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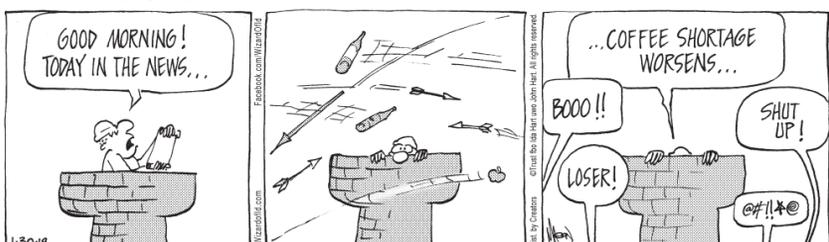
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DEAR ABBY

Man seeking commitment finds casual sex instead



JEANNE PHILLIPS  
ADVICE

**Dear Abby:** What are your thoughts about having a sex-only arrangement with an ex? Most of the women I've dated have contacted me after the relationship was over hoping to have "no-strings-attached" sex on a regular basis. I have always refused because I figured it would make it more difficult to move on and to meet someone new.

shave and wax jobs. They say their boyfriends and nearly all guys prefer it.

I have a boyfriend, but we aren't to that point. However, someday that day will come. Does it really matter to guys if a girl shaves and waxes? Also, how do I deal with my stepisters? — **Natural in the West**

**Dear Natural:** Deal with your stepisters by continuing to ignore their advice and following your own path. The idea that women should be hairless from the eyelids down is one that Madison Avenue and the porn industry have foisted on the public. I can't predict how "guys" will react to you in your natural state, but I can say this: A man who cares about you will be only too glad to accept the entire package — fur and all.

That said, I'm an attractive guy in my early 30s, and I'd hate to continue to waste my prime sexual years. I'd love to be married and have a family, but I'm struggling to find a woman who is honest, loyal, a good communicator and independent. That leaves me with either having no sex while hoping for a miracle, or a lot of sex with women I don't really like. — **Searching in Oregon**

**Dear Searching:** Dating may look like fun, but at a certain point it becomes serious business. You have reached an age at which you know what you are looking for. However, you will never find it as long as you tie yourself to women who don't fit the bill. This does not mean you must live like a monk, only that you direct your sexual (and emotional) energies forward rather than backward if your goal is marriage and a family.

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**Dear Abby:** I have a close friend who visits me often. Recently I discovered that in addition to eating snacks I put out, he has been sneaking food and things like canned beverages from my home when I'm not looking.

He has money. In fact, he is a very generous person. I can't get over his behavior. Is it right that this bothers me, and if so, what should I say? — **Missing My Food in California**

**Dear Abby:** I'm 16 and unlike most girls I know, I prefer to be natural. I don't shave or wax my body hair. My friends accept this as my business. But my stepisters, whom I share a room with every other weekend, say I look gross and proudly display their

**Dear Missing:** It should bother you, because as petty as it is, it's still theft. What you should say is, "Why are you taking food from my home without asking me first?" It's a legitimate question. If he denies it, your buddy may be a bit of a kleptomaniac.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
Jan. 30, 1919

As a result of negotiations completed last evening the newly incorporated Inland Empire Bank of Pendleton secures as a location the Miller building, occupied by the Leader store, at the corner of Main and Court streets. The stock of the Leader store has been purchased by Bond Bros. and will be disposed of on sale. It was announced today by men in charge of the new bank that the bank has a 20 year lease on the property and that as soon as the store stock can be disposed of will begin the remodeling of the building. The bank will use the entire first floor, excepting a certain space in the rear which, with a frontage on Court street, will be rented for office purposes.

shovel left. Shovels that had for years collected dust in basements and store rooms went like hotcakes. "I sold more snow shovels this winter than in five years," said Ted Johnson at Coast-to-Coast. No used shovels are available, either. Barnum's Trading Post reported they couldn't even help out two men down on their luck who planned to buy a shovel and make a grubstake shoveling snow.

25 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
Jan. 30, 1994

Pendleton musician Rob Roy doesn't hide his enthusiasm for area history, especially when it comes to the heyday of gold mining in the Blue Mountains. This zeal has blossomed into "The Ghosts of Granite," an original musical production that soon will be ready to tour. Roy assumes the role of playwright, lyricist and composer. Eighty-five volunteer researchers helped base the script on historical fact, Roy says. He assembled a preview cast to build support. The full production will involve 35 actors and 15 musicians. Eight to 12 performances are planned on a fifth-wheel trailer that folds out into a mobile stage.

50 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
Jan. 30, 1969

If you have been using the excuse of "no shovel" to put off the job of clearing walks and driveway, you can retreat to your easy chair and stay there. You couldn't buy a show shovel today in Pendleton if you wanted to. Not a store in town has a snow

TODAY IN HISTORY

**On Jan. 30, 1948,** Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, 78, was shot and killed in New Delhi by a Hindu extremist who was later executed.

Orville Wright, 76, died in Dayton, Ohio.

honoring the American hostages freed from Iran.

**In 1933,** Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany. The first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.

**In 1962,** two members of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance in Detroit.

**In 2006,** Coretta Scott King, widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., died in Mexico at age 78.

**In 1945,** during World War II, a Soviet submarine torpedoed the German ship MV Wilhelm Gustloff in the Baltic Sea with the loss of more than 9,000 lives, most of them war refugees; roughly 1,000 people survived. Adolf Hitler marked the 12th anniversary of his appointment as Germany's chancellor with his last public speech in which he called on Germans to keep resisting until victory.

**In 1968,** the Tet Offensive began during the Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese towns and cities; although the Communists were beaten back, the offensive was seen as a major setback for the U.S. and its allies.

**Today's Birthdays:** Producer-director Harold Prince is 91. Actor Gene Hackman is 89. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 82. Country singer Jeanne Pruett is 82. Chess grandmaster Boris Spassky is 82. Country singer Norma Jean is 81. Former Vice President Dick Cheney is 78. Singer Phil Collins is 68. Actor Charles S. Dutton is 68. Actor Christian Bale is 45.

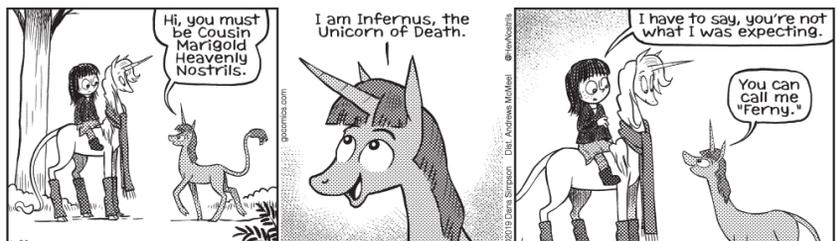
**In 1972,** 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

**In 1981,** an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade

**Thought for Today:** "Only when we are no longer afraid do we begin to live." — Dorothy Thompson, American author, journalist and radio commentator (born 1893, died this date in 1961).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

