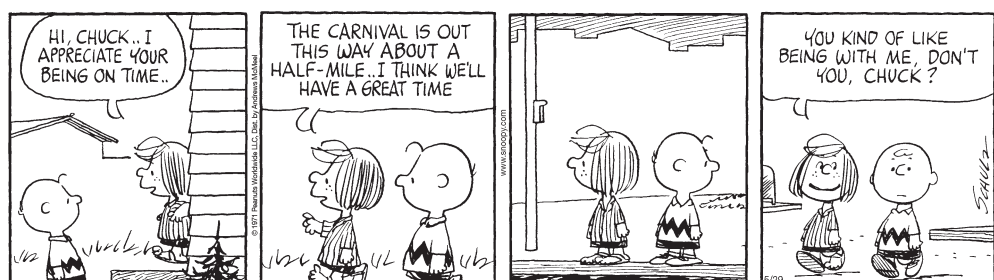


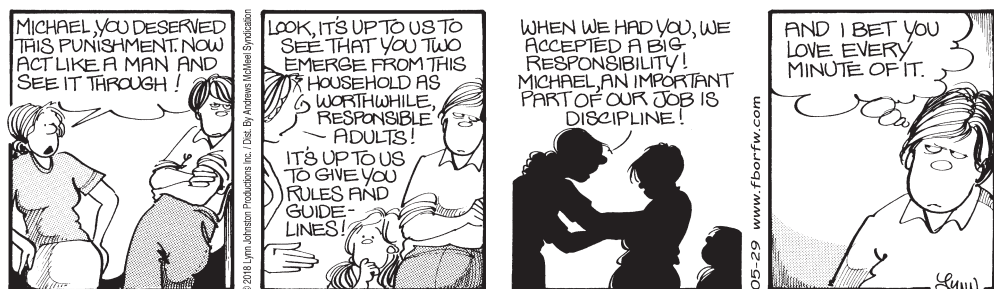
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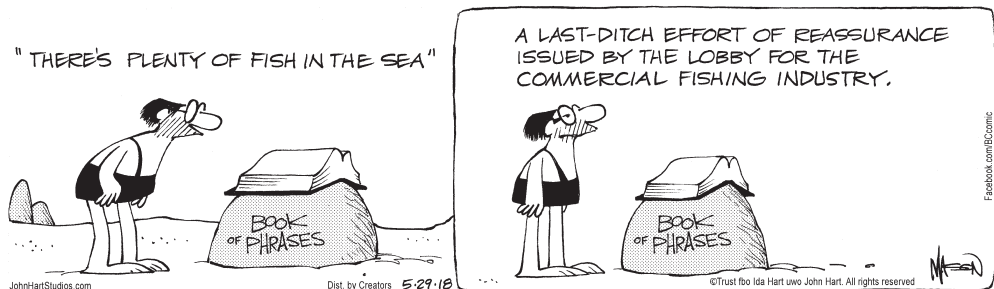
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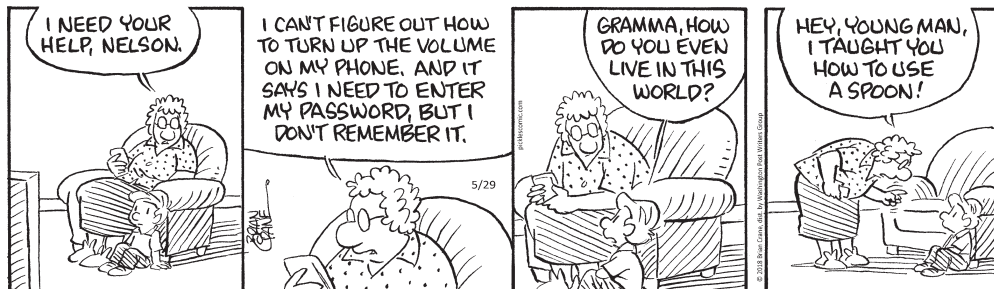
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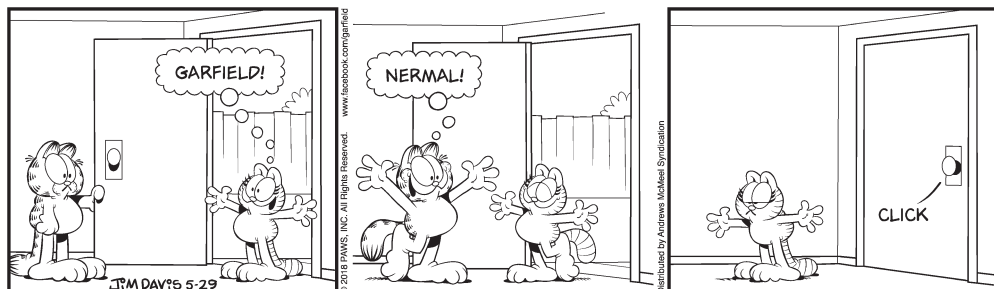
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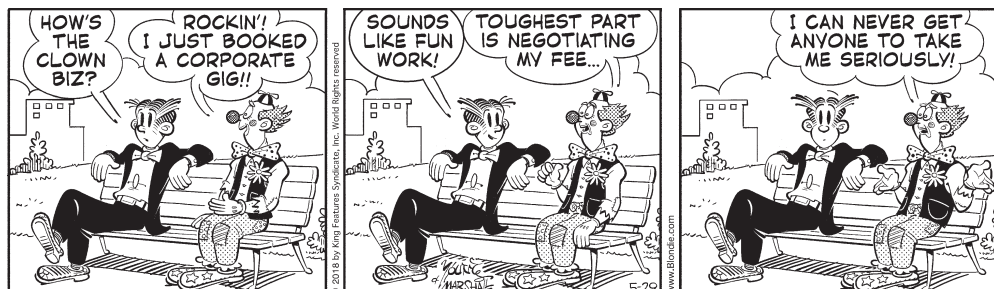
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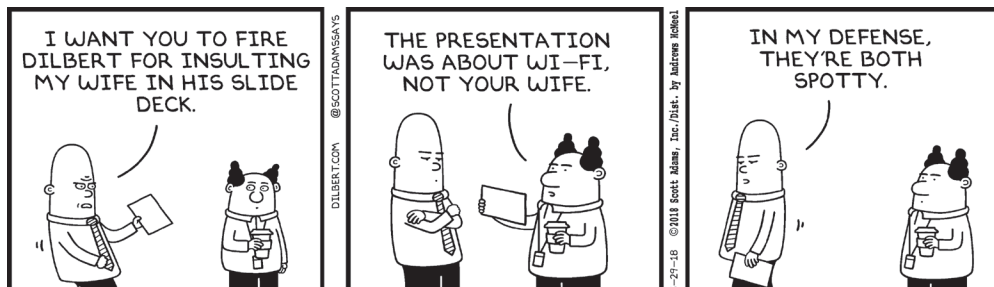
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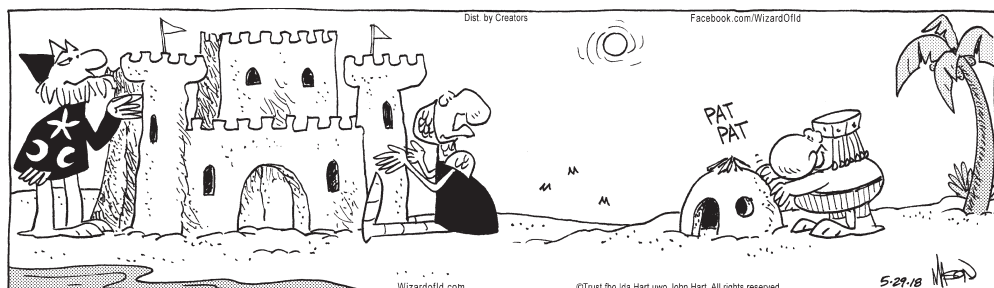
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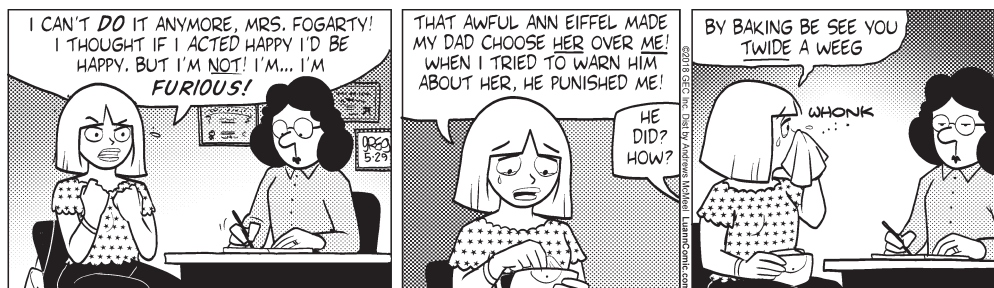
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DEAR ABBY

Family urges bride to choose flaky cousin as maid of honor



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I have an extremely difficult decision to make. I recently got engaged to the love of my life. However, with this comes the decision of who should be my maid of honor.

what is not. I recently met someone I really like, but I'm not sure if he feels the same way. I have never felt this way about anyone before, and I am scared I'll mess it up. I don't want to be alone and I'm afraid that's what is going to happen to me.

Until a couple of years ago, the choice was obvious — my cousin. Over the past couple of years, though, we've become distant. She's an extremely flaky person and can't be counted on for much. Now, I also have a best friend who is always there when I need her, but we've been friends for only a couple of years.

I am not sure how to interact with other gay guys. It took me so long to come out, I don't want it to take forever to find someone. How do I get over this fear of being alone and be comfortable around guys? — Feeling Lost In Massachusetts

My immediate family says I should still ask my cousin to be my maid of honor because her feelings will be hurt if I don't. Abby, I don't want to give such a special title to someone I can no longer depend on. She has hurt my feelings countless times by not being there. She shouldn't get the honor just because I've known her forever. Please help. — Stuck At A Crossroads

Dear Feeling Lost: Make a conscious decision to relax and just be yourself because it isn't necessary to be anyone but who you are. In time, you will realize there are as many kinds of relationships in the gay community as there are in the straight community. Some men are looking for casual hookups while others want the same kind of solid, lasting relationship you do.

Dear Stuck: Talk to your cousin and also your best friend. When you do, remind your cousin there are serious responsibilities that go along with being a maid of honor and ask if they would create a problem for her. Tell her that if it's too much for her, she could be a bridesmaid. If she says she wants to be maid of honor, give her the chance. However, if she flakes EVEN ONCE, ask your best friend to step in.

Because you are confused about "how to fit into the gay community," you might find guidance if you contact the nearest gay and lesbian center and join one of their talk groups. One that's comprised of individuals who are "newly out" would be perfect for you.

Dear Abby: Last year I came out as a gay man. I'm 35, and it was a very difficult decision.

Dear Abby: I feel much more comfortable eating gluten-free. But it creates problems when I'm invited to the homes of friends. What's the best way to deal with my dietary restrictions when invited to these affairs? — Restricted Eater

I haven't been in a relationship with a man before and have dated only women up until now. I have been on a few dates, and I feel like I fall too fast and easy for a guy. I'm struggling to fit into the gay community and understand what is acceptable and

Dear Restricted: If catering to your dietary restrictions is a problem for your host, deal with it by asking if he or she will be serving salad and bring something with you that you can eat with it.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 28-29, 1918

Damage amounting to approximately \$25,000 was caused in Heppner yesterday afternoon by fire which started from a box of hot ashes in the rear of the Opera house building. Dick Johns, of Monument, who recently engaged in the garage business in this city, was badly burned about the face and head and is in a serious condition. B.G. Sigsbee, who conducted a photograph studio in the second floor of the opera house and Oscar Otto, music store proprietor, were in the studio when the fire started and were cut off from the stairway. They were rescued from the high window with difficulty. They sustained slight burns and were almost overcome by heat and smoke. A wind storm prevailed during the fire and had the wind not changed from the northwest into the east the entire town probably would have been wiped out.

on only C rations. Kishpaugh, who joined up two years ago, has spent 14 months in the Asian area, and as a member of the Marine Battalion Landing Team was based on the ship Valley Forge. The six-footer went down to 155 pounds while in the bush, regained 10 pounds, a pound a day, on leave in the Philippines, and intends to store up poundage until going back to Vietnam June 6. His 30 day leave here was granted as a reward for his promised return to Vietnam, instead of remaining on a U.S. base.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 28-29, 1993

It has taken a full year of pounding nails, hanging sheet rock and pouring concrete for the house at Southwest 45th Street to fully take shape. But Pendleton High School senior Cody Holmes says he remembers construction "started with nothing but dirt and weeds." For Holmes and the 13 other graduating seniors who began building the five-bedroom, three-bathroom home in September, its completion coincides with the end of their high school education. Students have worked diligently on the house for two hours a day throughout the school year. But in just three weeks, the formal amenities of linoleum and carpet will replace the exposed flooring, the brown primer-stained exterior will get a paint job, and eventually a family will move in.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 28-29, 1968

Voluntarily going back to Vietnam for seven months more of service with 3d Battalion, 1st Marines, is Cpl. Roesch Kishpaugh, 22, here on leave with relatives. The decision came despite 80 days in the bush, rigors of field warfare, including 57 days without a bath, and many days of substance

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On May 29, 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norgay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

In 1961, a couple in Paynesville, West Virginia, became the first recipients of food stamps under a pilot program created by President John F. Kennedy.

is 61. Actor Rupert Everett is 59. Singer Melissa Etheridge is 57. Cartoonist Aaron McGruder ("The Boondocks") is 44. Singer Melanie Brown (Spice Girls) is 43. Actor Billy Flynn is 33. Actor Blake Foster is 33. Actress Riley Keough is 29. Actor Brandon Mychal Smith is 29. Actress Lorelei Linklater is 25.

In 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses.

In 1888, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev opened their historic summit in Moscow.

Thought for Today: "A pessimist and an optimist, so much the worse; so much the better." — Jean de La Fontaine, French poet (1621-1695).

In 1790, Rhode Island became the 13th original colony to ratify the United States Constitution.

Today's Birthdays: Former Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent is 80. Movie composer Danny Elfman is 65. Singer LaToya Jackson is 62. Actor Ted Levine

uled to receive until 1945.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

