### **PEANUTS**









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#### FOR BETTER OR WORSE







WHAT'S TODAY'S YOU'RE LOOKING



**PICKLES** 

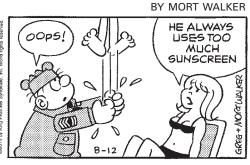






**BEETLE BAILEY** 





**GARFIELD** 







**BLONDIE** 

BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE CAN STOP ME







**DILBERT** 







THE WIZARD OF ID

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



















# **DEAR ABBY**

# Husband embraces online contact all too eagerly

Dear Abby: Are senior citizens having more affairs these days? I used to laugh at the "old couples' sex letters" I'd see in your column — until it hit home.

**COFFEE BREAK** 

My husband (age 68) ran into a 38-year-old ex-waitress friend. They had lunch, which led to emails and texts, which led to sexts and then a full-blown affair. I believe these personal/secretive forms of communication make going from texting to sexting much too easy.

Our generation didn't have much sexual freedom growing up. I think men of that generation have a "go for it before it's too late" mentality, and the combination of the Internet and Viagra is making it possible.

Should every couple insist on access to their spouse's devices? How do you broach the subject? I wish I had seen the number of texts being sent early on. Then this whole ugly affair might have been averted. Now my trust, my respect and our marriage are all in crisis. — Sharon In Naples, Fla. Dear Sharon: Technology and medicine

are extending the sex lives of many seniors these days. However, I don't think it's necessary for couples to check each other's electronic devices if there is no cause for suspicion. In your case, because of your husband's infidelity, you do have that right — and the way to broach the subject is to tackle it head on. And if you haven't already, insist that your husband join you in marriage counseling.

**Dear Abby**: I am dating a guy (seriously)



**JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice** 

who is fantastic. "Kyle" is smart, trustworthy, kind — and incredibly gorgeous. The problem is, he has two Boston terriers who drive me crazy one in particular whose breathing is so loud all the time that we can't even hear a TV program or each other speak. That dog is super hyper and has destroyed numerous things in my house. Kyle's house reeks of doggy odor, and the dogs also have horrible gas and vomit often.

If we are staying over at my place, his dogs come with him. I hate it! It is the weirdest thing, but I notice my anxiety level rises when the dogs are here, running around and snorting uncontrollably. There are other issues, but I don't want to write a novel.

I am trying to live in the moment and not let it bother me. But in this moment, it is intrusive and annoying. What can I do? — **Bryan** 

Dear Bryan: Kyle may be gorgeous, but he doesn't appear to be a very responsible pet owner. He should have asked his veterinarian to check his dogs when he realized they were having repeated gastrointestinal upsets. As to the poor animals' breathing, it may be because short-faced dogs are prone to breathing prob-

It's possible that Kyle is so used to the doggy odor in his house that he no longer smells it. That's why it couldn't hurt to tell him YOU have noticed it, that it's overwhelming, and it's time to get a professional cleaning crew in there.

# **DAYS GONE BY**

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 12, 1915

Carl Guiott is in need of a private secretary. Since the recovery of his eyesight his mail has increased until its volume rivals that received by a millionaire philanthropist and the task of answering it might easily rob Mr. Guiott of some of the pleasure which results from the passing of his blindness. The letters come from friends and strangers alike. Friends are sending him their congratulations and strangers want to know how it happened. Some write out of curiosity alone, some are interested in his statements that he was helped by auto-suggestion, and some have afflictions of their own and reach out to Mr. Guiott for helpful suggestions. Mr. Guiott yesterday had his eye carefully and thoroughly tested by a physician and an optician to discover whether or not there is a lens that will strengthen his eye for reading purposes. 50 Years Ago

## From the East Oregonian Aug. 12, 1965

Eleven Boy Scouts, one Cub scout (son of Scoutmaster Ervin Williams) and the Rev. Al Boyer left Echo Monday at 6 a.m. for a 154-mile bicycle journey that will take them to Emigrant Springs State Park and return on their week long trip. In addition to the cyclists

the group is accompanied by Dill Penney, who is carrying supplies in a pickup and trailer. Not only camping supplies and food are being carried but a supply of tools, bicycle repair parts, and a portable welder in the event of a major break-down of any of the bicycles. The bicycles being used for the most part are five tandem models that were built especially for the trip by Mr. Boyer.

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 12, 1990

Under the leadership of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the troops of the 41st Infantry Division — including Company G of Pendleton's National Guard 186th Infantry unit battled their way through the jungles of New Guinea to thwart the Japanese aggression in the Pacific. The names, dates and descriptions of war revive memories for men of the 41st like Luther Garner of Pendleton, a member of Pendleton's Company G, which stormed Pacific island beaches and fought hand-tohand jungle combat against the Japanese during World War II. Now, 50 years after that lanky, 27-year-old joined the service, Garner is looking forward to the September anniversary convention in Portland that will mark the induction of the Oregon National Guard's 41st Infantry Division into the active U.S. Army.

# THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 224th day of 2015. There are 141 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 12, 1985, the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Airlines Boeing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain, killing 520 people. (Four people survived.)

On this date:

1867, President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

In 1898, fighting in the Spanish-American War came to an end.

In 1902, International Harvester Co. was formed by a merger of McCormick Harvesting Machine Co., Deering Harvester Co. and several other manufacturers.

In 1915, the novel "Of Bondage," Human William Somerset Maugham, was first published in the United States, a day before it was released in England.

In 1939, the MGM movie musical "The Wizard of Oz," starring Judy Garland, had its world premiere at the Strand Theater in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, three days before opening in Hollywood.

In 1944, during World War II, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

In 1953, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

In 1960, the first balloon communications satellite the Echo 1 — was launched by the United States from Cape Canaveral.

In 1981, IBM introduced its first personal computer, the model 5150, at a press conference in New York.

In 1994, Woodstock '94 opened in Saugerties, New York.

Today's **Birthdays**: Former Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., is 90. Actor George Hamilton is 76. Actress Dana Ivev is 74. Actress Jennifer Warren is 74. Rock singer-musician Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 66. Actor Jim Beaver is 65. Singer Kid Creole is 65. Jazz musician Pat Metheny is 61. Actor Sam J. Jones is 61. Actor Bruce Greenwood is 59. Country singer Danny Shirley is 59. Pop musician Roy Hay (Culture Club) is 54. Rapper Sir Mix-A-Lot is 52. Actor Peter Krause is 50. Actor Brent Sexton is 48. International Tennis Hall of Famer Pete Sampras is 44. Actor-comedian Michael Ian Black is 44. Actress Yvette Nicole Brown is 44. Actress Rebecca Gayheart is 44. Actor Casey Affleck is 40.

**Thought for Today: "The** secret to life is meaningless unless you discover it yourself." — From "Of Human Bondage" by W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965).

# STONE SOUP







# **ZITS**







**BIG NATE** 









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