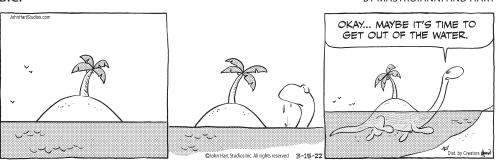


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DEAR ABBY

Neighbors ignore couple because of differences

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ADVICE

Dear Abby: My wife and I share a driveway with our neighbors. These neighbors are keenly aware that my wife and I do not share their political views. After the election, one of them quit acknowledging our presence.

After a few months, I approached him in the shared driveway and said "Bob, it is obvious you are not speaking to me. If I have offended you, let me know and I will do my best to apologize." His response was, "I'll think about it."

A few months later, he rang my doorbell and asked us to accept his apology, saying, "Only God can judge." My wife and I accepted his "apology."

Now, months later, he is back to not acknowledging our existence. I see him several times a week. I am happy to continue "turning the other cheek," but with no results so far, both cheeks are getting red. Any suggestions? — Free Thinker In Texas

Dear Free Thinker: Stop turning any of your cheeks in this neighbor's direction. It's a shame that so many relationships have been destroyed in this country because people were unwilling to TALK with or LISTEN to each other. Folks on both sides of the aisle had their reasons for voting the way they did in the last presidential election. Those reasons cannot be understood unless they are calmly discussed. Individuals who are not mature enough to discuss their differences are really not worth your time, so ignore what he's doing and go on with your life.

Dear Abby: I'm a 54-year-old man, blessed with a good life, family, friends and a good job for 35 years. I was married for six years. The first four of them were very good. We were blessed with a sweet, beautiful daughter. Her mother and I have been divorced for more than 20 years

I'm a decent-looking guy. I'm kind, honest and fun, and I have good morals and a sense of humor. I have dated many women since the divorce, but most of those relationships were all about sex. I'm not complaining, but I'd like to find that one woman with whom I could share everything — travel, dinner, ballgames, concerts, etc. The few of those I've encountered over the last 20 years have ended up getting married to someone else. Abby, can you help? I feel ...

Cursed In Arkansas

Dear Cursed: If I read your letter correctly, you have been jumping into bed with women before you find out what they are all about. Your chances of finding someone to share the rest of your life with might improve if you make the effort to form friendships first. Although you may not find someone who enjoys all of the activities you mentioned on your wish list, you might forge rewarding friendships along the way and enjoy some of them together.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Taxes in the state of Oregon are too high, too great a part of the burden of taxation is being borne by real property, and a way of bringing about a reduction must be worked out, according to opinions of Umatilla county taxpayers and members of the state tax investigating committee which were expressed in a meeting held at the court house. Mr. Coe McKenna, member of the tax committee, in a talk before the Rotary Club later in the day presented much data bearing on the tax subject. He recited that 20 per cent of the people of the state pay all the taxes and that 85 per cent of the tax falls upon real property. Aside from suggesting tuition should be charged at the Oregon Agricultural College and the University of Oregon, Mr. McKenna urged an income tax with such a low exemption that practically all people who earn a livelihood shall be required to pay a state income tax.

50 years ago — 1972

An auto accident might have saved the life of a dog, but it was painful and costly for the dog's 18-year-old owner, Craig Gabriel. The dog, Goldie, collapsed recently in the Gabriel yard on the Stanfield Loop Road. While Craig was driving on Interstate 80 N en route to the

veterinarian hospital, a major dust storm hit the area around the Meyers ranches east of Stanfield. In a distance of about a mile and a half, about 13 cars were reported piled up in a series of accidents. Young Gabriel hit the rear end of another car in the blinding dust. The dog was on the floor of the car and the impact forced Goldie to spit out three walnuts that had been lodged in his throat, choking off his breathing. Craig credits the accident with saving Goldie's life, but the young man suffered a broken tooth, lacerations in and around the mouth and a car that was totally demolished.

25 years ago — 1997

If little Sammy was a salmon, Democratic Gov. John Kitzhaber would propose a special tax just to make sure all the kid's needs were met. And the Republican-led Legislature would eagerly find a way to finance protection and enhancement of the juvenile's ecosystem. But Sammy's no molt. He's a kid in Oregon looking at a deteriorating education environment. In his future are teacher layoffs, crowded classrooms, and emasculated curriculums. List this boy as endangered. Kitzhaber offered a compromise on the use of kicker funds that would give the state less for education than he wants, but more than Republicans have been willing to accept so far. The reaction? A stone-cold shoulder.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On March 15, 44 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cas-

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1919, members of the American Expeditionary Force from World War I convened in Paris for a three-day meeting to found the American Le-

In 1944, during World War II, Allied bombers again raided German-held Monte Cassino.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson, addressing a joint session of Congress, called for new legislation to guarantee every American's right to vote; the result was passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In 1977, the situation comedy "Three's Company," starring John Ritter, Joyce DeWitt and Suzanne Somers, premiered on ABC-TV.

In 2005, former World-Com chief Bernard Ebbers was convicted in New York of engineering the largest corporate fraud in U.S. history. (He was later sentenced to 25 years in prison.)

In 2011, the Syrian civil war had its beginnings with Arab Spring protests across the region.

In 2019, a gunman killed 51 people at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, stream-

ing the massacre live on Facebook. (An Australian white supremacist was sentenced to life in prison without parole after pleading guilty to 51 counts of murder and other charges.)

In 2020, the Federal Reserve took massive emergency action to help the economy withstand the coronavirus by slashing its benchmark interest rate to near zero and saying it would buy \$700 billion in treasury and mortgage bonds. After initially trying to keep schools open, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said the nation's largest public school system would close in hopes of curbing the spread of the coronavirus.

BY DANA SIMPSON

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