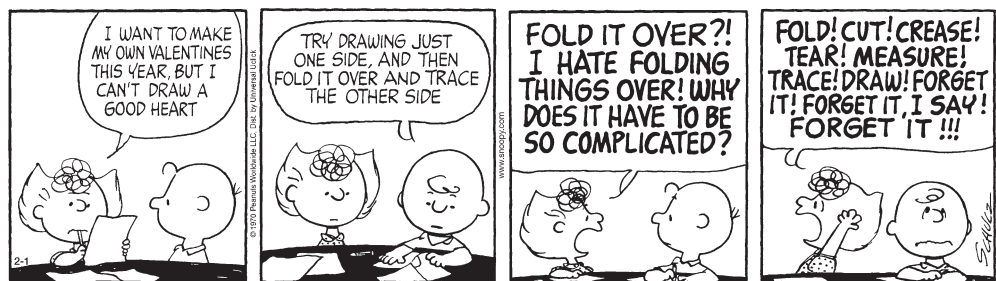


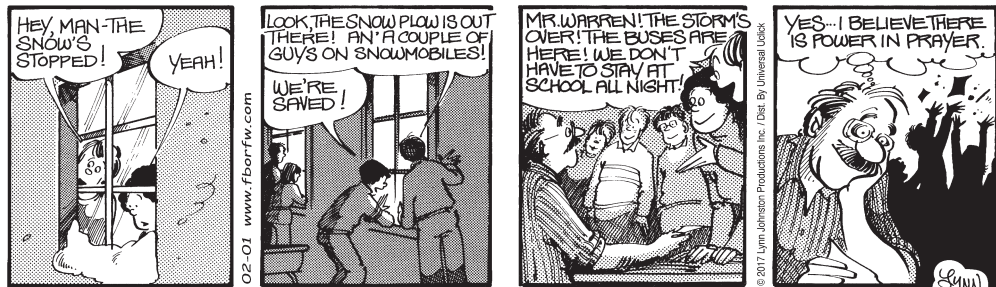
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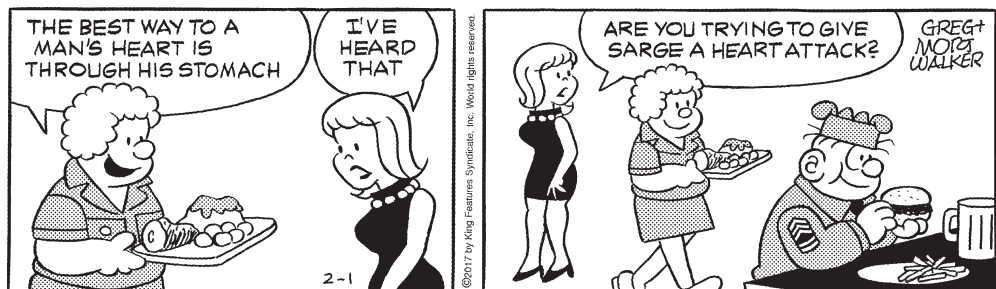
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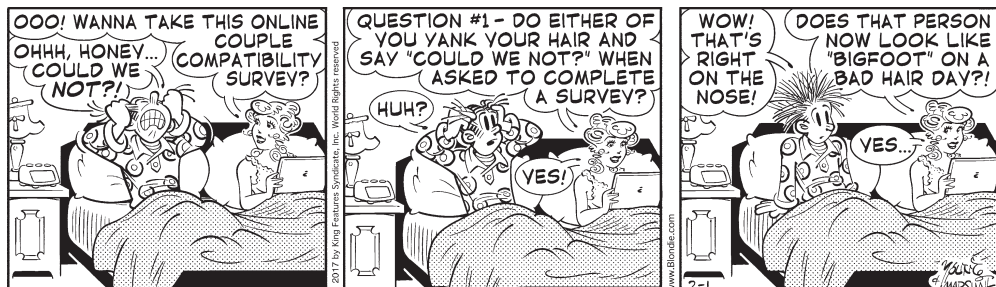
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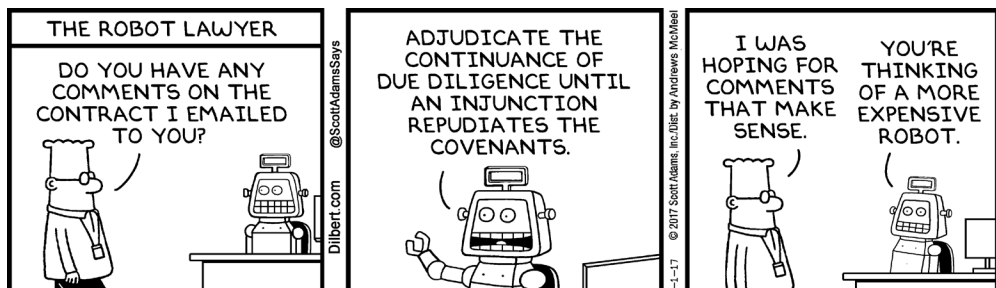
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DEAR ABBY

Wife is surprised her soul mate is looking for sex with men



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married 35 years. Our sex life was never very active, but we have been each other's soul mates and best friends. We had a rough few years early on, but managed to come back together, and our relationship is great.

I've heard the saying that one should only marry someone (or even be with them) if one can't imagine life without that person. Well, if I picture my life without him, I see myself being perfectly fine. Yes, I'd miss him, but I still think I could be happy without him. I don't imagine ever feeling devastated like other people feel when they break up with someone. Is this a sign that something is missing from the relationship? — Still All Right In New Jersey

Recently, while I was setting up new email addresses, I saw some messages he had sent in response to requests from married men looking for sex with other men. I just can't reconcile this with the man I know; however, I'm sure it's true. I'm not sure if I should tell him I know, or if I should try to forget it. After all, I may be the reason he's looking for sexual satisfaction elsewhere. More than anything, I'm surprised he's not looking for a woman. I'm sure confused. What should I do? — Soul Mates In Texas

Dear Still All Right: I don't think so. The only thing that's "missing" is the fact that you are not so emotionally dependent on your boyfriend that you couldn't function if something were to happen to him. And in my opinion, that's actually healthy, because relationships and marriages don't last forever, even when we wish them to.

Dear Soul Mates: I seriously doubt that this is your fault. Your husband doesn't look for women to satisfy his sex drive because his orientation may be homosexual (or bisexual) rather than heterosexual.

Dear Abby: Why is it that when adults are trying to get to know my children, the first thing they want to know is who they have a crush on? Not only is that an extremely personal question, it's also the least significant part of their lives and not something I want them to dwell on.

You say you are soul mates and best friends. Soul mates and best friends communicate honestly with each other. I do think you should level with him about what you discovered. Is his having sex outside of your marriage all right with you? If you have had sexual relations with him over the last few years, make an appointment with your doctor to be checked for STDs.

Ask instead what their favorite subject is, if they read a book recently they enjoyed, what kinds of activities they participate in or clubs they belong to. Please stop telling them that "surely some cute little kid" must have caught their eye. — Wise One In Virginia

Dear Abby: I'm a 30-year-old woman who has been with my boyfriend for a year and a half. He's a great guy who treats me wonderfully. I know he sees marriage in our future, and that's where my problem lies.

Dear Wise One: I agree. Young children may "like" someone, but may find it embarrassing to talk about. Another question, in addition to the ones you have suggested, might be, "Who are your friends, and what do you like doing with them?"

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 1, 1917

Fear of high water is already beginning to be entertained by some local people because of the abnormally heavy snow in the mountains. While the snowfall in and about Pendleton has been comparatively light this winter, there have been unusually heavy snow storms in the mountains to the east and south. At Kamela the snow is reported to be six feet deep and at some points in the mountains eight feet.

Cost of the mockup is estimated at \$2,200, for "labor, a few bricks and some watered-down paint." The trial period will not only give merchants and shoppers a chance to see how they like the mall, but will give city engineer Val Toronto and his staff a chance to study any problems that arise from the new pattern of traffic.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 1, 1967

A proposed "park and shop mall" for downtown Pendleton got an endorsement for a two-week trial period Tuesday. Mrs. Herman Lorenzen, one of the property owners who would be affected by the mall, said "we feel spending this now would protect our investment." Parking meters in the two blocks — from Court to Emigrant — would

be hooded during the trial period. Winter or not, the 1991-92 bowling season is heating up for area bowlers. John Herbison's 300 during the Wednesday Night Mixed League last week brought the total to three perfect games bowled by men at Pendleton Lanes during the current league season. Brian Brandon, 20, rolled a 300 game in December and Rich Hartle, 36, hit 12 straight strikes in November. Both came during the Wednesday Night Men's Major League. Herbison, 51, said his 300 was his first in five years of bowling. He carries a 192 average.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 32nd day of 2017. There are 333 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 1, 1942, during World War II, the Voice of America broadcast its first program to Europe, relaying it through the British Broadcasting Corp. in London.

On this date: In 1790, the U.S. Supreme Court convened for the first time in New York. (However, since only three of the six justices were present, the court recessed until the next day.)

In 1922, in one of Hollywood's most enduring mysteries, movie director William Desmond Taylor was shot to death in his Los Angeles home; the killing has never been solved.

In 1943, one of America's most highly decorated military units, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up almost exclusively of Japanese-Americans, was authorized.

In 1959, men in Switzerland rejected giving women the right to vote by a more

than 2-1 referendum margin. (Swiss women gained the right to vote in 1971.)

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, South Vietnam's police chief (Nguyen Ngoc Loan) executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured by news photographers. Richard M. Nixon announced his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

In 1982, "Late Night with David Letterman" premiered on NBC (airing at 11:35 p.m. Central time, 12:35 a.m. Feb. 2 in the Eastern time zone).

In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members.

Ten years ago: The departing top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, told the Senate Armed Services Committee that improving security in Baghdad would take fewer than half as many

extra troops as President George W. Bush had chosen to commit.

Five years ago: Facebook, the Internet social network, announced plans to go public with a stock offering.

One year ago: Texas Sen. Ted Cruz swept to victory in Iowa's Republican caucuses, overcoming billionaire Donald Trump and a stronger-than-expected showing by Florida Sen. Marco Rubio.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Stuart Whitman is 89. Folk singer Bob Shane (The Kingston Trio) is 83. Singer Don Everly is 80. Bluegrass singer Del McCoury is 78. TV personality-singer Joy Philbin is 76. Country musician Dwayne Dupuy (Ricochet) is 52. Lisa Marie Presley is 49. Actor Michael C. Hall is 46. Roots rocker Jason Isbell is 38. Mixed martial artist Ronda Rousey is 30.

Thought for Today: "Happiness is a by-product. You cannot pursue it by itself." — Sam Levenson, American humorist (1911-1980).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

