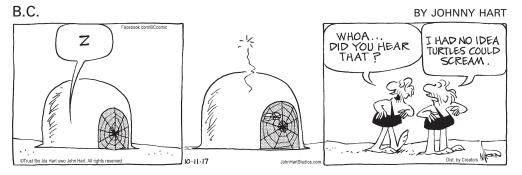
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DEAR ABBY Racy texts from co-worker cause man's wife concern

Dear Abby: My husband, "Ralph," and I have been married for 30 years. He recently started receiving sexually oriented texts from a male co-worker I'll call Mike. What Ralph once read aloud to me saying, "He's such a goof. Listen to this!" has now become covert reading for him.

Ralph and I have no secrets. Our phones are accessible to each other, so sometimes if his phone is lying around, I'll see things such as "Sitting on the deck with just a towel on the

bits and pieces. Nice breeze!" with heart eye emojis. They are later deleted.

I have asked Ralph point-blank if he has feelings for Mike, which he denies. But he won't ask him to stop, either. Ralph knows this worries me and has me questioning our relationship. I'm tempted to contact Mike myself, but I'm not sure if that's the best way to proceed. Thoughts? - Baffled In St. Louis

Dear Baffled: Your husband may not have feelings for this co-worker, but his co-worker appears to have some for him. Either way, Mike's behavior is unusual. While I don't think you should contact him, this is something you should revisit with your husband because you find it threatening.

Dear Abby: A man came to my home today to fix a tech problem and proceeded to hit on me. Abby, he was at least 10 years older than me (I'm 23), and it was so unprofessional. I was home alone, and being faced with that situation caused me to turn red. He then commented on my blushing, and I just sat there saying nothing.

I am berating myself for not speaking up,



and I'm disgusted that he assumed I was blushing because I liked the attention when it was the opposite! At the same time, I am fearful of a man reacting aggressively if I were to say something.

I was hoping you could tell me what to say or do in order to better handle these situations in the future. I want to be more vocal; I just don't know how to be. — Blushing In Texas

Dear Blushing: Whether you were red with embarrassment or pale with anger is irrelevant. You should report him to his employer to make sure he will never come to your home again.

A way to protect yourself in the future might be to arrange to have someone else present under those circumstances. If someone behaves inappropriately during a service call to your home, you are within your rights to tell the person you want him to leave IMMEDIATELY, and that is what you should have done.

Dear Abby: I recently went to the movies with a couple of friends. At the concession stand, I bought popcorn. They did not. However, as we sat down, they eyed my popcorn as I was munching. I didn't offer them any. I figured they could have bought their own if they wanted some. Should I have? It's been bothering me ever since. Was I selfish? — Matinee Muncher

Dear Muncher: The polite thing to do would have been to offer them some of your popcorn. As to whether not doing so was selfish, the answer is: "Mmmmhmmmm." (I'd say it more clearly, but my mouth is full.)

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 11, 1917

Pendleton's crack cavalrymen are now artillerymen. According to a dispatch in the Portland Oregonian this morning "the iron hand of army reorganization yesterday fell upon the Oregon squadron and converted it into the 148th Field Artillery." In letters home several of the Troop D boys have recently written that they feared they would be turned into artillerymen. Just what effect this change will have upon the officers is problematical but it seems pretty certain that they will not remain with their present troops and artillery officers must have a technical education. It is probably they will be transferred. Captain Cicero Hogan of Troop A is to have command of an artillery supply train.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 11, 1967

Letters and records of the works of the late Al Lamb, former mayor of Heppner and for many years manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, will be a permanent collection in the University of Oregon library. The collection is being made by Mrs. Lamb a the request of Edward Kemp, acquisition now banking on, as groups renew strategies librarian with the university. Such collections, he wrote, "represent the basic research tools

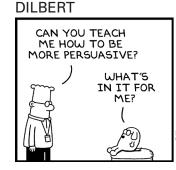
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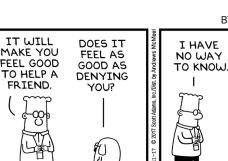
Heppnerite were, he said, desired to be used along with other "articulate citizens who have been responsible for substantial contributions to recent Northwest history." Lamb, who died in March, 1966, was a leader in agriculture and played an active part in political affairs.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 11, 1992

The state Department of Corrections on Friday submitted its 1993-95 budget proposal to the governor as expected — without any funding for Pendleton's medium security prison. Although that move has been anticipated for weeks, the fact that Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution is absent from the proposal has some officials angry, employees worried and groups calling for action. State Sen. Scott Duff, D-Adams, said he has already requested a copy of the corrections budget proposal so that a local task force can review it "and begin the battle to keep the institution open." Duff said that battle will be one of his priorities, "and legislators gauge the public's priorities by talking to constituents." That appears to be exactly what EOCI employees and community leaders are







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to inform legislators of the impacts of closing Pendleton's prison.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 284th day of 2017. There are 81 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 11, 1942, the World War II Battle of Cape Esperance began in the Solomon Islands, resulting in an American victory over the Japanese.

On this date:

1779, Polish In nobleman Casimir Pulaski, fighting for American independence, died two days after being wounded during the Revolutionary War Battle of Savannah, Georgia.

In 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in Washington, D.C.

1910, Theodore In Roosevelt became the first former U.S. president to fly in an airplane during a visit to St. Louis.

In 1932, the first American political telecast took place as the Democratic National Committee sponsored a program from a CBS television studio in New York.

In 1958, the lunar probe Pioneer 1 was launched; it failed to go as far out as planned, fell back to Earth, and burned up in the atmosphere.

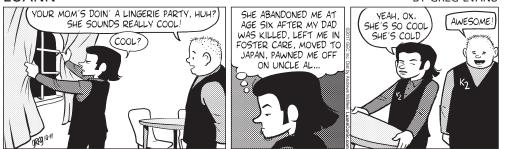
In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard. The government of Panama was overthrown in a military coup.

In 1979, Allan McLeod Cormack and Godfrey Newbold Hounsfield were named co-recipients of the Nobel Prize for Medicine for their work in developing the CAT scan X-ray.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Earle Hyman is 91. Former U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry is 90. Actor Ron Leibman is 80. Actor Amitabh Bachchan is 75. Country singer Gene Watson is 74. Singer Daryl Hall (Hall and Oates) is 71. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., is 67. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Steve Young is 56. Actress Joan Cusack is 55. Rock musician Scott Johnson (Gin Blossoms) is 55. Actor Luke Perry is 51. Actress Jane Krakowski is 49. Rapper U-God (Wu-Tang Clan) is 47. Actress Emily Deschanel is 41. Golfer Michelle Wie is 28.

Thought for Today: "Life was meant to be lived, and curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life." - Eleanor Roosevelt, American first lady (born this date in 1884, died 1962).

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