

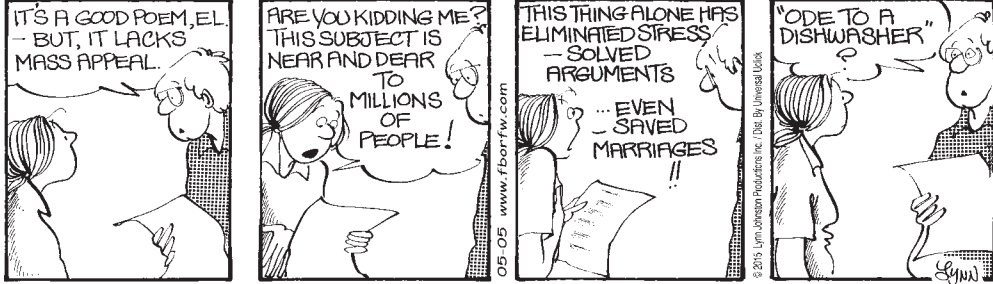
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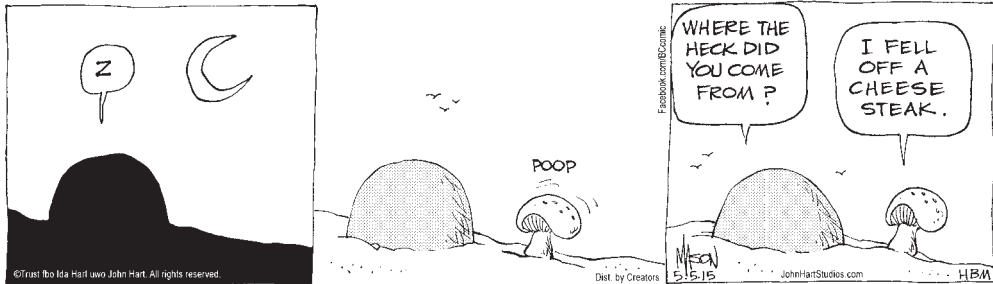
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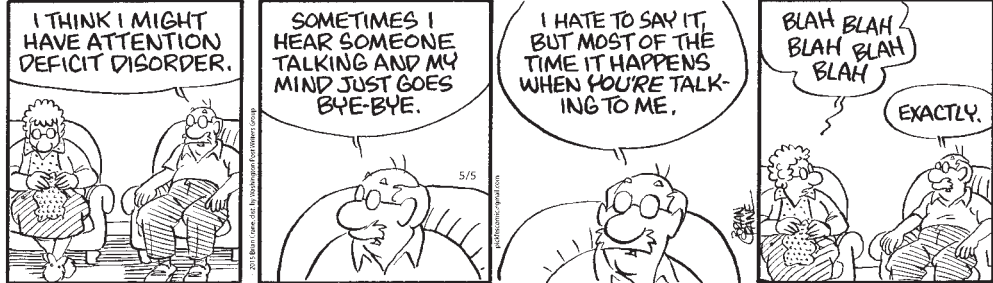
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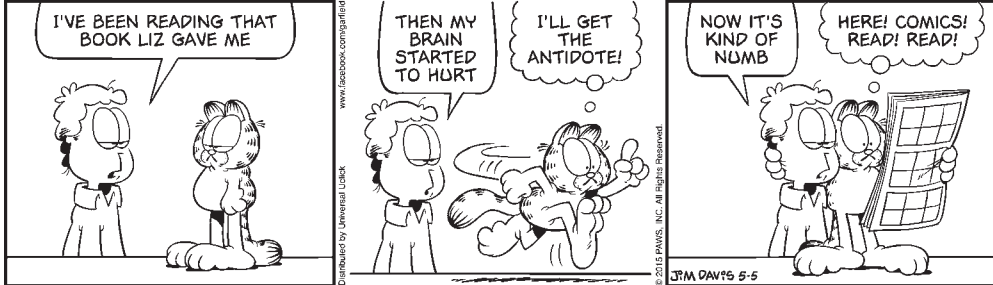
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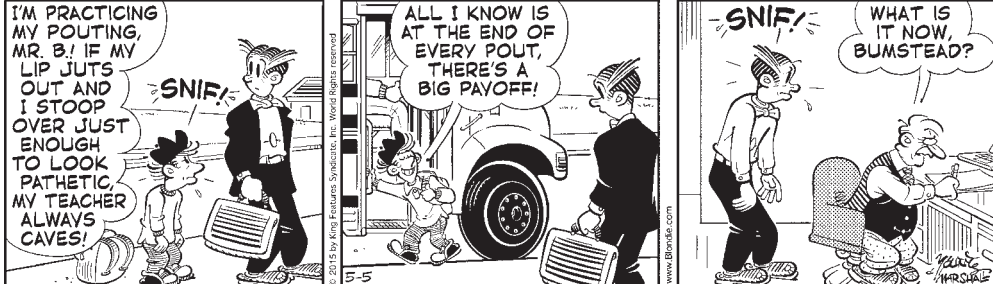
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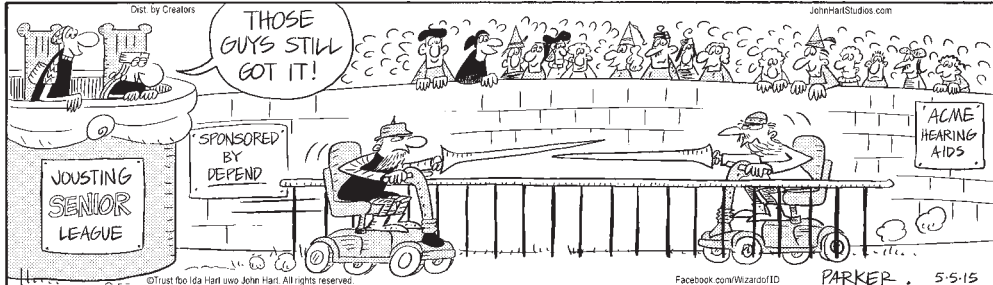
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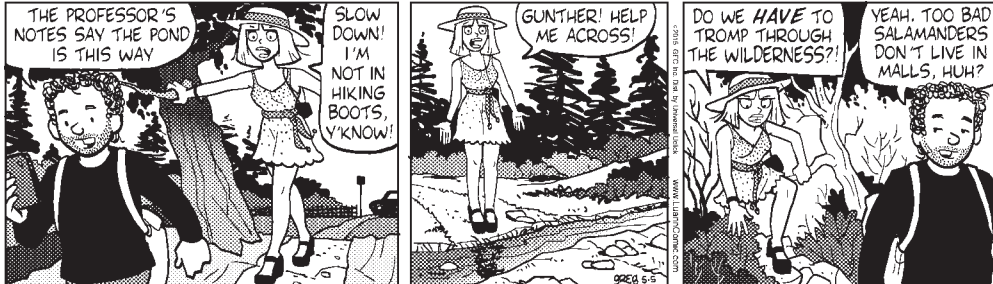
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BY GREG EVANS



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DEAR ABBY

Parents with strong beliefs won't visit cohabitating couple



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: Our amazing daughters are in their late 20s. Both of them are independent, intelligent and loving. The four of us have a special bond. My wife and I have always been supportive in all aspects of our daughters' lives, and that will never change.

As well, I don't particularly enjoy the group of people that we go there with. (I haven't shared this with my mother-in-law.) While I like my mother-in-law and husband's grandmother, the others are rude. They exclude me from conversations and hardly acknowledge my existence. I try to make conversation but unsuccessfully. It makes for a dreadfully awkward evening.

They have been dating great guys over the past five years whom we believe they will ultimately marry. The problem? My wife and I were raised with certain values, and our daughters have recently moved in with their boyfriends. We do not approve, but respect their decisions as adults.

How do I get out of going to the theater without hurting anyone's feelings? — No Thanks In Canada

One daughter plans to have an open-house party celebrating their new place. She's upset that my wife and I have indicated we won't be attending, because doing so would be difficult and against our beliefs. We have understood her decision, but she does not appear to respect ours. Are we wrong to take this stance? — Against The Tide In New Jersey

Dear No Thanks: The most effective way to accomplish that would be to stop beating around the bush and tell your husband's mother and grandmother you would prefer not to be included, and the reason why.

Dear Against: I think so. Your daughter is an adult. Do you plan to continue "punishing" her and the man you say you approve of until they tie the knot? She and her boyfriend have been a couple for five years now, and their relationship appears to be progressing nicely. It's not unusual for couples today to live together. I see nothing to be gained by skipping their open house — but I do see something to lose.

Dear Abby: I like a girl but don't know if she likes me. I went to a school dance with her, but that's about it. I'm a choosy person, but everything seems right about her.

I never had a girlfriend before. Am I doing something wrong? I really want to be in a relationship with her, but I don't want to get rejected. I hate that feeling. Can you give me advice on what to do? — In Like In Wisconsin

Dear Abby: My husband's grandmother keeps purchasing season tickets to the theater for me. I have told my mother-in-law (who is in charge of buying the tickets) as politely as possible that summer is a very busy time for me. My kids, husband and I are all involved in activities, and the theater conflicts with these activities.

Dear In Like: There is a saying, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." It means that in order to succeed, you have to TRY. In dating relationships, there is always some risk of rejection, and it applies to girls as well as boys. If you want a relationship with her, stop being afraid and start acting like it. Because she went to a dance with you, she probably already likes you, too.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 4-5, 1915

Two attractive young ladies will represent Umatilla county officially at the celebration of the opening of the Celilo canal at Big Eddy tomorrow. Miss Thelma Louise Thompson of Pendleton will be sponsor for the Umatilla river and Miss Sadie Olive Griffin of Umatilla will act as sponsor for the port of Umatilla. With other young ladies representing the various tributaries and ports of the Columbia, they will form a party of special guests of the celebration committee on the trip down the river to Portland. Both of the Umatilla young ladies were chosen for special reasons. Miss Thompson because she is the granddaughter of one of the oldest living pioneers of the county who came up the Columbia river more than half a century ago and Miss Griffin because she is the daughter of a riverman and may be truly called a child of the river.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 4-5, 1965

An Athena woman, Mrs. G.M. Whitney, has been honored by the nine-county Area

Five of the Oregon Juvenile Council for her outstanding work with youngsters. The award was presented here recently, on a vote of the 77 persons attending a day-long spring conference of the Northeast Oregon area. Mrs. Whitney, a housewife, is a member of the Umatilla County juvenile advisory council.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 4-5, 1990

Three Oregon women, including Mary McKinstry of Pendleton, plan to walk 93 miles across Umatilla County in four days to promote fitness. Hoping to walk about 25 miles a day, the trio will begin Saturday morning from the Dale Ranger Station. Their trek will take them through Pilot Rock, Pendleton and then over the Holdman Route to the Columbia River — the northern boundary of Umatilla County. McKinstry, who walks up to 10 miles a day — three miles in the morning, four during her lunch hour, and three more at night — is seeking sponsors for her walk. She plans to turn over any contributions, which can be made on a per mile basis or as a flat donation, to the Umatilla County Kidsafe program.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 125th day of 2015. There are 240 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On May 5, 1945, in the only fatal attack of its kind during World War II, a Japanese balloon bomb exploded on Gearhart Mountain in Oregon, killing Elsie Mitchell, the 26-year-old pregnant wife of a minister, and five children: Dick Patzke, 14; Jay Gifford, 13; Edward Engen, 13; Joan Patzke, 13; and Sherman Shoemaker, 11. Denmark and the Netherlands were liberated as a German surrender went into effect.

On this date: **In 1821,** Napoleon Bonaparte, 51, died in exile on the island of St. Helena. **In 1862,** Mexican troops defeated French occupying forces in the Battle of Puebla. **In 1865,** what's believed to be America's first train robbery took place as a band

of criminals derailed a St. Louis-bound train near North Bend, Ohio; they proceeded to rob the passengers and loot safes on board before getting away.

In 1925, schoolteacher John T. Scopes was charged in Tennessee with violating a state law that prohibited teaching the theory of evolution.

In 1934, the first Three Stooges short for Columbia Pictures, "Woman Haters," was released.

In 1961, astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. became America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute suborbital flight aboard Mercury capsule Freedom 7.

In 1973, Secretariat won the Kentucky Derby, the first of its Triple Crown victories.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army hunger-striker Bobby Sands died at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland in his 66th day without food.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Pat Carroll is 88. Former AFL-CIO president John J. Sweeney is 81. Saxophonist Ace Cannon is 81. Country singer-musician Roni Stoneman is 77. Actor Michael Murphy is 77. Actor Lance Henriksen is 75. Comedian-actor Michael Palin is 72. Actor Roger Rees is 71. Rock correspondent Kurt Loder is 70. Rock musician Bill Ward (Black Sabbath) is 67. Former CBS News correspondent John Miller is 57. NBC newsmen Brian Williams is 56. Rock musician Shawn Drover (Megadeth) is 49. Actor Henry Cavill is 32. Soul singer Adele is 27. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chris Brown is 26.

Thought for Today: "Some of us think holding on makes us strong; but sometimes it is letting go." — Hermann Hesse, German-born Swiss poet and author (1877-1962).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

