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DEAR ABBY

Mom and ex at loggerheads over daughter's cellphone

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Advice

Dear Abby: I bought my 11-year-old daughter a cellphone. My ex does not approve. We have been divorced for six years, and he still can't get over it. He despises me. He refuses to listen to why I want her to have a cellphone.

While I want her to be responsible with it, I realize she will make mistakes — which she already has by being on her phone too much. (It has been taken away from her once.) I want her to carry the phone with her

in case of emergencies. If it is confiscated at school, her dad will no doubt tell me, "I told you so.

Should I abide by his wishes and not allow her to have the phone, or do you think my points are valid? — Mom With Phone Issue Dear Mom: Wanting your daughter to

have the cellphone in case of emergency seems valid to me. If you are her custodial parent, I think that prerogative belongs to But I do have a question: Who took the

phone away from your daughter? If you did it because she was abusing the privilege, then she will learn her lesson if you are consistent. If a teacher takes it away from her at school, there should be consequences and you should ensure that they are enforced.

Dear Abby: I have an unusual problem. I'm very accident-prone. Over the past several years I have been in a cast many times, sometimes for long periods. My friends constantly tease me about it when what I'd really appreciate is a little compassion and maybe

a little help while I am recovering. How do I let these people know that their teasing is hurtful? — Wendy In California

Dear Wendy: If you have been in a cast "many times" over the past few years, your friends may be suffering from compassion fatigue. If their making light of your predicament is hurting your feelings, you have to tell them so. And while you're at it, tell them what you DO need from them.

On a slightly different note, don't you think it's time to determine why you are so accident-prone? Is it clumsiness? Poor vision? Discuss this with your medical provider, because he or she might advise neurological testing, or even some sessions with a licensed mental health professional. Please consider this advice.

Dear Abby: I am a healthy, somewhat older lady with a reasonable appetite who unfortunately sleeps alone. Consequently, I have a few toys to help me on sleepless nights. One of my biggest worries, however, is that if I should expire and my loved ones discover my toy collection after my demise, they will be shocked.

I don't want to give up my toys, but I am worried about what my loved ones will think of me should I cease to exist before my appetite decreases. Surely one of these days it will. But in the meantime, what happens if I die and they discover my secret? — Keeping A Lid On It

Dear Keeping: What will happen? You will die with a smile on your face.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 16-17, 1917

The first anniversary of the opening of the Rieth terminal yards was celebrated last night by an enthusiastic crowd of employes and their families, assisted by a good delegation from Pendleton. Yardmaster O.J. McKee, acting as chairman, gave a splendid talk on the conditions existing at the opening and progress during the year, of improvements and contemplated increase in facilities to be made during the coming year. A.G. Means followed with a good talk on community interests as between the towns of Pendleton and Rieth, emphasizing the fact very strongly that what helped one likewise helped the 50 Years Ago

From the East Oregonian Jan. 16-17, 1967

The Country Trader, a used furniture and general merchandise store, was leveled by fire of undetermined origin Sunday night. Wind-fanned flames were so great at one time that Highway 11 was closed because they were blowing across the road. The store, between Milton-Freewater and Walla Walla near the Milton-Freewater drive-in theater, is outside most fire protection districts. It was too far gone to save when a Washington state rural fire department arrived on the scene. Fire fighting efforts were limited to saving two house trailers nearby.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 16-17, 1992

Handling stairs or traversing sidewalk grates may pose the greatest challenge for guide-dogs-in-training. But for 4-Hers who teach them basic obedience, bidding a tearful farewell to the pups proves most difficult. Evelyn Larsen oversees nine puppy raisers through the Pendleton Proud Pups 4-H Club. Local young people first apply with Guide Dogs for the Blind Inc., a training center in San Rafael, Calif. The dog may arrive in two weeks, or six months if the waiting list is long. Larsen ensures voungsters travel to San Rafael for they first dog's "graduation," when training ends and work begins with a visually impaired person.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 17th day of 2017. There are 348 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 17, 1917, Denmark ceded the Virgin Islands to the United States for \$25 million.

On this date:

In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70. Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar forced planters Queen Lili'uokalani to abdicate.

In 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II; Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

In 1946, the United Nations Security Council held its first meeting, in London.

In 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered his farewell address in which warned against "the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex."

Ten vears ago: A year after disclosure of a domestic spying program that President George W. Bush maintained was within his authority to operate, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announced the administration had shifted its position and would seek the approval of an independent panel of federal judges.

Five years ago: Italian officials released a recording of a furious Coast Guard officer, Capt. Gregorio De Falco, demanding that Capt. Francesco Schettino, commander of the grounded Costa Concordia, re-board the ship to direct its evacuation after the vessel rammed into a reef on Jan. 13.

One year ago: Ahead of the Iowa caucuses, Democrats Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders engaged in their most contentious debate to date, tangling repeatedly in Charleston, South Carolina, over who was tougher on gun control and Wall Street

and how to shape the future

of health care in America. Today's Birthdays:

Actress Betty White is 95. Former FCC chairman Newton N. Minow is 91. Actor James Earl Jones is 86. Talk show host Maury Povich is 78. Pop singer Chris Montez is 75. Singer Steve Earle is 62. Actor-comedian Steve Harvey is 60. Actor-comedian Jim Carrey is 55. Actor Denis O'Hare is 55. First lady Michelle Obama is 53. Actor Joshua Malina is 51. Singer Shabba Ranks is 51. Rock musician Jon Wysocki is 49. Rapper Kid Rock is 46. Actor Freddy Rodriguez is 42. Actresssinger Zooey Deschanel is 37. Singer Ray J is 36. Actor Diogo Morgado is 36. Country singer Amanda Wilkinson is 35. NBA player Dwyane Wade is 35. Folk-rock musician Jeremiah Fraites is 31. Actor Jonathan Keltz is 29. Actress Kathrine Herzer is 20.

Thought for Today: "Whether it is the best of times or the worst of times, it is the only time we have."— *Art Buchwald (1925-2007).*

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