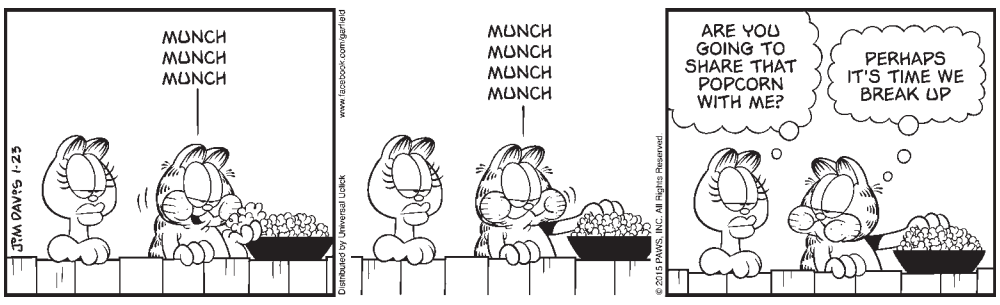

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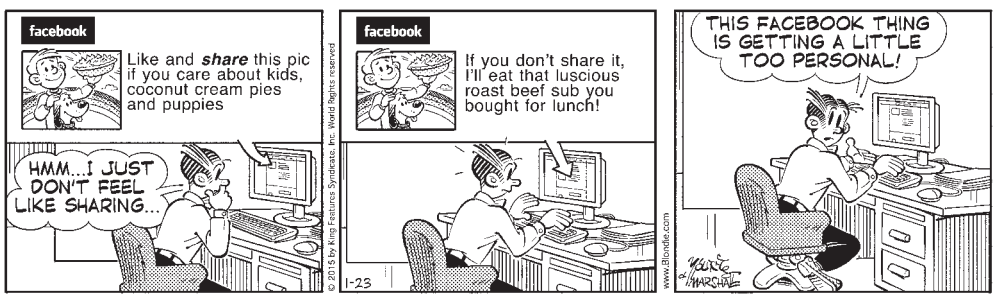

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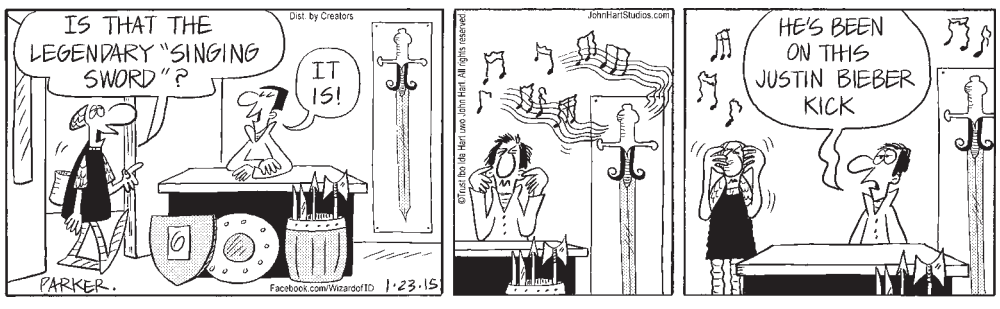

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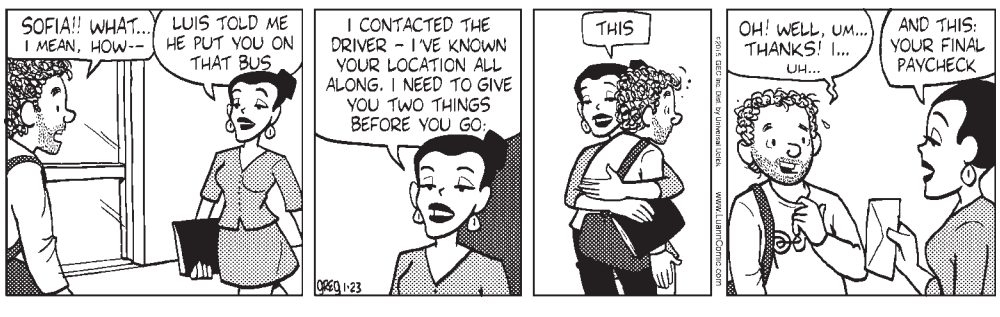

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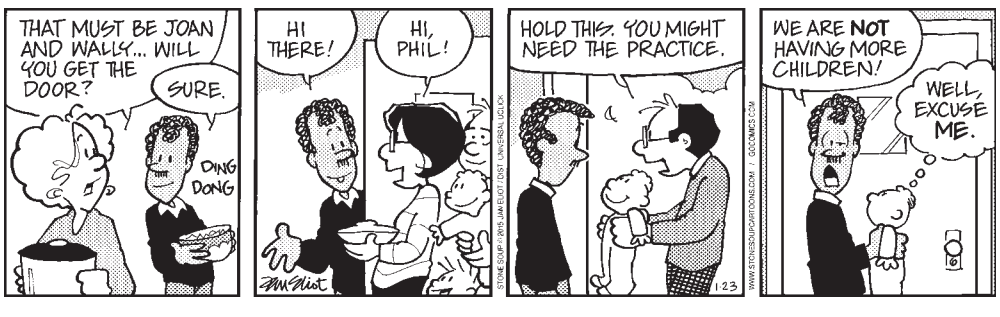

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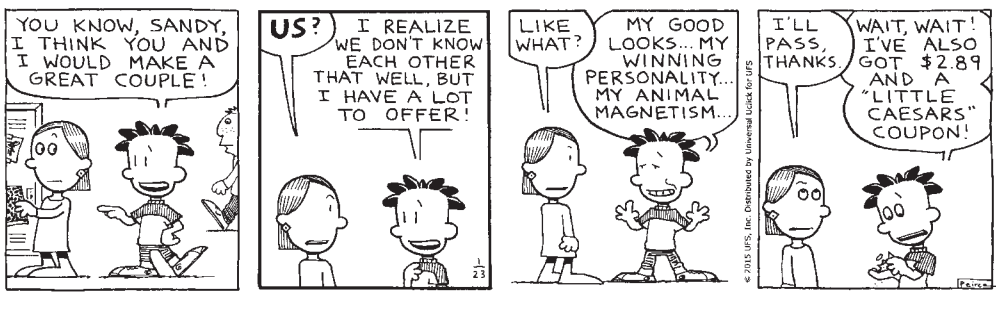

DEAR ABBY

New desk comes with a view co-worker would like to avoid

JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: I like my job a lot, but I have recently been assigned a different desk. I now sit next to someone who regularly draws his blood with a lancet and gives himself a shot for his diabetes just a foot away from me.

I am extremely uncomfortable around blood and needles. I don't want to make waves because this person has been here a lot longer than I have, and apparently, no one has ever been bothered by it.

Am I being silly? Would it be improper to ask my supervisor to move me? Moving desks is a big enough deal that I will have to give a reason. Help. — **Squeamish In Great Falls, Mont.**

Dear Squeamish: Because the sight of blood and needles makes you uncomfortable, discuss this with your supervisor ASAP. While these are procedures many people with diabetes must attend to on a daily basis, you shouldn't have to watch if you don't want to.

Dear Abby: My daughter and son-in-law were blessed with a child two years ago. My ex-husband (not my daughter's father) has hardly been in her life since our divorce 15 years ago. She never called him Dad. We have both remarried.

He and his new wife have moved close to the kids and want to be grandparents. I don't have a problem with them being close to my daughter, but I resent them being called "grandparents." I feel that title should be reserved.

Frankly, this has put a chasm in an otherwise close relationship. My daughter and son-in-law don't understand why I'm having a problem with it. Please give me some advice. — **Earned The Right In Virginia**

Dear Earned: OK. While I understand your jealousy, for all concerned, you need to realize that the more love and attention a child has, the better. Your grandchild will benefit from having many caring adults in his/her life as long as they're not at each other's throats. While your ex and his wife may not technically be grandparents, if you blow this out of proportion, you risk alienating your daughter, so I advise against it.

Dear Abby: I am a professor at a university on a military base in Germany. Most of my students are soldiers, their families or retirees, so my students range in age from 18 to 60. I do not yet have my Ph.D., only my master's.

I communicate a lot with my students through email. How should I sign my emails to them? I can't say Dr. So-and-So. Do I use my full name or Professor So-and-So? While I'm friendly with my students, I still believe in keeping a professional distance, and I want to convey a sense of professionalism in my emails. — **Professor So-And-So**

Dear Professor So-And-So: Sign your communications with your students exactly the way you have signed the one you have written to me.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 23, 1915

Because of the prospects of the removal of the O.-W. R. & N. division point from Umatilla and of the consequent decrease in business there, the First Bank of Umatilla, by a vote of the shareholders, has been dissolved. The liquidation will take place next Tuesday, January 28, according to W.L. Thompson, president of the American National Bank of this city, who is also president of the Umatilla bank. Mr. Thompson states that during the time the bank has been maintained at Umatilla it has paid but that with all indications pointing to the removal of the railroad division point, conditions did not warrant maintaining it longer in the view of those financially interested in it.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 23, 1965

The Red Cross blood drawing in Hermiston Tuesday at the CRC will provide an opportunity for donors to help Ralph Wayne Armstrong, Hermiston, to live like other little boys. Ralph, or "Rowdy," three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armstrong, depends on Red Cross gamma globulin to replace the red corpuscles in his blood through shots of a blood derivative. The blood deficiency (his red corpuscles do not reproduce) was discovered when he was a year and a half old. The shots, which must be administered every 30 days, were costing the Armstrongs $25 a month until they contacted the Red Cross. The Hermiston blood program chairman started the wheels rolling that the gamma globulin could be obtained free from the Yakima blood center. Doctors hope Rowdy will outgrow and overcome the deficiency.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 23, 1990

A Hermiston woman escaped serious injury Monday when she was accidentally knocked down and wedged beneath an unattended car. A tow truck was called to help rescue Faye L. Rivera, 40, from beneath a 1975 AMC Pacer in the parking lot of the Tower Apartments in south Hermiston. Rivera and Nona Evans, who gave Rivera a ride home, said they had parked and walked to the back of the car to look underneath it because it sounded as if the muffler had broken at a speed bump. The car rolled backwards and knocked Rivera over, and she rolled over on her stomach hoping the car would just roll over her. "One of the tires rolled over my elbow and I got stuck under the car," Rivera said. B&T Towing lifted the rear of the car and paramedics removed Rivera. She was treated and released from Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 23rd day of 2015. There are 342 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 23, 1968, North Korea seized the Navy intelligence ship USS Pueblo, charging its crew with being on a spying mission. (The crew was released 11 months later.)

On this date:

In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington D.C.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1915, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart was born in Jackson, Michigan.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "Lame Duck Amendment," was ratified as Missouri approved it.

In 1937, 17 people went on trial in Moscow during Josef Stalin's "Great Purge." (All were convicted of conspiracy; all but four were executed.)

In 1960, the U.S. Navy-operated bathyscaphe Trieste carried two men to the deepest known point in the Pacific Ocean, reaching a depth of more than 35,000 feet.

In 1964, the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified as South Dakota became the 38th state to endorse it.

In 1995, the Supreme Court, in McKennon vs. Nashville Banner Publishing Co., ruled that companies accused of firing employees illegally could not escape liability by later finding a lawful reason to justify the dismissal.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jeanne Moreau is 87. Actress Chita Rivera is 82. Actor-director Lou Antonio is 81. Actor Gil Gerard is 72. Actor Rutger Hauer is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jerry Lawson (The Persuasions) is 71. Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., is 68. Singer Anita Pointer is 67. Actor Richard Dean Anderson is 65. Rock musician Bill Cunningham is 65. Rock singer Robin Zander (Cheap Trick) is 62. Former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is 62. Princess Caroline of Monaco is 58. Singer Anita Baker is 57. Reggae musician Earl Falconer (UB40) is 56. Actress Gail O'Grady is 52. Rock musician Nick Harmer (Death Cab for Cutie) is 40.

Thought for Today: "The trouble is that hardly anybody in America goes to bed angry at night." — *George J. Stigler, American economist (1911-1991).*