

PEANUTS

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DEAR ABBY

Man's dramatic weight loss causes gossip and concern

Dear Abby: My husband has lost a significant amount of weight over a very short period of time. He isn't on drugs and eats well. I have begged him to see a doctor. He has come up with a variety of excuses and reasons why he has lost the weight. First it was because he was stressed at work. Then it was because he was stressed at home. Now he says he just needs to eat and exercise more, but he's "sooo busy," but he'll start eventually.

It has become a problem for several reasons. One, all the church ladies have concluded that I don't cook at home (which I do). Two, he looks so ill and malnourished that people are asking me if he is on drugs (he has been tested at work, and this is not the case). Three, friends and family are deeply concerned but scared to approach him about his health because he swears he feels fine and is actually doing wonderfully.

Abby, I love my husband. He's a good man, although he can sometimes be stubborn and closed-minded. I'm terrified that he's dying of cancer and he's going to leave me a single mom. I can no longer discuss the subject of weight with him because he gets extremely defensive and says I should just give him time to get back to how he was. How long do I give him? It has been 10 months. I'm afraid if this goes on any longer, it will put a strain on our relationship that won't be easily fixed by just talking it out. — **Alarmed in Louisiana**

Dear Alarmed: Some people foolishly avoid going to the doctor because they are

afraid of what they will hear. You should be alarmed because your husband's sudden, unexplained, prolonged weight loss can be a symptom of a life-threatening illness.

This is not a question of how or how well you cook (bless those church ladies!), or whether your husband is on drugs. It is a question of you alerting his doctor, explaining what's going on and possibly saving his life. If he won't listen to reason, put it in terms of him being

alive long enough to see his child/children into adulthood. But if he still won't listen to reason, then all you can do is make sure his affairs are in order in case the worst happens.

Dear Abby: I am about to be shipped off to basic training for the Army, and I have heard many horror stories about military spouses cheating while their significant other is away. Any advice on how to make sure my relationship doesn't end up like that? Do you think she will cheat? — **Wondering in Tennessee**

Dear Wondering: Having never met your significant other, I have no way of guessing whether she will cheat on you — just as I can't predict if the reverse will be true. But this I do know: Communication is the key to overcoming the physical distance. Writing and Skyping as often as you can to share what's going on will keep you from drifting apart.

Will there be more temptations while you're separated? Probably. That's true for both of you. If you plan on spending the rest of your life with this person — or anyone — you should be confident that she's trustworthy.



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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Oct. 29, 1919

The mayor of Pilot Rock, Levi Eldridge, brought down a 19 point buck, the largest buck killed in the mountains south of Pendleton this year. The deer weighed 350 pounds dressed and was almost as large as an elk, said L.C. Scharpf, who was in the hunting party with Eldridge. Fred Moes, Helix banker, and George Done, of Pilot Rock, members of the same party, also killed a deer each.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Oct. 29, 1969

Brig. Gen. David C. Baum, commanding general of the Oregon National Guard, was in Pendleton Monday to speak before the Pendleton Rotary Club. Gen. Baum expressed concern over the present state of American society and charged Rotarians to become lifters, not leaners. He said that objectivity in report-

ing in newspapers, radio and TV have disappeared and blamed interpretive reporting for "instant riots and instant poverty." Baum added that America's youths have been given everything and have had to achieve nothing, resulting in their disassociation from society.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Oct. 29, 1994

The Main Street Cowboys are missing several signs from the organization's old-fashioned callopie. The Cowboys promote Pendleton and the Round-Up throughout the year. The signs disappeared two weeks ago when the callopie was parked on the street. According to a Main Street Cowboy board member, most years missing items are "usually 'found' somewhere in the area within a month or so" but they haven't seen or heard anything about the signs. The Cowboys are not looking to press charges. They just want their signs back.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Oct. 29, 2012, Superstorm Sandy slammed ashore in New Jersey and slowly marched inland, devastating coastal communities and causing widespread power outages; the storm and its aftermath were blamed for at least 182 deaths in the U.S.

In 1787, the opera "Don Giovanni" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart had its world premiere in Prague.

In 1901, President William McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, was electrocuted.

In 1911, Hungarian-born American newspaperman Joseph Pulitzer, 64, died in Charleston, S.C.

In 1923, the Republic of Turkey was proclaimed.

In 1929, "Black Tuesday" descended upon the New York Stock Exchange. Prices collapsed amid panic selling and thousands of investors were wiped out as America's "Great Depression" began.

In 1956, during the Suez Canal crisis, Israel invaded Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

"The Huntley-Brinkley Report" premiered as NBC's nightly television newscast.

In 1960, a chartered plane carrying the California Polytechnic State University football team crashed on takeoff from Toledo, Ohio, killing 22 of the 48 people on board.

In 1967, Expo 67 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, closed after six months.

In 1987, following the confirmation defeat of Robert H. Bork to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, President Ronald Reagan announced his choice of Douglas H. Ginsburg, a nomination that fell apart over revelations of Ginsburg's previous marijuana use. Jazz great Woody Herman died in Los Angeles at age 74.

In 1998, Sen. John Glenn, at age 77, roared back into space aboard the shuttle Discovery, retracing the trail he'd blazed for America's astronauts 36 years earlier.

In 2017, all but 10 members of the Houston Texans took a knee during the national anthem, reacting to

a remark from team owner Bob McNair to other NFL owners that "we can't have the inmates running the prison."

Today's Birthdays: Singer Melba Moore is 74. Musician Peter Green is 73. Actor Richard Dreyfuss is 72. Actress Kate Jackson is 71. Actor Dan Castellana (TV: "The Simpsons") is 62. Comic strip artist Tom Wilson ("Ziggy") is 62. Actress Finola Hughes is 60. Rock musician Peter Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 54. Actress Joely Fisher is 52. Actress Winona Ryder is 48. Actress Tracee Ellis Ross is 47. Actress Gabrielle Union is 42. Actor Jon Abrahams is 42. Actor Brendan Fehr is 42.

Thought for Today: "Put it before them briefly so they will read it, clearly so they will appreciate it, picturesquely so they will remember it and, above all, accurately so they will be guided by its light." — *Joseph Pulitzer, American newspaper publisher (born 1847, died this date in 1911).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON

BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE