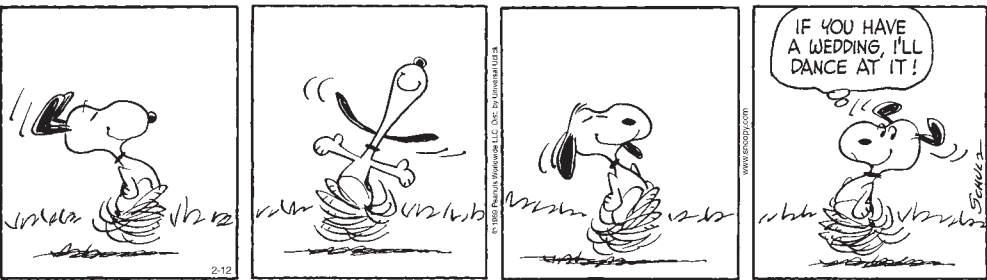


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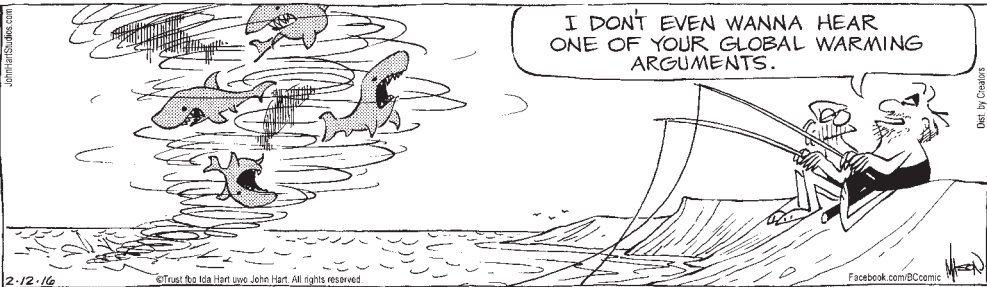
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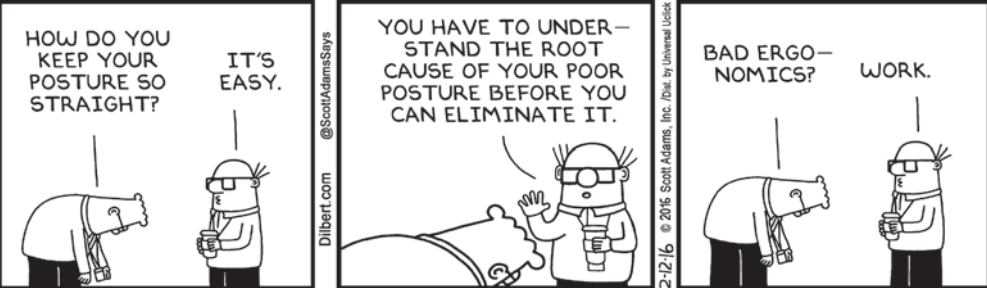
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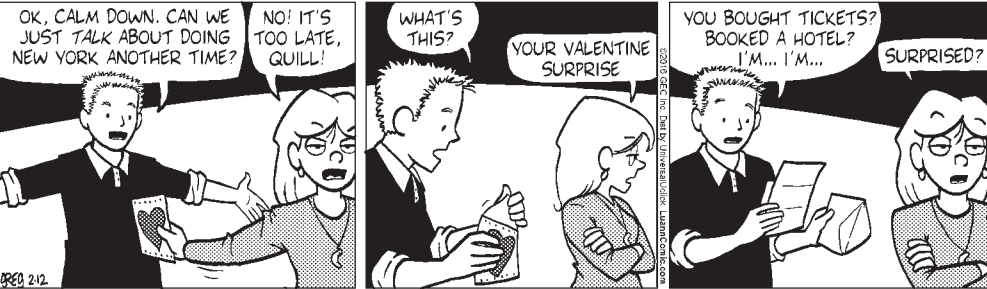
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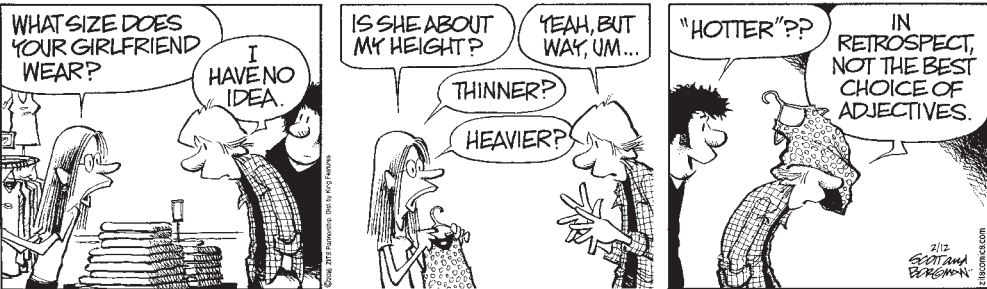
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DEAR ABBY

Parenting at ex's house is an issue for new wife

Dear Abby: I am a divorced father who has recently remarried. I have parenting time with my children one weeknight and every other weekend.

My children have told me that during the week they prefer doing their homework at their mother's home. They say that by the time I pick them up, prepare dinner and they start their homework, it's already time to return to their mother's. They are at ages where homework assignments can take several hours.

My ex is OK with me spending time with them at her home. She uses the time to run errands and do other things she may not have time for during the week. When there's no school, I bring the kids to our house. All weekend parenting time takes place at my home.

The problem is, my present wife can't stand that I spend time with my children at my ex's home. She doesn't understand why I won't bring them here. I feel there's ample opportunity on the weekends for my kids to be at our house and for her to build a relationship with them. Academics are crucial at this point in their lives.

So — do I disrupt their homework to accommodate my wife? Or should I continue the arrangement that my kids, my former wife and I have established? — **Parenting Time In Nebraska**

Dear Parenting Time: It appears you have married a woman who is insecure. Your children's reasons for wanting to stay at their mother's during the week seem valid. You



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Advice

didn't mention how long you and wife No. 2 have been married, but if it's a brand-new marriage, point out that during school breaks and summer vacation she will have the midweek time to bond with your children that she's craving.

Dear Abby: My employer hosted a professional development workshop on workplace etiquette and conduct related to gender and personal identity. The facilitator told us to make sure we always use the

gender pronoun preferred by the person we are talking to or about. But she didn't give any guidance about how to know what those pronouns are if it's not clear from someone's outward appearance. Additionally, I have learned I'm not very good at guessing.

Is there a polite way to ask someone if they prefer to be called he or she? What about people who don't use either? It seems like there's a lot of opportunity to offend someone. I'd hate to upset anyone by using the wrong pronoun, but I also don't want to admit to the person that I can't tell if he or she is a man or woman. It's like walking in a minefield. — **What's Right?**

Dear What's Right: This is such new territory, it may take a while for the general public to adjust. However, the person's name should be a clue about which gender he or she identifies with. While I wouldn't recommend asking what gender the person is, it wouldn't be inappropriate to use the word "they" when speaking about the person because that pronoun is being used more in the singular.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 12, 1916

Every bridge across Butter Creek in Umatilla and Morrow counties, with the exception of the few steel bridges along the stream, were washed out during the past few days by the high water, according to messages received by County Judge C.H. Marsh. Residents of the Butter Creek country state that a strong chinook wind blew along the foothills drained by this creek and melted most of the snow at one time with the result that a big flood of water rushed down and spread out on the banks of the channel. W.J. Wattenburger, road supervisor of the Echo district, telephoned to Judge Marsh this morning that the bridge across Butter Creek at the Asa Thomson place was one of the last to go out.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 12, 1966

A young Pendleton man was charged with armed robbery here Friday afternoon only a few hours after a Pendleton woman was taken from her home at gunpoint. Jack Richard Grove, 18, of Pendleton was arraigned before District Judge Henry Kaye. The suspect, recently discharged from the U.S. Army, was captured only an hour after Lois Lenore Broncheau, 21, was forced from her residence

at Riverview Homes on the Mission Highway by a man who entered the house and asked for money. Ruby McFarland, visiting in the home, called lawmen. The man forced the young woman to drive him in her 1954 sedan to near St. Andrew's Mission, where he let her out of the car after rifling her billfold. She had no money. The stolen car was spotted near the Boiling Point on old Highway 30, where the car had become stuck in snow on the highway, and Grove was taken into custody.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 12, 1991

Practical living and job skills are the focus of "Vocational Core" at Pendleton Junior High School. The class is part of a resource room set up to address learning disabilities, teacher Margaret Normington-Jones explained. Students spent time last week with various employers, such as a nursing home, police department and fast-food restaurants. Normington-Jones said students therefore make contact in the community and "really see what a person does at their job." For example, seventh-grader Brandon Blakey had never visited a police station before Friday morning. "(A police officer) is what I want to become," Blakey said. "It just sounded like fun," he added. Asked what he learned, Blakey replied, "It's pretty hard to be a police officer."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 43rd day of 2016. There are 323 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in present-day Larue County, Kentucky.

On this date:
In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who'd claimed the throne of England for nine days, and her husband, Guildford Dudley, were beheaded after being condemned for high treason.

In 1818, Chile officially proclaimed its independence, more than seven years after initially renouncing Spanish rule.

In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded.

In 1914, groundbreaking took place for the Lincoln

Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1915, the cornerstone was laid for the Lincoln Memorial.

In 1924, George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" premiered in New York.

In 1940, the radio play "The Adventures of Superman" debuted with Bud Collyer as the Man of Steel.

In 1959, the redesigned Lincoln penny — with an image of the Lincoln Memorial replacing two ears of wheat on the reverse side — went into circulation.

In 1963, a Northwest Orient Airlines Boeing 720 broke up during severe turbulence and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 43 people aboard.

In 2000, Charles M. Schulz, creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip, died in Santa Rosa, California, at age 77.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Franco Zeffirelli is 93. Actor Louis Zorich is 92. Baseball Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Joe Garagiola is 90. Movie director Costa-Gavras is 83. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Bill Russell is 82. Actor Joe Don Baker is 80. Author Judy Blume is 78. Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak is 74. Country singer Moe Bandy is 72. Actress Maud Adams is 71. Actor Michael Ironside is 66. Rock singer Michael McDonald is 64. Actor-talk show host Arsenio Hall is 60. Actor John Michael Higgins is 53. Actor Josh Brolin is 48. Rock musician Jim Creeggan (Barenaked Ladies) is 46. Actress Christina Ricci is 36.

Thought for Today: "Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still." — *President Harry S. Truman (1884-1972).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

