

DEAR ABBY

# Wife just cannot fake enthusiasm for husband's excitement

**Dear Abby:** My husband gets very upset when our 4-year-old sons don't share his enthusiasm over something that excites him. He wants them (and me) to jump up and down or cheer when he's excited about something. The problem is, he tends to share his news when we're getting ready for bed or just plain tired. I feel guilty for not acquiescing, but at the same time, I don't want to fake it. Any suggestions for a compromise, please? — **At A Loss In Texas**

**Dear At A Loss:** Explain to your husband that you are "sorry" he's upset at the lack of enthusiasm he's receiving when he's excited about something, but his timing is off. If he expects you and the children to be his cheering section, it would be helpful if he timed his announcements so they don't conflict with bedtime, when everyone's energy level is low.

**Dear Abby:** My former husband and I have been divorced for more than two years. We had our wedding reception in a club with live music, and we would go there every Saturday night to listen to the music. We were divorced shortly after our marriage because he had frequent violent outbursts. After our divorce, he called and asked if we could have a date night. When I went out with him, it was great. We listened to the musicians, and no one knew we were divorced.

My ex had serious surgery, which I helped him through, but because of a subsequent violent episode from him, I have now severed all ties with him. I'd like to go back and listen to the musicians, but I don't know what to say when they ask

me where he is. Any advice would be greatly appreciated. — **Uncertain Music Lover**

**Dear Music Lover:** When you are asked, all you need to say is, "John" and I are no longer a couple, so you won't be seeing him with me anymore. I may have split with my husband, but I haven't fallen out of love with your music." It isn't necessary to share any details beyond that.

**Dear Abby:** My grandparents have been very generous. They provided for me in ways my parents could not when I was a child. They allowed me to take music lessons and vacations, let me travel with them and paid for my higher education. They also started an investment fund for me that has grown nicely.



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## DAYS GONE BY

### 100 years ago — 1922

The task of laying 85-pound rails on the tracks of the Northern Pacific from lower Webb street to the Umatilla bridge will be undertaken soon, according to information received in Pendleton today. H. C. Rubble, division roadmaster was a visitor here and made plans for the beginning of the work. The first materials to be used in the work will arrive Friday, and later the big heavy rails will be unloaded. An extra bridge crew and also an extra road crew will be here to do the work. The angle bars and plates will be the first stuff to arrive. When the new rails are put in place, the ties under Webb street will also be replaced and the present planking will be torn up and new planking will be put down.

### 50 years ago — 1972

For any emergency, simply dial "911" for help. That's the new service offered by Hermiston's Public Safety Center. Dale Slusher, Pendleton, Pacific Northwest Bell manager, says "911" is a universal emergency number which someday will be used by communities throughout the nation. "At present, Hermiston, Toledo and Seaside are the only Oregon communities to adopt the service. Others are considering it," Slusher said. "To report a police or fire emergency, for example," he says, "the caller simply dials 911, gives his name, the nature and location of the emergency and a dispatcher will alert the

public safety agency equipped to handle it." Slusher also says 911 is for emergencies only. The best thing about it, Slusher says, is there is only one number to remember, whatever the emergency. "It's faster than looking up a specific number, or dialing 'O' for an operator," he says.

### 25 years ago — 1997

If the City of Stanfield doesn't want the town's old middle school, the Stanfield School District will try to find someone who does. The School Board last week directed Superintendent Dale Nees and school board members Ellen Ellenberger and Sandi Greene to talk to commercial realtors this week. The 77-year old building has been vacant of students since 1995. The district closed the school after an engineering report indicated the school's gym, the newest part of the building, could be unsafe to occupy in high winds or if snow accumulated on the roof. The city has been considering whether to acquire the building to use as a new municipal complex. Stanfield's current City Hall, containing city offices, the police department and city council chambers, is an old water pump house with crumbling walls. Amid negotiations late last year, the district made a no-cost offer with conditions, including demolition of the gym, to the city that was good for 90 days. The district's offer expired without a decision from the city.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

**In 1643,** Louis XIV became King of France at age 4 upon the death of his father, Louis XIII.

**In 1796,** English physician Edward Jenner inoculated 8-year-old James Phipps against smallpox by using cowpox matter.

**In 1804,** the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory as well as the Pacific Northwest left camp near present-day Hartford, Illinois.

**In 1940,** the Netherlands surrendered to invading German forces during World War II.

**In 1948,** according to the current-era calendar, the independent state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv by David Ben-Gurion, who became its first prime minister; U.S. President Harry S. Truman immediately recognized the new nation.

**In 1955,** representatives from eight Communist bloc countries, including the Soviet Union, signed the Warsaw Pact in Poland. (The Pact was dissolved in 1991.)

**In 1961,** Freedom Riders were attacked by violent mobs in Anniston and Birmingham, Alabama.

**In 1988,** 27 people, mostly

teens, were killed when their church bus collided with a pickup truck going the wrong direction on a highway near Carrollton, Kentucky. (Truck driver Larry Mahoney served 9-1/2 years in prison for manslaughter.)

**In 1998,** singer-actor Frank Sinatra died at a Los Angeles hospital at age 82. The hit sitcom "Seinfeld" aired its final episode after nine years on NBC.

**In 2001,** the Supreme Court ruled 8-0 that there is no exception in federal law for people to use marijuana for medical purposes.

**In 2003,** more than 100 immigrants were abandoned in a locked trailer at a Texas truck stop; 19 of them died. (Truck driver Tyrone Williams was later sentenced to nearly 34 years in prison for his role in the deaths.)

**In 2008,** the Interior Department declared the polar bear a threatened species because of the loss of Arctic sea ice.

**In 2020,** the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned doctors about a serious rare inflammatory condition in children linked with the coronavirus.

**Ten years ago:** Presi-

dent Barack Obama sought to tarnish Republican Mitt Romney as a corporate titan who got rich by cutting rather than creating jobs; Romney's campaign responded that the former Massachusetts governor alone helped spur more public and private jobs than Obama had.

**Five years ago:** Emmanuel Macron swept into office as France's new president, pledging to fortify the European Union, redesign French politics and glue together his divided nation. Five days after South Korea elected a president who expressed a desire to reach out to North Korea, Pyongyang sent a challenge to its rival's new leader by test-firing a ballistic missile.

**One year ago:** Turmoil from the battle between Israel and Hamas spilled over into the West Bank, sparking the most widespread Palestinian protests in years; hundreds of young demonstrators in multiple towns clashed with Israeli troops, who shot and killed at least 11 people, including one who had tried to stab an Israeli soldier. Israel barraged the northern Gaza Strip with tank fire and airstrikes; a

Gaza family of six was killed when an airstrike crushed their home in what Israel said was an effort to clear militant tunnels. Demonstrating allegiance to Donald Trump, Republicans elected Rep. Elise Stefanik of New York, a Trump stalwart, to a House leadership post that had been held by Trump critic Liz Cheney until she was tossed from that post days earlier.

**Today's Birthdays:** Photo-realist artist Richard Estes is 90. Actor Dame Sian Phillips is 89. Movie producer George Lucas is 78. Movie director Robert Zemeckis is 71. Rock singer David Byrne is 70. Actor Tim Roth is 61. Actor Cate Blanchett is 53. Coppola is 51. Former Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen is 50. Actor Gabriel Mann is 50. Singer Natalie Appleton (All Saints) is 49. Singer Shanice is 49. Actor Carla Jimenez is 48. Rock musician Henry Garza (Los Lonely Boys) is 44. Rock singer-musician Dan Auerbach is 43. Rock musician Mike Retondo (Plain White T's) is 41. Actor Amber Tamblyn is 39. Actor Lina Esco is 37. NFL player Rob Gronkowski is 33. Actor Miranda Cosgrove is 29.

## 7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 put-on mannerism (11)	_____
2 police officer, slangily (8)	_____
3 designed to thwart burglars (10)	_____
4 fabric for evening dresses (7)	_____
5 film director François (8)	_____
6 brawl resulting in bruises (9)	_____
7 like "O," in the alphabet (9)	_____

ON	FT	FLAT	ECT	THEF
ETA	TPR	ATI	TRUF	FI
OOF	HT	FOOT	FAUT	TAFF
EEN	TFIG	TH	AFF	FIS

Today's Answers: 1. AFFECTION 2. FLATFOOT 3. THEFTPROOF 4. TAFFETA 5. TRUFFAUT 6. FISTFIGHT 7. FIFTEENTH

## WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

### Find and Circle...

- Four four-letter fruits  □□□□
- Four words with OW in the middle  □□□□
- Three eight-letter mammals  □□□□□□□□
- "Glass Houses" singer (first/last name)  □□□□□□□□
- Buccaneer  □□□□□□□□

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: GAZELLE GERBIL GOPHER GOAT / SCIENCE HISTORY MATH / PACIFIC INDIAN ARCTIC / GREEK LATIN / NIECE UNCLE BRONZE / PALM

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