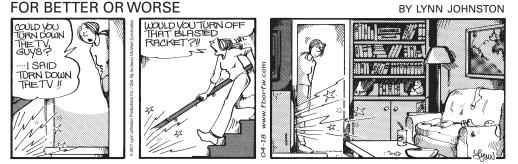
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# **DEAR ABBY Family nanny is conflicted** about exposing dad's bias

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Advice

Dear Abby: I am a full-time nanny for a family with two children, ages 7 and 9. The mother is wonderful, and so are the kids. But the father, who is absent due to work travel most of the time, teaches his children attitudes I strongly disagree with. It is not often I must interact with him, but when I have, he says hateful things about people who are gay, obese or poor.

The children have now begun to repeat these comments, pointing out large people when we are in public,

or saying nasty things about the homeless we see as we drive. I try to combat this hatred by sharing words of love or acceptance.

The mom is mortified when I tell her the things her children have said. She doesn't share the same attitudes as her husband, but she works a lot and isn't around to discuss things like this with her kids in the moment.

I feel like part of the family because I spend so much time with the children. But I wonder if I am overstepping my boundaries by admonishing them for saying things their father has taught them to believe. Is it my place to teach the kids lessons about acceptance that are contrary to what he tells them? Nanny In Tampa

Dear Nanny: The person to whom you should be addressing this question is the children's mother. Whether I think teaching the children compassion and tolerance is the right thing to do (which, by the way, I do) is not relevant. You should abide by her wishes because she is your employer.

Dear Abby: I am a 29-year-old female. I'm not married and have no kids. I've been dating a man who is 14 years older for two years now. He has no children.

We have talked about marriage and having children, but recently I found out he has no retirement savings. This scares me because I'm thinking about the future. If something were to happen to him and we were married, I'd be stuck with his debt.

I am at a loss. I don't want to be the snobby woman who kicks him when he's down and leaves him, but at the same time, I don't understand why he hasn't planned for retirement. Am I wrong for thinking this way? — Contemplating My Future In Santa Rosa, Calif.

Dear Contemplating: If you don't understand your boyfriend's thinking on the subject of financial planning, continue discussing it with him until you do. He may not realize how important it is to plan, invest and save for the future. Many people older than he is are now having a rude awakening about how long they will need to continue working until they have enough of a nest egg to retire. In many cases, it takes the effort of both spouses to accomplish it — if they can retire at all.

Please don't call yourself names. I wouldn't accuse you of being a "snob" because you're thinking rationally on the subject of finances. I call that being sensible.

## **DAYS GONE BY**

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 17-18, 1917

For the purpose of organizing a Pendleton Home Guard, a meeting has been called for Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the old library room of the city hall. The primary purpose of the organization is to provide military training for Pendletonians in the event that they may understand the fundamentals should they be called upon to serve. Membership in the home guard will not entail obligations to enlist, as neither state or government will have any control of the organization. Dan P. Smythe, former captain in the national guard, will preside and members of the United Spanish War Veterans will assist in the work of organization. Once organized the guard will probably drill at regular intervals.

#### 50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 17-18, 1967

A Pendleton man was burned Saturday afternoon when a fire flashed through his Riverside home while he was attempting to clean the wax off the hardwood floors with

a flammable liquid. Ken Olson, 32, was admitted to St. Anthony Hospital at 3 p.m. Saturday for treatment of burns to his face and over much of his body. Firemen said that Olson had scrubbed many of the floors when an appliance apparently touched off the fire. It swished through the house, burning Olson and causing considerable damage. Two fire trucks and 17 men responded to the call.

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 17-18, 1992

Ken Reading doesn't issue library cards or loan books, but he was recently named "Librarian of the Year" by the Oregon Library Association. Reading, who was hired as the first librarian/coordinator for the Umatilla County Special Library District in 1987, was honored during the annual meeting of the association at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion in Portland. "He has gotten visibility and become known not because he hob-knobs, but because of what he's developed here in Umatilla County with the Special Library District," said Darcy Dauble, the Blue mountain Community College librarian who nominated Reading.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

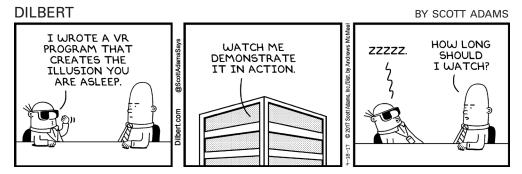
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**Today's Birthdays**: Actor Clive Revill is 8/ Actor James Drury is 83. Actor Robert Hooks is 80. Actress Hayley Mills is 71. Actor James Woods is 70. Actress-director Dorothy Lyman is 70. Actress Cindy Pickett is 70. Country musician Walt Richmond (The Tractors) is 70. Country musician Jim Scholten (Sawyer Brown) is 65. Actor Rick Moranis is 64. Actress Melody Thomas Scott is 61. Actor Eric Roberts is 61. Actor John James is 61. Author-journalist Susan Faludi is 58. Actress Jane Leeves is 56. Ventriloquist/ comedian Jeff Dunham is 55. Talk show host Conan O'Brien is 54. Bluegrass singer-musician Terry Eldredge is 54. Actor Eric McCormack is 54. Actor David Tennant is 46. Actress Melissa Joan Hart is 41. Actress America Ferrera is 33. Actress Alia Shawkat is 28.

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2017. There are 257 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History

On April 18, 1942, during World War II, an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities. The first World War II edition of The Stars and Stripes was published as a weekly newspaper.

On this date:

In 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Massachusetts, warning colonists that British Regular troops were approaching.

In 1865, Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston surrendered to Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman near Durham Station in North Carolina

In 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires; estimates of the final death toll range between 3,000 and 6,000.

In 1925, the first Woman's World's Fair, an eight-day event, opened in Chicago.

In 1934, the first laun-

Cantrell in Fort worth "Washateria, Texas; the as it was called, rented four electric washing machines to the public on an hourly basis. In 1945, during World

War II, famed American war correspondent Ernie Pyle, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima, off Okinawa.

In 1946, the League of Nations met for the last time. The International Court of Justice, the judicial arm of the United Nations, held its first sitting in The Hague, Netherlands.

In 1956, American actress Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier of Monaco in a civil ceremony. (A church wedding took place the next day.)

In 1966, "The Sound of Music" won the Oscar for best picture of 1965 at the 38th Academy Awards. The first Major League baseball game played on AstroTurf took place at the Houston Astrodome as the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Astros 6-3. Bill Russell was named player-coach of the Boston Celtics, becoming the NBA's first black coach.

Thought for Today: "Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere." — Albert Einstein, German-American physicist (born 1879, died this date in 1955).

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