PEANUTS

BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ









COFFEE BREAK









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PICKLES







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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN







DEAR ABBY

Widower tells mom to butt out of plans with pregnant girlfriend

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Dear Abby: My son, a widower with two boys, ages 6 and 9, has just informed me that his 33-year-old girlfriend, "Karen," is pregnant and due in five months. He started seeing her three months after his wife died, and they have been an item for eight months. She has been staying at his house every weekend, and plans to move in with him soon.

Karen has never been married and Advice has no children, so she will become a stepmom and a new mom in a short period of time. Neither my son nor Karen seems to realize how difficult it will be to bring a stepparent into this situation, especially with a new baby on the way. One of the boys will have to give up his bedroom when the baby arrives. I'm concerned that the boys will be overwhelmed by this, when they have not yet been able to effectively deal with the

death of their mother. I think this relationship has moved too fast and they are clueless about how all this will affect the boys. My son has told me I need to "get over it, it's his life and his kids." Is there anything I can do to help the boys process all of this and adjust to the new situation? Wise Lady In The South

Dear Wise Lady: Nowhere in your letter have you mentioned that the boys are depressed or acting out. They probably like Karen or the relationship wouldn't have lasted as long as it has.

It appears that in trying to be helpful you may have come across as negative or judgmental. If that's true, apologize to your son and suggest that if the adjustment becomes difficult for his boys, a family therapist could help to nip any problems in the bud. Then cross your fingers and hope it isn't necessary.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married 10 years. Half of his family are smokers. Every year, there has been a family gathering at his dad's house. Since the birth of my first child, smoking has become forbidden in that home.

This year, however, the party will be held at the home of another where smoking will be permitted. I can't handle smoke. It gives me a sore

throat and I cough for a week after exposure. Because of my reaction and for the health of my children, I don't want to attend. (When we get home we have to immediately shower and launder our clothing to get rid of the smell.)

My husband is adamant that we SHOULD attend and bring the kids. He was raised around smoking and doesn't see what the "big deal" is. What can I say or do to convince him not to force me and our children to be exposed to the health hazards of secondhand smoke? Am I being unreasonable because it's only one night a year? — Hater Of Smoking In West Virginia

Dear Hater Of Smoking: I think so. Much as you might like, you can't raise your children in a bubble. I would hate to see you isolate your children from their aunts, uncles, cousins and any grandparents who are still alive during their once-a-year holiday cele-

If you would prefer not to attend because you can't stand the smell of the smoke, stay home. But do not prevent your children from knowing the family. Assuming they don't have health issues, one evening of exposure to cigarette smoke shouldn't be harmful.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 15, 1915

A meeting was held this morning by the girls in which great enthusiasm was shown on their part in interest of the athletics carried on at the high school. A committee of three was elected and these with the aid of the senior girls are going to form an enthusiastic club of which they will be charter members, any others being admitted by initiation if they wish to join. The masculine sex, thinking that the feminines were "pepless" told them so and now they are going to show the boys that they can do something. After this they will have an individual part in the rallies before the games and also at the field where they will give their vells. Thelma Thompson and Jean Reber were elected yell leaders at the meeting and then a good practice was taken on for the game this afternoon. Although the girls cannot play football they can do a great deal toward winning a game when once they get started, and this is highly appreciated by the boys who do play the gridiron game.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 15, 1965

Only the walls were left standing following fire in MIlton-Freewater Wednesday which destroyed the Seventh-day Adventist Church's youth recreation center. The fire was discovered at about 5 p.m. and it took

Milton-Freewater fire fighting crews until 8:30 p.m. to subdue the blaze. The 60 foot by 108 foot building is located on Elizabeth St. across from Key Equipment. Sam Brody, caretaker, said it would be hard to estimate the loss. He said a number of new chairs and piano were lost. The fire had apparently burned for a long time before it was detected. It made itself known in a big way when an explosion occurred near the furnace.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 15, 1990

Saturday was moving day for the Byrd Schoolhouse, from West Birch Creek about seven miles south of Pilot Rock to the Umatilla County Historical Society Museum grounds in downtown Pendleton. The building, which measures 20 by 30 feet, dates back to the 1880s, Silva Brown said. Brown drove by the old schoolhouse frequently because she lived in the area. She suggested establishing the historic building as a museum display to fellow historical society members. Property owner Vern Nielson used the structure to store wheat but planned to tear it down. He agreed to donate the former schoolhouse, Brown said. Pendleton officials and Union Pacific Railroad approved the plan to place the schoolhouse on a grassy area at the east end of the museum. The museum is in the former railroad depot. The city leases the property from Union Pacific and then subleases it to the historical society.

Today is the 288th day of 2015. There are 77 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On October 15, 1915, "The Metamorphosis," Franz Kafka's famous absurdist tale about a man named Gregor Samsa who wakes up one morning to discover that he has been transformed into a huge, insect-like creature, was first published in the German literary journal Die Weissen Blaetter (The White Pages).

On this date:

In 1783, the first manned balloon flight took place in Paris as Jean-François Pilatre de Rozier ascended in a basket attached to a tethered Montgolfier hot-air balloon, rising to about 75 feet.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte, the deposed Emperor of the French, arrived on the British-ruled South Atlantic island of St. Helena, where he spent the last 5 1/2 years of his life in exile.

In 1905. Claude Debussy's "La Mer" (The Sea), a trio of symphonic sketches, premiered in Paris.

In 1914, the Clayton Antitrust Act, which expanded on the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890, was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson. In 1940, Charles Chaplin's

first all-talking comedy, "The Great Dictator," a lampoon of Adolf Hitler, opened in New York.

In 1946, Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering fatally poisoned himself hours before he was to have been executed.

In 1969, peace demonstrators staged activities across the country as part of a "moratorium" against the Vietnam War.

Today's **Birthdays:** Former executive Lee Iacocca is 91. Jazz musician Freddy Cole is 84. Singer Barry McGuire is 80. Actress Linda Lavin is 78. Rock musician Don Stevenson (Moby Grape) is 73. Actress-director Penny Marshall is 72. Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Palmer is 70. Singer-musician Richard Carpenter is 69. Actor Victor Banerjee is 69. Former tennis player Roscoe Tanner is 64. Singer Tito Jackson is 62. Actor-comedian Larry Miller is 62. Actor Jere Burns is 61. Actress Tanya Roberts is 60. Movie director Mira Nair is 58. Chef Emeril Lagasse is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ginuwine is 45.

Thought for Today: "A friend to all is a friend to none." — Aristotle, Greek philosopher (384-322 B.C.).

BY JAN ELLIOT

STONE SOUP







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