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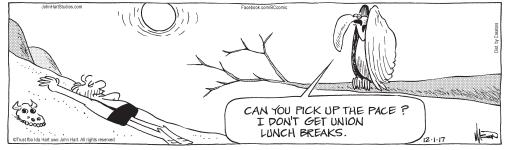














BEETLE BAILEY





DEAR ABBY Memories of molestation cloud girl's thoughts of the future

Dear Abby: I'm almost an adult now, starting to think about having children and a good marriage of my own. But I have a disturbing childhood memory I have never been able to erase.

When I was 6 or 7 and staying at my grandparents' house, and my grandmother would go outside to check the mail or water the flowers, my grandfather would try to put his hands on my private parts. He wouldn't speak a word to me EVER,

even if she was around. In fact, I'm quite sure I never witnessed him say anything at all to anyone. But as soon as Grandma was out of sight, well, that was his chance to put his hands on me, then laugh when I tried to wiggle away.

Recently, after I remembered those episodes again, I tried to bring this up with my mom in order to get her support. Abby, she reacted as if there was something really wrong with ME or that I was lying!

Not surprisingly, I don't want that man around my future children. I have no real relationship with him. I know this memory isn't something I just imagined or made up "to embarrass the family." What should I do in reference to Mom's response? - Moving **On From The Past**

Dear Moving On: In reference to your mother's response when you told her her father molested you when you were little, conclude that the same thing likely happened to her. You should also conclude that, if that's the case, she knew what he was capable of and did nothing to protect you. For that reason, your grandfather should not be allowed to



be around your children — or any children, for that matter.

Because of the seriousness of what happened to you, it would be a good idea for you to contact R.A.I.N.N., the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network. Its website is rainn.org and the toll-free phone number is 800-656-4673.

Dear Abby: My elderly mother lost her husband and will be moving in with me. The problem is, Mom is one of those people for whom nothing

is ever good enough. One of my siblings has already informed me that Mom told her my house, my neighborhood, my town, our hospitals, etc. are not good enough for her. I'm worried that after she moves in and I hear her complain every day, I'll lose my temper. Do you have any words of wisdom for me? - Dreading It In The South

Dear Dreading: I sure do. Ask your mother NOW, before she relocates, if what your sibling said is true. And if it is, do NOT let her move into your home.

Dear Abby: Is it rude for someone not to cash a check you have written to them within a certain time period? I think it is, but maybe I'm wrong. Because I keep track of my banking online and not in a traditional checkbook, I end up having to try to remember to adjust my available balance to include the check's amount. What do you think? ----Check's In The Mail

Dear C.I.T.M.: I agree that it's rude. When a canceled check does not show up -— sometimes for months — it makes reconciling the giver's checkbook a pain in the neck and sometimes lower.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 1, 1917

That Captain Lee Caldwell will probably have charge of a remount station in France as a result of the horsemanship he displayed at Charlotte, N.C., is the declaration of Corporal Ben H. Inman (Rattlesnake Pete) who arrived in Pendleton yesterday from Charlotte on a month's furlough. The western boys, especially those of Troop D, were right at home in the handling of horses and quickly claimed the attention of the officers, Corporal Inman states, and Captain Caldwell's experience as a buckaroo stood him in good stead. Stable Sergeant Frank Cable, who had charge of the feeding of 5,000 head of horses, also made a great reputation for himself, "Pete" says.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 1, 1967

Law enforcement officers were searching

for a suspect in the case of the stabbing of a woman at Apt. 5, 621 S. Main St., about 9 a.m. Wednesday, city police reported today. Elizabeth Badroads Narcisse was taken to St. Anthony Hospital with a stab wound in her back between her shoulder blades. The hospital reported the case to the police at 9:55 a.m. Her injury is not regarded as dangerous, and officers questioned her in connection with the case.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 1, 1992

A clog of stranded cars closed Cabbage Hill for two and a half hours Tuesday night, but police and towing operators said this morning they knew of no major accidents. Slick, snow-packed roads caused a number of trucks, buses and cars to spin out of control on Interstate 84 near Meacham Tuesday evening. Stranded cars near Hilgard forced the freeway to close from 7:30 to 10 p.m., according to Oregon State Police reports.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 335th day of eled from Hampton Roads, 2017. There are 30 days left Virginia, to Washington, Former CIA director Stans-

Today's **Birthdays**: field Turner is 94. Actor-director Woody Allen is 82. World Golf Hall of Famer Lee Trevino is 78. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 78. Country musician Casey Van Beek (The Tractors) is 75. Television producer David Salzman is 74. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Ovster Cult) is 73. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 73. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 72. Former child actor Keith Thibodeaux (TV: "I Love Lucy") is 67. Actress-comedian Sarah Silverman is 47. Actor-writer-producer David Hornsby is 42. Rock musician Brad Delson (Linkin Park) is 40. Actor Riz Ahmed (Film: "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story") is 35. R&B singer-actress Janelle Monae is 32. Pop-rock-rap singer Tyler Joseph (Twenty One Pilots) is 29. Actress Zoe Kravitz is 29. Thought for Today: "An educated man should everything about know something, and something about everything." - Dame C.V. Wedgwood, English historian (1910-1997).

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BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART

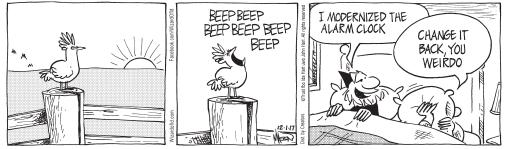
BY MORT WALKER







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Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 1, 1942, during World War II. nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States; the goal was not so much to save on gas, but to conserve rubber (as in tires) that was desperately needed for the war effort.

On this date:

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

1862, In President Abraham Lincoln sent his Second Annual Message to Congress, in which he called for the abolition of slavery, and went on to say, "Fellow-citizens, we can not escape history. We of this Congress and this Administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves."

In 1921, the Navy flew the first non-rigid dirigible to use helium; the C-7 travD.Č. In 1934, Soviet commu-

nist official Sergei M. Kirov, an associate of Josef Stalin, was assassinated in Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge.

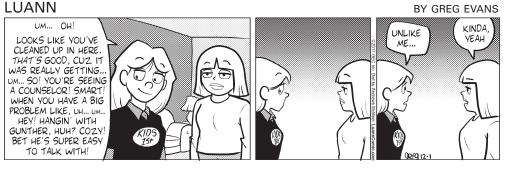
In 1941, Japan's Emperor Hirohito approved waging war against the United States, Britain and the Netherlands after his government rejected U.S. demands contained in the Hull Note.

In 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus; the incident sparked a year-long boycott of the buses by blacks.

In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their homeland.

In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

In 1989, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev met with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.





PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN





BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

