

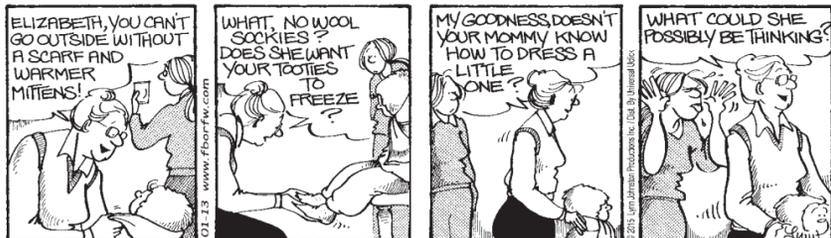
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DEAR ABBY

Search low-cost options for professional counseling

Dear Abby: In many advice columns it is often suggested to “seek professional help,” such as a psychologist or psychiatrist. This is a practical solution, but most often quite expensive, to the point of being prohibitive.

Where else can one turn to find assistance that will be practical, ongoing and cost-effective rather than something that immediately throws up a roadblock to wellness? — **Detoured By Finances**

Dear Detoured: Some of these suggestions might be helpful:

(1) Contact a university medical school if there is one in your community, and ask to speak to the Department of Psychiatry. Ask if it has an outpatient clinic. If it does, inquire there. If not, ask if someone on the staff deals with problems like the ones you’re experiencing.

(2) If you live in a town with a college, find out if it has a graduate school. If so, does the graduate school have a psychology program and a clinic that charges on a sliding financial scale? If there is no clinic, ask if someone on the staff of the psychology department sees people privately and what’s the person’s phone number. Then contact that person.

(3) People can get referrals from mental health organizations. The largest credentialed ones are the American Psychological Association, the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and the National Association of Social Workers. These are legitimate



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organizations and have professional standards.

(4) You can locate government-funded agencies with psychiatric services by going on the Internet. Some hospitals refer to community service organizations. In any emergency room, you can contact the hospital’s outreach to community development programs, as well.

Dear Abby: My husband and a friend of mine joke about being an item. They do this in public and in front of me. They hug, hold hands or rub each other’s shoulders, but I don’t think anything more goes on.

These activities offend and embarrass me. My husband says the jokes are innocuous, that I’m too sensitive and I’m making a mountain out of a molehill. He says they certainly wouldn’t act that way in public if they were really seeing each other on the sly.

Do you think I’m being overly sensitive about this? — **Disrespected**

Dear Disrespected: I don’t think you’re being overly sensitive. That it’s “innocent” is beside the point. Because you have told them that their touchy-feely demonstrations of affection for each other offend and embarrass you, out of respect for you, they should cut it out.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 12-13, 1915

The new constitutional amendment passed at the last election requiring an alien born resident to be a naturalized citizen in order to vote is driving in many men who have lived in this country for years but who have delayed completing their papers. Before the law was passed alien born residents who had taken out their first papers had the privilege of voting and holding office providing they had the other qualifications. Yesterday Tom Robertson, manager of the Farmers’ Union Grain agency who came to this country from Scotland in 1885 and took out his first papers three years later, and William Kupers, prominent farmer and native of Germany who took out his first papers in 1897, applied for final papers and a few days ago Manuel Pedro, prominent sheepman who came over from Portugal years ago, did likewise.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 12-13, 1965

Hardest hit business in Gilliam County by the recent flood was the Olex store and post office. Raging water from Juniper Canyon at the south and Rock Creek from the east battered the building and destroyed most of its contents. Mr. and Mrs. Art Smythe, owners, are still cleaning up two weeks after the water came. They hope to have their shelves restocked with groceries soon, but they’ll have to wait for new equipment before they

can stock frozen goods and dairy products. Some time ago the *East Oregonian* featured a story about Smythe and his hobby, raising pheasants of rare breed. All his birds were drowned. “But I did manage to save three Labrador pups in another pen,” he said. He waded through waist-high water with wire cutters. The pups were huddled on top of their dog house, said Smythe. Mrs. Smythe, postmistress, said some mail bags were soaked and all her scales and other equipment lost.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 12-13, 1990

As residents in Umatilla County continue to cut up what some say is a five-year supply of firewood left by last Monday’s wind storm, experts agree few precautions could have prevented the huge loss of trees. Shallow roots, wet sandy soil and a lack of good tree maintenance combined with hurricane-force winds to topple hundreds of trees across the county. In the past three days, Hermiston workers removed at least 60 trees from streets and parks, said Hermiston Street Superintendent Sid Priest, most of them locust trees. But several Russian olive and mulberry trees also were down. As the clean-up winds down, Priest said his department will take a hard look at the type of trees it plants to replace the ones lost in McKenzie Park, saying that because maples, sycamores and oaks have a tap root — a single long root — they are able to withstand strong winds such as those Monday.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 13th day of 2015. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On Jan. 13, 1915, a magnitude-7 earthquake centered in Avezzano, Italy, claimed some 30,000 lives.

On this date:

In 1733, James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, South Carolina, while en route to settle in present-day Georgia.

In 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

In 1864, American songwriter Stephen Foster died in poverty in a New York hospital at age 37.

In 1883, the Henrik Ibsen play “An Enemy of the People” was first performed in Christiania (Oslo), Norway.

In 1898, Emile Zola’s famous defense of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, “J’accuse,” was published in Paris.

In 1941, a new law went into effect granting Puerto Ricans U.S. birthright citizenship. Novelist and poet James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland, less than a month before his 59th birthday.

In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in west Los Angeles 10 days before his 43rd birthday.

In 1964, Roman Catholic Bishop Karol Wojtyla (the future Pope John Paul II) was appointed Archbishop of Krakow, Poland, by Pope Paul VI.

In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation’s first elected black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

Today’s Birthdays: Actress Frances Sternhagen is 85. TV personality Nick Clooney is 81. Actor-comedian Charlie Brill is 77. Actor Billy Gray is 77. Actor Richard Moll is 72. Rock musician Trevor Rabin is 61. Rhythm-and-blues musician Fred White is 60. Rock musician James Lomenzo (Megadeth) is 56. Actor Kevin Anderson is 55. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 54. Rock singer Graham “Suggs” McPherson (Madness) is 54. Country singer Trace Adkins is 53. Actress Penelope Ann Miller is 51. Actor Patrick Dempsey is 49. Actor Orlando Bloom is 38. Actor Liam Hemsworth (Film: “The Hunger Games”) is 25.

Thought for Today: “I am tomorrow, or some future day, what I establish today. I am today what I established yesterday or some previous day.” — *James Joyce (1882-1941).*

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

