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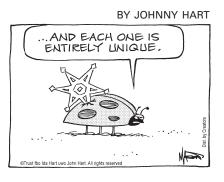






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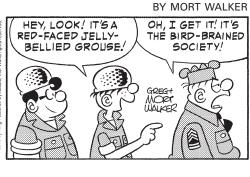


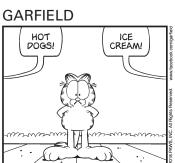




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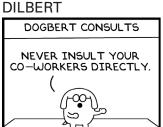


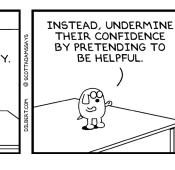
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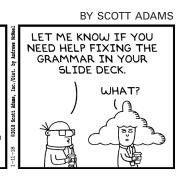
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DEAR ABBY

Runaway granddaughter avoids grandma's attempts to connect

JEANNE

PHILLIPS

Dear Abby: My 18-year-old granddaughter ran away twice last year. She's now living with her boyfriend and refuses to have any contact with her dad. I know my son is very strict, and I'm pretty sure she could just no longer live by his rules. Her mom passed away eight months ago, and my son is all she has besides her sister.

She opened a Facebook page. I Advice was able to write to her a couple of times and she responded. She isn't answering my messages now. I suspect her boyfriend is controlling and is preventing her from contacting her family. I'm also afraid she may be involved with drugs now. She and the boyfriend were recently arrested for shoplifting, and this just isn't typical of my granddaughter.

I have trouble sleeping at night worrying about her. I know she's an adult, but I don't want her to give up on her family who loves her. Do you have any suggestions? Should I go to the house and try and see her, or must we just sit back and wait for her to grow up? Any advice will be appreciated. — Worried Nana

Dear Worried Nana: Do not just sit back. By all means, visit your granddaughter! She needs to know you love her and will be supportive if things don't work out with her boyfriend.

Because she's 18 and now considered an adult, you can't force her to reunite with her father, whose heavy-handed parenting may or may not be the reason she left home. But you can, however, point out that if she needs

something, there are better ways to go about acquiring it than shoplifting. You should also encourage her to find a job. If she does, it will increase her independence, not only from her father, but also her boyfriend, if it becomes necessary.

Dear Abby: I was recently diagnosed with a stage four cancer. My surgeon has offered me an opportunity to be part of a clinical trial, which my family is aware of. They do not, however, know the details of how far

the cancer has spread.

The prognosis for patients in this trial is about two more years. My wife thinks I should share this information with my extended family and friends immediately (although there are few signs that I'm ill). I prefer to remain silent until the disease catches up with me and my time gets closer. Your advice or reader response would be greatly appreciated regarding this very emotional decision. — **Keeping It To Myself**

Dear Keeping It To Yourself: I'm sorry about your diagnosis. I'm sure when your letter is published there will be a tsunami of reactions — both pro and con — from readers.

Of course your wishes should be respected, but since you asked, I am inclined to agree with your wife. Your illness affects not only you but also the rest of your family and friends. If you reveal your prognosis now, it will give the people who love you an opportunity to step up to the plate and offer emotional support, not only to you, but also to her and your family.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 11, 1918

Plans for a parish house for the Church of the Redeemer, to be known as the Potwine Memorial House, were launched in a tentative way last evening at the annual parish meeting held following a dinner given in the basement of the Christian church. The suggestion for a parish house to answer social and club needs of the church and to serve the community in much the same way as a Y.M.C.A. building was made by the Rev. Alfred Lockwood, new rector of the church. 50 Years Ago

From the East Oregonian Jan. 11, 1968

The Sisters of St. Francis in Pendleton have a new look about them. They are a wee bit self-conscious about it. But they are delighted, too, the way all women feel when they get something new to wear. In keeping with the trend in religious orders to update their apparel, the local nuns have adopted a simplified headdress. Gone are the starched headbands and wide bertha-type starched collars. In their place is a simple white cap, to which a veil is pinned. The neckline is

soft, and the bodice is covered by a half-scapular — "in drip-dry material!" said Sister Lawrence, administrator of St. Anthony Hospital, exultantly.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 11, 1993

Neighbors helped save household possessions and tried to extinguish a fire with snow and garden hoses in sub-zero temperatures Sunday at a residence on Southwest Jay. Firefighters were unable to respond promptly because the home of Pat and Cathy Costello is about a quarter mile outside the city limits — and outside of the city's fire protection area — on the west side of McKay Creek. However, about a half hour after the Costello children called 911, Fire Chief Dick Hopper authorized the use of the pumper truck and allowed four firemen to cross the district line and defend neighborhood homes in the event the blaze spread. "Our formal policy is we just don't go at all, but it would not have been within my own ethics to allow an entire block to burn, and the potential was there," said Hopper. The fire started Sunday morning after the Costellos used a heat lamp and hair dryer in an effort to thaw frozen water pipes.

Today's

Birthdays:

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 11th day of 2018. There are 354 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 11, 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued "Smoking and Health," a report which concluded that "cigarette smoking contributes substantially to mortality from certain specific diseases and to the overall death rate."

On this date:

In 1861, Alabama became the fourth state to withdraw from the Union.

In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Grand Canyon National Monument (it became a national park in 1919).

In 1913, the first enclosed sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th National Automobile Show in New York.

In 1927, the creation of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was proposed during a dinner of Hollywood luminaries at the Ambassador

Hotel in Los Angeles.

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began an 18-hour trip from Honolulu to Oakland, California, that made her the first person to fly solo across any part of the Pacific Ocean.

In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Imperial Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

In 1978, two Soviet cosmonauts aboard the Soyuz 27 capsule linked up with the Salyut 6 orbiting space station, where the Soyuz 26 capsule was already docked.

In 1989, nine days before leaving the White House, President Ronald Reagan bade the nation farewell in a prime-time address, saying of his eight years in office: "We meant to change a nation and instead we changed a world."

Former Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien is 84. Actor Mitchell Ryan is 84. Actor Felix Silla is 81. Movie director Joel Zwick is 76. Country singer Naomi Judd is 72. World Golf Hall of Famer Ben Crenshaw is 66. Singer Robert Earl Keen is 62. Actress Phyllis Logan is 62. Musician Vicki Peterson (The Bangles) is 60. Actress Kim Coles is 56. Actor Jason Connery is 55. Former child actress Dawn Lyn (TV: "My Three Sons") is 55. Contemporary Christian musician Jim Bryson (MercyMe) is 50. Rock musician Tom Dumont (No Doubt) is 50. Movie director Malcolm D. Lee is 48. Singer Mary J. Blige is 47. Musician Tom Rowlands (The Chemical Brothers) is 47. Actor Marc Blucas is 46. Actress Amanda Peet is 46.

Thought for Today: "Teach us that wealth is not elegance, that profusion is not magnificence, that splendor is not beauty." — Benjamin Disraeli, British statesman (1804-1881).













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