

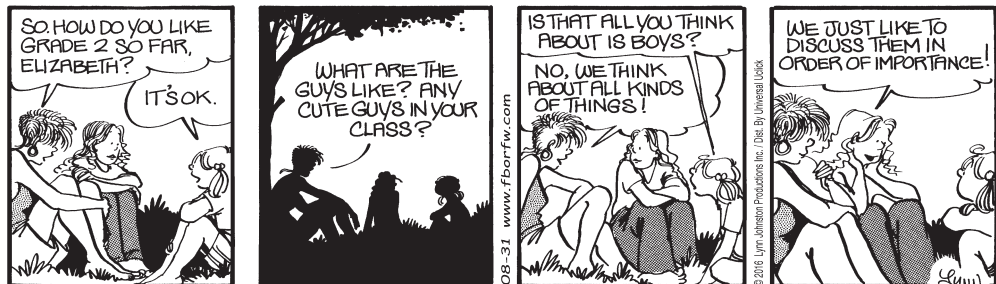
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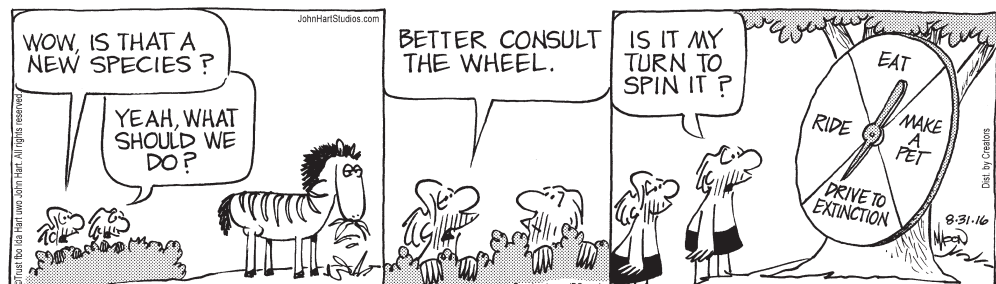
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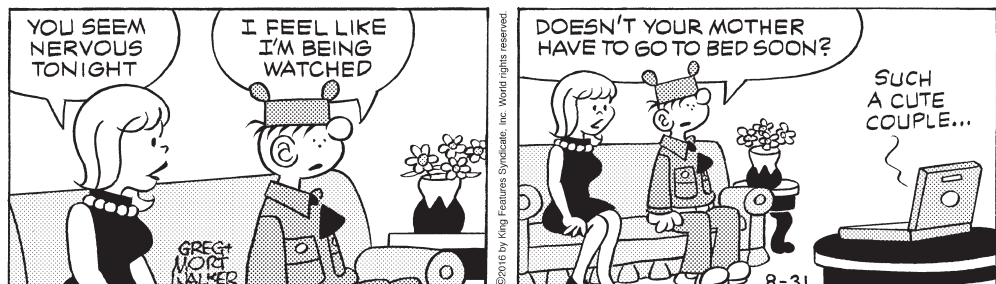
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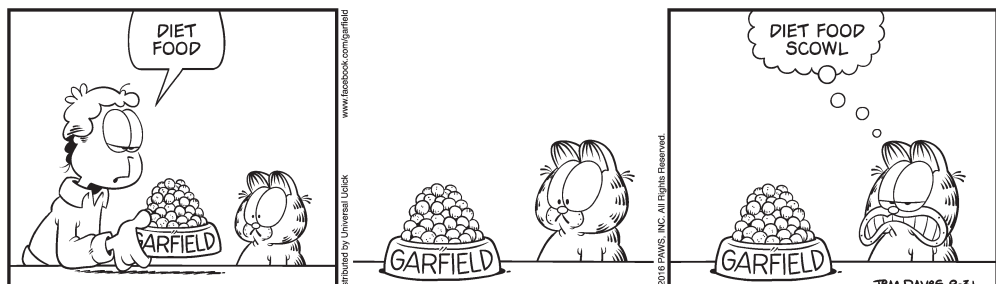
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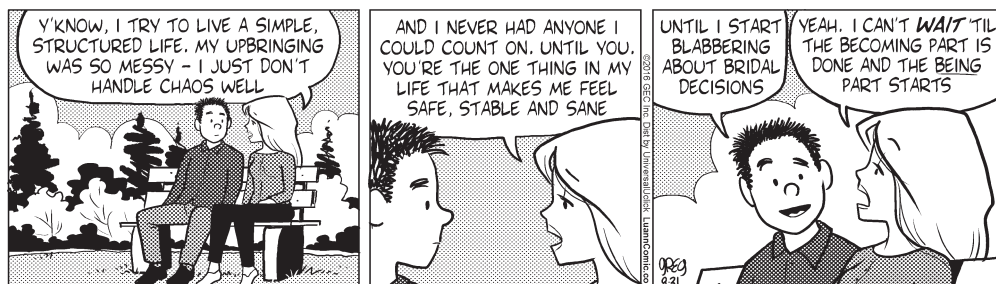
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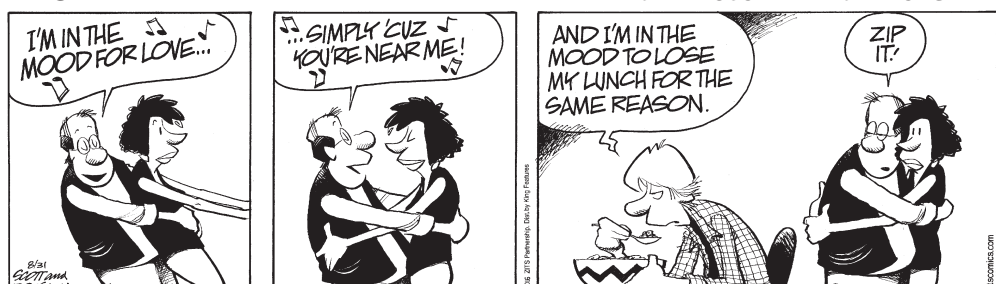
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DEAR ABBY

Woman can't make the break from her decades-long affair

Dear Abby: I have been dating a married man for 30 years. Our relationship started a few months after he got married. I know it was wrong to begin the relationship, but it started just as a way for me to get sexual experience. For him, I think he was infatuated with the idea that a younger woman found him attractive.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

accepted term for people who are sex-repulsed or who don't experience sexual attraction. I fit both of those definitions.

People want to know what's wrong with me: Is it a hormonal imbalance? Was I molested? Am I secretly gay? One man even suggested that sleeping with him would "fix me"! If it comes up around family, they always suggest that someone will come around and change my mind.

Abby, is 25 years old too young to know for sure that I don't want to have sex? How can I respond to these rude comments? — Ace In South Carolina

Dear Ace: Twenty-five is definitely old enough to know for sure whether you have a sex drive — or not. Because you are open about your lack of interest in sex, you should not become defensive if someone asks an ignorant question about it.

If the person asks if it's a hormonal imbalance, the result of having been molested or if you are gay, all you have to say is, "Nope, nope and nope!" As to the man who confused his member with a magic wand, "No, thanks!" would have been a polite response to an obviously deluded individual.

Dear Abby: I would love to see you refer to couples without children as "child-free" instead of "childless." Not every couple wants to have children. The term "childless" sounds like something is missing. — Free In Massachusetts

Dear Free: You make a good point. But I usually couch my terminology according to what the writer has stated. If someone refers to her- or himself as childless, I feel it would be wrong to imply something the person didn't.

I asked him out knowing he was married, thus safe from expecting a commitment. I don't think either of us expected our so-called relationship to last this long. I have dated other men (who knew nothing of him) and gave birth to a child (not his), so it's not like he's the only man I see. (Of course, he knows I date other men.)

Many times I have thought about ending our affair because I feel guilty, and sad for his wife. My problem is our conversations are intoxicating, our kisses, touches and love-making are like no other. Must I stop seeing him? Or do you think what others don't know won't hurt them? — Can't Stop Seeing Him

Dear Can't Stop: The problem with the rationale "what others don't know won't hurt them" is that, at some point, the truth usually comes out. And when it does, there are usually plenty of hurt feelings. Frankly, I'm surprised your lover has been able to keep you under wraps for 30 years without the two of you being spotted somewhere.

If you are truly sad for your lover's wife, you should end the affair. However, because it has taken you three decades to discover your conscience, I somehow doubt you will.

Dear Abby: I'm an asexual woman in my 20s, and I feel misunderstood. When I "come out" to people, they usually make a rude or vulgar comment. "Asexual" is the

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 31, 1916

Crooks, pickpockets and weary willies of the underworld will have a poor chance for operation in Pendleton during the Round-Up, September 21, 22 and 23. In addition to the regular Pendleton police force and specials there will be a large delegation of wearers of the star from all of the principal cities of the northwest. A number of Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Boise and Tacoma detectives who are familiar with the faces of most of the crooks in the northwest have written president T.D. Taylor of the Round-Up that they will be here to assist in keeping order. In addition to the police and detectives the annual convention of the North Pacific Coast Railroad special agents and policemen will be held in Pendleton during the three days of the show. This accounts largely for the absence of crime in the city during the show. The announcement that the northwest Sherlocks will be among those present has had a tendency to cause the crooks to move elsewhere.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 31, 1966

U.S. Army Sgt. Lester B. Cochran, 20, Pendleton, has been wounded again in fighting in Viet Nam, his father, Ted Cochran of Pend-

leton, said today. Sgt. Cochran a few months ago was hit in the back by Viet Cong mortar shrapnel. This time he was wounded in the leg. He will return to the United States now to spend about four months in a Portland hospital, his father said. Sgt. Cochran, whose wife, Loretta Cochran, lives in Vancouver, Wash., has been in the Army about two years.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 31, 1991

About 4,500 gallons of diesel fuel was spilled about four miles east of Pendleton early this morning, after a spectacular crash involving a tractor trailer and an unattended car on Interstate 84. There were no injuries in the accident, which occurred at about 2:20 a.m. at milepost 213.9. A diesel tanker driven by Teddy Myers of La Grande was eastbound, driving close to the fog line when he came upon an unattended vehicle parked on the shoulder, according to Oregon State Police records. Myers swerved to avoid the car, and the tanker trailer's rear tires ran over the top of the 1978 Chevrolet four door, severing the rear axle from the trailer. The trailer landed in a field adjacent to the highway. The diesel was spilled on the highway and in the barrow pit, and was contained in a small area, according to Rich Duval, an environmental specialist with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 244th day of 2016. There are 122 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 31, 1886, an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.3 devastated Charleston, South Carolina, killing at least 60 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

On this date:

In 1881, the first U.S. tennis championships (for men only) began in Newport, Rhode Island.

In 1916, the musical revue "The Big Show," featuring the song "Poor Butterfly" by Raymond Hubbell and John Golden, opened at New York's Hippodrome.

In 1939, the first issue of Marvel Comics, featuring the Human Torch, was published by Timely Publications in New York.

In 1941, the radio program "The Great Gildersleeve," a spinoff from "Fibber McGee and Molly" starring Harold Peary, debuted on NBC.

In 1954, Hurricane Carol hit the northeastern Atlantic states; Connecticut, Rhode Island and part of Massachusetts bore the brunt of the storm, which resulted in some 70 deaths.

In 1972, at the Munich Summer Olympics, American swimmer Mark Spitz won his fourth and fifth gold medals in the 100-meter butterfly and 800-meter freestyle relay; Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut won gold medals in floor exercise and the balance beam.

In 1980, Poland's Solidarity labor movement was born with an agreement signed in Gdansk that ended a 17-day-old strike.

Today's Birthdays:

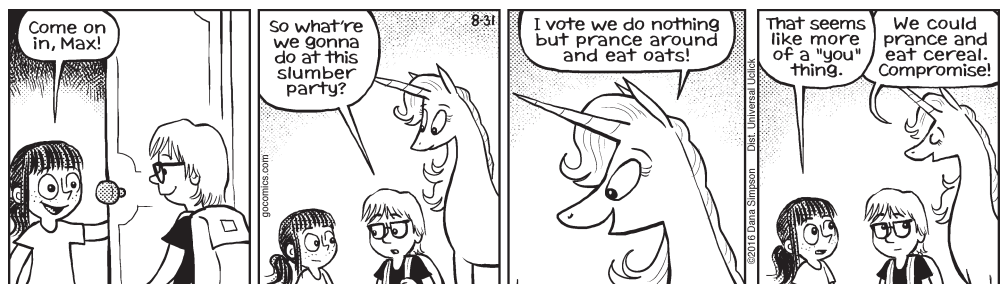
Japanese monster movie actor Katsumi Tezuka is 104. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Frank Robinson is 81. Actor Warren Berlinger is 79. Rock musician Jerry Allison (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 77. Actor Jack Thompson is 76. Violinist Itzhak Perlman is 71. Singer Van Morrison is 71. Rock musician Rudolf Schenker (The Scorpions) is 68. Actor Richard Gere is 67. Olympic gold medal track and field athlete Edwin Moses is 61. Rock musician Gina Schock (The Go-Go's) is 59. Baseball pitcher Hideo Nomo is 48. Actor Chris Tucker is 44.

Thought for Today:

"Every man in the world is better than someone else and not as good someone else." — William Saroyan, American author (1908-1981).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

