

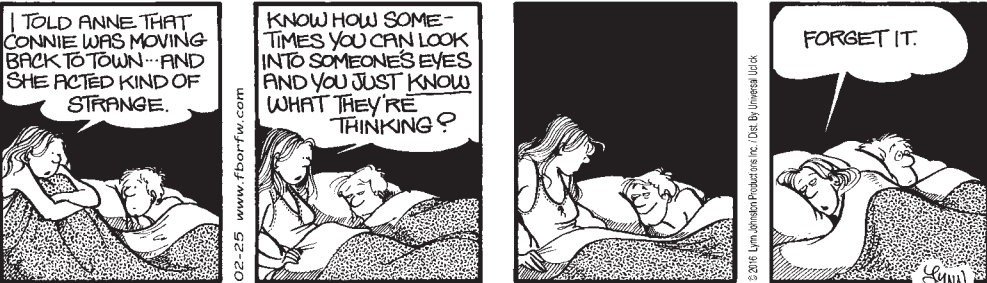
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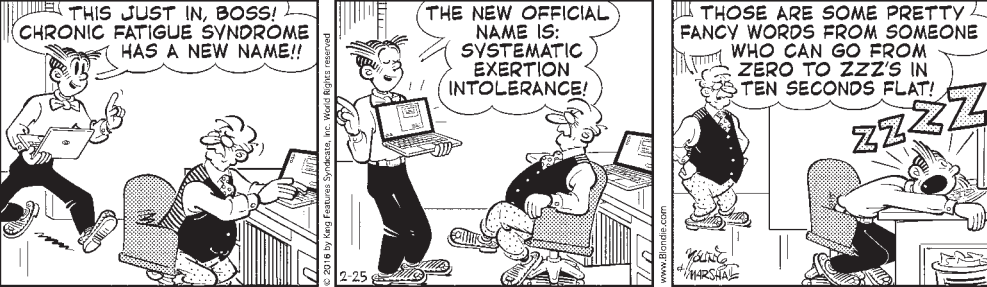
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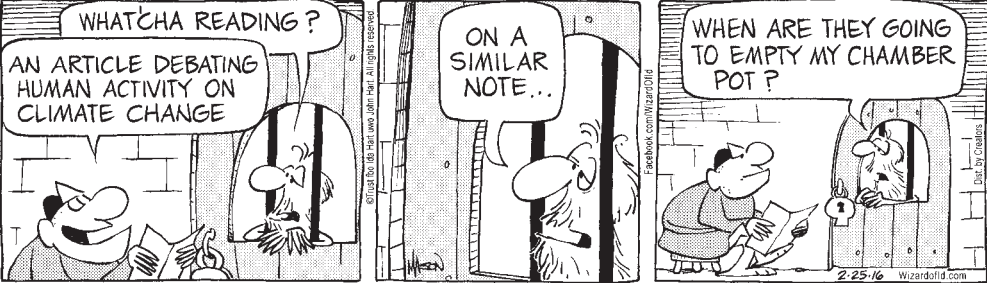
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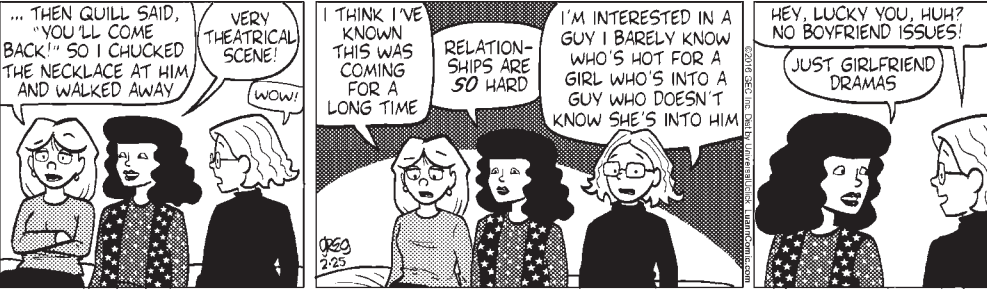
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DEAR ABBY

Young moms feel pressure to succeed at parenting

Dear Abby: Why is there so much angst today over raising children, especially in young mothers? I don't remember my mother or my friends' mothers being so concerned about whether or not they were doing a good job, and I certainly didn't gather with my daughters' friends' moms to bemoan whether I was a bad mother.

Now there are all these blogs and workshops, etc. on how to be the "best" mom, and all these lifestyle gurus who constantly tell them not to worry, they're doing a great job. It just seems like a bunch of nonsense to me.

I think it's because a generation or so back, moms began to elevate their children to top priority in the family over their husbands. What's your take? — **Puzzled Grandma In The South**

Dear Puzzled: The world is different today. Many women feel torn because they want or need to work, while at the same time feel pressured to help their children succeed in an increasingly competitive world. (Is the child academically prepared for kindergarten? Is the child able to work cooperatively with others? Is the school highly rated enough? What and how many extracurricular activities will boost their child's chances of excelling?)

While it may seem like nonsense to you, I assure you it does not seem like nonsense to them. Women of your generation didn't second-guess themselves because parenting a generation ago was simpler. If children seem to be the No. 1 priority these days it may be because both parents feel driven to succeed and are determined that their children will, too.

Dear Abby: I have been married to my husband for 11 years. We are financially



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Advice

and emotionally stable. We recently became friendly with another couple who are newly married and not as financially secure as we are. They spend frivolously.

When we go on vacation, they invite themselves along and assume they are staying in our travel trailer without asking (they have their own trailer they could bring). They don't offer to help pay for gas. The last trip we took, the wife cooked only one meal, while I prepared the rest for a three-day trip. This upcoming trip, they haven't offered to bring anything.

We don't mind sharing what we have and helping our friends out, but what we are starting to resent is the assumption that because we make more money, we'll pick up the tab for everything. Are we wrong to feel this way? My husband and I both see this the same way. — **Starting To Resent Them**

Dear Starting To Resent Them: It's not wrong to not want to be taken advantage of. This wouldn't be happening if you had established some rules in the beginning, but it isn't too late to do it now.

Call the wife. Tell her what you expect her and her husband to bring on the next trip, and what chores they will be expected to perform. It isn't fair that you are doing all the work and paying for everything while they are on your vacation.

They should provide — or pay for — half the groceries, half the gas, and share any housekeeping responsibilities. Ditto if you go to a restaurant. And the next time they tell you they are coming with you on your vacation, don't hesitate or feel guilty when you reply, "We'd like some privacy this time, so it will just be the two of us."

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 25, 1916

A site for the location of the Blewett Harvester Co.'s plant has been secured in the tract of land on West Court street directly opposite the Round-Up grandstand. The tract is 420 feet by 300 feet and a bargain for the land had been closed with the Matlock estate, the purchase price being \$5,000. The location affords the company a connection with both the O-W. R. & N. and the Northern Pacific tracks. A.R. Blewett, president and manager of the company, left this afternoon for Spokane to close up some business there. He will be back Monday and intends bringing his superintendent with him so as to take up immediately the task of constructing the needed buildings here with a view to getting equipped and ready for operation at the earliest possible moment.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 25, 1966

A community-wide meeting was scheduled for March 25 last night by the Committee Opposed to Obscenity in Pendleton, after a 2 1/2-hour session in which it presented evidence of such literature available here to youngsters. George Lembeck, chairman of COOP, said the group grew from "four or five couples." Lembeck at the close of the meeting passed out

a printed sheet which said COOP would ask dealers to voluntarily remove obscene material from their shelves. Although there was some discussion of where anyone could draw the line to say "this is obscene, this is not," the general feeling seemed to be that if the book or magazine could not be displayed in the living room of a home it has no business being offered for sale where youngsters could buy it.

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

The four boys of Panther Patrol came ready for duty Saturday. They knew their jobs and were ready to show the rest of the Oregon Trail District Boy Scouts they had the right stuff to overcome anything old-man winter could muster. The only problem? Old-man winter has gone north on an early sabbatical and spring has returned to the A.B.C. Mountain Retreat near Tollgate where about 100 Boy Scouts gathered last weekend for their annual Klondike Derby. The derby gives scouts a chance to band together in small teams (or patrols) with the common goal of surviving in a winter outdoor situation. The only hint of snow, however, was making a hasty retreat under the bright glow of the midday sun Saturday. But no problem — the scouts pushed ahead without snow, even though it meant pulling handcrafted "dog" sleds across mud.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 56th day of 2016. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 25, 1986, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

On this date:
In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1905, the Upton Sinclair novel "The Jungle" was first published in serial form by the Appeal to Reason newspaper.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander

Chase Knox.

In 1922, French serial killer Henri Landru, convicted of murdering 10 women and the son of one of them, was executed in Versailles.

In 1940, a National Hockey League game was televised for the first time by New York City station W2XBS as the New York Rangers defeated the Montreal Canadiens, 6-2, at Madison Square Garden.

In 1956, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev harshly criticized the late Josef Stalin in a speech before a Communist Party congress in Moscow.

In 1964, Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) became world heavyweight boxing champion as he defeated Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Ralph Stanley is 89. Actor Tom Courtenay is 79. Former CBS newsmen Bob Schieffer is 79. Actress Diane Baker is 78. Actress Karen Grassle is 74. Humorist Jack Handey is 67. Movie director Neil Jordan is 66. Rock musician Dennis Diken (The Smither-eens) is 59. Actress Veronica Webb is 51. Comedian Carrot Top is 49. Actor Sean Astin is 45. Latin singer Julio Iglesias Jr. is 43. Comedian-actress Chelsea Handler is 41. Actress Rashida Jones is 40. Actors Oliver and James Phelps ("Harry Potter" movies) are 30.

Thought for Today:

"Hero-worship is strongest where there is least regard for human freedom." — *Herbert Spencer, British philosopher (1820-1903).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

