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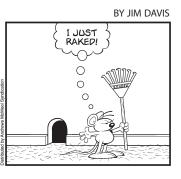
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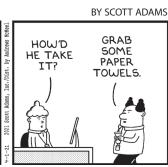
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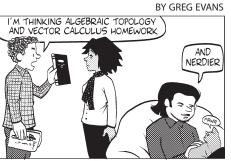


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DEAR ABBY

New wife can't stop thinking about husband's old girlfriend

Dear Abby: I'm a young wife. I married after three months of dating my military husband. He was previously in an on-again/off-again relationship that lasted about eight years, during which she had a baby with another man, etc. I believe my husband is still in love with her. After constantly asking him, he says he just wishes her well and he doesn't have any romantic feelings. I'm not sure what to do, and I just keep overthinking it. Any thoughts?

- Hate's Husband's History

Dear H.H.H.: Stop torturing your husband — and yourself — by constantly asking him about his feelings for his unfaithful ex-girlfriend. Get to work building your self-esteem, and you will have less to worry about. Your husband's history (baggage) is his own. You are making a mistake by dragging it into your marriage. If you concentrate on the positive, you will have a happier marriage, and so will your husband.

Dear Abby: Shortly after a retired, not-so-close friend moved to another city, he began sending emails about events he had read about in social media, news outlets and magazines. At first there were only a few a day, but as the days increased, so did his emails. I responded to some of them, but he never commented on them. He just sent more and more to the point that his daily emails are more than I can — or want to — read. I am spending too much time deleting them. What should I do? Should I ask him not to send them anymore, or should I stay quiet so as not to hurt his feelings? — Inbox Full in Missouri



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Inbox Full: Your friend may be sending these items because, as a retiree, he has little to do but cruise the internet for entertainment. It would not be rude to tell this not-so-close friend you don't have time to review all of the emails he has been sending and ask him to send fewer. It's the truth. However, if he doesn't comply and the barrage continues, feel free to block them or create a filter for these emails that sends them to a folder where they can be easily scanned and deleted.

Dear Abby: My husband of 32 years often tells me women compliment him on his looks or the way he dresses. I compliment him often, but I think it's his way of telling me that he's still "got it" and I should be proud to have a husband who's hot and good-looking.

Am I crazy for not enjoying hearing what other women think? If anything, it has caused some insecurity on my part. I have asked him to stop sharing these comments and told him I'm tired of hearing them especially since I have told him repeatedly what I think of him, his looks and his way of dressing. Am I wrong? — Loves Him Inside And Out

Dear Loves Him: I don't think you're wrong. But has it occurred to you that your husband may do this not out of ego but because he is insecure? People who are secure within themselves do not feel the need to continually toot their own horns the way your handsome, stylish husband does. Try this: The next time he does it, smile, nod in agreement and tell him you agree with his admirer. And repeat as necessary.

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago **April 1, 1921**

A \$15,000 pipe organ, a Wurlitzer Hope-Jones of the same type as that installed in Gramman's million dollar theatre in Los Angeles, has been contracted for the new motion picture theatre which will be built on Main street for occupancy about September 1. Excavation of the building has already begun and later the two buildings which now house the Gem shop, cigar store and meat market will be torn down in preparation for the construction work. The building will have a 50 foot frontage, a full basement and a balcony. The structure of brick will cost about \$40,000 and will have a seating capacity of 800. While primarily a motion picture theatre, the building will be equipped for vaudeville performances also. There will be a 20 foot tiled entrance, with a store building on either side. A large lobby and rostrum will be features, and the heating and ventilating systems will be strictly modern.

50 Years Ago **April 1, 1971**

Steer busting is "a brutal exploitation of animals for profit," a Heppner woman told the Fish and Game Committee of the Oregon House today. Forty-four other states have outlawed the practice. At present it is conducted in Oregon only at the Pendleton Round-Up. In steer busting, a rodeo performer tosses a rope around the horns of

a running animal, loops the rope around the flanks of the steer and trips it. Representatives of the Round-Up testified that injury is rare and that the animals are well cared for. Jiggs Fisk, livestock director of the show, said out of 250 rides in the event by cowboys, five horns were broken and one steer suffered a broken leg. A representative of the Animal Defenders League at the hearing produced a letter from Gov. Tom McCall in which he said he would work to ban the "brutal and offensive" sport.

25 Years Ago **April 1, 1996**

It's the end of an era. The Burger Barn, that bastion of '50s-style car hop hep, milk shakes and bite-size hamburgers, has closed. "Kids used to get out of their cars and mill around," said Erlaine Hajek, 57, who bought the restaurant with her husband, Frank, in 1967 when it was an A&W. Hajek unexpectedly received an offer from the owner of Courtesy Appliance and with hesitation decided to sell the property. And so furniture, freezers and dishwashers will take the place of french fry baskets, root beer vats and milk shake mixers. Hajek continued the A&W tradition of mixing her own root beer even after the restaurant went independent in 1985, and customers still waited in their cars for car hops to deliver their food. Some things had changed with the time, however. A double burger zoomed from 60 cents to \$2.45 during the past 30 years.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On April 1, 1954, the United States Air Force Academy was established by President Dwight D. Eisen-

In 1945, American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II. (U.S. forces succeeded in capturing the Japanese island on June 22.)

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

In 1972, the first Major League Baseball players' strike began; it lasted 12 days.

In 1975, with Khmer

Rouge guerrillas closing in, Cambodian President Lon Nol resigned and fled into exile, spending the rest of his life in the United States.

In 1976, Apple Computer was founded by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne.

In 1977, the U.S. Senate followed the example of the House of Representatives by adopting, 86-9, a stringent code of ethics requiring full financial disclosure and limits on outside income.

In 1984, Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his father, Marvin Gay Sr. in Los Angeles, the day before the recording star's 45th birthday. (The elder Gay

pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and received probation.)

In 1987, in his first speech on the AIDS epidemic, President Ronald Reagan told doctors in Philadelphia, "We've declared AIDS public health enemy no. 1."

In 1992, the National Hockey League Players' Association went on its firstever strike, which lasted 10 days.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jane Powell is 92. Actor Annette O'Toole is 69. Singer Susan Boyle is 60. Rapper-actor Method Man is 50. Political commentator Rachel Maddow is 48. Singer Bijou Phillips is 41.









BY DANA SIMPSON Quick, help me find another hiding place before anything else happens

BIG NATE







