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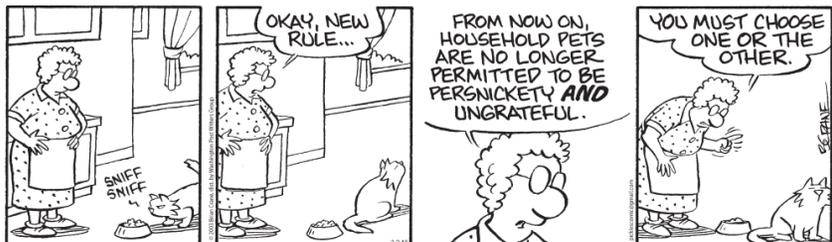
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DEAR ABBY

Happy couple seeks best way to support troubled friends



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

**Dear Abby:** Occasionally, married friends will come to my husband and/or me venting about their marital problems. We have been through a few rough patches during our 12 years of marriage, and during those times, we sought help from family, friends and counselors. Today I can honestly say we are happier than ever and willing to stick through the ups and downs.

We try to pass along the things that helped us, but a lot of times we'll see one spouse wanting to work on improving the marriage and the other one oblivious or unwilling to do anything about it. I think our experience could help the spouses of our troubled friends see that things can work out by doing something about it, but I never know if or how to approach the subject with them. Should we keep our mouths shut and just be there for the unhappy friend, or is there a proper way to reach out to their spouse with an offer of support in situations like this? — **Truly Wanting To Help**

**Dear Truly Wanting:** My advice would be to stay out of the line of fire. If you reach out to the unhappy spouse, who may be unaware that his or her marital problems were revealed to you, it will be regarded as intrusive. By all means tell the person asking your advice what worked for you, but leave it up to that person to convey it to his or her spouse.

**Dear Abby:** What is the etiquette when eating at a restaurant where a piano player is performing? I don't mean the "bar scene"-type piano player who wants the crowd to sing along, but more of a mid- to upscale type

of place. There's a restaurant like this in my town — the only one with a piano. On one special occasion when we were there, the piano player was playing "Misty" and a woman sitting nearby with her party wanted to make herself heard over him. She began talking very loudly to her group while he was playing the song. I thought it was tacky, and if I had been sitting near her, I would have shushed her up.

Isn't it polite to wait until the piano player is finished before talking loudly at your table? Whatever happened to behaving with a little class in restaurants? — **Deanna In Oklahoma**

**Dear Deanna:** The musician in that restaurant was there to provide mood music for the diners. If they chose to talk while he was playing, it was their privilege. The woman may have raised her voice because someone in her party had a hearing problem. For you to have taken it upon yourself to "shush her up" would have been rude, and for your sake, I'm glad you refrained from doing it.

**Dear Abby:** Am I overreacting to my husband's request that I take down photos of my mom and grandparents when his mom visits? They are displayed in our guest bedroom. I think his request was rude. I wonder if his mother even cares or if he just feels guilty. It's my house, too. — **Reluctant In Texas**

**Dear Reluctant:** Rather than remove your family photos, why not compromise by adding a couple of pictures of your husband's mother, too? I'm sure she would be pleased to see them. Problem solved.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 2, 1918

George Tonkin, district warden of Umatilla county, is just now engaged in a campaign against deer hunters in southern Oregon where "shooting game wardens is considered a legitimate business." From reports coming back to this city, he has made good with a vengeance and is in a fair way to clean out a gang of lawbreakers even though he has had several narrow escapes. Tonkin was sent into southern Oregon because he was unknown and because he had established a reputation for fearlessness. He has already arrested one organized gang of four men and seized a great quantity of deer hides which they had accumulated.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 2, 1968

A tasty cake, complete with decorations showing a well drilling rig and streets where the new city well is located, was served to

the Hermiston City Council Wednesday night by City Recorder Mathilda Russell in celebration of the successful drilling operation. City Manager Tom Harper said tests on the new well in northeast Hermiston show a capacity of 3,300 gallons per minute. He said it is expected the well will be operated at the 2,500 gallon level.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 2, 1993

After viewing the actual U.S. Constitution last month in Washington, D.C., Paula Bell's desire to become a lawyer is stronger than before. "I wasn't a big history fan before this, but now I'm thinking of majoring in political science or law," Bell said. Bell, 16, was one of four Oregon high schoolers and among 350 students throughout the country selected for the National Young Leaders Conference in the nation's capital.

A junior at Echo High School, Bell was nominated for the trip based on her grades and activities.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 61st day of 2018. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

**On March 2, 1943,** the three-day Battle of the Bismarck Sea began in the southwest Pacific during World War II; U.S. and Australian warplanes were able to inflict heavy damage on an Imperial Japanese convoy.

On this date:

**In 1793,** the first (and third) president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Virginia.

**In 1836,** the Republic of Texas formally declared its independence from Mexico.

**In 1867,** Howard University, a historically black school of higher learning in Washington, D.C., was founded. Congress passed, over President Andrew Johnson's veto, the first of four Reconstruction Acts.

**In 1877,** Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J.

Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

**In 1917,** Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship as President Wilson signed the Jones-Shafroth Act.

**In 1939,** Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was elected pope on his 63rd birthday; he took the name Pius XII. The Massachusetts legislature voted to ratify the Bill of Rights, 147 years after the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution had gone into effect. **In 1958,** an expedition led by British explorer Vivian Fuchs completed the first overland crossing of Antarctica by way of the South Pole in 99 days.

**In 1965,** the movie version of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" had its world premiere in New York.

**In 1978,** the remains of comedian Charles Chaplin were stolen by extortionists from his grave in Cosier-sur-Vecy, Switzerland. (The body was recovered near Lake Geneva 11 weeks later.)

**In 1989,** representatives from the 12 European

Community nations agreed to ban all production of CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons), the synthetic compounds blamed for destroying the Earth's ozone layer, by the end of the 20th century.

**In 1995,** the Internet search engine website Yahoo! was incorporated by Jerry Yang and David Filo.

Today's Birthdays:

Author Tom Wolfe is 88. Former Soviet President and Nobel peace laureate Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 87. Author John Irving is 76. Former Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., is 65. Former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is 63. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 56. Actor Daniel Craig is 50. Rock singer Chris Martin (Coldplay) is 41. Actress Rebel Wilson is 38. Musician Mike Olson is 35.

Thought for Today:

"Humor has a tremendous place in this sordid world. It's more than just a matter of laughing. If you can see things out of whack, then you can see how things can be in whack." — *Theodor Seuss Geisel, "Dr Seuss," (born this date in 1904, died 1991).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

