## **DEAR ABBY**

# Man talks about his will, but won't put it in writing

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Dear Abby: I have been married to my husband for seven years. We are in our 60s. He refuses to make a will. He tells me what he "would" put in his will and asks me if I am OK with his wishes.

He has an adult child from his first marriage and would like to include her in the will. I'm fine with what he wants. This conversation has been going on for more than five years now, but he never acts on it. I am very hurt and frustrated.

The house is in his name, and my name isn't even on his checking accounts. I resent him for this. There are times when I want to get a divorce because I feel if something should happen to him, I will have no security. I also think he is being selfish and unloving to me, and his adult child will leave us in a situation where we would have to go through the

probate process. Please help me to get through in writing and so should yours. (This subject to him. — Resentful in Maine

Dear Resentful: Your husband may be afraid to face the idea of his own mortality. He wouldn't be the first. The two of you need to make an appointment with an attorney who specializes in wills and estates. If he doesn't put his wishes in writing, the assets he has worked so hard for may be seriously diminished when the state decides "for him" and takes a sizable chunk out of the estate.

ADVICE While you are talking with the lawyer, there should also be a discussion of end-of-life planning. Does he want hospice? Palliative care? Do you know what his wishes are in the event he is unable to speak for himself? Those wishes should be

should also be raised with your doctor(s).

Most people want to keep what they have worked for and decide for themselves what will happen when they die. Death is a fact of life, and hiding from it won't make it go

Dear Abby: I send out lots of greeting cards every year for birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas. I keep a large number of them on hand so I am prepared.

I received a Christmas card this year from an elderly family member

that said: "Thank you for the insulting anniversary card." "Insulting" was underlined twice. I was dismayed. Their anniversary was last August. I have no idea which card I sent since I keep so many on hand. I am guessing it may have been a humorous card that they didn't find funny, but I'm not sure.

Both are very alert and oriented. What is the proper thing to do here? Do I call them and apologize when I have no idea what it said? Should I not send an anniversary card next year or send a very generic one? I have been very upset that my good wishes were so poorly received. Any advice you can give would be appreciated. Thank you. -**Confused in the Midwest** 

**Dear Confused**: Call the couple and ask what it was about the card that upset them. Explain that it wasn't your intention to offend them, and apologize. Do send an anniversary card when the time comes, but when you do, make absolutely certain the message inside is appropriate.

# DAYS GONE BY

From the *East Oregonian* 

### 100 Years Ago **April 3, 1921**

A force of men will be sent to the headworks of the city water system above Thorn Hollow Monday to start work on the extension of a line to the additional spring to be brought into use. This spring is across the track from the Chaplish spring and about 500 feet distant. The new work calls for a concrete pipe line 1660 feet long. Of this 950 feet will be 18 inch pipe and 710 feet will be 16 inch. The pipe will be purchased ready made.

50 Years Ago **April 3, 1971** 

Pilot Rock pitcher Bill Quatepts tossed a one-hit shutout and teammate Tim Slate slammed out three hits as the Rockets blasted Weston 10-0 in a non-league baseball tilt yesterday.

Quaempts gave up only a second inning single to Weston's Paul Crowl and whiffed 12 Tigers. Slate collected three hits in as many trips to the plate, and his effort included a one-run triple. Robin Roehlk added a 2-3 performance for the Rockets.

> 25 Years Ago **April 3, 1996**

The Hermiston Bulldogs survived a Riverside rally, but more importantly, survived a scary incident in the sixth inning. Hermiston ace Katie Barnett was struck in the head with a line drive in the sixth inning, but managed to stay in the game and get the win as the Bulldogs pulled out a 3-2 softball victory over the Pirates Tuesday afternoon. Kami Sandlin's liner hit so hard off of Barnett's forehead that the ball bounced all the way back to catcher Jacque Sielaff.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

**On April 3, 1968**, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered what turned out to be his final speech, telling a rally of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tennessee, that "I've been to the mountaintop" and "seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land!" (About 20 hours later, King was felled by an assassin's bullet at the Lorraine Motel.)

In 1860, the legendary Pony Express began carrying mail between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. (The delivery system lasted only 18 months before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph.)

In 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia.

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Missouri, by Robert Ford, a member of

James' gang.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, New Jersey, for the kidnap-murder of Charles Lindbergh Jr. In 1942, during World

War II, Japanese forces began their final assault on Bataan against American and Filipino troops who surrendered six days later; the capitulation was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March.

In 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Smith v. Allwright, struck down a Democratic Party of Texas rule that allowed only white voters to participate in Democratic primaries.

In 1946, Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, the Japanese commander held responsible for the Bataan Death March, was executed by firing squad outside Manila.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the Marshall Plan, designed to help European allies rebuild after World War II and resist communism.

In 1973, the first handheld portable telephone was demonstrated for reporters on a New York City street corner as Motorola executive Martin Cooper called Joel S. Engel of Bell Labs.

In 1990, jazz singer Sarah Vaughan died in suburban Los Angeles at age 66.

In 1996, Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski was arrested at his remote Montana cabin.

In 2005, a day after the death of Pope John Paul II, the body of the pontiff lay in state. Millions prayed and wept at services across the globe, as the Vatican prepared for the ritual-filled funeral and conclave that would choose a successor.

Today's Birthdays: Conservationist Dame Jane Goodall is 87. Actor William Gaunt is 84. Songwriter Jeff Barry is 83. Actor Eric Braeden is 80. Actor Marsha Mason is 79. Singer Wayne Newton is 79. Singer Tony Orlando is 77. Comedy writer Pat Proft is 74. Folkrock singer Richard Thompson is 72. Country musician Curtis Stone (Highway 101) is 71. Blues singer-guitarist John Mooney is 66. Rock musician Mick Mars (Motley Crue) is 65. Actor Alec Baldwin is 63. Actor David Hyde Pierce is 62. Rock singer John Thomas Griffith (Cowboy Mouth) is 61. Comedian-actor Eddie Murphy is 60. Rock singer-musician Mike Ness (Social Distortion) is 59. Rock singer Sebastian Bach is 53. Rock musician James MacDonough is 51. Olympic gold medal ski racer Picabo Street is 50. Actor Jennie Garth is 49. Actor Jamie Bamber is 48. Actor Adam Scott is 48. Christian rock musician Drew Shirley (Switchfoot) is 47. Comedian Aries Spears is 46. Actor Matthew Goode is 43. Actor Cobie Smulders is 39. Rockpop singer Leona Lewis is 36. Actor Amanda Bynes is 35. Actor-comedian Rachel Bloom is 34. Actor Hayley Kiyoko is 30. Rock musician Sam Kiszka (Greta Van Fleet) is 22.

# WORD ★Roundup

### Find and Circle...

Four relatives (four-letter min.) Four words starting and ending with B Three chess pieces Three seven-letter felines \_ in "Tron"

BLOB BULB / KING ROOK PAWN / PANTHER CHEETAH LEOPARD / JEFF Answers to Saturday's puzzle: SISTER MOTHER UNCLE AUNT / BLURB BLAB

W B R I D G E S R R L PAWNLHEEF GRJAHTFB BTTSEKL GLENI BUEASVRNN RBHPUNCLEGBD GCMOTHERROOK

represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

**SOLUTIONS** 

# **CLUES**

1 struggle clumsily (8)

2 "splashy" artist Jackson (7)

3 expressway (4)

4 oft-mocked hairstyle (6) 5 unethical businessperson (9)

6 orangy pink hue (6)

7 Paul McCartney's instrument (4)

PO OCK ND MU ON KE LM **BAR** RAC OU SS UDA

Today's Answers: 1. FLOUNDER 2. POLLOCK 3. PIKE 4. MULLET 5. BARRACUDA 6. SALMON 7. BASS

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