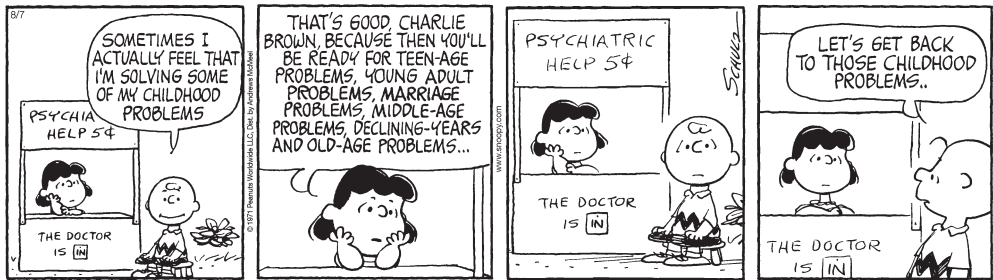


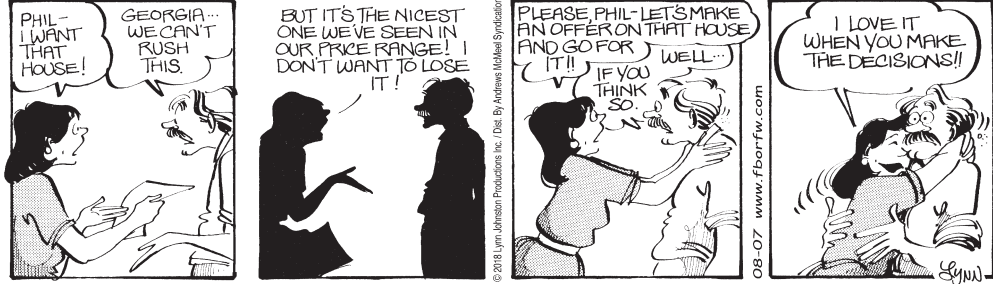
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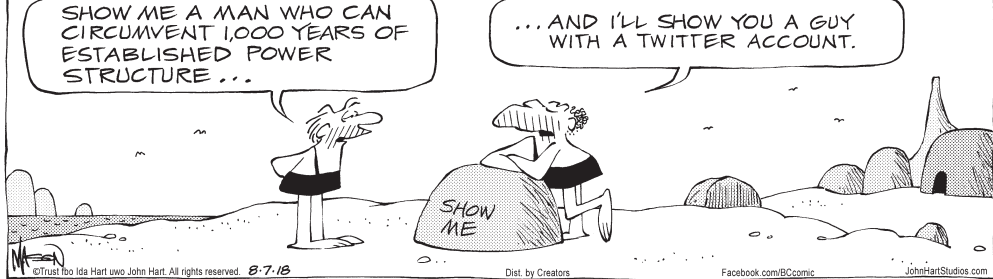
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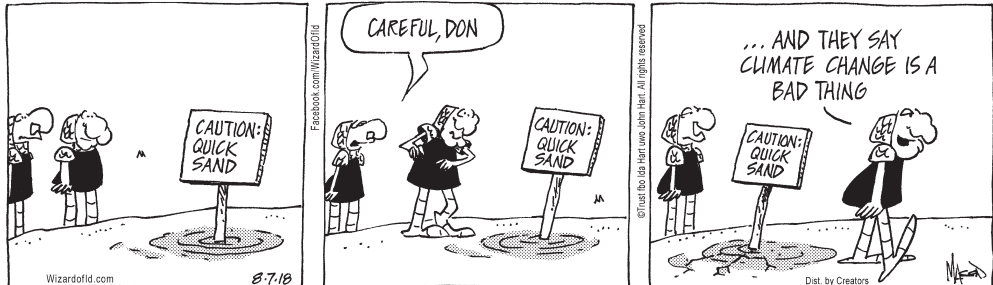
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DEAR ABBY

Wife's attraction to woman throws life into confusion

Dear Abby: I am a 50-year-old woman. I have been married to my husband for 28 years and never cheated. We have a good life together, and our sex life has always been great, but I have recently fallen in love with another woman.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

I haven't told anyone, not even her. She has made several comments and advances toward me, but she frequently makes comments like, "I don't swim in the lady pond."

The two of us recently went out of town together. When she kissed me on my neck, I pulled away and nothing more happened. I am positive that if I hadn't, something would have happened.

I feel like I'm going crazy because I think about her every minute. We talk on the phone several times a day. She's married (to a man) and has been for 30 years. Is it possible for two straight women to suddenly fall in love with each other? Should I tell her how I feel? Please help me. I'm confused, lost and in turmoil. — Falling In Love

Dear Falling: Yes, it is possible for members of both sexes to become attracted to someone of the same sex and fall in love. Have an honest conversation with the woman. Tell her you are confused about what happened on the trip. I'm not sure she was completely honest about her "swimming" habits, but you may or may not be the first woman she has become attracted to.

I hesitate to advise what steps to take beyond that since you are both in longtime, committed relationships. Much will depend

upon what she has to say.

Dear Abby: I have been dating my boyfriend for two years. We are the same age and have children from previous marriages. His are teenagers, and I have twin boys at home who are 6. Early on we discussed blending our families.

Although he has been eager to be a part of my life and my family, he has been less than enthusiastic about opening up his own life to me. He takes vacations with his children and leaves me out. He also travels alone to places we have discussed going to together. If I say anything, he accuses me of being selfish. But if I plan anything with my own children, he always expects to be included.

I'm getting fed up with it. I feel resentful living on the fringes of his world, while he expects to be at the center of mine. Am I selfish, or do I have a legitimate complaint? — Off Balance In Virginia

Dear Off Balance: You and your boyfriend should both be spending some separate vacation time with your children, but not to the exclusion of each other. That he would take trips you had planned together without you seems peculiar, and I don't think you are selfish to be bothered by it.

Although you have been seeing each other for two years, he does not appear to be anywhere near ready to jump into the kind of relationship you are wishing for. You do have a legitimate complaint. Continue the discussion about this because something does appear to be off balance.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 6-7, 1918

Local hardware dealers have been notified that all retail hardware merchants must make a pledge to all steel jobbers and manufacturers not to sell any steel products, such as nails, wire, pipe, etc., except for essential enterprises. This means that none of those products will be available for non-essential purposes without a special permit and the rules governing these permit will be strict. The matter is necessary in order to conserve the steel supply.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 6-7, 1968

Army Sgt. Ronald R. Moses, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Moses, Hermiston, received the Bronze Star Medal during ceremonies at Ft. Hood, Tex. Sgt. Moses was presented the award for meritorious service in ground operations against hostile forces

during his last assignment in Vietnam. Presently assigned as a reconnaissance sergeant in Battery A, 4th Battalion of the 1st Armored Division's 3rd Artillery, Moses entered on active duty in January 1966 and completed basic training at Ft. Ord.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 6-7, 1993

Jerry Schubert looked like a bronc buster who'd just lifted himself off the turf after a rough ride at the Pendleton Round-Up. He calculated each step on his way from his motor home to a folding lawn chair sitting in a strip of shade. "I gotta whip about three guys, and then I'm going to drive a team," said Schubert, who broke his pelvis July 11, two weeks after the Oregon Trail Wagon Train embarked on its 73-day journey across Idaho and Oregon. Schubert, 62, was injured when horses bolted and threw him and another man from their wagon near Burley, Idaho.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On August 7, 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, giving President Lyndon B. Johnson broad powers in dealing with reported North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. forces.

In 1782, Gen. George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and noncommissioned officers.

In 1789, the U.S. Department of War was established by Congress.

In 1882, the famous feud between the Hatfields of West Virginia and the McCoys of Kentucky erupted into full-scale violence.

In 1942, U.S. and other allied forces landed at Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II. (Japanese forces abandoned the island the following February.)

In 1959, the United

States launched the Explorer 6 satellite, which sent back images of Earth.

In 1989, a plane carrying U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and 14 others disappeared over Ethiopia. (The wreckage of the plane was found six days later; there were no survivors.)

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush ordered U.S. troops and warplanes to Saudi Arabia to guard the oil-rich desert kingdom against a possible invasion by Iraq.

In 1998, terrorist bombs at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

In 2007, San Francisco's Barry Bonds hit home run No. 756 to break Hank Aaron's storied record with one out in the fifth inning of a game against the Washington Nationals, who won, 8-6.

In 2010, Elena Kagan was sworn in as the 112th justice and fourth woman to

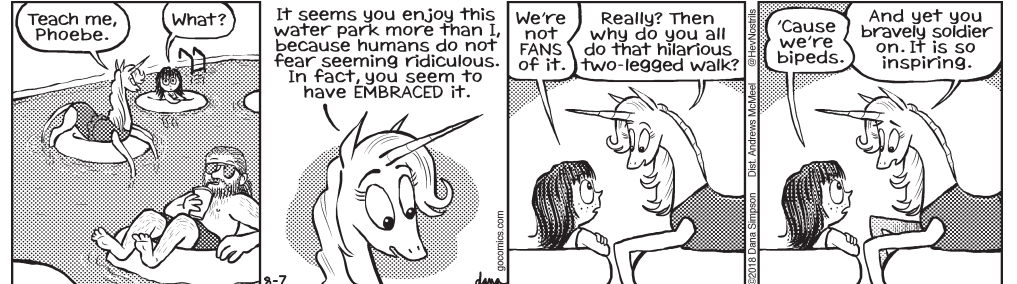
serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Today's Birthdays: Magician, author and lecturer James Randi is 90. Former MLB pitcher Don Larsen is 89. Actress Verna Bloom is 80. Humorist Garrison Keillor is 76. Former FBI Director Robert Mueller is 74. Marathon runner Alberto Salazar is 60. Actor David Duchovny is 58. Actor Michael Shannon is 44. Actress Charlize Theron is 43. Rock musician Barry Kerch (Shinedown) is 42. Actor Eric Johnson is 39. Actor Randy Wayne is 37. Actor-writer Brit Marling is 36. Actor Liam James is 22.

Thought for Today: "You must learn day by day, year by year, to broaden your horizon. The more things you love, the more you are interested in, the more you are indignant about — the more you have left when anything happens." — Ethel Barrymore, American actress (1879-1959).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

