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BY LYNN JOHNSTON



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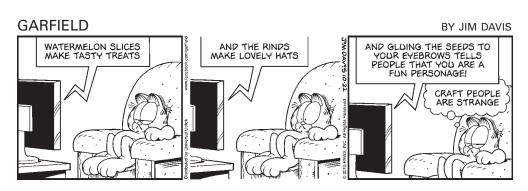






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BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE

DEAR ABBY Old habits die hard during woman's transition to a man

Dear Abby: My daughter has been in a lesbian relationship for 14 years. They recently took me to lunch and informed me that her partner, "Nicole," is in the process of transitioning to a male.

Nicole has now legally changed her name to "Nick" and has begun hormone treatments. They have been going to counseling for the past six months. Since Nick began the transition, I have seen him three times. Last week when I was visiting, I acci-

dentally called Nick by the wrong pronoun, "she" instead of "he" a couple of times. I was either immediately corrected or ignored until I realized I had used the wrong word. It hurt my feelings

After I got home I sent Nick a text to apologize and explain that it would take time for me to get used to saying "Nick" and referring to him as a he. I told them their correcting me bothered me. All weekend I could tell they were irritated with me, and I felt it was uncalled for.

What do you say? Am I wrong to feel hurt that they haven't given me a chance to get used to the new name? — Margaret In Mississippi

Dear Margaret: Adjusting to gender reassignment takes time for all concerned. As your letter illustrates, there are often more people involved than the individual making the change.

It seems only natural that you would need some time to adjust. However, it also seems to me that you are being overly sensitive about what happened. Your daughter and her partner were right to correct you for your slip



of the tongue, and it wasn't rude for them to do so. How else is a person to learn that a mistake was made if it isn't pointed out?

Dear Abby: Recently, 12 of us women from a retirement home in Dayton were having lunch at a local steakhouse. As we were digging in our purses for money and coupons, our server informed us that we did not owe anything for our bills! He said a gentleman who had been seated nearby had taken care of what we

owed. It seems the day we were there was his late mother's birthday.

There are some very good people in this world. We want him to know how very much we appreciated his kind gesture, and we have pledged to "pay it forward" whenever we can. — Blessed In Ohio

Dear Blessed: I don't know who originated this saying, but your letter certainly proves the truth of it: A good deed is like a pebble thrown into a pond; its ripples continue ever outward. Thank you for an upper of a letter.

Dear Abby: We were visiting our son and daughter-in-law last weekend. When I had to use the facilities downstairs, I told her the hand towel was missing. I had used that bathroom the day before. Guess what she said? "Well, that's what pants are for."

Abby, she wasn't joking! We see them only twice a year because we live five hours away. Could they be short of money or what? Should I send her some hand towels? - Wet Hands In Wisconsin

Dear Wet Hands: By all means. And don't forget a short, sweet note thanking her for her "hospitality."

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 22, 1915

Workmen for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company have practically completed the underground work on the telephone system for the North side. The three inch pipe has been laid, with the exception of a few feet near Jackson street, and within a few weeks the company will start to pull the cable through. Workmen are engaged now in digging holes for setting the poles along Jackson street to carry the cable. The underground system will run along Garden street, across the river and come out in the rear of the Christian church. This will dispense with all overhead wires in the neighborhood of the new county library building and the telephone company decided on the underground system in compliance with the wishes of the library board. The cable will contain 808 telephone wires for the convenience of the residents of the North side who had previously complained of the inadequacy of the service.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 22, 1965

Federal money has been approved to an and design a soil and moisture research

of the \$425,000 laboratory "a surprising last minute victory." The area served by the laboratory suffered large soil losses in last winter's heavy rainfall and resulting floods. The laboratory will conduct studies of soil and water conservation needs. Agricultural research service officials have stated that the Pendleton facility would be an important step in developing effective field practices that can be readily adopted by farmers in the Northwest.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 22, 1990

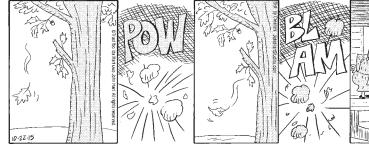
A stolen car loaded with juveniles was the target of a high-speed chase early Tuesday morning that started in Pendleton and ended about 150 miles away at Farewell Bend State Park near the Oregon-Idaho border. Six juveniles were taken into custody by the Oregon State Police at about 3:30 a.m. A Pendleton police officer spotted the 1986 Ford Tempo in Pendleton and identified it as being stolen from the Connell, Wash., area before beginning the pursuit in the Eastgate area onto Interstate 84. At Baker, the state police put down a spike strip, used for puncturing car tires, but were unable to stop the vehicle. Another spike strip was used near the state park, and th was apprehended, said Pendleton Police chief Ed Taber. According to the state police, three of the juveniles are from Kennewick, Wash., two are from Richland, Wash., and one is from La Grande.







THE WIZARD OF ID



BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART

GO TC WORK

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laboratory at Pendleton that will serve Oregon, Washington and Idaho dryland grain producing areas. Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., called approval by the House Wednesday of \$45,000 for planning and architectural design

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 295th day of 2015. There are 70 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

On October 22, 1962, in a nationally broadcast address, President John F. Kennedy revealed the presence of Soviet-built missile bases under construction in Cuba and announced a quarantine of all offensive military equipment being shipped to the Communist island nation.

On this date:

In 1746, Princeton University was first chartered as the College of New Jersey.

In 1797, French balloonist Andre-Jacques Garnerin made the first parachute descent. landing safely from a height of about 3,000 feet over Paris.

In 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first constitutionally elected president of

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the Republic of Texas. In 1883, the original Metropolitan Opera House in New York held its grand opening with a performance

of Gounod's "Faust." In 1915, Israeli statesman Yitzhak Shamir was born in Ruzinoy, Poland, in present-day Belarus.

Republican In **1928**, presidential nominee Herbert Hoover spoke of the "American system of rugged individualism" in a speech at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed into law sweeping tax-overhaul legislation.

In 1991, the European Community and the European Free Trade Association concluded a landmark accord to create a free trade zone of 19 nations by 1993.

Today's Birthdays: Black Panthers co-founder Bobby Seale is 79. Actor Christopher Lloyd is 77. Actor Jeff Goldblum is 63. Actor Luis Guzman is 58. Actor-comedian Bob Odenkirk is 53. Olympic gold medal figure skater Brian Boitano is 52. Christian singer TobyMac is 51. Singer-songwriter John Wesley Harding is 50. Comedian Carlos Mencia is 48. Reggae rapper Shaggy is 47. Movie director Spike Jonze is 46. MLB player Ichiro Suzuki is 42. Actor Jesse Tyler Ferguson is 40. Christian rock singer-musician Jon Foreman (Switchfoot) is 39. Rock musician Zac Hanson (Hanson) is 30. Actor Jonathan Lipnicki

is 25. Thought for Today: "A person often meets his destiny on the road he took to avoid it." — Jean de La Fontaine, French poet (1621-1695).

BY DANA SIMPSON

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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN









We will have to exchange tips. I do tha allows Iargely our magic

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

