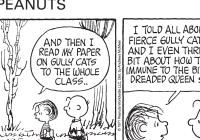
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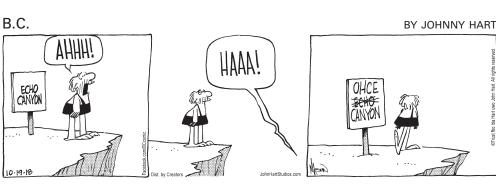












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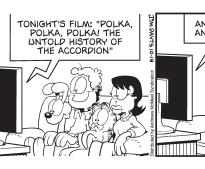


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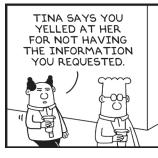
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LUANN BOYS, THAT GUESTHOUSE IS FOR YOU TO LIVE IN, NOT YELL IN! IS THERE SOME EMERGENCY OVER THERE?







BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Grown child keeps meetings with ex-stepfather a secret from mom

Dear Abby: When I was in my first year of college, my mother divorced my stepdad. "Charlie" was part of my life for 12 years, but since their divorce, she insists I have no contact with him. Charlie visits the state where I now live several times a year to see a friend and invites me to have dinner with him. I do, but because of Mom's demand, I ask him to keep our time together a secret. If she knew we were in contact, I think she would cut me out of her life.

Growing up, Charlie was a father figure to me — a very important person in my life. Spending time with him is awkward, but it would feel wrong to never see him again. We were family for many years. I feel that as an adult, I should be able to decide for myself who I stay in contact with. I don't know the whole story about their breakup, and honestly, I don't care to know. Should I honor my mother's wishes and have no more contact with him, or go with my gut and keep him in my life? — Forgive Or **Forget Out West**

Dear Forgive: Go with your gut. As an adult, you do have the right to choose with whom you associate, and your mother should not be insisting upon it with no explanation.

Dear Abby: I have an etiquette question I can't find an answer to on the internet. My family travels a great deal, and there are always unattended wheelchairs parked around the airport. My teenage brother

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thinks it's perfectly fine to get in them and start playing with them, because "no one's using them." The rest of my family thinks it's rude to use a wheelchair as a toy. How do you view this and how should my parents explain it to him? Thanks. —

Claire In Florida Dear Claire: Assistive devices are not toys, and they should not be "played with" by those who don't need to use them. That's how I view

it. Have your parents actually told your brother "No"? If they have and he does it anyway, it's time for them to act like parents, make clear that there are consequences for disobedience and follow through.

Dear Abby: My son recently graduated with a master's degree. He's a fine young man, did extremely well all through his schooling and has never given his father or me a second of worry. He has not been able to find a job. It's frustrating for him and discouraging, but we know he will, and we encourage him any way we can.

My question is how do I deal with the barrage of inquiries from neighbors, hairstylist, co-workers and friends who constantly ask if he has found a job yet? I am sick of it! It's none of their business, and I never ask them anything about their families' employment. Please help. — **Missouri Mom**

Dear Mom: Handle it this way. Say, "When he does, I'll let you know." Then change the subject.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 19, 1918

The Home Card campaign is next. A new food pledge card, which is a most eloquent and forceful document, is to be placed in every household in America between the dates of October 28th and November 2nd by the food administration. A supply of 4,350 of these cards has been shipped to Umatilla county for distribution among the families of the county. The new slogan of the food administration is "Save Food - One Hundred Twenty Million Allies Must Eat." The idea embodied in the slogan is that we are sitting at a common table with the millions of those countries which are fighting on our

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 19, 1968

A little fourth grade girl at West Park School had the tip of a finger cut off Tuesday in a door when it slammed shut at school. One of the school boys picked up the finger tip and chased the little girl around the school before he tossed the piece of finger in a wastebasket. When Bertha Mur-

phy, daughter of Myrtle Murphy of Hermiston, was taken to the hospital, Dr. Roy Rasmussen Jr. need the finger tip. Then a teacher searched through a waste paper basket, retrieved the piece of finger, got it to the hospital, and Dr. Rasmussen sewed it back in place.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 19, 1993

Prison inmate Bryant Woolstenhulme tried to kill Correctional Officer Louis Michaels with a heavy iron weight-lifting bar last May, a Umatilla County Circuit Court jury decided Tuesday. The jury deliberated about 30 minutes before finding Woolstenhulme guilty of attempted aggravated murder and first-degree assault. He will be sentenced Nov. 30. Robert Hill, assistant district attorney, called nine witnesses, including the officer who was assaulted and others who saw it happening, plus two inmates who offered no insight, saying their presence in the courtroom put their lives at risk. Woolstenhulme, sporting a scraggly black mane and beard, offered no defense, other than to say through his public defender Wade Bettis that he was the victim of mistaken identity.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Oct. 19, 1789, John Jay was sworn in as the first Chief Justice of the United

In 1781, British troops under Gen. Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, as the American Revolution neared its end.

1864, In Confederate Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early's soldiers attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Virginia; the Union troops were able to rally and defeat the Confederates.

In 1944, the U.S. Navy began accepting black **WAVES** women into (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service).

In 1950, during the Korean Conflict, United Nations forces entered the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

In 1953, the Ray Bradbury novel "Fahrenheit 451," set in a dystopian future where books are banned and burned by the government, was first published by Ballantine Books.

In 1967, the U.S. space probe Mariner 5 flew past Venus.

In 1977, the supersonic Concorde made its first landing in New York City.

In 1982, automaker John Z. DeLorean was arrested by federal agents in Los Angeles, accused of conspiring to sell \$24 million of cocaine to salvage his business. (DeLorean was acquitted at trial on grounds of entrapment.)

In 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value (its biggest daily percentage loss), to close at 1.738.74 in what came to be known as "Black Monday."

In 1994, 22 people were killed as a terrorist bomb shattered a bus in the heart of Tel Aviv's shopping district.

In 2001, U.S. special forces began operations on the ground in Afghanistan, opening a significant new phase of the assault against the Taliban and al-Qaida.

In 2005, a defiant Saddam

Hussein pleaded innocent to charges of premeditated murder and torture as his trial opened under heavy security in the former headquarters of

his Baath Party in Baghdad. Today's Birthdays: Author John le Carre is 87. Artist Peter Max is 81. Author and critic Renata Adler is 81. Actor Michael Gambon is 78. Actor John Lithgow is 73. Former Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele is 60. Singer Jennifer Holliday is 58. Retired boxer Evander Holyfield is 56. Host Ty Pennington (TV: "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition") is 54. Actor/Director Jon Favreau is 52. "South Park" co-creator Trey Parker is 49. Comedian Chris Kattan is 48.

Thought for Today: "If our country is worth dying for in time of war let us resolve that it is truly worth living for in time of peace." — Hamilton Fish III, American congressman (1888-1991).

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