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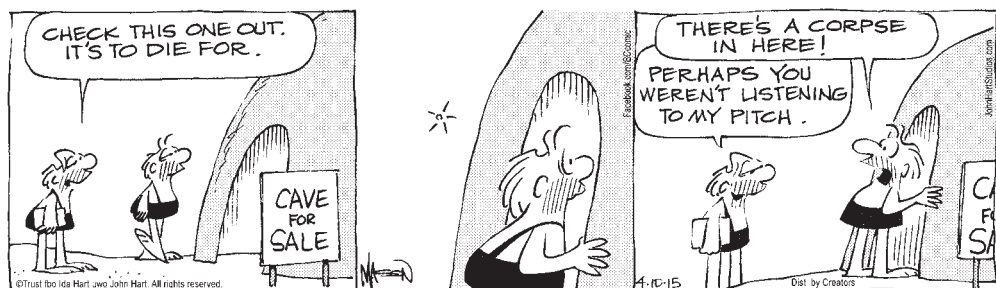
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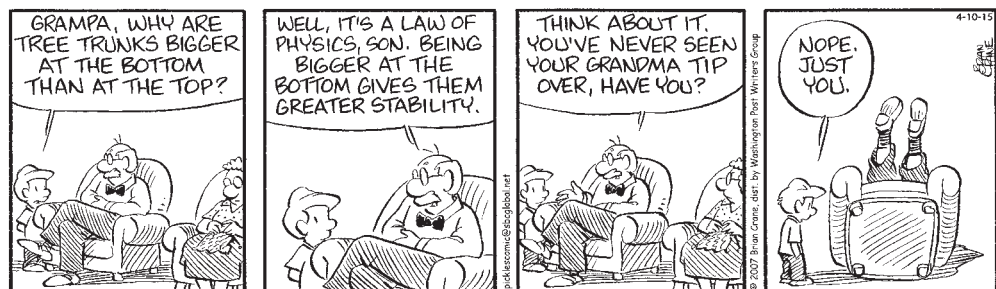
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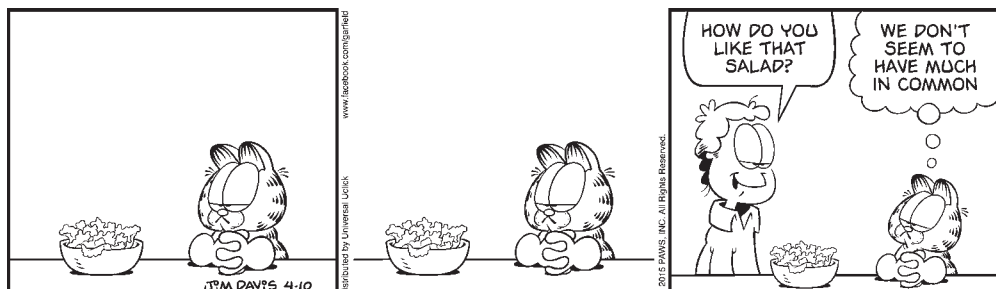
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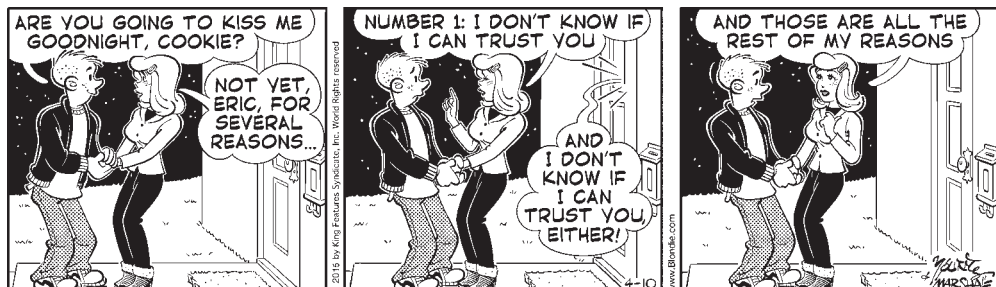
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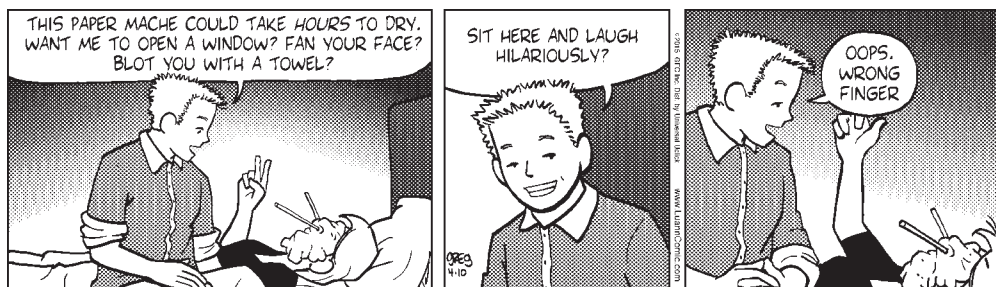
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DEAR ABBY

Mother of five tests limits of cousin's ability to help

Dear Abby: My cousin "Opal" and I grew up together. We were always close. She has gone through some rough times, and I have been trying to help her out.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

She has five children (ages 10 to 2) and I have one child who is 13. The fathers of her children are not helpful. I recently completed my education and am looking for work, so money is tight.

Opal doesn't feed her kids before bringing them over or provide diapers for the little one. She promises to reimburse me, but rarely does. Most of the time I keep my mouth shut because I know she doesn't make much as a server. How can I make her understand that even though I have only one child that doesn't mean I have the money to help her out with her five?

Also, when I baby-sit her children, they are rowdy and destructive. But if I try to raise the subject, it creates tension between us.

I love Opal. I want to help her. But when is it enough? I don't want to withdraw my help completely, but it has become more than my household can bear. — Caring Cousin In Missouri

Dear Caring Cousin: Nothing will change until you are ready to tell Cousin Opal enough is enough and set some strict rules. That she has had five children with different deadbeat boyfriends is not your fault. One accidental pregnancy — or even two — can happen. But FIVE should be a clue that your cousin is irresponsible.

Tell Opal that unless her children are fed before they arrive and she provides diapers, you will no longer baby-sit for her. (It wouldn't be a bad idea to tell her to include

some snacks as well.) Tell her that before her children come over she is to instruct them to be on their best behavior. Her household may be chaotic because there are no rules — so don't blame those children for their bad behavior.

When they arrive, tell them that in YOUR house there are rules. Explain clearly what they are and that there are rewards for good behavior. Make clear that if they can't be good, they won't be welcomed back without their mother.

If the penalty for drawing the line is that there is tension between you and your cousin, the upside will be that you will be taken advantage of less often.

Dear Abby: I'm a 49-year-old gay man who has been in a relationship with my partner, "Alex," for almost 25 years. We plan to have a silver anniversary party in July. When I mentioned it to my two sisters, both had similar reactions — it's not "appropriate" and "silver anniversaries are for married couples and you're not married."

Abby, is it wrong to celebrate a silver anniversary with Alex? If not, should I send invitations to my two sisters? — Long-Term In Long Beach

Dear Long-Term: Of course it's not wrong! The option of marriage wasn't available to gay people 25 years ago. A quarter of a century together is something to celebrate.

Knowing your sisters' feelings, you'd be justified in excluding them from your guest list. However, consider taking the high road and inviting them anyway. Then, whether they attend or not becomes their decision.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 10, 1915

With Representative R.W. Ritner as president, George Strand, vice president, Dr. M.S. Kern as secretary and Walter McCommach as treasurer, the Umatilla County Auto Club came into being last evening and began at once its work for good roads by setting Tuesday, April 20 as a day upon which not only auto owners but farmers, business men and every body interested in improving the public highways will be asked to lay aside all other work in order to contribute eight hours' actual physical labor toward making the roads better. The meeting last evening was attended by auto owners from all parts of the county and the organization was given a good start toward a working fund by the payment of the five dollar fee by thirty-five members. Within a few days, the officers expect to have 100 members enrolled.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 10, 1965

A truck loaded with 20 tons of bulldozer tracks thundered out of control down Cabbage Hill last night after the vehicle's brakes

failed. The load shifted during a 470-foot skid, toppled from the trailer and crushed a relief driver to death. The tons of steel skidded 220 feet down Highway 30, the tractor careened into a rock side wall and was demolished, state police said. But the driver, John Shields, 26, Omaha, Neb., escaped from the torn cab with only a broken elbow and facial cuts. Killed was William Jones, 18, Verona, Pa.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 10, 1990

In a rare turn of events, the Pendleton boys grabbed victory from the jaws of defeat during the final event of a track meet in Walla Walla Tuesday. Pendleton trailed by two points entering the 1600 meter relay, but emerged with the 74-71 victory over Walla Walla after the Bucks surged into the lead on the final 400-meter leg of the event. Hans Rudolf, Ryan Rudolf and Ken Woodward ran the first three legs for the Bucks and Gabe Birrer was behind when he grabbed the baton to start the final leg. The relay team put together its fastest time in the event this year at 3:33.10. It was less than one second before the Walla Walla runner crossed the line.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 100th day of 2015. There are 265 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 10, 1925, the novel "The Great Gatsby," F. Scott Fitzgerald's Jazz Age evocation of empty materialism, shattered illusion and thwarted romance, was first published by Scribner's of New York.

On this date: In 1790, President George Washington signed the first United States Patent Act.

In 1815, the Mount Tambora volcano on the Indonesian island of Sumbawa exploded in one of the largest eruptions in recorded history, resulting in tens of thousands of deaths.

In 1864, Maximilian, archduke of Austria, was proclaimed emperor of Mexico.

In 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, a day after surrendering the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House, said farewell to his men, praising them for their "unsurpassed courage and fortitude."

In 1912, the RMS Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage.

In 1932, German President Paul Von Hindenburg was re-elected in a runoff, with Adolf Hitler coming in second.

In 1947, Brooklyn Dodgers President Branch Rickey purchased the contract of Jackie Robinson from the Montreal Royals.

In 1963, the fast-attack nuclear submarine USS Thresher (SSN-593) sank during deep-diving tests east of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, in a disaster that claimed 129 lives.

In 1998, the Northern Ireland peace talks concluded as negotiators reached a landmark settlement to end 30 years of bitter rivalries and bloody attacks.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Max von Sydow is 86. Actress Liz Sheridan is 86. Actor Omar Sharif is 83. Sports-caster John Madden is 79. Reggae artist Bunny Wailer is 68. Actor Steven Seagal is 64. Folk-pop singer Terre Roche (The Roches) is 62. Actor Peter MacNicol is 61. Actress Olivia Brown is 58. Rock musician Steven Gustafson (10,000 Maniacs) is 58. Singer-producer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds is 57. Rock singer-musician Brian Setzer is 56. Rapper Afrika Bambaataa is 55. Rapper Q-Tip (AKA Kamaal) is 45. Pop musician Andrew Dost (fun.) is 32. Singer Mandy Moore is 31. Actress Shay Mitchell (TV: "Pretty Little Liars") is 28. Actor Haley Joel Osment is 27.

Thought for Today:

"Work is something you can count on, a trusted, lifelong friend who never deserts you." — Margaret Bourke-White, American photojournalist (1904-1971).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

