OUT OF THE VAULT

Long hair defense leads to pink slip

First Amendment rights aside, sometimes speaking your mind has consequences. A Hermiston man paid the price in April 1972 when his wife took to the opinion page in defense of personal freedom, pitting independent thought against conservative Eastern Oregon values.

Rocky Hays, 23, had worked for Jerry Myers on his Butter Creek farm for 18 months, and his employer was more than satisfied with his job performance. Myers said Hays had come to work for him with little experience, but learned fast. But on April 2, 1972, a letter to the editor in the East Oregonian by Hays' wife, Kathy, rubbed Myers the wrong way, and a shocked Hays was given his

walking papers as a result.

Kathy Hays, an honor student at Hermiston High School and 27 credit hours away from a degree in education from the University of Oregon, penned a defense of long hair after reading two submissions to the EO extolling the short haircuts worn by Future Farmers of America members at a recent convention in Pendleton, arguing that "short hair sometimes means nothing more than the antiquated parental prejudices forced on young people."

"Ask an FFA member what goes on at FFA conventions," Kathy wrote. "The answer would probably curl your eyebrows. My husband is now a 23-year-old farmer and he knows those conventions ain't tame!"

Myers took offense to her inference that "kids at FFA raised hell," though he agreed that "boys will be boys" when they're away from home. "I didn't know the attitude behind the letter," the conservative farmer said. "They have the new

liberal — super ecology — outlook."

Myers did give Hays \$200 severance pay, and said that with his skills and ability to learn quickly, he shouldn't have any trouble finding another job.

Pendleton attorney Dennis Hachler said Hays likely had no legal recourse, as his firing didn't fall under the Civil Rights Act of 1873. "There is no constitutional right to work for a man," Hachler said.

DEAR ABBY

Husband says he's not cheating with online relationships

Dear Abby: My 14-year-old daughter caught her father, my husband, emailing and texting other women. He has been doing it for months.

He says he went on dating sites because he was unhappy in our marriage and needed attention and to feel desirable. He claims he only emailed and texted these women discussing relationship troubles, no sex

I'm furious he was so careless that our daughter found the emails (in one he stated his sex drive was very high and asked how her sex drive was). I am devastated that he would do this to our family. He says he didn't think it was cheating because it was only online and sex wasn't discussed. Please advise. **Furious In The South**

Dear Furious: Your husband isn't being honest. At the very least there WAS "sex talk" as soon as he used that three-letter word in his emails/texts to the women on the dating sites. You two are overdue for a visit to a marriage and family therapist to determine if the damage your husband has done to

100 Years Ago

From the East Oregonian

March 10-11, 1918

shield, Harry Myrick Saturday evening

did not see the flagpole at the intersec-

tion of Court and Thompson streets and

his car hit the pole head-on with such

force that the pole was broken squarely

off of its concrete base. The car was

damaged considerably and Mr. Myrick

lost one tooth. Witnesses of the accident

state that he was not driving more than

10 miles an hour. It was raining hard at

the time and, as he went to turn from

Thompson into Court, he leaned over to

look up the street, thereby not noticing the flagpole, though the warning lights

Half-blinded by the rain on his wind-



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

his relationship with you and his daughter can be repaired. Please do not wait to schedule an appointment.

Dear Abby: My ex-wife and I were together for five years (married for two). While she was with me I supported her financially and put her through college. She left me a year ago. I was the one who filed for divorce.

After she left, I gave her half the money in my savings account to help her while she was trying to land on her feet. She has found a job now, but struggles to pay bills.

Recently, she called and asked me to "lend" her money to help with her power bill. I refused. While I understand that she's no longer my financial responsibility, I still feel compelled to help her. What can I do to prevent her from putting me in an awkward situation (I have since moved on to a new relationship) without having to be a complete jerk? — Nice Guy In Texas

Dear Nice Guy: As you accurately put it, your ex-wife is no longer your responsibility. After she walked out on you, you did the right thing in filing for divorce. You are acting like you feel guilty for doing so. By paying for her education and enabling her to support herself, you were more than generous. The surest way to prevent yourself from being hit on for money would be to respond with a firm and final NO.

Dear Abby: I'm a 9-year-old girl and my mom doesn't spend a lot of quality time with me. What should I tell her to get her to spend time with me? – **Needs Time In Florida**

Dear Needs Time: What a sad letter. Not knowing why your mother isn't giving you enough quality time, I can only suggest that you tell her you need more of her and hope she hears how important your message is.

Dear Readers: Once again, this is my annual reminder to those of you who live where daylight saving time is observed: Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour tonight at bedtime. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. tomorrow. It's a ritual I love because it signals the coming of spring, with longer, brighter days and warmer weather.

DAYS GONE BY

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 10-11, 1968

Blue Mountain Community College and the city of Pendleton today shared the honor of having a national wrestling champion. Eddie Wells, who learned his wrestling under Guy Delamarter, coach at Pendleton High School, and who went on to BMCC under Don Phillips, coach of the Timberwolves, captured the National Junior College Athletic Association title in the 137-pound class Saturday at Worthington, Minn. It was the first time in history either the Round-Up City or BMCC could boast of a champion in the mat game. Wells also became one of 16 NJCAA wrestlers to qualify for the Olympic Tryouts adequately handle traffic growth.

at Ames, Iowa May 9-11. 25 Years Ago

From the East Oregonian March 10-11, 1993

Union Pacific Railroad will spend more than \$100 million over the next decade to "double track" about 50 miles of line through the Blue Mountains. The project to add a second track parallel to the existing line will begin later this year near Meacham, Hilgard and Telocaset, said Art Schoener, the company's executive vice president of operations. Work will continue beyond the year 2002, he said. The new line will be done in lieu of building a tunnel. The company recently completed a feasibility study of a 7- to 10-mile tunnel and decided it wouldn't

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell's assistant, Thomas Watson, heard Bell say over his experimental telephone: "Mr. Watson — come here — I want to see you" from the next room of Bell's Boston laboratory.

On this date:

were burning

In 1496, Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the Western Hemisphere as he left Hispaniola for Spain.

1785. Thomas In Jefferson was appointed America's minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

In 1848, the U.S. Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexican-American War.

In 1933, a magnitude 6.4 earthquake centered off Long Beach, California, resulted in 120 deaths.

In 1948, the body of the anti-Communist foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, Jan Masaryk, was found in the garden of Czernin Palace in Prague.

In 1959, the Tennessee Williams play "Sweet Bird of Youth," starring Paul Newman and Geraldine Page, opened at Broadway's Martin Beck Theatre.

In 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis, Tennessee (on his 41st birthday) to assassinating civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. (Ray later repudiated that plea, maintaining his innocence until his death.)

In 1973, the Pink Flovd album "The Dark Side of the Moon" was first released in the U.S. by Capitol Records (the British release came nearly two weeks later).

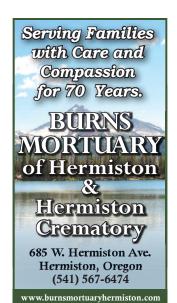
In 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, who was the Soviet Union's leader for 13 months, died at age 73; he was succeeded by Mikhail Gorbachev.

pop singer In 1988, Andy Gibb died in Oxford, England, at age 30 of heart inflammation.

In 1993, Dr. David Gunn was shot to death outside a Pensacola, Florida, abortion clinic. (Shooter Michael Griffin is serving a life sentence.)

In 2003, shortly before the start of the Iraq war, Natalie Maines, lead singer of the Dixie Chicks, told a London audience: "Just so you know... we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas." (Maines later apologized for the phrasing of her remark.)

Today's Birthdays: Talk show host Ralph Emery is 85. Bluegrass/country singer-musician Norman Blake is 80. Actor Chuck Norris is 78. Playwright David Rabe is 78. Singer Dean Torrence (Jan and Dean) is 78. Actress Katharine Houghton (Film: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?") is 76. Actor Richard Gant is 74. Rock Scholz musician Tom (Boston) is 71. Former Cana-



dian Prime Minister Kim Campbell is 71. TV personality/businesswoman Barbara Corcoran (TV: "Shark Tank") is 69. Actress Aloma Wright is 68. Blues musician Ronnie Earl (Ronnie Earl and the Broadcasters) is 65. Producer-director-writer Paul Haggis is 65. Alt-country/ rock musician Gary Louris is 63. Actress Shannon Tweed is 61. Pop/jazz singer Jeanie Bryson is 60. Actress Sharon Stone is 60. Rock musician Gail Greenwood is 58. Magician Lance Burton is 58. Movie producer Scott Gardenhour is 57. Actress Jasmine Guy is 56. Rock musician Jeff Ament (Pearl Jam) is 55. Music producer Rick Rubin is 55. Britain's Prince Edward is 54. Rock singer Edie Brickell is 52. Actor Stephen Mailer is 52. Actor Philip Anthony-Rodriguez is 50. Actress Paget Brewster is 49. Actor Jon

Hamm is 47. Rapper-producer Timbaland is 46. Actor Cristian de la Fuente is 44. Rock musician Jerry Horton (Papa Roach) is 43. Actor Jeff Branson is 41. Singer Robin Thicke is 41. Actress Bree Turner is 41. Olympic gold medal gymnast Shannon Miller is 41. Contemporary Christian singer Michael Barnes (Red) is 39. Actor Edi Gathegi is 39. Rock musician Matt Asti (MGMT) is 38. Actor Thomas Middleditch is 36. Country singer Carrie Underwood is 35. Actress Olivia Wilde is 34. Rhythmand-blues singer Emeli Sande is 31. Country singer Rachel Reinert is 29. Actress Emily Osment is 26.

Thought for Today: "Show me a man who claims he is objective and I'll show you a man with illusions." - Henry R. Luce, American magazine publisher (1898-

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WORD ★Roundup

Find and Circle...

CLUES

Five facial expressions ablaFour six-letter relatives Two Florida cities "Rat Pack" member (first/last name) Two three-letter trees

WOLHER FATHER COUSIN / ORLANDO MIAMI / DEAN MARTIN / ELM OAK $\underline{\ominus}$ Wishels to Saturday's puzzle: GRIMACE FROWN SMIRK SMILE GRIN / SISTER

Q L M A R T I N J O C MIAMIEKNR F J S C X W Z L M NAAMOGE EVHMTRI E F H Z L M RYKRCEYEOD SGCOUSINROAK

7 LITTLE W©RDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS

1 1958 Grant & Loren rom-com (9) 2 semi-solid cheese (7) 3 buttermilk dressing (5) 4 Nathan Fillion TV show (6) 5 having two parts (6) 6 throw high in the air (4) **7** where the star waits (7)



Today's Answers: 1. HOUSEBOAT 2. COTTAGE 3. RANCH 4. CASTLE 5. DUPLEX 6. LOFT 7. TRAILER

ODDS & ENDS

Police: Runaway zebra killed by car in Phoenix suburb

CHANDLER. Ariz. (AP) — Police say a zebra was killed when a number of the animals broke out of the grounds of an Arizona festival and were wandering on a nearby road.

The accident Wednesday morning occurred near the grounds

of the Chandler Ostrich Festival in a suburb of Phoenix. Chandler police Sgt.

Daniel Mejia says the SUV driver was taken to a hospital with minor The Ostrich Festival,

which will be held this weekend, attracts hundreds of thousands of people. Activities include ostrich races and ostrich-themed activities and a parade.





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