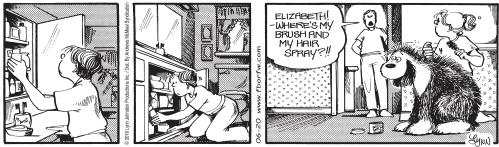
COFFEE BREAK









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DEAR ABBY Daughter plays second fiddle to brother with grandchild

Dear Abby: My mother has always had a horrible habit of making plans and canceling at the last minute. When I make plans with her, she invariably cancels the day of. Lately she has started making me feel guilty for not coming around more.

I lost my license two years ago, so I can't drive, and I work full time. She has no job and several vehicles. I'm not saying she doesn't have things going on, but I can't help but feel she's just going

through the motions and making it seem like she cares.

My younger brother had a baby girl last year, and Mom constantly has her or is trying to get her. To top it off, my brother lives in the same town I do. It makes me feel invisible.

I know when parents say they don't have a favorite child, they are lying through their teeth, but this is blatant. I'm in my 30s and shouldn't still be feeling like this. Please help. I feel like my parents would be better off with one less child to make fake plans with. - Invisible in Ohio

Dear Invisible: Whether your brother is the favored child, I can't opine. However, it makes no sense that your mother would guilt you for not seeing her more often and then stand you up when you try.

Because you feel slighted, tell her how hurtful it is. If the situation doesn't improve, plan fewer visits with her and concentrate on spending your time with people who do make you feel appreciated and loved.

Dear Abby: I have been friends with a guy, "Derrick," since high school. He



recently confided that for the last few years of his marriage he has been involved in an on-again, offagain affair.

He also told me that for most of his marriage his wife has been putting him down, blaming him for all their problems, constantly accusing him of cheating (they have been married far longer than the affair has been going on) and not letting him see his friends. Abby, I have witnessed some of her behavior myself, and it explains why he

seemed to drop off the earth after he signed his marriage certificate.

I don't know how to help him. He has tried to get his wife to agree to marriage counseling, but she refuses. He has young children, and he's afraid that if he tries to divorce her, she'll make sure he never sees them again.

She has spent years wearing him down and won. He's no longer the outgoing, happy person I used to know. He was always ready to help anyone who needed him, and I want to return the favor. How? - Supportive Friend in Vermont

Dear Friend: Suggest to your friend that because his wife refuses to go to marriage counseling does not mean he shouldn't go for individual counseling without her. If he does, it may be life-changing for him in a positive way because he may be able to reconnect with the person he was before he entered his emotionally abusive marriage. I can't promise his future will be problem-free after that, but he will be stronger and more able to cope with whatever his wife (or ex-wife) throws his way.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 20, 1919

Charles J. Russell of Pendleton has been chosen as one of the 42 members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps of the O.A.C. regiment and left Corvallis last night to attend the annual six weeks encampment at the Presidio, beginning Saturday, June 21, and extending until August 1. The encampment is an annual affair and is attended by members of the Reserve Officers Training Crops units in every land-grant college in the west.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 20, 1969

The Senate Judiciary Committee took no action Wednesday on the nomination of Judge John F. Kilkenny to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Sen. Hiram Fong, R-Hawaii, requested the postponement. An aide of Fong's office confirmed the request, but said, "We have nothing against Kilkenny. We think he's a good man." Fong had said earlier he would object to all further nominations to the court until a judge from Hawaii was nominated.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 20, 1994

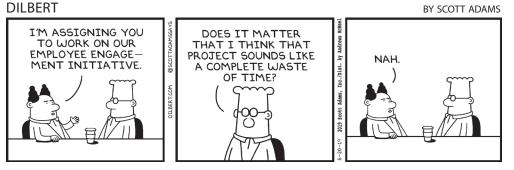
Denele DeCius of Pendleton tap danced her way to the Miss Umatilla County title on Saturday. She also scored highest in her interview. Twenty-year-old DeCius will represent the area in the Miss Oregon Pageant at Seaside in July 1995. She also received a \$1,100 scholarship and crown. Andrea Beaty, 17, of Umatilla, received \$650 as first runner-up. Maisie Smith, 19, finished second runner-up for \$350 and also earned the Director's Award for congeniality.

BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE MARLENE WASN'T SUPPOSED

TODAY IN HISTORY





THE WIZARD OF ID



On June 20, 1921, U.S. Rep. Alice Mary Robertson, R-Okla., became the first woman to preside over a session of the House of Representatives.

Congress In 1782, approved the Great Seal of the United States, featuring the emblem of the bald eagle.

In 1863, West Virginia became the 35th state.

In 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Massachusetts, found Lizzie Borden not guilty of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

In 1943. race-related rioting erupted in Detroit; federal troops were sent in two days later to quell the violence that resulted in more than 30 deaths.

In 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted and was sentenced to five years in prison. (Ali's conviction was ultimately overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court).

In 1975, Steven Spiel-

berg's shark thriller "Jaws," starring Roy Scheider. Robert Shaw and Richard Dreyfuss (not to mention a mechanical shark nicknamed "Bruce") was released by Universal Pictures.

In 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously upheld a New York City law making it illegal for private clubs with more than 400 members to exclude women and minorities.

In 1990, South African black nationalist Nelson Mandela and his wife, Winnie. arrived in New York City for a ticker-tape parade in their honor as they began an eight-city U.S. tour.

In 1994, O.J. Simpson pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles to the killings of his ex-wife, Nicole, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. Former airman Dean Allen Mellberg went on a shooting rampage at Fairchild Air Force Base near Spokane, Washington, killing four people and wounding 22 others before being

killed by a military police sharpshooter.

In 2001, Houston resident Andrea Yates drowned her five children in the familv bathtub, then called police. (Yates was later convicted of murder, but had her conviction overturned; she was acquitted by reason of insanity in a retrial.)

Today's **Birthdays**: Actress Olympia Dukakis is 88. Singer Anne Murray is 74. TV personality Bob Vila is 73. Rhythm and blues singer Lionel Richie is 70. Actor John Goodman is 67. Actress Nicole Kidman is 52. Movie director Robert Rodriguez is 51. Rock musician Jeordie White (AKA Twiggy Ramirez) is 48. Actresssinger Alisan Porter is 38. Actress Dreama Walker is 33. Actress Maria Lark is 22.

Thought for Today: "The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order." — Alfred North Whitehead, English philosopher and mathematician (1861-1947).

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I'M HITTING THE POOL WITH THE GUYS TODAY.

GOOD

IDEA!



MAYBE WE SHOULD JOIN

YOU, WHERE DID YOU PUT MY

SPEEDO AND YOUR THONG?



BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN BY DANA SIMPSON Hey, mom, the rainbow orb will be here soon. I'll be off to the unicorn family reunion! I'm all packed! I did a load of socks so I'd have enough. 6-20 You did HON! OUR KID DID Have fun! LAUNDRY AUNDRY!! Um.. yeah OH HAP DAY!))@ nda miss when the unicorns nd the rainbow orb would ave been the surprising bit.

