

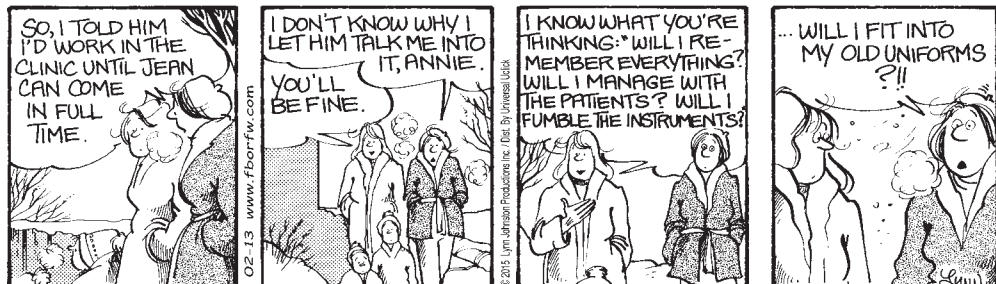
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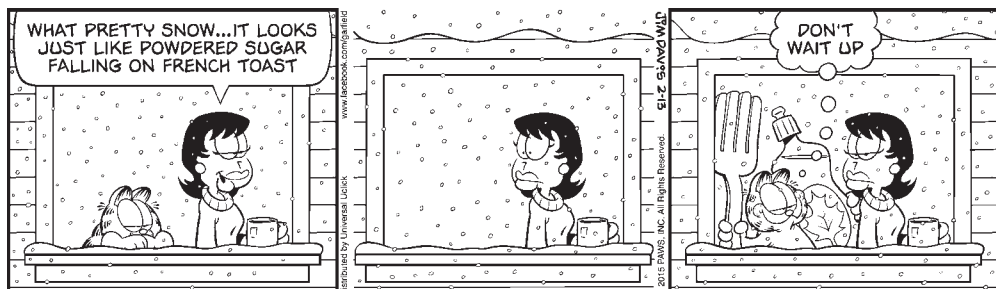
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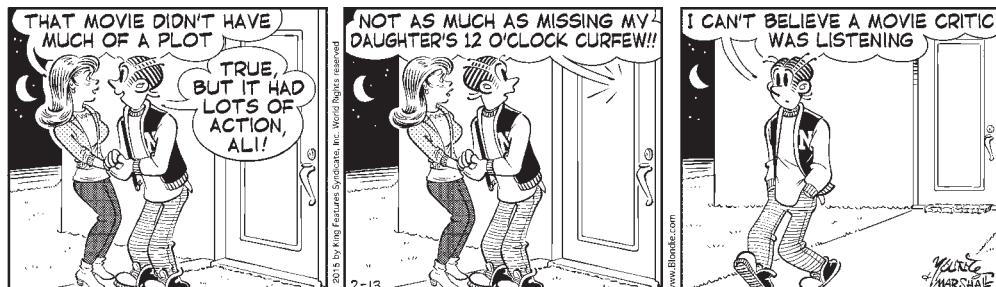
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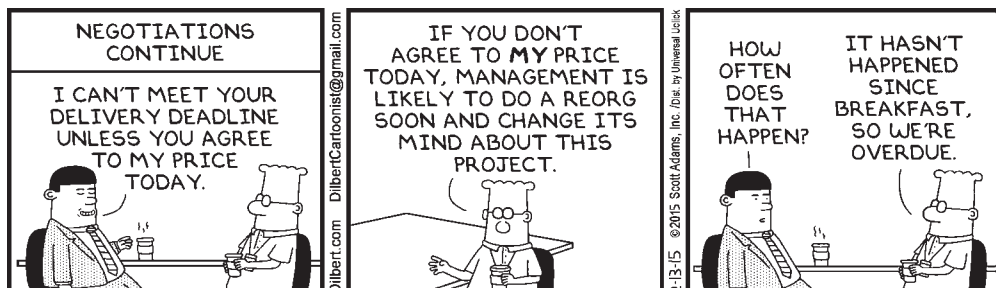
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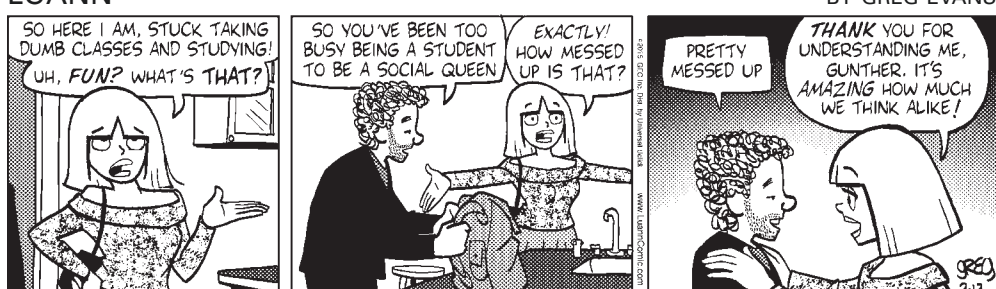
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DEAR ABBY

Younger brother tiptoes around bringing older girlfriend home



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My younger brother is 25. Three or four months ago he got out of a six-year relationship. He is now dating his former boss, a woman who is at least 15 years older than he is. As far as I know, I'm the only one he's told.

I recently asked him how the romance was going and he told me things are great. He also said he's worried about how to let the rest of our family know about this new relationship. Do you have any advice I could give him about revealing something that's sure to shock some members of our family? — **Worried Older Brother In Kansas City, Mo.**

Dear Worried: Yes. Tell him all he has to do is bring his new love interest to the next family gathering. (You can be in charge of supplying the smelling salts.)

Dear Abby: My husband and I completed construction on our retirement home five years ago. Even though we're not retired, we were able to move in. We are now 3 1/2 hours away from family.

We have repeatedly invited family members to enjoy our hospitality at holiday or vacation time. Some of them have taken us up on the invitation at least once. However, one of my brothers has never been here.

We have a lovely log cabin on a lake, and it can accommodate ALL family members for a gathering. Our relatives cite the long drive as the reason for staying away, while they think nothing of taking a hunting or fishing trip nearby.

I have stopped asking. My mom thinks I

should continue extending invitations. Truthfully, it is a lot less work and expense to NOT host. Who's right? — **Enough Already In Michigan**

Dear Enough: You are. By now your relatives are well aware that they are welcome. Continue to invite those who have accepted and reciprocated your hospitality, because it should be apparent that the ones who have declined are not interested. And explain that to your mother, who long ago should have stopped telling you what to do.

Dear Abby: Have you or any of your female readers experienced this medical phenomenon with their male partners? When I open my mouth to speak, I can literally hear my husband's ears slam shut! Repeating everything seems to be a side effect for those of us living with someone with this disease. Does anyone know of a cure? — **Tired Of Talking To Myself**

Dear Tired: Alas, I can't answer from personal experience because every time I open my mouth to speak, my husband rushes forward to catch the pearls of wisdom I'm spewing. However, I suspect that what you're experiencing may be a widespread phenomenon that happens when any woman suggests something her spouse doesn't want to hear. Readers, what do you think?

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 13, 1915

John Dyer is mayor of Pendleton, according to a "pro forma" decision rendered late yesterday afternoon by Circuit Judge G.W. Phelps. By virtue of his position as chairman of the council at the time of the death of Mayor Matlock, he succeeded to the position and all of his acts performed in that capacity since are legal, according to the decision. Robert F. Kirkpatrick, appointed mayor by the council a few weeks ago when the attorneys for the company which purchased the water bonds questioned Dyer's right to sign the bonds, will carry the matter to the supreme court for a final determination of the mooted mayoralty question.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 13, 1965

Promotion of construction of a research laboratory in Pendleton and passage of legislation providing increased income to wheat growers were items of business in Washington, D.C., recently for three ranchers. Milton Morgan, Ione, past president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League; Melvin Pace, Enterprise, this year's president of the organization; and Allen Tom, The Dalles, vice president

of the National Wheat Growers Association, flew to the nation's capital and spent five days working on the two projects. Morgan reports construction of a soil and water research laboratory in the Pendleton area is "No. 3 on the priority list at present."

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 13, 1990

Police hope crime lab results will help explain the injuries suffered by a 13-year-old Pendleton boy who was moved Monday to a Portland hospital. Twelve days after he was found injured and dazed in the back yard of a home on Southwest 16th Street, Bryon Van Nattan is being evaluated by doctors at Good Samaritan Hospital. Meanwhile, authorities who've gained no new ground on a hit-and-run theory are considering another angle. Pendleton Police Chief Ed Taber said detectives believe Bryon may have fallen from a treehouse. "That's one reason we sent his clothes to the crime lab — for paint and metal shavings, but also for wood chips, something that might link us to some other type of accident," Taber said. Bryon's mother, Bonnie Van Nattan, said her son has not offered any other explanation than the one he gave nurses soon after he was taken to St. Anthony Hospital. He told them he'd been hit by a black-and-white or a white car.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 44th day of 2015. There are 321 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, New Jersey, found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

On this date: **In 1542,** the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was officially declared winner of the 1860 presidential election as electors cast their ballots.

In 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, also known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.

In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

In 1939, Justice Louis D.

Brandeis retired from the U.S. Supreme Court. (He was succeeded by William O. Douglas.)

In 1945, during World War II, Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden. The Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.

In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb in the Sahara Desert.

In 1965, during the Vietnam War, President Lyndon B. Johnson authorized Operation Rolling Thunder, an extended bombing campaign against the North Vietnamese.

In 1975, a late-night arson fire set by a disgruntled custodian broke out on the 11th floor of the north tower of New York's World Trade Center; the blaze spread to six floors, but caused no direct casualties.

In 1980, the 13th Winter Olympics opened in Lake Placid, New York.

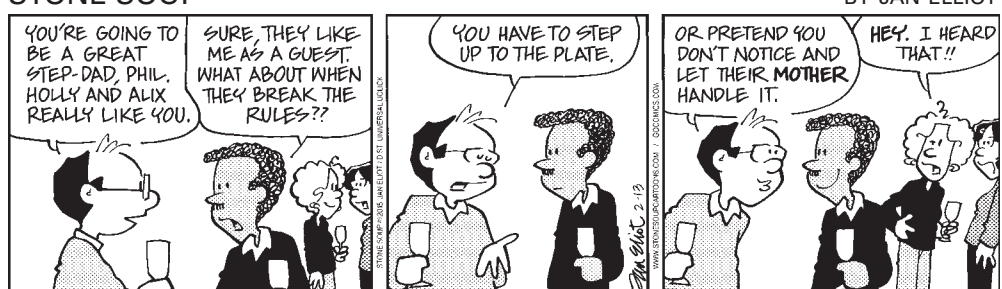
In 1988, the 15th Winter Olympics opened in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Today's Birthdays: U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager (ret.) is 92. Actress Kim Novak is 82. Actor George Segal is 81. Actor Bo Svenson is 74. Actress Carol Lynley is 73. Singer-musician Peter Tork (The Monkees) is 73. Actress Stockard Channing is 71. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 71. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., is 69. Singer Peter Gabriel is 65. Actor David Naughton is 64. Rock musician Peter Hook is 59. Actor Matt Salinger is 55. Singer Henry Rollins is 54. Rock singer Matt Berninger (The National) is 44. Rock musician Todd Harrell (3 Doors Down) is 43. Singer-songwriter Feist is 39. Michael Joseph Jackson Jr. (also known as Prince Michael Jackson I) is 18.

Thought for Today: "The world has no sympathy with any but positive griefs; it will pity you for what you lose, but never for what you lack." — *Anne Sophie Swetchine, Russian-French author (1782-1857).*

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

