### **PEANUTS** BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ







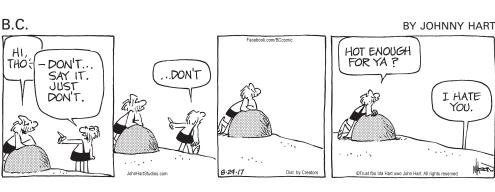


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## **DEAR ABBY**

# **Evenings at home fall silent** as wife embraces cellphone

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Advice

Dear Abby: A large portion of conversation in our home has been replaced with the time my wife spends on her cellphone. Not that she is talking on it. It's games and Facebook that absorb hours of her time.

We used to spend evenings working on special projects together, but that is the exception now and no longer the rule. If I ask a question or make a comment, she answers, but we sit mostly in silence.

Must I accept this as the new norm that seems to have swept up everyone and wait for her to tire of this activity? I have gently mentioned my dismay, but when I did she became defensive and said it is HER time. Do you have any advice on how to cope with this? — Mattering Less In Missouri

**Dear Mattering**: Facebook and gaming can be so absorbing that when members sign on for "just a minute," the next thing they know, two hours have flown by. I say this because it has happened to me.

Discuss this again with your wife, and this time tell her you miss the closeness you had when the two of you could share activities and that you are lonely. If she doesn't realize that it is a red flag, the two of you may need professional mediation to reach a compromise, such as a scheduled date night.

If that doesn't satisfy you, look for projects or hobbies you can share with other people with similar interests. You are not alone in having this problem. Taking evening classes

might solve it in the short term. Dear Abby: I am a gay man. My

boyfriend, "James," and I have been together for nine years with a few time-outs. I'm 59; he's 57. In many ways we have a great relationship and care deeply for each other. Our problem? We are in the same field of employment but work for different companies. He works full-time in a highly stressful position, while I work 20 hours a week and have a great time

James earns twice what I do. I have no money put away for retirement because I don't earn enough to save. James doesn't like it. He wants someone who is his equal in

Obviously, our story isn't as simple as it sounds. His therapist supports his feelings. Mine says: "In 2008, when everyone lost their pensions, you didn't see a bunch of people filing for divorce, did you? There are more important things than money.

I don't know what to do. I want to grow old with James. — Money Woes In San Francisco

Dear Money: You two need a different kind of mediation than two shrinks and an advice columnist. From where I sit, you would benefit from consulting a financial planner who can help you figure out if there's a way to put away some money for a rainy day. If you include James when you do, it might also give him some insight.

# DAYS GONE BY

### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 24, 1917

Complaint was laid before the council last evening that, with many employers hereabouts howling for help, many idle men sit placidly on the curbstones and listen with indifference to offers for their services. If these men were without visible means of support, they could be hauled into court as vagrants, but every mother's son of them has money in his pockets, and Judge Fee, new city attorney, advised the council that there is no law that can compel a man to work if he has means of support. "If there were such a law," he said, "it might be used against Councilman Taylor here."

### 50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 24, 1967

Climaxing the Walla Walla College summer session commencement exercises Sunday was the conferral of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree on Clyde H. Harris, Pendleton. In the citation Dr. William H. Shephard honored Harris as "a recognized philanthropist, an able administrator, a wise and judicious member of the board of trustees, and friend and Christian gentleman whose balanced Christian life and

sincere interest in people have been blessing to many." Beginning with a small box factory in Milton-Freewater in 1913, Harris moved his interests to Pendleton in 1939, adding a lumber division, and in 1945 a furniture division. In 1952 the businessman made an outright gift of Harris Pine Mills, worth several million dollars, to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, remaining as president until 1957 when he retired.

### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 24, 1992

Fred Hodgen and Chris Piper have learned a sobering lesson in recent weeks: Skunk odor can overpower just about any air freshener or cleaning product on the market. They know, because they've tried most of them in a battle to overcome the dreaded scent left by skunks that took a liking to their garage and the cat food inside. Once you've been sprayed by a skunk, Pepe Le Pew cartoons will never be quite as funny again, Hodgen and Piper agreed. But after capturing a daddy skunk this weekend that appeared to be every bit of 20 pounds, the couple hope they've won the war with the pesky varmints. The battle to get rid of that distinctive skunk aroma continues,

# THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 236th day of 2017. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 24, 1992. Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing \$30 billion in damage; 43 U.S. deaths were blamed on the

On this date:

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash; an estimated 20,000 people died.

1572, Day Bartholomew's massacre of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in Paris.

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces invaded Washington, D.C., setting fire to the Capitol (which was still under construction) and the White House, as well as other public buildings.

In 1912, Congress passed a measure creating the Alaska Territory. Congress approved legislation establishing Parcel Post delivery by the U.S. Post Office Department, slated to begin on January 1,

In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, making her the first woman to fly solo, non-stop, from coast to coast.

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty came into force.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Communist Control Act, outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1967, a group of demonstrators led by Abbie Hoffman caused a disruption at the New York Stock Exchange by tossing dollar bills onto the trading floor.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for murdering John Lennon. (Chapman remains imprisoned.)

In 2006, the International Astronomical Union declared that Pluto was no longer a full-fledged planet, demoting it to the status of a "dwarf planet."

Today's Birthdays: Composer-musician Mason Williams is 79. Rhythm-

and-blues singer Marshall Thompson (The Chi-Lites) is 75. Rock musician Ken Hensley is 72. Actress Anne Archer is 70. Actor Joe Regalbuto is 68. Actor Kevin Dunn is 62. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is 62. Actor-writer Stephen Fry is 60. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 59. Baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. is 57. Actor Jared Harris is 56. Talk show host Craig Kilborn is 55. CBS News correspondent Major Garrett is 55. Rock singer John Bush is 54. Actress Marlee Matlin is 52. Basketball Hall of Famer Reggie Miller is 52. Broadcast journalist David Gregory is 47. Country singer Kristyn Osborn (SHeDaisy) is 47. Actor-comedian Dave Chappelle is 44. Actor Rupert

Grint ("Harry Potter" films) is 29. Thought for Today: "Life begins when a person first realizes how soon it will end." — Marcelene Cox, American writer.

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