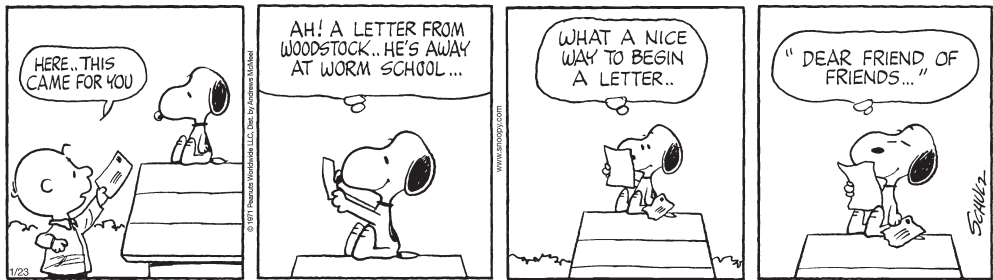


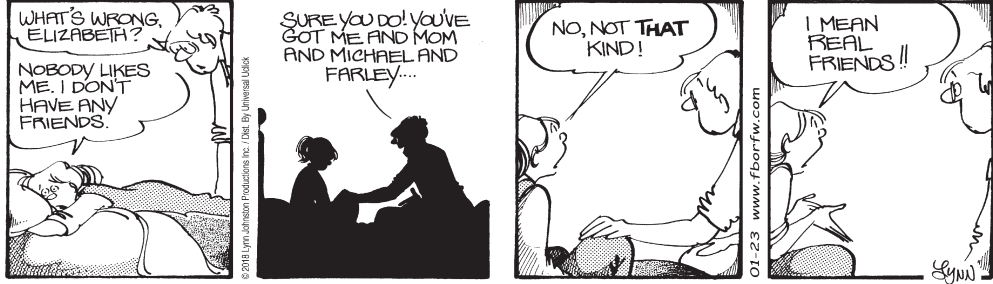
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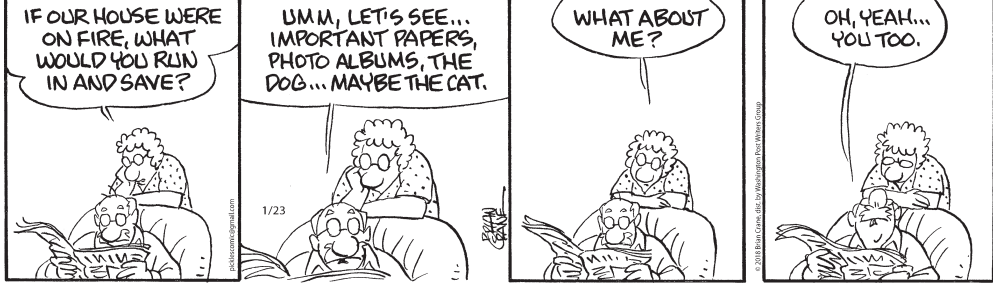
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DEAR ABBY

Single mom sees a future with two different men

Dear Abby: I am a 37-year-old divorced mom of two. I have recently gotten into relationships with two completely different men. One of them, "Steve," has the life I have always wanted, and he says he loves me more than life itself. The other, "Rick," I love more than life itself, but sometimes I have the feeling he doesn't love me as much as I do him.



and grandchildren. Why did I have to lose people I loved? I am so full of anger that I no longer believe in God. What am I to do? Do I need therapy? — Old And Hateful In Texas

Dear Old And Hateful: You have suffered more than your share of loss, and for that, please accept my sympathy. The problem with harboring resentment and anger is that, unchecked, they feed upon themselves and grow. A therapist could be helpful by giving you a safe place to vent those emotions.

If I were to love Steve the way I love Rick OR if Rick were to love me the way Steve does, the decision would be clear. I can see myself making a life with either of them. I risk losing either one as a friend if I pick the other one.

They both love my kids, and I love theirs. Both want to build a life with me. How do I decide which path to take? Once I choose, how do I not have questions or doubts about what might have been if I had chosen the other? HELP! — Stuck In A Love Triangle

Dear Triangle: You are no more stuck than you want to be. I know what decision I would make if my choice was between a man who loved me more than life itself and who could give me the life I had always dreamed of, and someone I was crazy about but suspected didn't love me as much — but only you can decide what is right for you and your children. I don't think you should marry either man unless you are confident you can do it without second-guessing yourself.

Dear Abby: I am 72 years old and I cry a lot. I'm so resentful of my ex-co-workers and my former friends I can't stand it.

I have lost two cherished wives, two children and one grandchild, while those people still have their first wives and all their children

It is normal to cry when in emotional pain, but you could also benefit from talking with a grief counselor or joining a grief support group. Your physician may be able to suggest one. Please don't wait.

Dear Abby: My child attends a private elementary school. The school is trying to discourage gossip, which can lead to teasing and bullying. The way they do it is, when a child asks a question about another child, the teacher's answer is, "That's none of your business."

Whether I agree with that response is irrelevant because I feel schools have the right to run themselves the way they deem proper. However, isn't there a nicer way to phrase it? I think I remember hearing years ago something like, "Please tend to your own affairs." — Clamping Down On Gossip

Dear Clamping Down: I agree that whoever wrote the script for those educators was less than tactful. A better way to phrase it would be, "You do YOU, and stop worrying about other people," which might be less harsh.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 22-23, 1918

Ladies, save your old pieces of muslin. The Red Cross wants all of the old muslin it can get for use in wrapping up the surgical bandages and sponges which are being made at the workshop. Another new supply of knitting yarn has been received and can be had by calling Mrs. F.E. King who has charge of the yarn. So many ladies of the city and county are plying their knitting needles these days for the Red Cross that it has been a job to keep supplies of yarn on hand. The chapter has just sent 90 sweaters and some wristlets and scarfs to Camp Lewis where practically all of the garments knitted here are sent.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 22-23, 1968

Bruce Bradshaw, 23, a senior on the Oregon College of Education basketball team, died Sunday after he was injured in a Saturday night game in La Grande. It was the first athletic-caused death in the college's history. The fatal accident happened when

OCE was moving the ball down the floor in a fast break in a game against Eastern Oregon. Several players collided near the basket. Bradshaw slammed into a wall and hit his head near the base of the skull. He never regained consciousness.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 22-23, 1993

For Julie Taylor, returning to Blue Mountain Community College after an eight-year absence has meant a lot of hard work, but it's been labor of love. Taylor, who played basketball at BMCC as a freshman in 1984-85, is working for an associate degree in office management. She's also a guard on the women's basketball team, where she's averaging about 13 points and half a dozen assists and rebounds per game. During the past eight years, she's been working, raising two children and playing tournament basketball on an inter-tribal women's team and in the Pendleton men's city league. When BMCC assistant coach Paula Nirschl asked her if she would like to return to school with a basketball scholarship, Taylor, now 26 years old, jumped at the chance.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 23rd day of 2018. There are 342 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 23, 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy intelligence ship USS Pueblo, commanded by Lloyd "Pete" Bucher, charging its crew with being on a spying mission; one sailor was killed and 82 were taken prisoner. (Cmdr. Bucher and his crew were released the following December after enduring 11 months of brutal captivity at the hands of the North Koreans.)

On this date: In 1368, China's Ming dynasty, which lasted nearly three centuries, began as Zhu Yuanzhang was formally acclaimed emperor following the collapse of the Yuan dynasty.

In 1516, King Ferdinand II of Aragon, who with his late queen consort, Isabella of Castile, sponsored the first voyage of Christopher Columbus in 1492, died in

Madrigalejo, Spain.

In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "Lame Duck Amendment," was ratified as Missouri approved it.

In 1944, Norwegian painter Edvard Munch ("The Scream") died near Oslo at age 80.

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In 1964, the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified as South Dakota became the 38th state to endorse it.

In 1989, surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Figueres, Spain, at age 84.

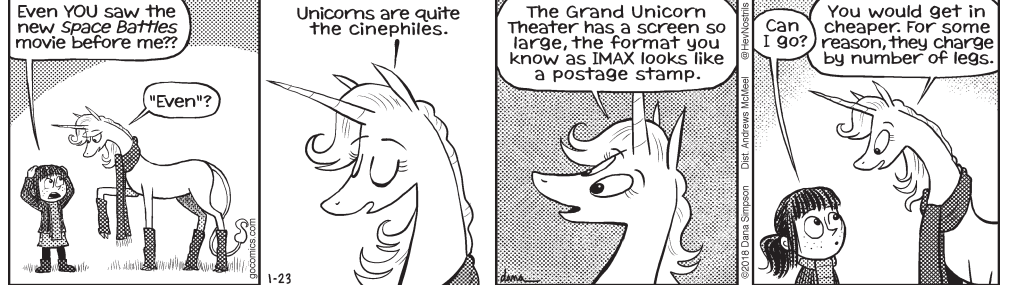
Today's Birthdays:

Actress Chita Rivera is 85. Actor-director Lou Antonio is 84. Jazz musician Gary Burton is 75. Actor Gil Gerard is 75. Actor Rutger Hauer is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jerry Lawson is 74. Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., is 71. Singer Anita Pointer is 70. Actor Richard Dean Anderson is 68. Rock musician Bill Cunningham is 68. Rock singer Robin Zander (Cheap Trick) is 65. Former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is 65. Princess Caroline of Monaco is 61. Singer Anita Baker is 60. Reggae musician Earl Falconer (UB40) is 59. Actor Boris McGiver is 56. Actress Gail O'Grady is 55. Actress Mariska Hargitay is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Nelson is 47. Rock musician Nick Harmer (Death Cab for Cutie) is 43.

Thought for Today: "What is important is to spread confusion, not eliminate it." — Salvador Dali (1904-1989).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

