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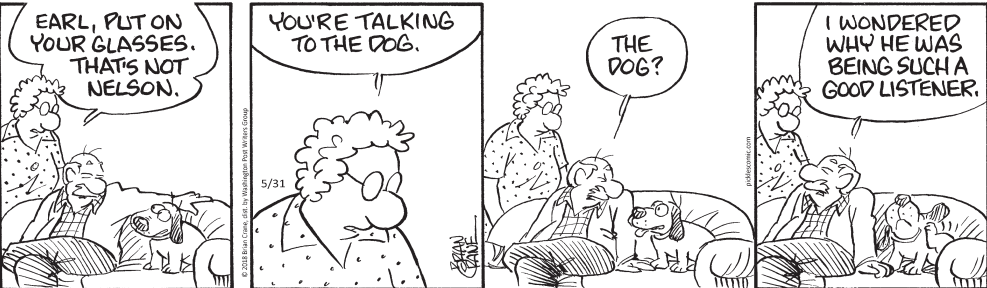
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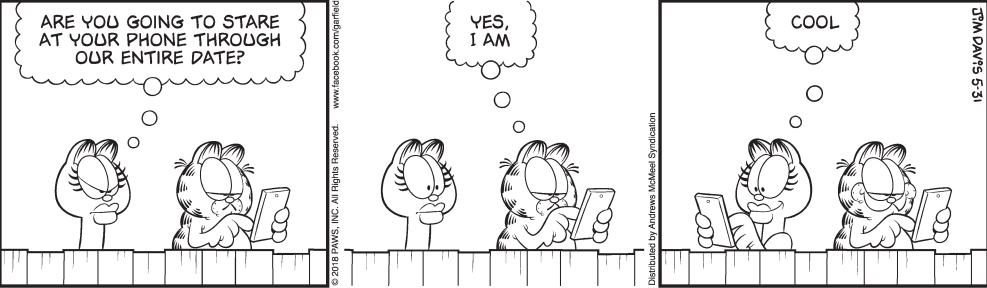
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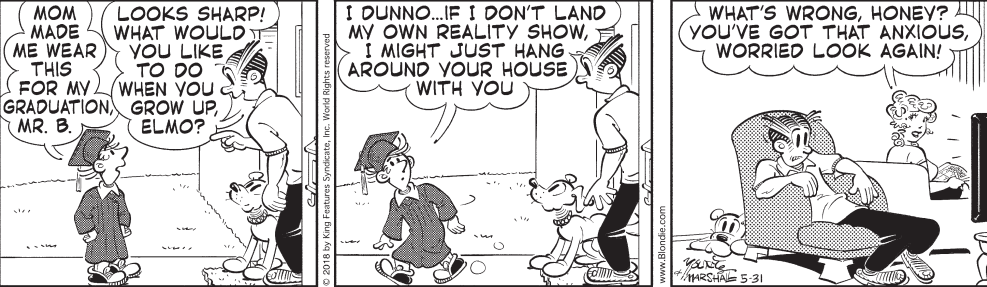
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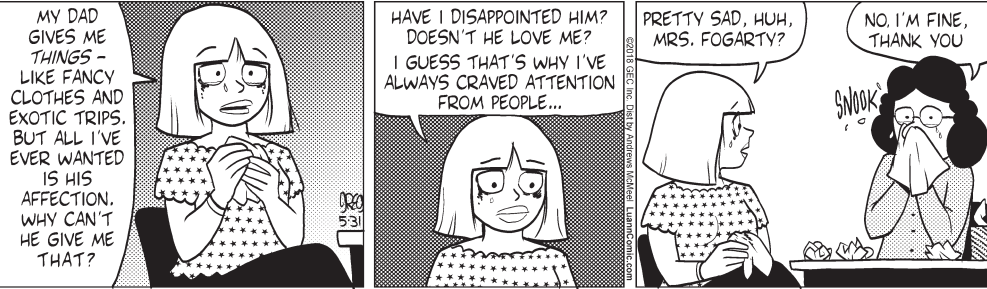
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Grandma is reluctant to share her title with boyfriend's mom

Dear Abby: My granddaughter, “Emily,” is 13. I have been very involved with her all her life. My daughter, “Ginger,” is divorced and has had a boyfriend, “Greg,” for about three years, but there has been no talk of marriage.

Greg’s mother has told Emily to call her “Grandma.” Emily is OK with that, but it hurt my feelings, Abby.

I feel that Greg’s mother should realize she’s using a title that’s not hers. I realize she’s trying to make Emily feel like part of their family, but to me, this is MY title, not hers. She has known Emily for three years, and while she’s nice to her, I’m the one who has been doing grandma duties for 12 years — not her. To me, she should be called something special but not “Grandma.”

How do I cope with this? Shouldn’t the other “grandma” have realized she’s pushing herself into the position of the real grandma? — **Hurt Grandma In California**

Dear Hurt: You are taking this too personally. If Greg’s mother wasn’t hoping her son would marry your daughter, she would not be “embracing” Emily the way she has.

Your granddaughter does not love this woman more than she does you. Whether Greg’s mother “should” realize she’s treading on thin ice is something I cannot conjecture. However, I’m sure she didn’t do this to annoy you. If you bring this up with her, you WILL annoy HER, which will likely annoy her son and your daughter, so I advise against it. I’m betting that eventually she will become an official grandma — however, if that doesn’t happen, your problem will be solved because she’ll be history.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: My husband’s horrible sisters have invited themselves to our home in Florida. They hate me. One’s husband sexually assaulted me five years ago. When I had her come and get him (he was drunk), she accused me of making it up! (Abby, she saw it happen.)

The other sister has never invited us over for dinners or special events. She’s extremely obese and will break our furniture if she sits on it.

We are in our 70s, live modestly and can’t afford this selfish intrusion. My husband says, “But they’re my sisters!” Please help me get out of this. — **Looking For Peace**

Dear Looking: I’ll try. You and your husband are not joined at the hip. No law says you must be there. Yes, they are his sisters, so he can visit them in THEIR homes, without you. ‘Nuff said?

Dear Abby: I have a friend whose father recently passed away. Her mother passed away eight years ago. Everything was paid for — all funeral arrangements and anything else you can think of.

She’s wondering what to do with the money she received in the cards people sent her. Have masses? Donate it to charity? Her sibling took some of the cards from her mom’s funeral and applied the money toward a vacation. My friend just wants to do the right thing. What is the right thing? — **Wants To Do What’s Right**

Dear Wants: If the money isn’t needed for expenses, it is the recipient’s to do with as she (or he) wishes. However, a thoughtful and respectful thing to do would be for your friend to donate it to a charity her father supported, or toward research into a cure for the disease that took his life.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 31, 1918

Colonel W.G.D. Mercer, who made the funeral address yesterday at the services held for his friend, the late Senator C.A. Barrett at Athena, is suffering from severe bruises about the head, shoulders and hips. Col. Mercer, whose home is at Eugene, was thrown from a wagon on Tuesday while driving home from his war garden and was found lying helplessly by the roadside. Despite his injuries, Col. Mercer, who is 72 years old, left the following afternoon for Athena. Mercer has been sergeant-at-arms in the senate for many years.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 31, 1968

Six of Oregon’s 248 scholars, announced by the State Scholarship Commission, are members of the 1968 graduating class at Hermiston High School. The students were

selected on the basis of their exceptional scholastic achievement, according to high school principal Jack Jenkins. The six Hermiston scholars: Christine Hunt, Terry Moore, Patricia Ralston, Keith Rosentrater, Mavis Rozeman and Gretchen Wood.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 31, 1993

Kate Carlson’s great-great-grandfather Jasper was born on the Oregon Trail in the middle 1800s. The Hermiston third-grader recreated that moment in her “Frontier Diary,” one of six winners in Bureau of Land Management’s Oregon Trail essay contest. More than 4,000 students from Oregon and Washington, in grades one through six, entered the contest. One winner from each grade was selected. The winning journal entries will be displayed at the BLM’s National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center at Baker City and later at the Oregon State Fair.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On May 31, 1921, a race riot erupted in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as white mobs began looting and leveling the affluent black district of Greenwood over reports a black man had assaulted a white woman in an elevator; hundreds are believed to have died.

In 1790, President George Washington signed into law the first U.S. copyright act.

In 1889, some 2,200 people in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, perished when the South Fork Dam collapsed, sending 20 million tons of water rushing through the town.

In 1916, during World War I, British and German fleets fought the naval Battle of Jutland off Denmark; there was no clear-cut victor, although the British suffered heavier losses.

In 1949, former State Department official and

accused spy Alger Hiss went on trial in New York, charged with perjury (the jury deadlocked, but Hiss was convicted in a second trial).

In 1962, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel a few minutes before midnight for his role in the Holocaust.

In 1977, the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making despite objections from environmentalists and Alaska Natives, was completed. (The first oil began flowing through the pipeline 20 days later.)

In 1994, the United States announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.

In 2005, breaking a silence of 30 years, former FBI official W. Mark Felt stepped forward as “Deep Throat,” the secret Washington Post source during the Watergate scandal.

Today’s Birthdays:

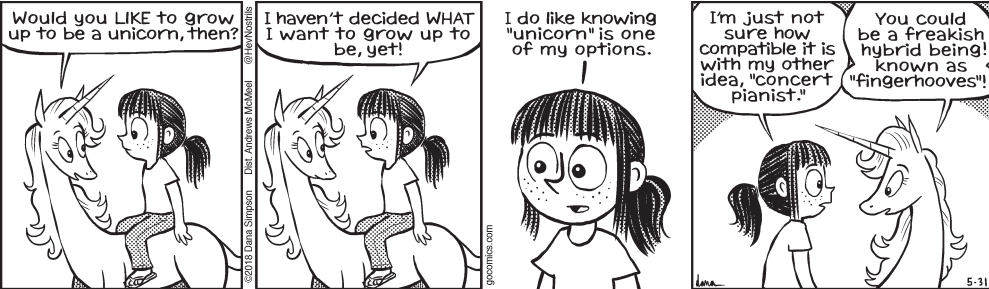
Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 88. Humanitarian Terry Waite is 79. Football Hall of Famer Joe Namath is 75. Actor Tom Berenger is 68. Comedian Chris Elliott is 58. Actress Lea Thompson is 57. Actress Brooke Shields is 53. Country musician Ed Adkins (The Derailers) is 51. Actor Colin Farrell is 42. Rock musician Andy Hurler (Fall Out Boy) is 38. Pop singer Normani Hamilton (Fifth Harmony) is 22.

Thought for Today:

“The genius of the United States is not best or most in its executives or legislatures, nor in its ambassadors or authors or colleges, or churches, or parlors, nor even in its newspapers or inventors, but always most in the common people.” — *Walt Whitman, American poet and essayist (born this date in 1819, died in 1892).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

