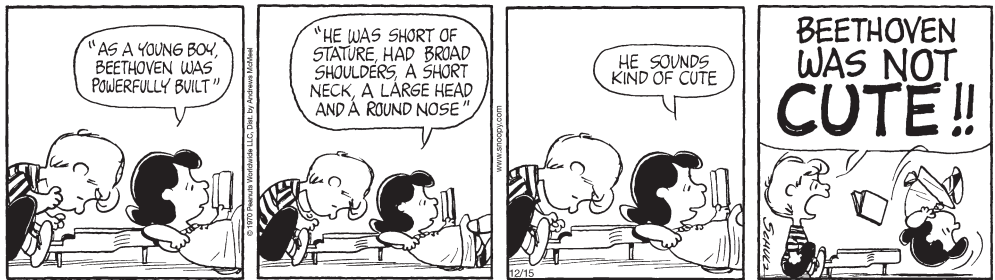


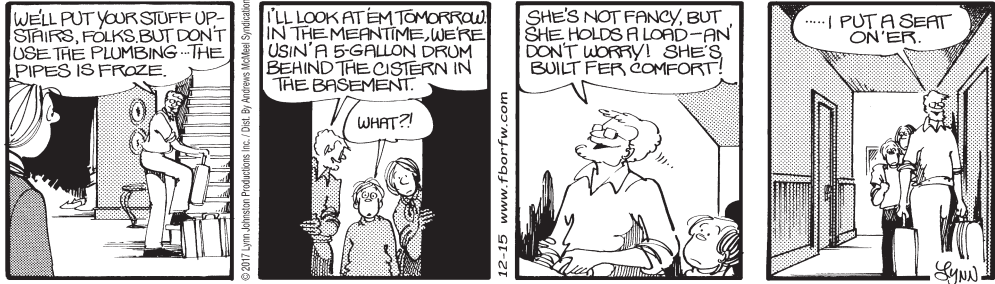
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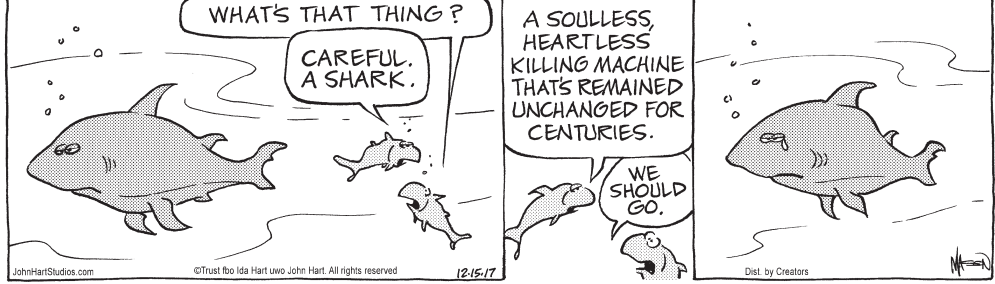
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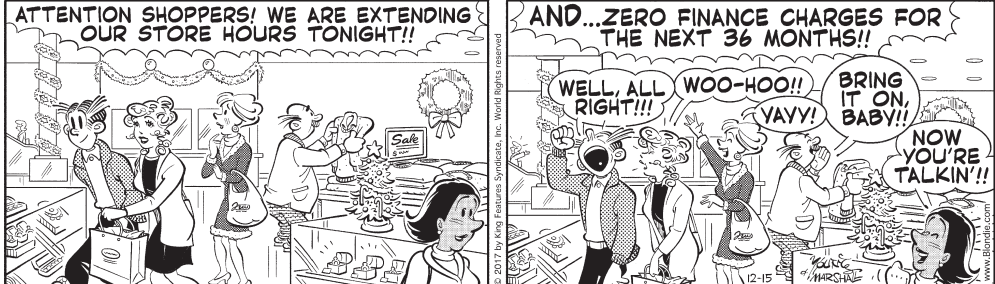
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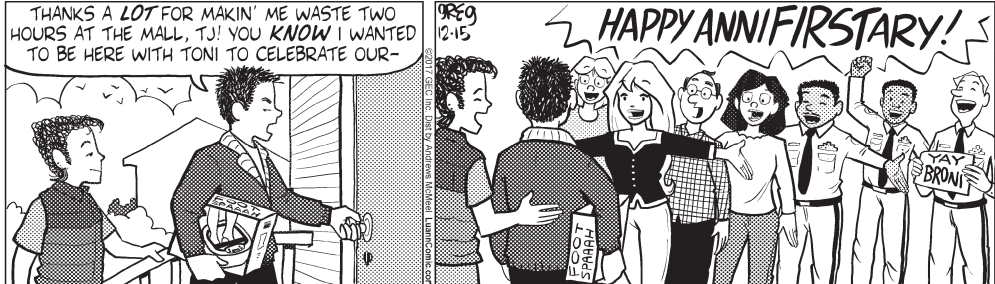
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DEAR ABBY

Family tragedy raises concern about history of mental illness

Dear Abby: I have a 14-year-old daughter I have raised alone. Her father has never been in her life, nor has he been in the lives of his other children with other women. He has a long history of criminal behavior and mental illness. Although he hasn't been part of her life, I have done everything in my power to keep her in touch with her siblings.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

happen in a vacuum. Healthy children and young adults rarely — if ever — “snap” out of nowhere. Because you are concerned about the level of stress your daughter is experiencing, please waste no time in scheduling some sessions for BOTH of you with a licensed mental health professional.

I just learned via the news and social media that her brother who is also 14 (and lives nearby with his grandparents), is being charged with two counts of capital murder. He reportedly shot both his grandparents. He had no other previous issues, and there were no warning signs.

I am torn inside trying to figure out how to break the news to my daughter. She's going through her own teenage issues, and I'm afraid the news will crush her. I need to figure this out ASAP, before she hears about it at school or from social media. My other major concern as a parent is, could their father have passed along to her his mental illness? — Scared In The South

Dear Scared: This kind of awful news travels via television, social media and word of mouth faster than lightning. By the time this letter is published, your daughter will have already learned about this family tragedy. Rarely, if ever, does this kind of acting out

financial scale. Dear Abby: My beloved husband died in 1993 from an AIDS-related cancer. He contracted the disease from a blood transfusion during surgery. I elected to tell only close family members about his HIV. I was still quite young when he died.

Now when people ask me why I didn't remarry, I don't know how to reply. I didn't contract the disease from him, but people are still fearful of the word AIDS. I have never dated or sought a relationship with a man since my husband's passing. I still love him and have no regrets, but I don't know what to say. Please help. — Longtime Widow

Dear Longtime Widow: You are under no obligation to tell your life story to someone who asks that question casually. To someone like that, all you should say is what you wrote to me, “I still love him, and I have no regrets.” The rest is nobody's business.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 15, 1917

Alleging that advantage was taken of his illness and addiction to alcoholic liquors to secure from him without any compensation whatever title to \$100,000 worth of land in Umatilla County, Oregon and Walla Walla, Franklin and Columbia counties, Washington, S.A. Ash has brought suit in the circuit court against S.L. Stebbins and wife, L.R. Lucas and wife and Charles P. Stebbins and wife to recover the land. Plaintiff alleges that S.L. Stebbins plied him with liquor until he was in a stupor and then secured from him warranty deeds for the land. He alleges there was no consideration whatever in the transfer and that he was in such a condition that he was not aware of what he was doing. He has secured a temporary restraining order to prevent them from disposing of the land during the pendency of the suit.

Tom Harper to confer with the State Highway Commission about the problem. In less than three years five men died in two accidents in the vicinity of the bridge over Maxwell Canal. The highway makes a curve south of the canal on its approach into the city. In one of the fatal accidents the car hit the bridge, and in another the driver went over the 10-foot embankment on the curve.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 15, 1992

A police raid on a suspected drug dealer's home near Hermiston Tuesday recovered a trove of weapons, including a grenade launcher and machine guns, police said. Arrested without incident as they left the home were Terry E. Eyler, 44, and Harriet A. Crelling, 31, both of Hermiston. They were taken by U.S. marshals to Portland to be arraigned on federal drug and firearms charges, authorities said. In all, police found more than 30 weapons at the home, located on a hilltop near the intersection of Joy and Cooney lanes north of town. In addition to rifles, revolvers and other small firearms, police found the makings of military booby traps, a grenade launcher and grenades, a pound of C4 plastic explosive and a 12-gauge shotgun with a circular clip holding a couple of dozen rounds of ammunition.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 15, 1967

The Hermiston City Council is alarmed at the increasing number of auto accidents on Highway 32 South in the vicinity of the View Drive intersection. In their Wednesday meeting the council directed City Manager

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 349th day of 2017. There are 16 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 15, 1939, the Civil War motion picture epic "Gone with the Wind," starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable, had its world premiere in Atlanta.

On this date: In 1791, the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, went into effect following ratification by Virginia.

In 1864, the two-day Battle of Nashville began during the Civil War as Union forces commanded by Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas attacked Confederate troops led by Gen. John Bell Hood; the result was a resounding Northern victory.

In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, South Dakota, during a confrontation with Indian police.

In 1938, groundbreaking for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington,

D.C., with President Franklin D. Roosevelt taking part in the ceremony.

In 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller, a major in the U.S. Army Air Forces, disappeared over the English Channel while en route to Paris.

In 1965, two U.S. manned spacecraft, Gemini 6A and Gemini 7, maneuvered toward each other while in orbit, at one point coming as close as one foot.

In 1967, the Silver Bridge between Gallipolis, Ohio, and Point Pleasant, West Virginia, collapsed into the Ohio River, killing 46 people.

In 1971, the Secret Service appointed its first five female special agents.

In 1995, European Union leaders meeting in Madrid, Spain, chose "euro" as the name of the new single European currency.

In 2001, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Italy, was reopened to the public after a \$27 million realignment that had dragged on for over a decade.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor-comedian Tim Conway is 84. Singer Cindy Birdsong (The Supremes) is 78. Rock musician Dave Clark (The Dave Clark Five) is 75. Rock musician Carmine Appice (Vanilla Fudge) is 71. Actor Don Johnson is 68. Actress Melanie Chartoff is 67. Movie director Julie Taymor is 65. Movie director Alex Cox is 63. Actor Justin Ross is 63. Rock musician Paul Simonon (The Clash) is 62. Movie director John Lee Hancock is 61. Democratic Party activist Donna Brazile is 58. Country singer Doug Phelps (Brother Phelps; Kentucky Headhunters) is 57. Movie producer-director Reginald Hudlin is 56. Actress Helen Slater is 54. Actor Paul Kaye (TV: "Game of Thrones") is 53. Actress Molly Price is 52. Actor Adam Brody is 38. Rock musician Alana Haim is 26.

Thought for Today: "The drama of life begins with a wail and ends with a sigh." — Minna Antrim, American writer (1856-1950).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

