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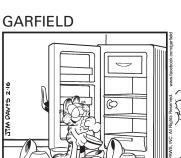


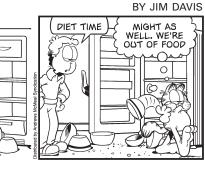


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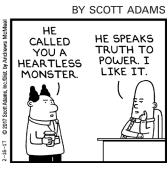




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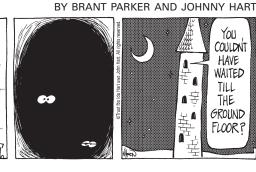




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DEAR ABBY

Mom of heroin addicts seeks support to battle depression

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Advice

Dear Abby: My daughter and son are heroin addicts. After living through this hell for 11 years, I have reached my breaking point. My daughter, who just turned 18, is in jail. My heart is broken. Therapists, parent sessions, etc. haven't helped.

I'm 60 years old and should be retiring, but my retirement money was all spent on rehabs, etc. I won't even go into the many items that were stolen from me.

How do I move on? I'm so depressed I can't get out of bed in the morning, and I cry all day. I don't want to take meds for depression because drugs have caused all my misery. My marriage is falling apart too. How do I carry on with this misery? — **Miserable** In Connecticut

Dear Miserable: The way to carry on is to let it go. If you haven't heard of Nar-Anon, you should check into it. It's a support group for the family and friends of people who are addicted to narcotics, based on the principles of Al-Anon, which is for the loved ones of alcoholics. Help is as near as your computer. Visit nar-anon.org to find a group near you, and you will find that you are not as alone as vou feel right now.

Dear Abby: Five years ago I discovered my wife had been cheating on me with an ex-boyfriend for eight years. We have two young children, so we resolved our differences and decided against divorce.

Now she says she wants us to have another baby. I feel I cannot handle a pregnancy with her because of her infidelity. As a hands-on father, I would want to be part of the pregnancy and the complications/changes that

come with it. How should I handle this and express to her why I cannot (at this point) have another child with her? — Hands-On Dad

Dear Dad: Clearly you are not over your wife's infidelity, and frankly, I can't blame you. The best way to get the message across to her would be during marriage counseling.

Dear Abby: Several years ago I gifted one of my nephews, who was serving in the military at the time, with a .38-caliber revolver that had

belonged to my uncle and reportedly had been used during World War I. I also gave his older brother a Colt .45 pistol from World

The nephew with the .38 revolver suffered from PTSD and died several years ago. The gun went to his father. My question is, shouldn't I have been asked if I wanted the revolver returned? I didn't give it to his father but to him. The father has made no attempt to return it to me.

Abby, guns with histories are very personal to owners, and this one was doubly personal and an antique. What should I do? — **Empty Holster In Texas**

Dear Empty Holster: Technically, once a gift is given it becomes the property of the person who receives it. Because your nephew is deceased — and I'm assuming his father is his next of kin — the gun became the father's property. Since the gun has emotional significance to you because of its history, depending upon your relationship with the father, you can ask him to return it — or offer to buy it back from him. However, there is no guarantee he will agree to your request.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 16, 1917

The second day of Pendleton's first annual automobile show is but a continuation of the success of the opener, and that means it is an unqualified success. Indeed the show is being received with a popularity that is surprising to the men who planned it. The attendance last evening was twice as large as was expected for the first night, more than 500 people entering the doors during the evening. Portland automobile men, who are experienced in auto shows, declared that the people warmed up last night quicker than any opening audience they had ever seen. Cars were inspected with unfeigned interest and this interest became so keen that demonstrators were kept busy all evening explaining the merits and virtues of their cars.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 16, 1967

Thirteen Irrigon families have been carrying water to their homes for several days because the water table has lowered in the well that has been the source of their supply. Irrrigon does not have a municipal water

system and private wells supply the water needs. Mayor Chet Wilson said Wednesday night that other private wells in the town have plenty of water and that he expected the Griffin well, that has gone dry, to be producing soon as the result of work that has been underway the past few days. Mayor Wilson says the city has made applications to the Farm Home Administration for a federal loan and grant to build a \$70,000 municipal water system.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 16, 1992

A 20-year-old member of the Blue Mountain Community College rodeo team found a burnt cross nailed to his bedroom door Thursday night after receiving more than a dozen threatening phone calls from someone who identified himself as "Lucifer's helper." Monty Heldt, a bull rider from Canada, has a message for the caller. "If it's a joke, cut it out. If it's not a joke, then there's going to be problem. None of us here likes being taken advantage of." Heldt shares a house on Southwest 18th with two other members of the BMCC rodeo team. He says he doesn't know anybody demented enough to carry on like this.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 47th day of 2017. There are 318 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 16, 1862, the Civil War Battle of Fort Donelson in Tennessee ended as some 12,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered; Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the moniker "Unconditional Surrender Grant.'

On this date:

In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of pirates during the First Barbary War.

In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York

1923, the burial In King chamber Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was unsealed in Egypt by English archaeologist

Howard Carter.

In 1937, research chemist Dr. Wallace H. Carothers, inventor of nylon, received a patent for the synthetic fiber, described "linear condensation polymers.

1945, American In troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.

In 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba a month and a half after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista

In 1968, the nation's first 911 emergency telephone system was inaugurated in Haleyville, Alabama.

In 1987, John Demjanjuk went on trial in Jerusalem, accused of being "Ivan the Terrible," a guard at the Treblinka Nazi concentration camp. (Demjanjuk found guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity, but the conviction ended up being overturned by the Israeli Supreme Court.)

Today's Birthdays: Jazz/ pop singer/actress Peggy King is 87. Actor Jeremy Bulloch is 72. Actor William Katt is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer James Ingram is 65. Actor LeVar Burton is 60. Actor-rapper Ice-T is 59. Actress Lisa Loring is 59. International Tennis Hall of Famer John McEnroe is 58. Rock musician Andy Taylor is 56. Rock musician Dave Lombardo (Slayer) is 52. Actress Sarah Clarke is 46. Rock musician Taylor Hawkins (Foofighters) is 45. Olympic gold medal runner Cathy Freeman is 44. Electronic dance music artist Bassnectar is 39. Rapper Lupe Fiasco is 35. Rock musician Danielle Haim is 28. Actress Elizabeth Olsen is 28.

Thought for Today: "The heart may think it knows better: the senses know that absence blots people out. We have really no absent friends." Elizabeth Bowen, Irish-born author (1899-1973).

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