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FOR BETTER OR WORSE













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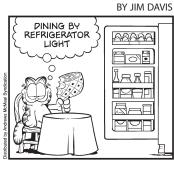




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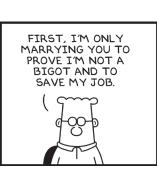


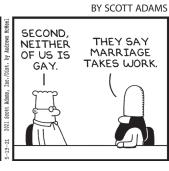




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THE WIZARD OF ID







LUANN YOU AND NIL ARE A GOOD MATCH. HE'S ALL ARTSY









DEAR ABBY

Long-married man remains in the closet

JEANNE PHILLIPS

ADVICE

Dear Abby: I have been married more than 25 years and have kids. I'm also gay. I always have been, but when I was a teenager, it wasn't acceptable and I always believed I would just outgrow it, or learn to live with it. Then came the computer era and the internet — things I never dreamed of while growing up. They changed my life, yet I'm still clos-

I have had two gay relationships. Both lasted less than a year. I feel like my whole life has been a lie, and

I pretty much screwed up my wife because of it. I did provide her with all the creature comforts financially, and gave her two beau-

I just don't know if it's worth coming out at this point in my life. I'm also reluctant because I don't have a guy in my life right now, although I am looking. It's just so difficult. I'm torn about how to live the remainder of my life. Please help. — Closeted in the Midwest

Dear Closeted: Because you are looking for a partner, it looks like you really don't plan on sticking around once you find one. Tell your wife the truth so she can decide how she would like to spend the rest of her life. She may need help from a licensed therapist to deal with the ramifications of your disclosure, so be prepared because it may be a shock when she learns the person she has spent the last quarter of a century with is not exactly who she thought he was.

Dear Abby: I was adopted and recently came across my biological family. It's huge.

I suffer from severe depression and now know that most of my bio family does, too.

During the past year, my husband and I decided to tackle it head-on with medication, and there has been a noticeable change in me. My husband is very supportive, and we are close. Problem is, I want to meet my out-of-state bio brother alone. He's the only full sibling I have, and our connection is uncanny.

My husband is a hyper extrovert, and I don't want his charming

antics to distract from this moment (although usually I love it). He, however, says he can't agree. He's afraid something with the new family will set off a depressive episode, and I'll be too far away for him to get to me. That's understandable. But what do I do? I still feel the same. Is he right or am I? – **Connecting in California**

Dear Connecting: Not knowing how serious your depressive episodes have been, my instinctive reaction is to advise you to listen to your husband. Surely he wouldn't have to be with you every minute and could stay at a nearby hotel or motel while you are seeing your sibling.

That said, if there is any chance that an episode could result in you becoming self-destructive, it is important to discuss this visit with the therapist who prescribes your medications before making any plans to go. Do tell your husband that if he accompanies you, you would like him to tone down his need for attention so he won't distract from your experience or your brother's.

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago May 13, 1921

One of the costliest fires in the vicinity of Pendleton for many weeks occurred this morning when the beautiful home of Bill Pedro in Riverside burned to the ground. The house was one of the most beautiful homes in the district near Pendleton, and the loss is placed at \$20,000, with \$15,000 insurance. Starting a fire with coal oil is the probable cause of the fire, Chief W.E. Ringold thinks. The chief, accompanied by Firemen Jack Childs and Harold Spooner took the Studebaker truck and went to the fire, but use of the city apparatus was impossible because the residence was located too far outside of the city limits. A bucket brigade was formed and the city firemen assisted by Ed Mable and Ed Morgan and others fought a winning battle in an effort to save two adjoining buildings.

50 Years Ago May 13, 1971

Sgt. Stephen R. Forrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Forrey of Stanfield, returned home from completing a tour of duty with the U.S. Army. a 9-3 record, but will get the third seed after Sgt. Forrey served in Vietnam 14 months losing two to the Panthers.

and receive five medals including the Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Silver Star. The citation given with the Silver Star reads," For gallantry in action against an armed hostile force in the republic of Vietnam." Sgt. Forrey gave first aid to injured men in his battalion after a booby trap was inadvertently triggered on July 30, 1970, despite continued enemy activity in the region and his own painful injuries, until the most serious casualties had been attended.

25 Years Ago May 13, 1996

In a span of little more than five hours on Saturday, the Pendleton Bucks went from first place to third place in the Intermountain Conference softball standings. The Redmond Panthers shocked the Bucks 4-3 in an epic, 15-inning battle in game one and routed Pendleton 10-1 in game two to sweep the crucial doubleheader. The Panthers, now 8-3 in the conference, will be heavily favored to win their final game on Thursday to move to 9-3 and take the second seed from the Bucks. Pendleton finished the regular season with

TODAY IN HISTORY

On May 13, 1607, English colonists arrived by ship at the site of what became the Jamestown settlement in Virginia (the colonists went ashore the next day).

In 1568, forces loyal to Mary, Queen of Scots were defeated by troops under her half-brother and Regent of Scotland, the Earl of Moray, in the Battle of Langside, thwarting Mary's attempt to regain power almost a year after she was forced to abdi-

In 1914, heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis was born in Lafayette, Alabama.

In 1917, three shepherd children reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary near Fatima, Portugal; it was the first of six such apparitions that the children claimed to have witnessed.

In 1940, in his first speech as British prime minister, Winston Churchill told Parliament, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon and his wife, Pat, were spat upon and their limousine battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezu-

In 1961, actor Gary Cooper died in Los Angeles six days after turning 60.

In 1967, a vault fire at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in Culver City, California, destroyed hundreds of the studio's early films.

In 1972, 118 people died after fire broke out at the Sennichi Department Store in Osaka, Japan.

In 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca.

In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as police dropped a bomb onto the group's row house, igniting a fire that killed 11 people

and destroyed 61 homes. In 2002, President George W. Bush announced that he and Russian President Vladimir Putin would sign a treaty to shrink their countries' nuclear arsenals by two-thirds.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Harvey Keitel is 82. Singer Stevie Wonder is 71. Basketball Hall of Famer Dennis Rodman is 60. "Late Show" host Stephen Colbert is 57. Actor Susan Floyd is 53. Actor Samantha Morton is 44. Actor Robert Pattinson is 35.

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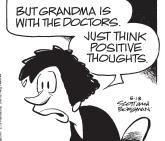














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