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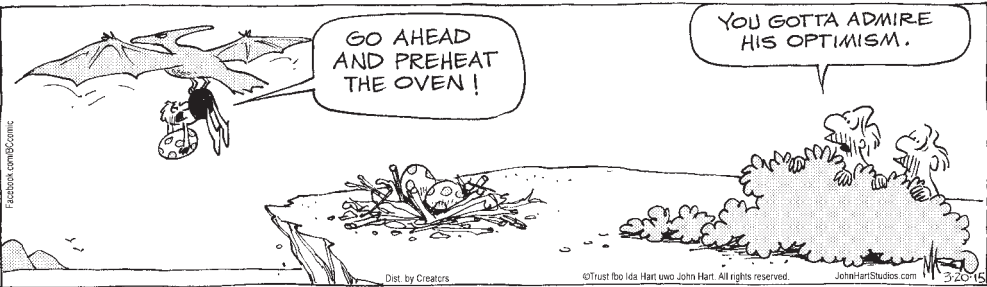
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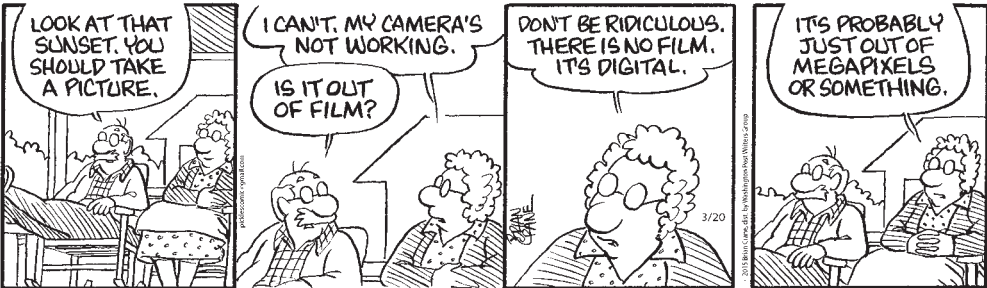
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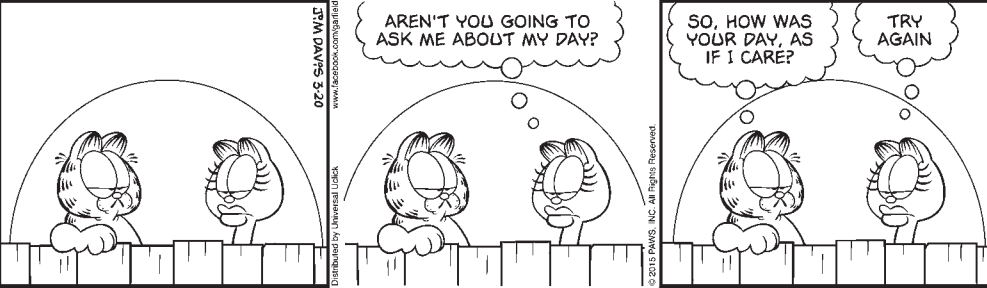
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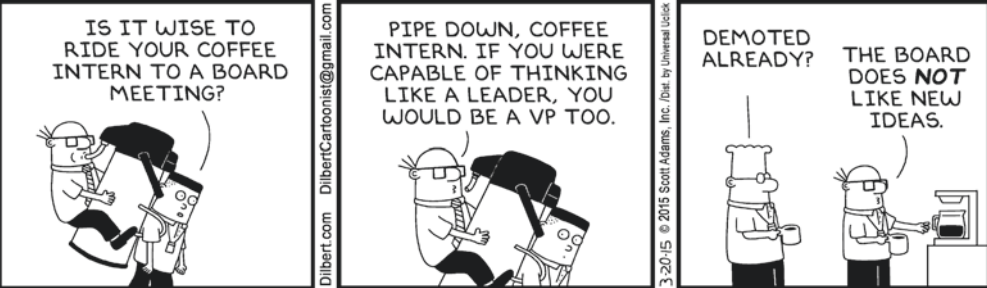
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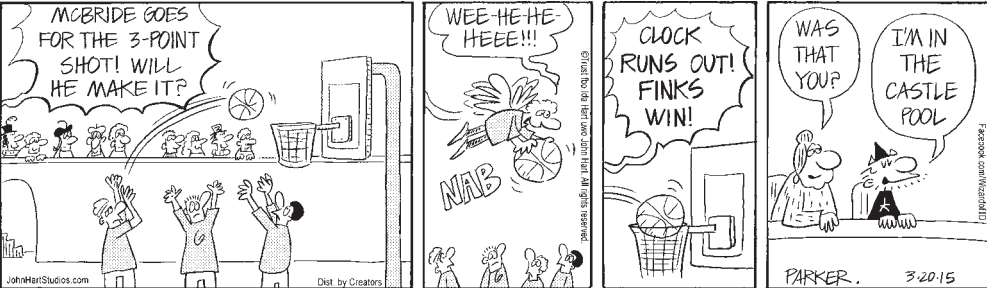
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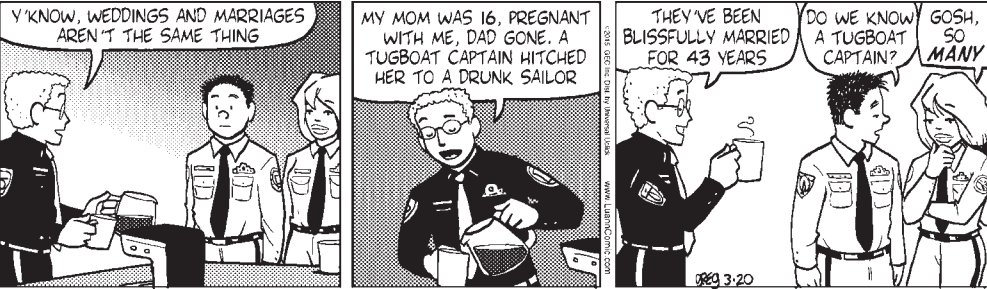
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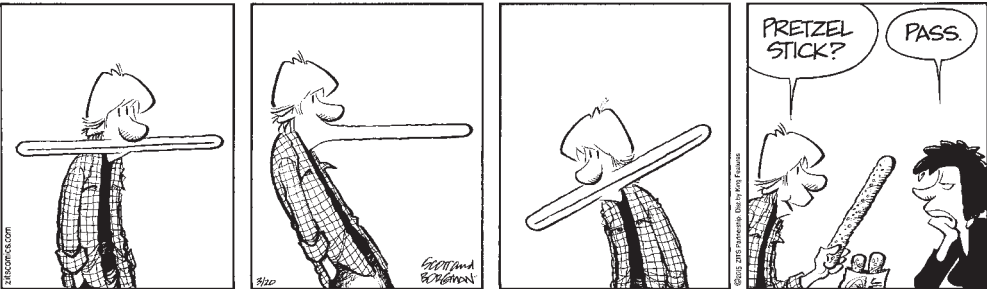
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DEAR ABBY

Casual remark cuts deeper than what friend intended

Dear Abby: My wife, "Tina," was very hurt by a friend recently. Her friend "Sally" called her "cheap" during a conversation ("she's cheap like you"). Sally didn't intend it to be hurtful, just an illustration — but my wife is very upset about it.

We use coupons when we grocery shop or dine out; we also watch our thermostats, recycle, etc. On the other hand, we have sent our children to university without loans, our mortgage is paid off, we have traveled extensively and our net worth is north of a million dollars with no debt. How do I make Tina realize that Sally's comment should not upset her so? — **Thrifty In Texas**

Dear Thrifty: What happened was unfortunate because the problem may be that Sally simply chose the wrong word. What she probably meant was that your wife is frugal. The difference between "frugal" and "cheap" is that being frugal is a VIRTUE. Because Sally hurt your wife's feelings, Tina needs to tell her how it made her feel so Sally can apologize to her before it causes a permanent rift.

Dear Abby: I'm a teenage girl who has a fantastic life, a loving family, great grades in school and a nice house. I have a problem that seems to be taking over my life: I'm very anxious.

At first, it seemed I was just a worrywart, but lately, it's been nuts. I'm terrified someone in my family is going to die and I worry obsessively over it. I try to think it's going to be all right, but my anxiety just overtakes me.

I'm terrified of death and that my parents or my siblings will die tomorrow. I don't know who to tell. My parents freak out over the slightest thing. Please help me. — **Worry-**



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

wart In Arizona

Dear Worrywart: Many young people harbor the same fear you have. But because you say your parents tend to "freak out" at the slightest thing, I can't help but wonder if a tendency toward high anxiety runs in your family.

Assuming that your family members are in good health, your preoccupation with the idea they might suddenly die should be discussed with a licensed psychotherapist. Ideally, you should tell your parents what's going on, but if you're afraid to talk to them and ask for help, then speak to a counselor at school so the counselor can bring it to their attention. Because this is troubling you to the extent that you have written to me, please don't procrastinate.

Dear Abby: How do you politely refuse to hug or shake someone's hand because of a medical issue that lowers your resistance to infection?

I had a stem cell transplant 18 months ago because of a recurrence of Hodgkin's lymphoma. I'm now on a drug that keeps my white blood count low. If I get a fever, I could end up in the hospital. I have been in remission for over a year and look healthy.

I don't really care to get into a long conversation about my experience, but I don't want to put myself at risk. How should I handle this without appearing rude? — **Holding Back In Pennsylvania**

Dear Holding: Not extending your hand should send the message. However, if you are pressed, tell a short version of the truth, which would be, "I can't do that because I have a medical condition that prevents close contact."

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 20, 1915

A few mornings ago, a hobo appeared at the home of Chief of Police Kearney on North Bush street and asked for a meal. Not given to encouraging mendicants, the chief told him the meal would be forthcoming if it was earned, and told the man to rake his yard first and he would get breakfast afterwards. Having cleaned up his yard only a few days before, there were only a few chips scattered about over the lawn from the children's play and these were what the chief indicated. What was his surprise when he returned home at noon to find half a drayload of trash and debris piled up in front of his house. The man had cleaned up the vacant lots back of the Kearney home, gathering up an old stove, pipe, tin cans and much other trash that had accumulated, and the chief had to hire a wagon to haul it away. The secret of the unusual energy with which the hobo had persecuted his task probably lies in the fact that the chief, when the gave the man his directions, was in his shirtsleeves so that his gun and billy club were plainly to be seen protruding from his hip pockets.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 20, 1965

Change over from producing crops to grassland has many advantages for cattlemen in Morrow County, according to Nels

Anderson, county agent. Case in point which Anderson recently told of is the Don Robinson operation on Sandhollow. Robinson started several years ago making seedings of grass on areas of his ranch that were otherwise wasteland, or places with a tendency to blow. Most of the land was steep and subject to water erosion. His foresight was proved as a result of the heavy run-off of the December 22 heavy rains. This runoff caused considerable soil erosion in crop land even on the less steep slopes. Robinson said water in deep gullies was stopped immediately after reaching grass seedings, even though the gullies continued on in steep slopes. Robinson is a long time registered polled Hereford breeder. Grass contributes substantially to the type of agriculture he has chosen to follow.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 20, 1990

Pendleton's Coleen Little and Joely Nye teamed to take the No. 2 girls doubles title and Angel Wayne won the No. 3 girls singles championship at the Lewiston-Clarkston Invitational high school tennis tournament Friday and Saturday. Rick Skeen and Chris Judy of Pendleton finished second in No. 2 boys doubles with a 5-1 record. Chris LeGore and Cassandra Guiwits were consolation champions in the No. 1 girls doubles with a 4-2 record and Buck teammates Tod Moore and Greg Senter were consolation champs in No. 2 boys doubles, finishing 4-2.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 79th day of 2015. There are 286 days left in the year. Spring arrives at 6:45 p.m. EDT.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 20, 1995, in Tokyo, 12 people were killed, more than 5,500 others sickened when packages containing the deadly chemical sarin were leaked on five separate subway trains by Aum Shinrikyo cult members.

On this date: In 1727, physicist, mathematician and astronomer Sir Isaac Newton died in London.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte returned to Paris after escaping his exile on Elba, beginning his "Hundred Days" rule.

In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's

Cabin," was first published in book form after being serialized.

In 1899, Martha M. Place of Brooklyn, New York, became the first woman to be executed in the electric chair as she was put to death at Sing Sing for the murder of her stepdaughter.

In 1922, the decommissioned USS Jupiter, converted into the first U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, was recommissioned as the USS Langley.

In 1933, the state of Florida electrocuted Giuseppe Zangara for shooting to death Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak at a Miami event attended by President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, the presumed target, the previous February.

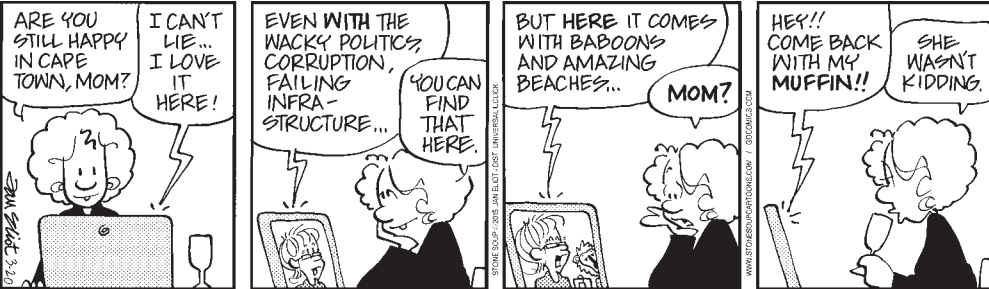
In 1969, John Lennon married Yoko Ono in Gibraltar.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Dame Vera Lynn is 98. Producer-director-comedian Carl Reiner is 93. Actor Hal Linden is 84. Former Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney is 76. Country singer Don Edwards is 76. TV producer Paul Junger Witt is 74. Country singer-musician Ranger Doug (Riders in the Sky) is 69. Movie director Spike Lee is 58. Rock musician Slim Jim Phantom (The Stray Cats) is 54. Rock singer Chester Bennington (Linkin Park) is 39. Rock musician Nick Wheeler (The All-American Rejects) is 33. Actress-singer Christy Carlson Romano is 31.

Thought for Today: "Every spring is the only spring, a perpetual astonishment." — *Ellis Peters (Edith Pargeter), British author (1913-1995)*

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

