

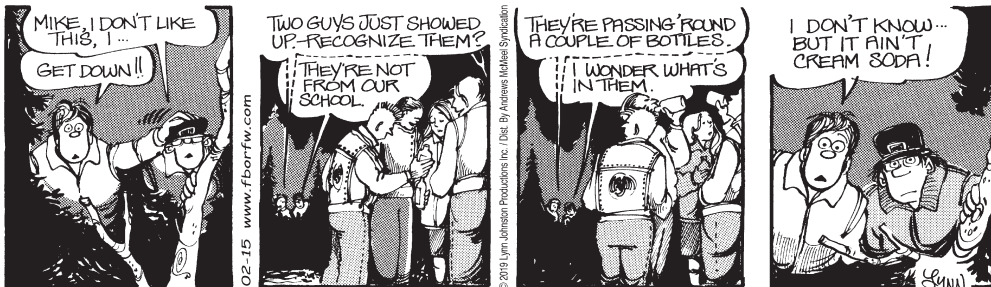
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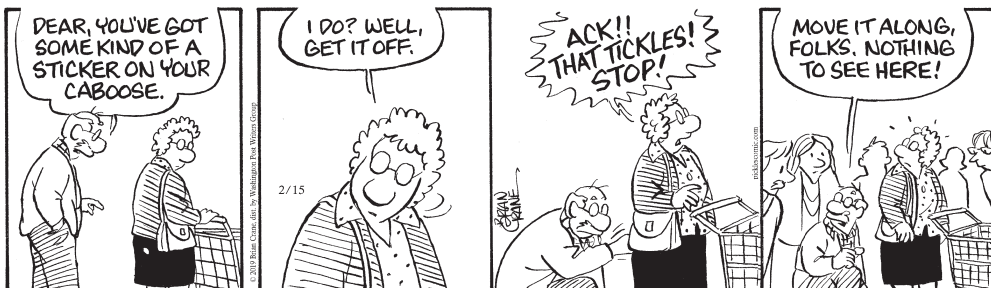
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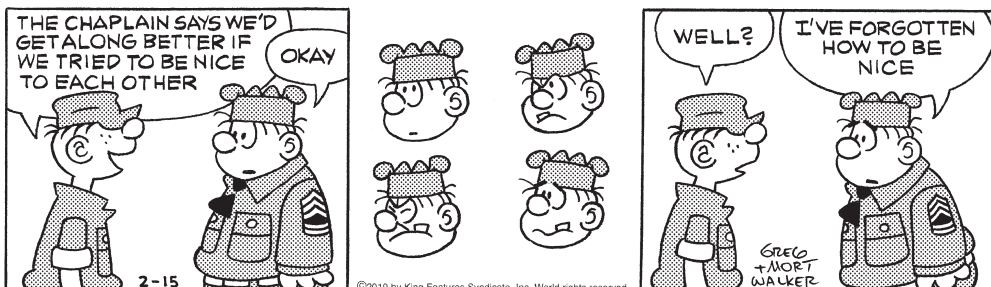
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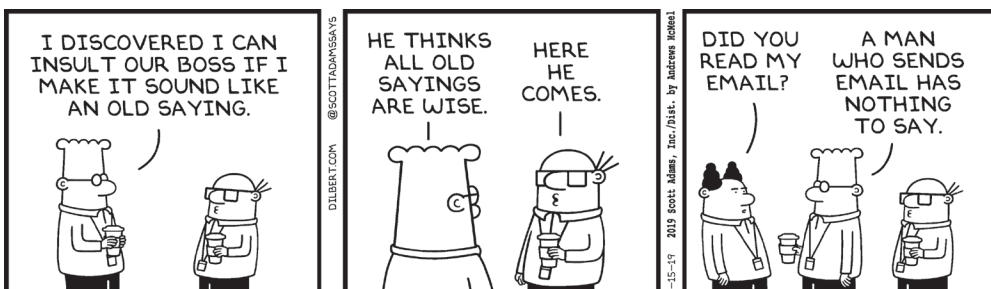
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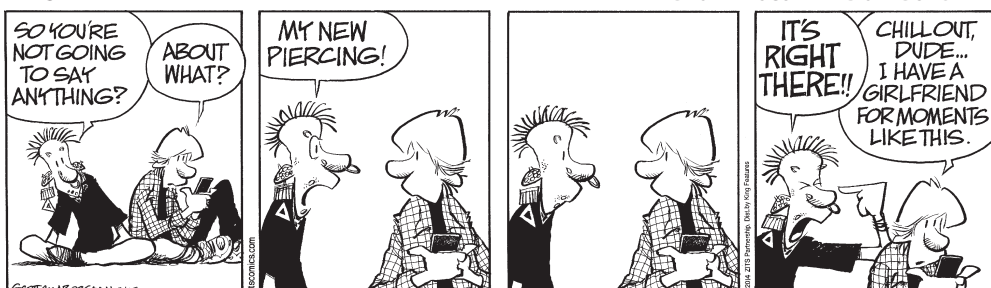
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DEAR ABBY

Readers advocate respect for opposing viewpoints

Dear Abby: I'm writing regarding "Open-Minded in the South" (Nov. 24), the Christian woman who's a supporter of the LGBTQ community. She's concerned about her boyfriend's mother's inability to see her viewpoint and the effect it would have on future kids. I experienced something nearly identical. My boyfriend's grandfather is an ordained pastor, and they raised their kids in a conservative home. After a few conversations with them about LGBTQ people and other issues, we received a six-page letter detailing the "sins" we were committing. Fast-forward 20 years: I get along with my in-laws fabulously. In fact, the grandfather has said I'm his favorite! We don't agree on pretty much anything politically, but I do still voice my opinion if the family says something I don't agree with.



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ever convince the other that they are wrong. The solution: Don't talk about the problem issue.

We have a relative who holds office in a political party opposite to ours. We have a tacit agreement to simply never talk politics, and we get along great. Life is short, and there's nothing more important than family and friends. Agree to disagree! — **Calm in Kentucky**

Dear Abby: When people have an opposing point of view, it doesn't mean they hate you or are ignorant. Our culture is increasingly unable to engage in reasoned dialogue. Instead, people resort to shouting down reasonable thought and civil debate. My wife and I disagree over substantive issues, but we cope. Our society needs to work toward a renewal of civility. — **No Hate in Texas**

Dear Abby: Both women are entitled to their beliefs and opinions. It's commendable that they discussed their differences. Now the question is, "How do I respond to someone important in my life with whom I disagree?" The answer is respect. Rather than demean each other, the women should choose to find some solid ground on which to build a relationship.

To advise "Open-Minded" to consider leaving her boyfriend because of his mother's beliefs shocked me. In my family there is an array of different views. We all know where we stand and steer clear of the bombshells. We have chosen to love each other, accept each other as is and be as close as we can despite our differences. It takes some work, but it's worth it. We have even been able to joke with one another in a good-natured way. That is love and respect at its best, and more of what our world could use today. — **Happy in Kansas**

Dear Readers: I confess I wholeheartedly agree.

My husband and I have two kids who often hear the in-laws say some judgmental things, and it's a great segue to a conversation with my kids afterward. They understand that not everyone is going to have the same beliefs, and even though we don't agree with the in-laws on these issues, we love them dearly. It definitely isn't a reason to end a good relationship.

As to "Open-Minded's" boyfriend not being up for the argument with his mom, he could be like my husband who has had conversations with them to no avail and realizes it's futile. — **Been There and Still There**

Dear Been There: My readers used "Open-Minded's" letter as an opportunity to have a forum about respect, love and civility. I found their comments both valid and refreshing. Read on:

Dear Abby: It is interesting that open-minded people are often open-minded only if you agree with them and are otherwise completely dogmatic. Neither party will

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 15, 1919

Three rings, repeated three times! This will be the signal by the fire bell that the train bearing the 65th Coast Artillery boys will reach Pendleton within an hour from the time the signal is given. As soon as the definite time for the arrival of the train in Pendleton is known the time of arrival will be posted on the East Oregonian bulletin board. If the train left Omaha at 2 p.m. yesterday, as Col. Kerfoot's message stated, then the train would be due in Pendleton at 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon, provided regular running time is made. The 65th regiment consists of 40 officers, including Lieutenant Fred Steiwer, and 900 men from Oregon and Washington.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 15, 1969

Ten senators from the West are sponsoring a bill to allow permanent residence in the United States of 380 Basque sheepherders. This is an important piece of legislation for Shirley Rugg, well known Morrow County rancher, who owns and operates one of the

largest sheep operations in the Pacific Northwest. The bill, being considered by a Senate Judiciary subcommittee, was introduced by Sen. Peter H. Dominick, R-Colo. It would permit shepherds to stay in the United States and await quota openings to apply for permanent residence. One of the reasons for the decline in sheep raising in the West's agricultural picture has been the problem of hiring responsible sheepherders.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 15, 1994

Larry E. Harsin, the 34-year-old Dale man charged with murder in the deaths of his parents, was arraigned Monday in Umatilla County District Court. Harsin was arrested Sunday for the slaying of his parents — Estelle M. Harsin, 68, and Roy L. Harsin, 75 — whose bodies were found at their home on Highway 395 near Camas Creek, about four miles north of Dale. "We won't know for sure the cause of death until the autopsy is concluded," District Attorney Dave Gallaher said this morning. "Initially it looks like gunshot wounds, but we've been surprised before."

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 15, 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member U.S. figure skating team en route to the World Championships in Czechoslovakia, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium.

In 1564, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa.

In 1798, a feud between two members of the U.S. House of Representatives (meeting in Philadelphia) boiled over as Roger Griswold of Connecticut used a cane to attack Vermont's Matthew Lyon, who defended himself with a set of tongs. (Griswold was enraged over the House's

refusal to expel Lyon for spitting tobacco juice in his face two weeks earlier; after the two men were separated, a motion to expel them both was defeated.)

In 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that mortally wounded Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak; gunman Giuseppe Zangara was executed more than four weeks later.

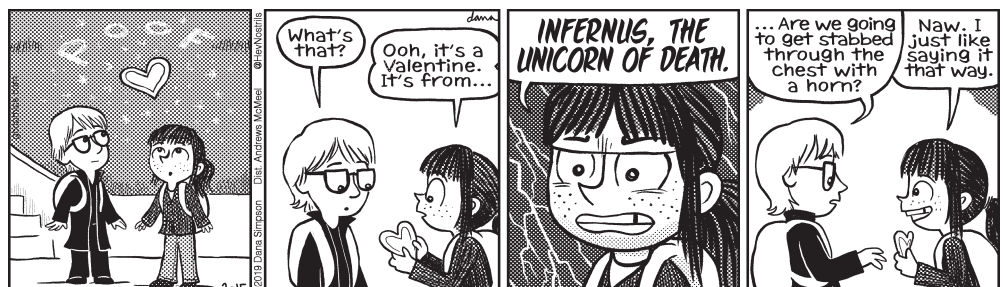
Today's Birthdays:

Actress Claire Bloom is 88. Author Susan Brownmiller is 84. Songwriter Brian Holland is 78. Rock musician Mick Avory (The Kinks) is 75. Jazz musician Henry Threadgill is 75. Actress-model Marisa Berenson is 72. Actress Jane Seymour is 68. Singer Melissa Manchester is 68. Actress Lynn Whitfield is 66. "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening is 65.

Thought for Today: "Fools act on imagination without knowledge, pedants act on knowledge without imagination." — Alfred North Whitehead, English philosopher (born this date in 1861, died 1947).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

