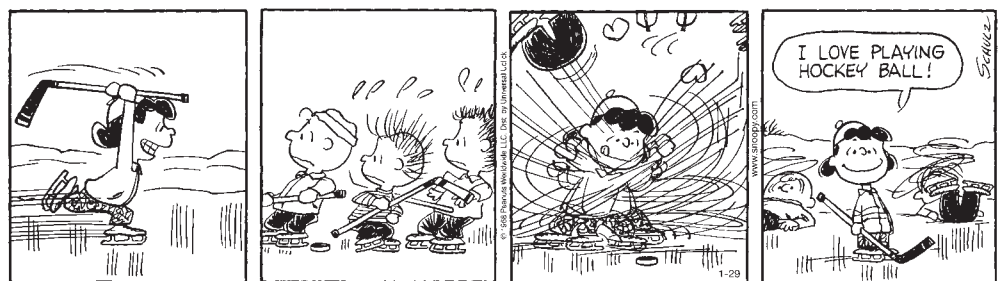


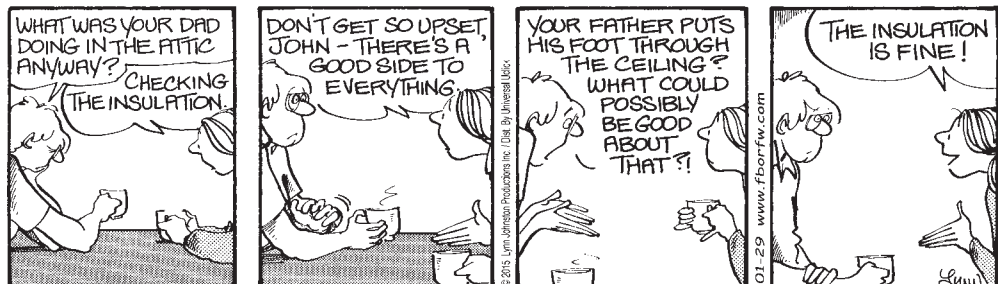
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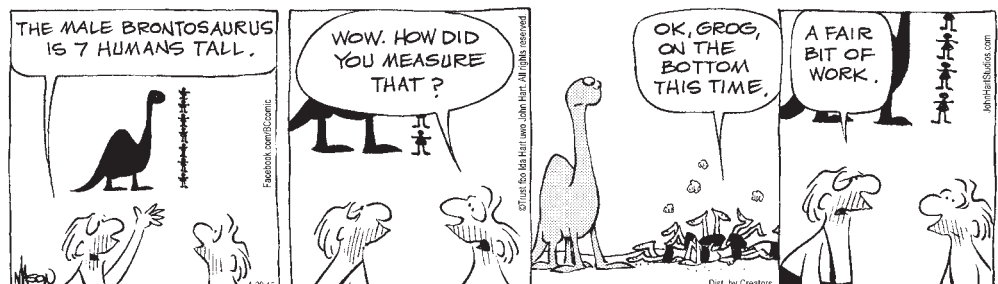
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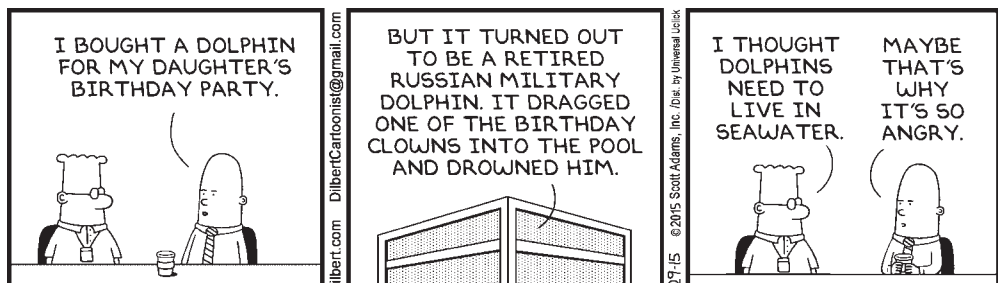
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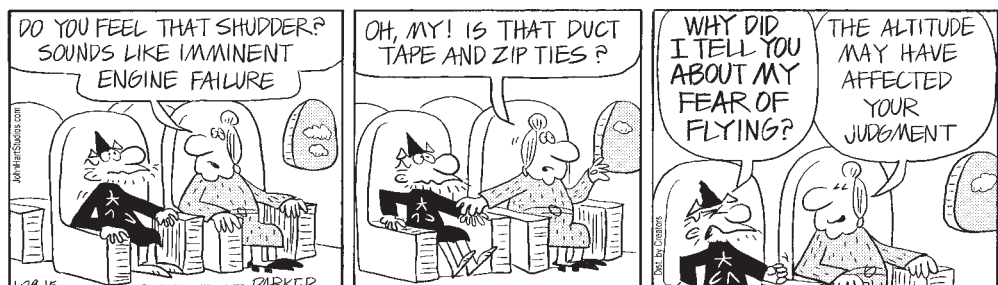
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DEAR ABBY

Woman's love for boyfriend doesn't spill over to his son



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I am in a great relationship with a wonderful man, "Kevin." He loves me very much and we get along well. I have three kids — two with special needs — and Kevin loves them and treats them like his own. He also has a son, age 6, who has cystic fibrosis.

ly told me she is taking me to her church where they are making pies for the homeless. Even though this is a nice act, I don't want to be a part of it (mainly because I am very shy around new people).

I love Kevin and can see myself marrying him. The problem is, I don't think I like his son. He's a good kid, cute and funny, but I don't feel "love" for him. I'm affectionate with my own kids, but I have to force myself to be with this boy. I am easily irritated by him and sometimes just don't want to be bothered.

When I told my mom, she said she thought I was being rude and inconsiderate, and that she would make me come and ground me if I didn't go. Is there any way I can explain it to her better? — **Shy Kid**

I know this sounds terrible, but I don't know what I should do. I don't want to end my relationship with Kevin because I'm so in love. But is it fair to stay with him if I don't love his son, too? — **In Conflict In Northern California**

Dear Shy Kid: If you have already told your mother the reason is your shyness, then I can't think of a way to state it more clearly. She may feel that your help in the project is urgently needed, which is why she's insisting. Or, she may feel that it might help you to overcome your shyness. Sometimes when people work together for a worthy cause they forget about themselves and their insecurities. I hope you will give it a try — if only so you won't be grounded.

Dear In Conflict: Frankly, it depends upon whether you can learn to love the boy. You say you don't like him. Why not? Is the reason valid? Is he mean, dishonest, spoiled or too needy? Or could it be that he's a living reminder that your boyfriend once loved another woman?

Dear Abby: Our waitress in a mid-level chain restaurant was friendly and helpful, but her tongue was pierced with a stud. It impaired her speech, making her hard to understand and it was visible every time she spoke.

If your relationship is to work, you may need an attitude adjustment. Can you focus on the positive qualities the boy has? That would be a good first step. If not, then for everyone's sake, end the relationship now.

We are pretty liberal about most things, but it was difficult for us to enjoy our meal. Would it have been OK for us to ask for a different waitress? — **Put Off In Tennessee**

Dear Abby: I am 12 and my mom is part of a church group (Unitarian). She recent-

ly told me she is taking me to her church where they are making pies for the homeless. Even though this is a nice act, I don't want to be a part of it (mainly because I am very shy around new people).

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 29, 1915

For nearly a quarter of a century an inmate of the county poor farm but never making himself a burden upon the taxpayers at any time, O.A. Hadley is dead and the peculiar contract which he made with the county court in 1891 is thus cancelled. In that year he deeded to the county a quarter section of land situated upon Weston mountain with the understanding that the county give him a home on the poor farm for the rest of his days. Being alone in the world and facing the decline in life, he wanted a home and companions and yet was unwilling to accept charity when he was the owner of property. In all the time he has been at the county farm except very recently when death was approaching, he did a man's work on the farm and more than earned his board and lodging, according to the superintendent. He had purchased a cemetery lot at Weston and yesterday the body was shipped there for interment, the county defraying the expense of the last journey.

tal patients, just as for anyone else, communication with the world beyond the hospital walls is important. For years, the blind mental patient's world consisted literally of those things he could feel with his fingers or hear with his ears; then things took a turn for the better. In the fall of 1963 Mrs. Robert Stimmel, now of Bend, along with two co-workers, undertook the tedious task of learning Braille in hopes of teaching it to the blind patients. She was assisted and herself instructed by a hospital patient, who, having been blind since birth, had become acquainted with the system before admittance to the hospital. Other foundation blocks in the program were Mrs. John Venable and Mrs. Harold Yoho. Mrs. Venable, who still works actively in the program, commented that "we simply learned the symbols with the patients."

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 29, 1965

Has it ever occurred to you that there are those who are both blind and mentally ill? There are such people living as patients at Eastern Oregon State Hospital. For most men-

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 29, 1990

Power company crews still were working today to restore power to areas knocked out by winds that peaked at 54 mph early this morning. Pacific Power and Light crews were trying to restore electricity in the Juniper Canyon area north of Pendleton today, Dennis McFarland, PP&L manager, said. Wires and trees were reported down in scattered areas, but the damage was not nearly as severe as that reported Jan. 7 when west winds peaked at 76 mph.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 29th day of 2015. There are 336 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 29, 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published in the *New York Evening Mirror*.

On this date: In 1820, Britain's King George III died at Windsor Castle.

In 1843, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio.

In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.

In 1919, the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which launched Prohibition, was certified by Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk.

In 1936, the first inductees of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, New York.

In 1956, editor-essayist H.L. Mencken, the "Sage of Baltimore," died at age 75.

In 1958, actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward were married in Las Vegas.

In 1964, Stanley Kubrick's nuclear war satire "Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" premiered in New York, Toronto and London. The Winter Olympic Games opened in Innsbruck, Austria. Actor Alan Ladd, 50, died in Palm Springs, California.

In 1975, a bomb exploded inside the U.S. State Department in Washington, causing considerable damage, but injuring no one; the radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility.

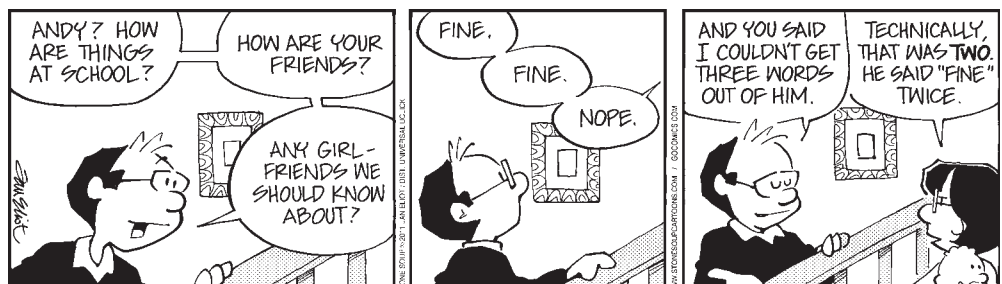
In 1990, former Exxon Valdez skipper Joseph Hazelwood went on trial in Anchorage, Alaska, on charges stemming from the 1989 oil spill. (Hazelwood was acquitted of the major charges, and convicted of a misdemeanor.)

Today's Birthdays: Writer-composer-lyricist Leslie Bricusse is 84. Feminist author Germaine Greer is 76. Actress Katharine Ross is 75. Feminist author Robin Morgan is 74. Actor Tom Selleck is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bettye LaVette is 69. Actor Marc Singer is 67. Actress Ann Jillian is 65. Rock musician Louie Perez (Los Lobos) is 62. Rhythm-and-blues/funk singer Charlie Wilson is 62. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 61. Actor Terry Kinney (TV: "Black Box"; "Oz") is 61. Country singer Irlene Mandrell is 59. Actress Diane Delano is 58. Actress Judy Norton Taylor (TV: "The Waltons") is 57. Actress Heather Graham is 45. U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., is 45.

Thought for Today: "Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired." — *Robert Frost, American poet (born 1874, died this date in 1963).*

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

