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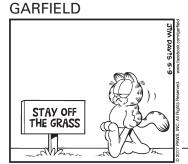




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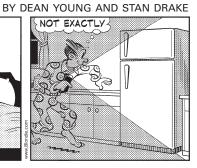




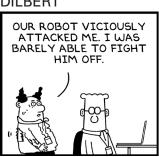


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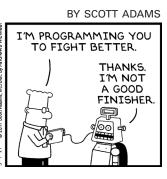




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DEAR ABBY

Woman wonders if opposites can move beyond attraction

Dear Abby: I have been in a two-year relationship with a man who is loving and intelligent. We have talked about marriage since the beginning. I have traditional values, while he doesn't believe the institution of marriage is necessary.

This would be a second marriage for both of us. Our children are grown, so having kids doesn't factor into this decision. He says he's willing to marry me because he knows how important marriage is to me. I was raised in the

church, and living together not only makes me uncomfortable, but is looked down upon by my family.

For a while he wanted to wait for a few of his financial issues to be worked out. They have been, but he doesn't seem ready to move forward. Another issue is that while we are compatible in most ways, we are polar opposites when it comes to politics and religion. It bothers me, but he says we don't have to agree on everything — that if we did, life would be boring. I feel that to have a happy relationship, a couple's essential values and morals should

He never wants to discuss political issues, and it makes things difficult and awkward. I know he doesn't feel the same as I do, but he doesn't want to start an argument or discussion. We never really fight, but sometimes I'd like to be able to talk about what is going on in the world.

I'm wondering if a relationship with so many differences can survive. He does make me happy, and we have a very passionate, loving relationship. — Opposites Attract In Washington

JEANNE PHILLIPS **Advice**

Dear Opposites Attract: Opposites often attract, that's true. And, depending upon the people involved, it can lead to successful marriages.

However, couples in a solid relationship need to be able to communicate honestly with each other, and your gentleman friend appears not to be capable of doing it fully, which is not a good sign. If you plan on taking this relationship to the next level, I recommend the two of you have

premarital counseling. Your church may offer it. Or, if he would prefer, consult a licensed marriage and family counselor.

Dear Abby: My daughter is 3. She has reached the point where she notices and comments upon others' appearance. Generally, her comments are of the "that lady has a big bottom!" variety, spoken loudly and within earshot. We are working on the concepts of manners and tact, in addition to learning that people come in all shapes, sizes, colors, etc.

In the meantime, however, have you any suggestions for how to address the subjects of her comments? I've offered some version of "I'm sorry, we're still working on our manners," but it seems to imply that I'm teaching her to make her hurtful comments in a quieter voice. — Embarrassed In Kentucky

Dear Embarrassed: You are overthinking this. Children sometimes say the darndest things. The way you're handling it is just fine. I hardly think anyone will be wounded for life because of anything a 3-year-old utters. (Everything looks "big" to a kid that age.)

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 8-9, 1917

A proposal to narrow the county roads in Umatilla county from 60 to 30 feet, donating the surplus land to farmers who in turn will cultivate the same and pay taxes on their increased acreage was made to the Council of Defense yesterday afternoon by James Sturgis, a member of the committee. The committee is understood to favor the proposal and will urge the idea upon the county as part of the move to increase production on account of the war. Estimating that there are 5000 miles of road in the county of an average width of 60 feet, Mr. Sturgis has made calculations to the effect that the farming area of the county may be increased 7500 acres by the proposed change. This is on the assumption that 2000 miles of roads traverse tillable sections.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 8-9, 1967

Purchase of Pendleton Radio Station KTIX was announced today by Juniper Broadcasting Inc., an Oregon corporation. The corporation is also the licensee of radio stations KGRL in Bend and KACI in The Dalles. KTIX is presently

owned by Robert Roderick of Los Angeles. Major stockholders of Juniper Broadcasting Inc. are Robert Chandler, Bradley Fancher, Glenn Cushman and Gary Capps, all of Bend. Capps, who is president of the corporation, said the sale was subject to approval by the Federal Communication Commission. Capps also indicated that a survey of community needs was now being conducted to determine how KTIX could best serve the Umatilla County area. He said no changes in KTIX programming or personnel were contemplated at this time.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 8-9, 1992

The Pendleton Planning Commission has cleared the way for rezoning the former Harris Pine Mills site from "light industrial" to "central commercial." Neither John Taylor, a real estate broker with Garton & Associates, nor the Spokane firm McCarthy Management & Development, which petitioned for the zone change, have specific plans at this time for a major development project. But a rezoning would make 68 acres of vacant commercial land available for development. The site is adjacent to existing retail businesses -Safeway and Melanie Square, among others.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 129th day of 2017. There are 236 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 9, 1754, a political cartoon in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette depicted a snake cut into eight pieces, each section representing a part of the American colonies; the caption read, "JOIN, or DIE.'

On this date:

In 1814, the Jane Austen novel "Mansfield Park" was first published in London.

In 1864, Union Maj. Gen. John Sedgwick was killed by a Confederate sniper during the Civil War Battle of Spotsylvania in Virginia. In 1914, President

Woodrow Wilson, acting on a joint congressional resolution, signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

1926, Americans Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett supposedly became the first men to fly over the North Pole. (However, U.S. scholars announced in 1996 that their examination of Byrd's flight diary suggested he had turned back 150 miles short of his goal.)

In 1936, Italy annexed Ethiopia.

In 1945, with World War

II in Europe at an end, Soviet forces liberated Czechoslovakia from Nazi occupation. U.S. officials announced that a midnight entertainment curfew was being lifted

immediately. In 1951,

the U.S. conducted its first thermonuclear experiment as part of Operation Greenhouse by detonating a 225-kiloton device on Enewetak Atoll in the Pacific nicknamed "George.

In 1961, in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Newton N. Minow decried the majority of television programming as a "vast wasteland."

Today's Birthdays: Actor-writer Alan Bennett is 83. Rock musician Nokie Edwards (The Ventures) is 82. Actor Albert Finney is 81. Actress-turned-politician Glenda Jackson is 81. Producer-director James L. Brooks is 80. Musician Sonny Curtis (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 80. Singer-musician Richie Furay (Buffalo Springfield and Poco) is 73. Singer Billy Joel is 68. Rock singer-musician Tom Petersson (Cheap Trick) is 67. Singer Dave Gahan (Depeche Mode) is 55. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is 49. Rapper Ghostface Killah is 47. Rock musician Dan Regan (Reel Big Fish) is 40. Rock singer Andrew W.K. is 38.

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