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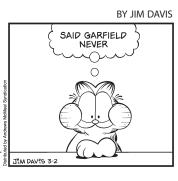
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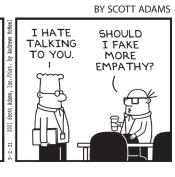


























DEAR ABBY

'Helpful' husband is caught twice with younger women

Dear Abby: I have been married for 26 years. Five years ago, my husband gave a young lady \$5,000 through credit card charges over a six-month period. We are not wealthy. When I found the charges in our credit report, he took a second job to pay it off.

I don't think their relationship was sexual because he is impotent. It was hurtful. While he was taking this young lady shopping, he told me he was at work.

Recently, I (accidentally) caught him going to another young lady's apartment to help her with things like hanging a TV. I don't care if he helps people. What I do care about is his sneaking around to do it. I have tried talking to him about why he feels he needs to sneak. He has no answer. What makes men sneak? — Deceived in Kentucky

Dear Deceived: Your husband may fear your disapproval of his relationships however platonic they may be — with these younger women. What makes people of both genders sneak, by the way, is usually a sense

Dear Abby: My boyfriend, my 33-yearold son, his girlfriend and their 4-year-old son all live with me. They are expecting their second child. I own the home and pay all the bills (utilities, phone, food, etc.).

The problem is, my kids don't like my boyfriend. His grandkids call me Grandma, so I would like my grandkids to call him Grandpa. My son and his girlfriend won't allow their son to do it. They insist on calling him by his first name.

I asked for a compromise and to call him Uncle. They refuse and say he didn't "earn"

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that name. I said it's just teaching the children to respect their elders. When I grew up and when I raised my son, we called older people Aunty and Uncle. I'm not sure what to do because we all live in the same house, and I would like all of us to get along. — Wishing For Respect in Hawaii

Dear Wishing: You may have taught your son to respect his elders when he was growing up, but it appears he has had a serious

memory lapse. Shame on him. Because you foot all of the bills for the roof over his and his family's heads as well as the food in their mouths, remind him that you are the head of that household, and you will not have anyone with whom you are involved disrespected. As it stands, you and your boyfriend are being disrespected, so as head of the household, please assert yourself.

Dear Abby: Our son, "Justin," is getting married. He told his dad the other day that his fiancee would like for my husband to go with Justin to his salon to get his hair cut and beard trimmed for the wedding. My husband is upset about it because he feels his soon-to-be daughter-in-law is implying that his haircut isn't good enough. As the wife and future mother-in-law, I'm unsure how to handle this situation. Help, please. -Grooming Groom's Dad in Georgia

Dear G.G.D.I.G.: Try to get your offended spouse to laugh about it. Point out that everyone looks better with a fresh haircut and a trim. Even you and me. Most people want to spruce up and make themselves more presentable for a special event. Why should your husband be any different?

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 2, 1921

Original settlers of this district who paid the double minimum fee of \$2.50 per acre to the government for their lands may receive a refund of \$1.25 in the near future according to information received by Major Lee Moorhouse. At the time the Northern Pacific Railroad was built into this country the government gave them a charter giving them every odd section of land for 25 miles on either side of the lines of the road. Before the road was built the company secured all the land in this district and as a result it was sold to settlers for \$2.50. When the line of the road was settled it was found that a number of settlers were living outside the 25 mile limit of the railroad company and are now entitled to a refund of \$1.25 per acre from the government. The matter has been in the courts for a long term of years and is nearing settlement. Major Moorhouse stated that the time for filing claims to the refund was near at hand.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 2, 1971

Move the Umatilla County Boys Ranch out of the Helix school district, asks a petition to the Umatilla County Court signed by about 100 Helix area residents. A counter petition, signed by all but nine of the 62 students at Griswold High School, Helix, asks that the boys ranch stay right where it is. Boys at the ranch, which is located a few miles east of Helix, attend classes at Griswold. The first petition says the boys need more professional

counseling than is available at Griswold, they need industrial arts courses which Griswold doesn't have and they disrupt classes with offensive language and undisciplined behavior. The petition also alleges thefts and vandalism have increased at area farms since the boys ranch moved in 2-1/2 years ago. Jim Epley, director of the county juvenile department, says this isn't true, that only three such incidents have occurred for which the boys at the ranch have been responsible.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 2, 1996

When Hewlett-Packard Co. wants to talk about computers, where does it turn for advice? Bill Varady's sixth-grade class at Hermiston's Sunset Elementary School. The students are among a handful of children from Oregon to Singapore helping Hewlett-Packard field test a tiny computer that gives students wireless contact with the Internet. The company donated 20 of the "palmtops," valued at \$20,000, and other equipment to do market esearch. The palmtops, known as the H-l 100LX, have just about everything a normal computer does, but it's packed into the size and shape of a checkbook. To connect to the Internet, students sit in a circle, with their computers in view of a computer server in the middle of the room. Using a beam of infrared light, they log onto the Internet through the server. Sunset was chosen through its participation in an Earth and Sea Investigators Program, which also used computers for research. Hermiston far outpaces most districts in its use of computer technology in the classroom.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On March 2, 1932, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, which moved the date of the presidential inauguration from March 4 to January 20, was passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification.

In 1867, Howard University, a historically Black school of higher learning in Washington, D.C., was founded. Congress passed, over President Andrew Johnson's veto, the first of four Reconstruction Acts.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans

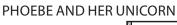
were granted U.S. citizenship as President Woodrow Wilson signed the Jones-Shafroth Act.

In 1943, the three-day Battle of the Bismarck Sea began in the southwest Pacific during World War II; U.S. and Australian warplanes were able to inflict heavy damage on an Imperial Japanese convoy.

In 1985, the government approved a screening test for AIDS that detected antibodies to the virus, allowing possibly contaminated blood to be excluded from the blood supply

In 1995, the Internet search engine website Yahoo! was incorporated by founders Jerry Yang and David

Today's Birthdays: Former Soviet President and Nobel peace laureate Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 90. Actor Cassie Yates is 70. Actor Laraine Newman is 69. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 59. Actor Daniel Craig is 53. Actor Rebel Wilson is 41. Singer-rapper-actor Becky G is 24.













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