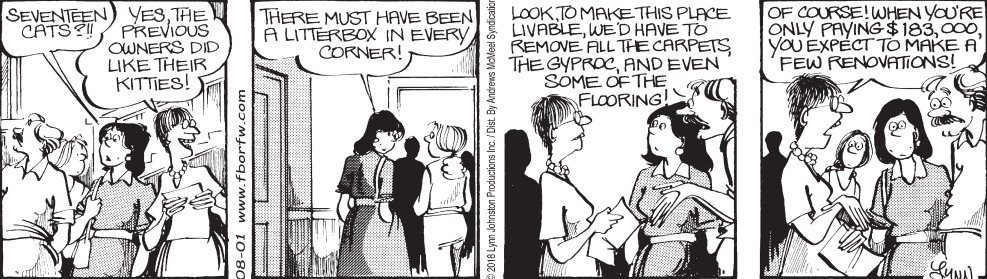


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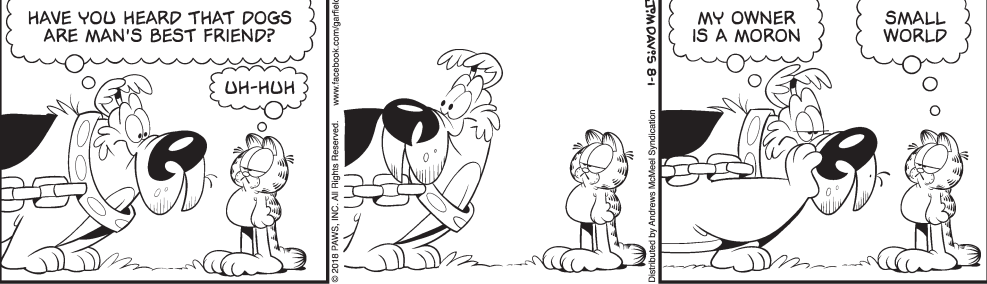
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DEAR ABBY

Family is divided in two by predator in their midst

Dear Abby: A number of years ago, it came out that my brother-in-law had raped and molested his two daughters and two granddaughters. It tore our family apart.

Although my sister said she intended to divorce him, she never did. She also didn't report it — so he was never convicted of the crime — but we all, including my sister, knew it was true. Since then, my sister has disowned her daughters, my mother and me. She still interacts with her son and his family.

I know I shouldn't miss my sister, but I do. I know my mom misses her, too. Abby, how can we get past this? Our family was always close, and now this. The grief is killing me. — **Anguished In Arkansas**

Dear Anguished: It seems there was a conspiracy of silence in the family. Your sister dealt with her husband's crime by choosing to ignore that he is a sexual predator. That your sister has blamed his victims is beyond the pale. Your nieces and grandnieces should talk with a licensed mental health professional about this, and so should you and your mother. If you're lucky, the person may be able to offer a group discount.

Dear Abby: My boyfriend and I are in our 50s. We have lived together for two years. He's retired. I work full time.

We have a woman friend (married with kids) he sees almost daily during the summer at the swimming pool. Every day he says to her, "What time will you be here? I'll be here around 10. See ya then." She brings him food occasionally while they're there. (He hasn't told me, but I know she has.)

Sometimes he can be in a foul mood, and



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Advice

all he wants is to go to the pool to relax. When we go, his eyes search for her and if/when he sees her, they light up and he gets a big smile on his face. When I pointed it out to him, he gave me the silent treatment for a couple of hours. Then he accused me of being jealous.

We are in a committed relationship, but I find this threatening. Was I wrong to say what I did? — **Georgia Girl**

Dear Georgia Girl: No, but after he accused you of being jealous, what you should have told him was he was right, and that you wish his eyes would light up that way when he sees you. It appears your guy has developed a crush. If you handle it with humor, it will pass. However, if you don't, you will continue to make him feel defensive — which is counterproductive — so use a light touch.

Dear Abby: I'm a first-time writer to your column. I'm mentally disabled, have MD (muscular dystrophy) and am diabetic. I take a lot of medication. When people ask me why I don't work or "Where do you work?" what should I say? When I say I don't work and that I'm disabled, they look at me funny and don't believe it. My disabilities aren't visible. — **Wendy In Pennsylvania**

Dear Wendy: You are not obligated to disclose your medical history to people you know casually. (If they knew you well, they wouldn't be asking those questions.) All you need to say is, "You know, that's personal. If you'll forgive me for not answering your question, I'll forgive you for asking." Then change the subject.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 1, 1918

C.O. Dinius, who owns a stock ranch near Ritter, was in Ukiah Saturday night on business. Mr. Dinius has supplied a good many of the Ukiah people with their winter potatoes for the last four years and always has good potatoes, bringing them over by the four horse load. Last spring seed grain being high and hard to get in where he lives, he decided to plant some of his ground to potatoes as he had lots of them, and he planted thirty sacks, making five or six acres, which are looking fine. He says he can furnish Ukiah and vicinity with all the potatoes they want for winter as reasonable as any one else.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 1, 1968

Nothing has been heard of a missing 40-foot semi-trailer truck and its 21-year-old driver that dropped out of sight in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 13. The truck is owned by Ernest Jorgensen, local trucker and justice of the peace. The driver was John Lawton of Ferndale, Calif. Jorgensen and his wife, Margaret, made a recent trip to Salt Lake City to check on the truck and driver and to talk with law enforcement officials, but they

did not find any clues. The Irrigon couple assume the truck was stolen and they fear that Lawton has met with foul play. They had a telephone conversation with Lawton the afternoon of his disappearance and wired him \$50. Western Union says the money was claimed at 3 a.m. the following morning, but could not show the Jorgensens any receipts, because the records had been sent to Minneapolis. Law enforcement officials in the area are reluctant to move in the case until they are certain the truck has been stolen.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 1, 1993

When Zan Traugher creates his hand-made belt buckles, he engraves each one with a lifetime of experience as a rancher, logger and mechanic. Creating silver jewelry and belt buckles is far removed from the rough-stock jobs Traugher held most of his life. But the silversmith says those insights help muster up the type of authenticity customers want, particularly during this year's 150th anniversary of the Oregon Trail. Traugher, who left behind logging and moved to Pendleton in 1981, contracted last year with the Oregon Trail Coordination Council to produce limited edition silver commemorative belt buckles.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On August 1, 1966, Charles Joseph Whitman, 25, went on an armed rampage at the University of Texas in Austin that killed 14 people, most of whom were shot by Whitman while he was perched in the clock tower of the main campus building. (Whitman, who had also slain his wife and mother hours earlier, was finally gunned down by police.)

In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

In 1907, the U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division, the forerunner of the U.S. Air Force.

In 1936, the Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

In 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation; the revolt lasted two months before collapsing.

In 1957, the United States and Canada announced they had agreed to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

In 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut.

In 1994, Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley confirmed they'd been secretly married 11 weeks earlier. (Presley filed for divorce from Jackson in Jan. 1996, citing irreconcilable differences.)

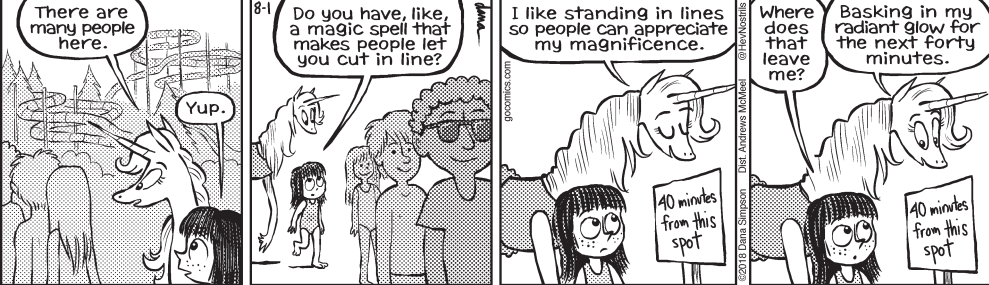
In 2001, Pro Bowl tackle Korey Stringer, 27, died of heat stroke, a day after collapsing at the Minnesota

Vikings' training camp on the hottest day of the year.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott is 87. Former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., is 81. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams is 68. Rock singer Joe Elliott (Def Leppard) is 59. Rapper Chuck D (Public Enemy) is 58. Rapper Coolio is 55. Rock singer Adam Duritz (Counting Crows) is 54. Movie director Sam Mendes is 53. Actor Elijah Kelley is 32. Actor James Francis Kelly is 29. Actress Ella Wahlestedt is 20.

Thought for Today: "The only fool bigger than the person who knows it all is the person who argues with him." — *Stanislaw J. Lec, Polish writer (1909-1966).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

