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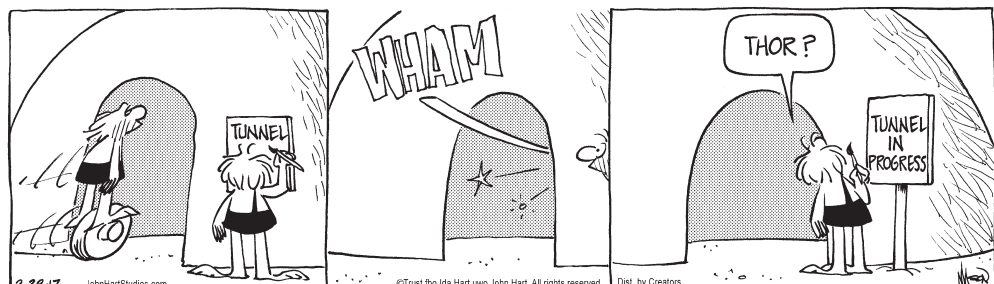
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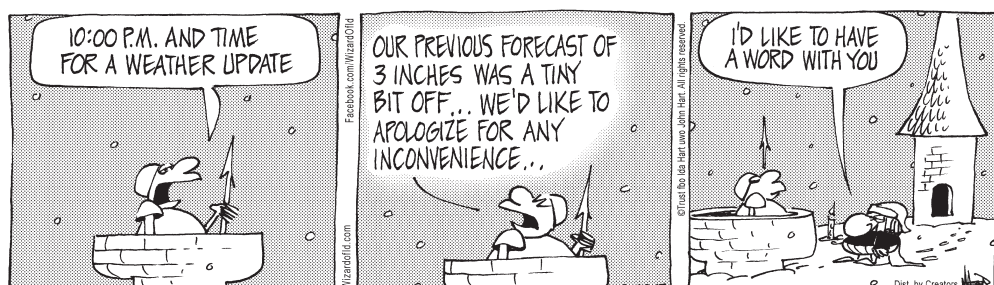
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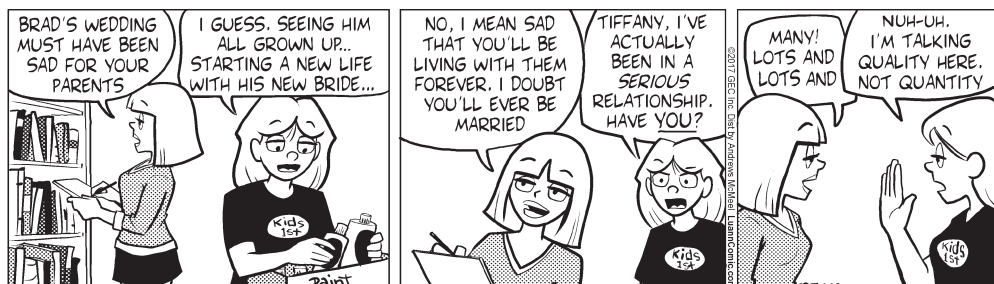
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DEAR ABBY

Adoptive families celebrate with special day each year

**Dear Abby:** As parents of an adopted child, we were concerned about when we would have "the conversation." Then a neighbor told us about how they would celebrate "Gotcha Day" with their adopted daughter each year.



JEANNE PHILLIPS  
Advice

Gotcha Day is a day to celebrate because it's the day we became a family. We "adopted" their idea and have been doing something special on this day since before our child could even say the word "gotcha."

Early on, she had no idea what we were celebrating; she just knew it was a special day for us. Through the years, she was able to process exactly what it meant at her own pace, which relieved the need to ever have that dreaded conversation. Recently our daughter told us she loves this day more than her actual birthday!

I thought I'd share this with other adoptive parents who worry about when the right time might be to explain to their child that they were prayed for, wanted, loved and adopted.

— **Blessed Parents In Pennsylvania**

**Dear Blessed Parents:** I had never heard of anything like this, but I think it's a great concept and certainly worth sharing with my readers. Thank you!

**Dear Abby:** After 32 years of marriage, my wife went out and got a tattoo on her shoulder. It's about 8 inches by 6 inches (quite large), and she did it without any advance discussion with me, which has left me sort of shocked. Her position is that it's her body

and she'll do what she wants. This has driven a wedge between us, and I'm not sure if we can move forward. What is your advice? — **Unmarked In Nevada**

**Dear Unmarked:** To me, what's important is not that your wife got the tattoo without discussing it with you, but her motive for doing it in secret. My advice is to do nothing in haste or in anger. Try to get her to explain to you what the tattoo symbolizes to her, because it may be important. After that, whether you decide to move forward — or move out — is something only you can decide.

**Dear Abby:** My co-worker tried to commit suicide last year. She took eight months off after that. Now we are approaching the one-year anniversary.

We work for a small, family-owned business. Everyone knows she tried to kill herself, but no one knows why. She has reduced her hours and her stress level, at least at work. I have picked up most of her duties, and I'm quick to lend a hand. She's a lot older than I am, and I'm not comfortable lending an ear.

How do we handle this situation? Do we act like it's just like any other normal day? — **Uncomfortable At Work**

**Dear Uncomfortable:** If your co-worker wanted to disclose her reason(s) for trying to kill herself, you would already know what drove her. Because a suicide attempt is nothing to celebrate, be sensitive and don't draw attention to it unless she brings it up.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
Feb. 27-28, 1917

A story of an attack made by a bald eagle upon a band seven deer was brought down this morning from Bingham Springs by Albert Baker, forest ranger at that station. He personally witnessed the attack several days ago. The eagle would swoop down upon the deer from a height and strike one of the animals with such force that it would be prostrated. This the eagle repeated several times. He was unable to see the finish of the eagle's attack as the deer disappeared over a ridge. However, he thinks the animals escaped their winged assailant by taking to the brush.

50 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
Feb. 27-28, 1967

The Oregon State Police, alarmed by the high percentage of single car accidents in this area, are planning stepped up enforcement to stem this rise. Sgt. Tom Taylor, of the Pendleton detachment, said the state police are

launching a campaign to tell the public about the high frequency of single car accidents and urge that something be done about them. "There is no reason for a one-car accident. They are stupid and unwarranted," he said. During the past year of the 755 accidents investigated in Eastern Oregon by the state police, 385, or over 50 per cent, were one-car accidents. In Umatilla County there was a total of 263 accidents for the same period and 137, or 52 per cent, were one-car accidents.

25 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
Feb. 27-28, 1992

A new computerized fingerprint checking system led to the arrest in Milton-Freewater of a burglary suspect who had been recently paroled from the medium-security prison in Pendleton. The Automated Fingerprint Identification System helped identify a man who entered a residence through a broken window Jan. 20. The suspect left his fingerprint on a piece of the glass when he moved it to gain access, said Oregon State Trooper John Gaukroger.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 59th day of 2017. There are 306 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

**On Feb. 28, 1917,** The Associated Press reported that the United States had obtained a diplomatic communication sent by German Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmermann to a German official in Mexico; the "Zimmermann Note," which had been intercepted and decoded by Britain, proposed a German alliance with Mexico and Japan should the U.S. enter World War I. (Outrage over the telegram helped propel America into the conflict.)

**On this date:**

**In 1844,** a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded as the ship was sailing on the Potomac River, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas W. Gilmer and several others.

**In 1861,** the Territory of Colorado was organized.

**In 1942,** the heavy cruiser USS Houston and the Australian light cruiser HMAS Perth were attacked by Japanese forces during the

World War II Battle of Sunda Strait; both were sunk shortly after midnight on March 1 with a total loss of more than 1,000 men.

**In 1953,** scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA.

**In 1960,** a day after defeating the Soviets at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, California, the United States won its first Olympic hockey gold medal by defeating Czechoslovakia, 9-4.

**In 1986,** Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme was shot to death in central Stockholm. (The killing remains unsolved.)

**In 1993,** a gun battle erupted at a religious compound near Waco, Texas, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to arrest Branch Davidian leader David Koresh on weapons charges; four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.

**In 2013,** Benedict XVI became the first pope in 600 years to resign, ending an eight-year pontificate.

Today's Birthdays:

Architect Frank Gehry is 88. Actor Gavin MacLeod is 86. Singer Sam the Sham is 80. Actor-director-dancer Tommy Tune is 78. Hall of Fame auto racer Mario Andretti is 77. Actor Frank Bonner is 75. Actress Kelly Bishop is 73. Actress Stephanie Beacham is 70. Writer-director Mike Figgis is 69. Actress Mercedes Ruehl is 69. Actress Bernadette Peters is 69. Former Energy Secretary Steven Chu is 69. Actress Ilene Graff is 68. Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman is 64. Comedian Gilbert Gottfried is 62. Basketball Hall of Famer Adrian Dantley is 62. Actor John Turturro is 60. Rock singer Cindy Wilson is 60. Actress Rae Dawn Chong is 56. Actress Maxine Bahns is 48. Actor Robert Sean Leonard is 48. Rock singer Pat Monahan is 48. Author Daniel Handler (aka "Lemony Snicket") is 47.

**Thought for Today:** "Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know." — *Daniel J. Boorstin, American historian, educator and Librarian of Congress (1914-2004).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

