

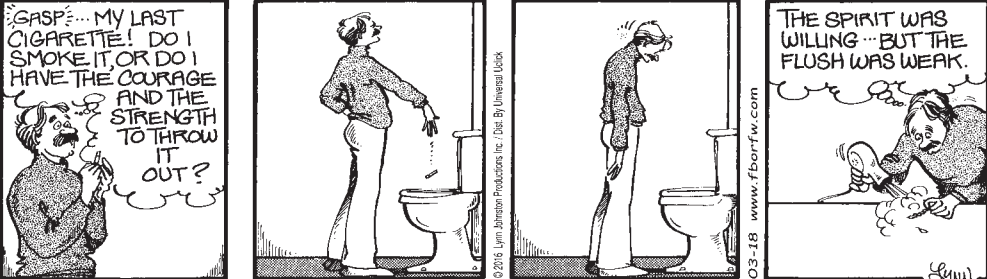
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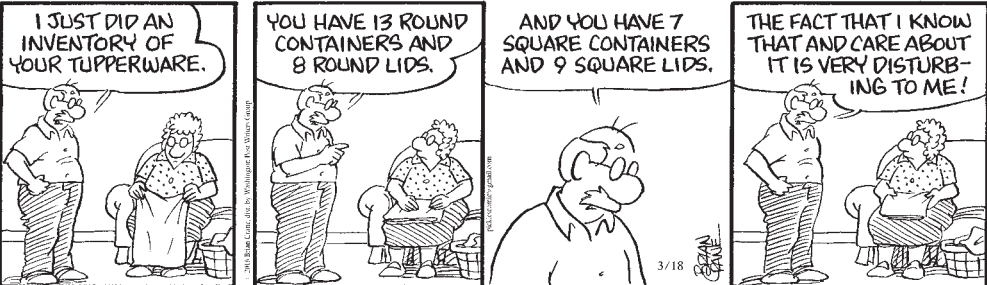
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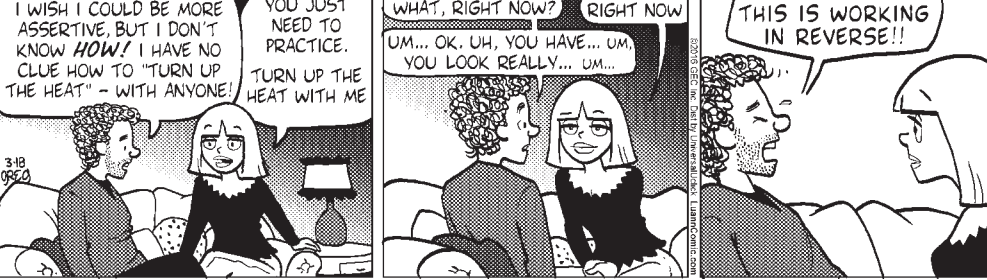
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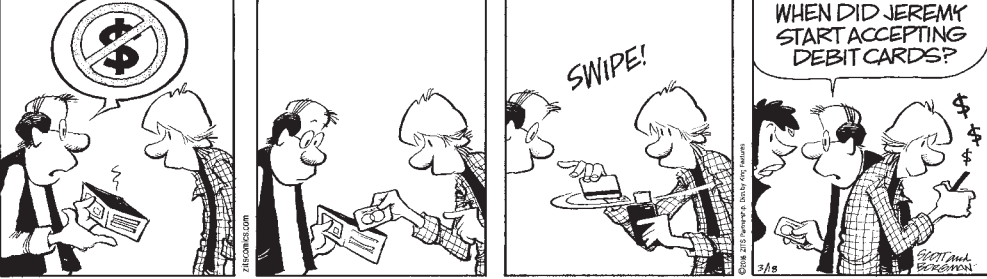
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BY GREG EVANS



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Dad is disturbed by his ex's revolving door relationships

Dear Abby: I was in a six-year relationship with a woman. We shared a home and have a child together, whom I support. She has primary custody, and I provide financial support and exercise my visitations regularly.

We broke up six months ago and she immediately moved a man into the house. Since they split up, she has done this again with a new person.

I have moved on and am content being single and focusing on my career and parenting my son when he's with me. Where I struggle is when these new men want to meet me. I don't feel obligated to shake their hands, be polite and friendly or be a supportive, smiling face.

I'm disturbed by the speed she moves into other relationships. I feel like it sets a bad example for my son regardless of how "nice" these men are. There is no record of abuse, and I do believe my ex is a good mother, just maybe lonely and very dependent on having companionship.

I understand life goes on and people move on, but at what point is this unhealthy? Am I wrong for not wanting to be friends with my ex and her new "guy friend" whenever she decides she should be accompanied for custody exchange? I refuse to speak to or acknowledge these men. I am not confrontational, but I literally have nothing to say. Any



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

advice how to handle this moving forward? — **Faking Smiles**

Dear Faking Smiles: I subscribe to the philosophy that one can never have enough friends. You don't have to approve of your ex's boyfriends, but it is in your child's best interest to maintain a relationship that approximates cordiality. It won't hurt you to shake hands and be on a first-name basis with the men who occupy space in your son's life even temporarily.

When we can't change something, sometimes we have to accept it — and that's what you would be wise to do.

Dear Abby: I'm sure there are many others who would like to know this: I'm trying to downsize. I have a World Book Encyclopedia set from the '70s, plus yearbooks I'd like to find a home for. My kids are gone and living on their own, and the books haven't been opened in years. I refuse to throw them in the recycling bin. Any ideas? — **Joy In New York**

Dear Joy: I did a quick search online to see what other people might be doing with their old encyclopedias. A solution popped up that might help you: Immigrants who are learning English as a second language may be able to use them if you offer them in a yard sale. A high school in your area might also be able to use them.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 18, 1916

George Fell, proprietor of the Bowman cleaning and pressing parlors, yesterday installed a 1916 model Hoffman steam pressing machine which is the latest word in pressing equipment. It has many new features and is a marked improvement over the old steam machine and does work that is distinguished markedly from work done by a hand iron. The pressing buck is curved and a pressure up to 1000 pounds can be exerted. Through perforations steam can be thrown into the cloth from both sides of the press and a vacuum arrangement enables the steam to be thoroughly sucked out after it has done its work. The new pressing machine not only expedites the pressing business but enables the plant to give much more superior service and, in addition, takes away the unsanitary features of the old system.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 18, 1966

An overnight survival campout lies ahead for 11 Pendleton boys and four men in steep, snowy country near Tollgate. Don Madderra,

activities director for the Pendleton Boys' Club, said a U.S. Forest Service sno-cat would accompany the group only on the start of the eight-mile trek on snowshoes to the overnight camp at Scout's Cabin. No food will be taken. "We'll try to live off the country," Madderra said, taking whatever small game they encounter. He said most of the boys will carry bows and arrows. In addition, the group will have three .22 caliber rifles and two .22 pistols. None of the boys, ages 12 to 17, have ever been on snowshoes.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 18, 1991

The Northwest Power Planning Council has endorsed a plan to buy a 2,860-acre cattle ranch above McNary Dam as a wildlife preserve. At a meeting last week in Montana, the council agreed to send a letter to the Bonneville Power Administration supporting funding to buy the Conforth Ranch, listed on the market at about \$1 million. BPA has \$5.2 million budgeted for such wildlife projects in 1991. The Conforth Ranch would be used to compensate for habitat lost to hydropower development, said Peter Paquet, senior associate at the council's Portland office.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 78th day of 2016. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 18, 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act of 1765.

On this date:

In 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, New Jersey.

In 1910, the first filmed adaptation of Mary Shelley's novel "Frankenstein," a silent short produced by Thomas Edison's New York movie studio, was released.

In 1925, the Tri-State Tornado struck southeastern Missouri, southern Illinois and southwestern Indiana, resulting in some 700 deaths.

In 1937, some 300 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. (Hawaii became a state on Aug. 21, 1959.)

In 1962, France and

Algerian rebels signed the Evian Accords, a cease-fire agreement which took effect the next day, ending the Algerian War.

In 1965, the first space-walk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether. Farouk I, the former king of Egypt, died in exile in Rome.

In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their 5-month-old embargo against the United States that had been sparked by American support for Israel in the Yom Kippur War.

In 1980, Frank Gotti, the 12-year-old youngest son of mobster John Gotti, was struck and killed by a car driven by John Favara, a neighbor in Queens, New York. (The following July, Favara vanished, the apparent victim of a gang hit.)

In 1990, thieves made off with 13 works of art from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston (the crime remains unsolved).

In 1996, rejecting an insanity defense, a jury in Dedham, Massachusetts, convicted John C. Salvi III of murdering two women in attacks at two Boston-area abortion clinics in Dec. 1994.

Today's Birthdays:

Composer John Kander is 89. Country singer Charley Pride is 82. Nobel peace laureate and former South African president F.W. de Klerk is 80. Country singer Margie Bowes is 75. Actor Kevin Dobson is 73. Actor Brad Dourif is 66. Jazz musician Bill Frisell is 65. Singer Irene Cara is 57. Movie writer-director Luc Besson is 57. Actor Geoffrey Owens is 55. Actor Thomas Ian Griffith is 54. Singer-songwriter James McMurtry is 54. TV personality Mike Rowe (TV: "Dirty Jobs") is 54. Singer-actress Vanessa L. Williams is 53. Olympic gold medal speedskater Bonnie Blair is 52. Country musician Scott Saunders (Sons of the Desert) is 52. Actor David Cubitt is 51. Rock musician Jerry Cantrell (Alice in Chains) is 50. Rock singer-musician Miki Berenyi is 49. Rapper-actress-talk show host Queen Latifah is 46. Actor-comedian Dane Cook is 44. Rock singer Adam Levine (Maroon 5) is 37.

Thought for Today: "No man has a right in America to treat any other man tolerantly, for tolerance is the assumption of superiority." — *Wendell Willkie, American politician (1892-1944).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

