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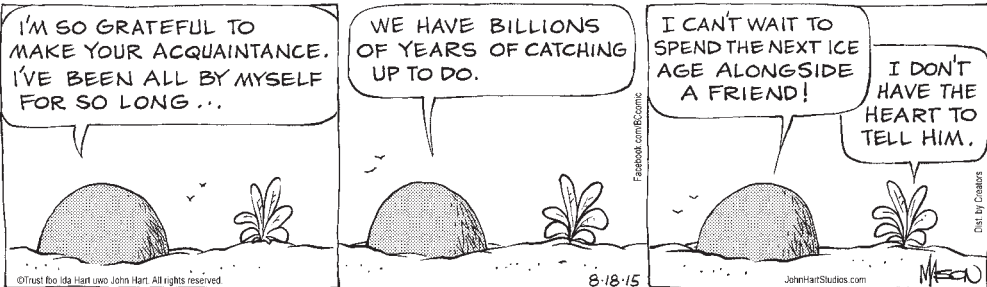
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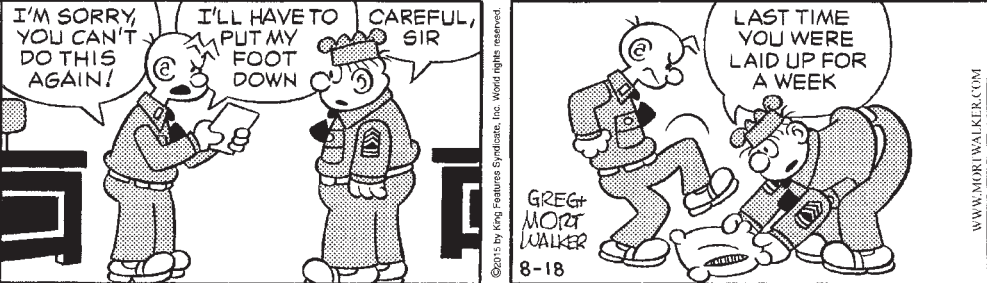
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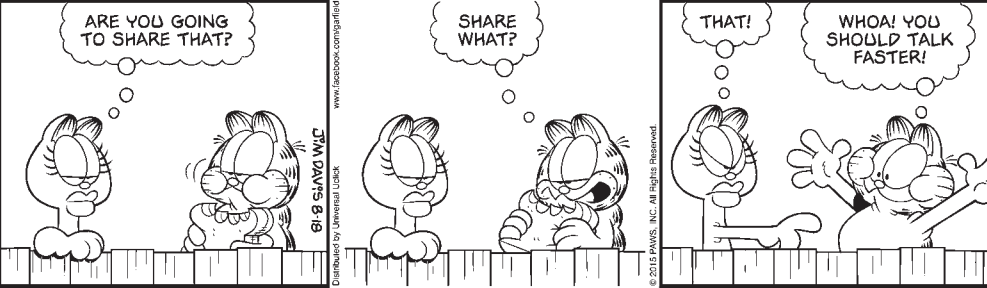
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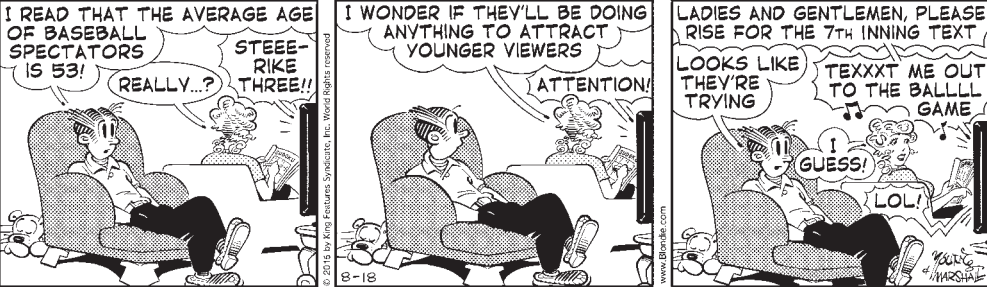
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DEAR ABBY

Woman with abortion in past is stung by man's accusation

Dear Abby: Two years ago, I met a gentleman, and he eventually decided we were "soul mates." I agreed. Over time, we shared our life stories, good and bad. I confided that I'd had an abortion at the age of 18, which has haunted me all my adult life.

Recently he was reciting a chronology of my life. When he got to the abortion, he said, "... and then you became a child murderer." His comment stunned me. He finds nothing wrong with it. Was this total disrespect, or am I overreacting? — **Stunned In Pennsylvania**

Dear Stunned: That "gentleman's" remark was not only disrespectful, but also incredibly insensitive and wrong. It is not against the law to terminate a pregnancy in this country. It is a right that many women — and men — fought hard to achieve.

Because each woman's circumstances are unique, this deeply personal decision is made for a variety of reasons. Like yourself, women experience a range of emotions afterward — including feelings of sadness and anger, but also relief. For this person to have made such an insensitive comment should be a clue that he may not be your soul mate after all.

Because of stigma that, not surprisingly, can cause feelings of shame, many women choose to remain silent about their decision to have an abortion. A resource that could be helpful to them — and to you — is Exhale (exhaleprovoice.org), a nonpolitical, nonjudgmental support organization for women who have had an abortion. Please check it out.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: I'm a 33-year-old man in academia, and it has been two years since my last relationship ended. (Her name was "Erica.") I have always been with older women, the most significant ones being 10 and eight years older. One ended because, in a night of depressed, alcohol-fueled self-loathing, I cheated on her. I don't make those choices anymore.

I have had chances to date, but none has drawn my interest the way Erica did — until recently. "Angie" is a sweetheart with a good sense of humor. When I'm around her, I start feeling twinges of how Erica made me feel.

I'm surprised by my attraction to Angie because she is only 19. Previous older mates were in education as I am, and Angie is, well, 19. I can't figure out if this is a genuine attraction, or if I'm trying to prove to myself that I can be involved with someone younger. I admit I'm intrigued by the idea of assuming the role of teacher instead of student.

I don't want to see Angie hurt by a mistake in judgment on my part. Is it healthy for a 19-year-old to be interested in significantly older men? Should I stop overanalyzing this and give it a try? — **Mr. X In Michigan**

Dear Mr. X: I think it depends upon what you mean by "it." Young women can be attracted to older men for a variety of reasons. If Angie is one of your students, I'd advise against a romantic involvement until after she has left your class to avoid any possible accusations of favoritism or even sexual harassment.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 17-18, 1915

It is considered proper road courtesy for a man, driving an empty auto, to give a lift to a pedestrian which he overtakes. But what would you do if, after giving said lift and hauling the hiker to town, he refused to leave your car? R.E. Haynes of North Powder was driving into Pendleton this morning and noted a dusty pedestrian, weary with walking, plodding along the country roads. Haynes drove him to town and to the garage, but even after explaining that the car would go no farther still the man moved not. He was politely requested to descend but the inebriate one liked the comfort of the seat. Finally the owner of the car walked to the police station and explained his predicament. "Drive the car over to the station and I'll help the man out," said Chief Carney. Haynes returned to the garage, cranked his car and drove it to police headquarters. The chief, with a yank and a pull, accomplished what the other man's words could not. The bibulous passenger descended from the car with more haste than grace and now reposes where his rest is undisturbed.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 17-18, 1965

A Umatilla teenager has been found safe

in the forest south of Cascade Locks after spending a night in the open. Rolland Daley, 19, was reported missing Sunday morning, when he fell behind two hiking companions because of blisters. He was found Monday evening by a search team on the Ronkel Creek Trail. The youth was in good condition and walked out of the wooded area four miles south of Cascade Locks. Some 40 persons joined in the search.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 17-18, 1990

A school bus has been the only Umatilla County casualty of Eastern Oregon's forest fires this summer. The bus burned late last week southwest of John Day, said Doug Flatt, vice president for operations of the Pendleton Bus Company. Firefighters have been battling two large fires between Burns and John Day, which have now burned more than 20,000 acres combined. No one was near the bus when it caught on fire. But Debra Lincoln of Pendleton, the driver of the bus and the Pendleton Bus Company's fire suppression liaison, and a firefighter had to take cover from the spreading fire under a fire-proof cover, Flatt said. She had driven the bus to the fire line for the Forest Service. The fire shifted soon after. She and the firefighter spent about four hours in the makeshift shelter before help arrived, Flatt said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 230th day of 2015. There are 135 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 18, 1587, Virginia Dare became the first child of English parents to be born in present-day America, on what is now Roanoke Island in North Carolina. (However, the Roanoke colony ended up mysteriously disappearing.)

On this date: In 1838, the first marine expedition sponsored by the U.S. government set sail from Hampton Roads, Virginia; the crews traveled the southern Pacific Ocean, gathering scientific information.

In 1846, U.S. forces led by General Stephen W. Kearny captured Santa Fe, New Mexico.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Proclamation of Neutrality, aimed at keeping the United

States out of World War I.

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing all American women's right to vote, was ratified as Tennessee became the 36th state to approve it.

In 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King dedicated the Thousand Islands Bridge connecting the United States and Canada.

In 1955, the romantic drama "Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing," starring William Holden and Jennifer Jones, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1963, James Meredith became the first black student to graduate from the University of Mississippi.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair in Bethel, New York, wound to a close after three nights with a mid-morning set by Jimi Hendrix.

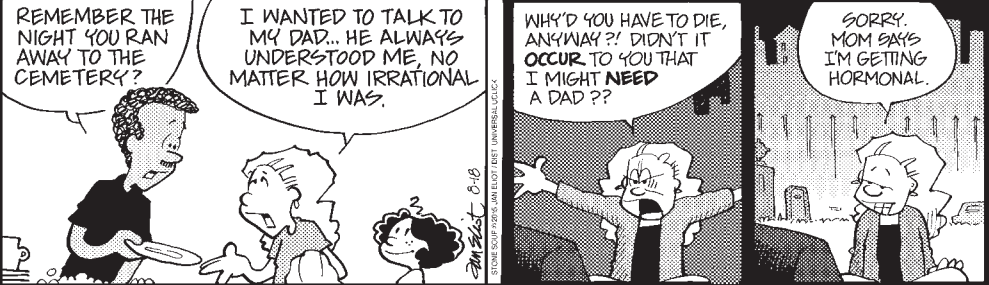
Today's Birthdays:

Former first lady Rosalynn Carter is 88. Movie director Roman Polanski is 82. Olympic gold medal decathlete Rafer Johnson is 80. Actor-director Robert Redford is 79. Actor Henry G. Sanders is 73. Actor-comedian Martin Mull is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sarah Dash (LaBelle) is 70. Rock musician Dennis Elliott is 65. Comedian Elayne Boosler is 63. Actor Denis Leary is 58. Rock singer and hip-hop artist Everlast is 46. Rapper Masta Killa (Wu-Tang Clan) is 46. Actor Christian Slater is 46. Actor Edward Norton is 46. Actor Malcolm-Jamal Warner is 45. Actress Kaitlin Olson is 40. Actor-comedian Andy Samberg (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 37.

Thought for Today: "Memory is more indelible than ink." — Anita Loos, American author and screenwriter (1888-1981).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

