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DEAR ABBY

Popular Keepers collection covers many timeless topics

Dear Abby: I am writing about your Keepers booklet, the collection of your most popular essays, poems and letters. I would like to purchase a copy, but first, I have a question. Is there a particular favorite of yours in there? — **Big Fan in Fort Wayne, Ind.**

Dear Fan: My Keepers booklet contains 72 column items that readers have told me they had read and reread until they were yellowed with age and falling apart. This booklet was created because of the high volume of requests from my readers for a collection of these items in one easy-to-use booklet. The subjects are diverse, covering a variety of topics, including parenting, children, aging, animals, forgiveness, etc. One poem in particular has always resonated with me. It is titled “The Time Is Now,” and I find its message both poignant and meaningful. I hope you will agree.

**The Time Is Now** (author unknown)  
If you are ever going to love me,  
Love me now, while I can know  
The sweet and tender feelings  
Which from true affection flow.  
Love me now  
While I am living.  
Do not wait until I'm gone  
And then have it chiseled in marble,  
Sweet words on ice-cold stone.  
If you have tender thoughts of me,  
Please tell me now.  
If you wait until I am sleeping,

Never to awaken,  
There will be death between us  
And I won't hear you then.  
So, if you love me, even a little bit,  
Let me know it while I am living  
So I can treasure it.

Filled with clever observations, my Keepers booklet is both witty and philosophical. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. You will find it to be a quick and easy read, as well as an inexpensive gift for newly married couples, pet lovers, new parents, and anyone who is grieving the loss of a friend or loved one or recovering from an illness.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married 40 years, are professionals and work together. He is cynical, sarcastic, resentful, dismissive and insulting. What should I do? — **At Wit's End in Oregon**

Dear A.W.E.: And you are only writing to me about this now? Having tolerated this kind of ill treatment for 40 years, I think the time has come to tune him out, don't you? Because your relationship may suffer from too much “togetherness,” schedule time away from him — and the business — and do something pleasurable on your own whenever you can. And suggest he do the same because he may need a change of pace, too.



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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
March 13, 1919

A supper at the Red Cross canteen and a crowd of Pendleton people greeted the 169 Oregon and Washington soldiers, most of them wounded or gassed, who passed through here last night at 10:30 as casualties from the 162d, 163d and 164th regiments of infantry. The boys have been through hard fighting but lusty yells at the sight of food showed that the experience was not disastrous. Men on board the first coach attempted to convince canteen workers that no food need be kept for the rest of the gang. “They’ve all got mumps,” was the explanation. All the men declared that the return to the “good old West” beat all the medicine in the army.

50 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
March 13, 1969

For the first time, several students from Portland's large Roosevelt High School, enrollment 2,000, visited a small high school, Stanfield, enrollment 140. The result, according to the students from both schools, was highly successful. The idea for the visit was sold to the administrators of both schools by their student body presi-

dents, Chuck Currie of Roosevelt and Kelly Bissinger, Stanfield. The two presidents became acquainted at a student council meeting in Portland some time ago, and out of their meeting came the idea. Following spring vacation Bissinger will take some of his council members to Portland for a visit at Roosevelt. As happened at Stanfield, they will visit classes, stay in the homes of students, and participate in school activities on the brief visit.

25 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
March 13, 1994

The support of an entire town and a quirky sense of humor kept Butch Parrish going through the worst pain of his life. “I’d never even had a broken bone before,” Parrish said Wednesday from his hospital bed. “I think I got that all out of the way now.” Parrish is the 24-year-old Stanfield police officer who suffered two broken legs, broken ribs, broken shoulder blade, punctured lung, dislocated elbow and a crushed spine after being run over Feb. 15 by a burglary suspect trying to escape in a patrol car. Despite the laundry list of injuries, Parrish is progressing at a rapid pace, which is surprising his doctors.

TODAY IN HISTORY

**On March 13, 1954,** the Battle of Dien Bien Phu began during the First Indochina War as Viet Minh forces attacked French troops, who were defeated nearly two months later.

**In 1764,** Charles Grey, 2nd Earl Grey, who served as British Prime Minister from 1830 to 1834 (and for whom Earl Grey tea is named), was born in Falden, Northumberland.

**In 1865,** Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed a measure allowing black slaves to enlist in the Confederate States Army with the promise they would be set free.

**In 1925,** the Tennessee General Assembly approved a bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution.

**In 1934,** a gang that

killing himself.

**In 2013,** Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina was elected pope, choosing the name Francis; he was the first pontiff from the Americas and the first from outside Europe in more than a millennium.

**Today's Birthdays:** Jazz musician Roy Haynes is 94. Country singer Jan Howard is 89. Actor William H. Macy is 69. Comedian Robin Duke is 65. Rock musician Matt McDonough (Mudvayne) is 50. Singers Natalie and Nicole Albino (Nina Sky) are 35. Actor Emile Hirsch is 34. Olympic gold medal skier Mikaela Shiffrin is 24.

**Thought for Today:** “Dare to err and to dream. Deep meaning often lies in childish plays.” — *Friedrich von Schiller, German author (1759-1805)*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON

BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE