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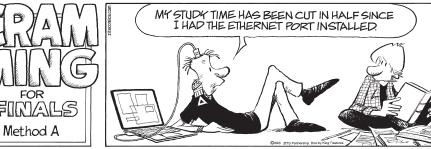












DEAR ABBY

Man's tattoos draw fire from disapproving wife

Dear Abby: My tattoos are destroying my marriage, and I just don't understand why. I'm a 56-yearold elementary art teacher and the father of three grown children. Since I was young, I have loved the artistic expression of tattoos, and I always envisioned having them, lots of them.

It had been about 10 years since my last one, but I decided to get another one. Telling my wife about wanting another one was awful. My wife of 28 years hates tattoos. We

have terrible arguments every time I get one. I have covered my entire upper body. (Other than my hands, none of them are visible while I'm wearing my work clothes.) I love them.

I just returned home with roses tattooed on my hands, and my wife is ready to leave me. She says I have gone too far with all my ink. I'm a responsible and respectful person. I don't drink, smoke, gamble or have any destructive vices. I'm highly regarded as a leader and role model at my school.

Friends, colleagues — even strangers compliment me on my tattoos. However, you would think my tattoos and I are the devil in my wife's eyes. Am I the problem, or is her perception of tattoos the issue? Please, any advice would be greatly accepted. I can't understand her stance on this. — Art in Las

Dear Art: It is your body, and you have the right to do what you want with it. While not everyone is a fan of body art, I assume that you had tattoos before you and your wife married. It is possible that over the years, when you told your wife you were getting more, knowing her



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feelings about it, it came across to her as disrespectful of her feelings. As you have acquired more and more, it may have felt to her like one insult piled on another.

Having never spoken with your wife, I can't guess her reason for talking about leaving you, but it's important you ask why those roses were the last straw. (Am I correct in assuming there's no place else on your "canvas" that hasn't been illustrated?)

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married 20-plus years. His mother has never liked me. I have never done anything to her or her husband.

My father-in-law passed away two years back, and my mother-in-law is older. If something happens to her, how am I supposed to react? I know I have to be there for my husband. My husband and I get along wonderfully, but at the same time, I would feel like a hypocrite if I went to her funeral. We haven't spoken in over a year.

Other family members have repeated things she has said about me as well as my family. I put up with her behavior for years. I only quit talking to her or going around her a year ago. — Hates Hypocrisy in Michigan

Dear Hates: Funerals are for the living. Do not succumb to the temptation to use your mother-in-law's as a platform to demonstrate your dislike of her. Attend the funeral and comfort your husband, who likely will be hurting and need your support. And when you do, above all, refrain from humming, "Ding, Dong, the Witch is Dead."

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago April 13, 1921

That a trainload of farmers from the Middle West may be expected to pay Oregon a visit during July with the intention of buying land and settling is the information carried in a letter that has been received at the office of the Commercial Association from the secretary of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. An interesting itinerary is being arranged for the visitors, and the Pendleton organization has been asked to assist in the work. Owing to the diversity of interests that Umatilla county has to offer for farmers in the way of wheat land, fruit land and irrigated land, an effort will be made to secure a share of the immigrants for this county.

50 Years Ago April 13, 1971

A boarding home request will be considered again when the Pendleton Planning Commission meets in the council chambers at 4 p.m. Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones operate the boarding home at 704 S. Main St., for former patients of Eastern Oregon Hospital and Training Center. They applied Anderson said.

earlier for permission to increase the number of boarders at the halfway house from six to 11. A petition opposing the location of the halfway house was presented at last Tuesday's Pendleton City Council meeting. Fear was expressed that residents of the house might harm children.

25 Years Ago April 13, 1996

Third grader Jessica Royal knows the President of the United States is a busy man. But that didn't stop the 9-year-old Lincoln Elementary School student from penning Bill Clinton a letter and sending it to his White House address. "I told him I wanted to become President," said Royal. "I asked him to write back and give me some tips." The next thing you know Royal found herself toting to school a personal, decidedly presidential, reply. Royal's third grade teacher, Andrea Anderson, had hear Royal say she was writing Clinton a letter. Still, it surprised her when she showed up for class with a personal reply for a Thursday morning show-and-tell session. "She stood and read the whole thing

TODAY IN HISTORY

On April 13, 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born in Shadwell in the Virginia Colony.

In 1861, at the start of the Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina fell to Confederate forces.

In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was incorporated in New York. (The original museum opened in 1872.)

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first Black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award for his performance in "Lilies of the Field."

In 1992, the Great

Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River. "The Bridges of Madison County," a romance novel by Robert James Waller, was published by Warner Books.

In 1997, Tiger Woods became the youngest person to win the Masters Tournament and the first player of partly African heritage to claim a major golf title.

In 1999, right-to-die advocate Dr. Jack Kevorkian was sentenced in Pontiac, Michigan, to 10 to 25 years in prison for second-degree murder in the lethal injection of a Lou Gehrig's disease patient. (Kevorkian ended up serving eight years.)

In 2005, a defiant Eric Rudolph pleaded guilty to carrying out the deadly bombing at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and three other attacks in back-to-back court appearances in Birmingham, Alabama, and Atlanta.

In 2015, a federal judge in Washington sentenced former Blackwater security guard Nicholas Slatten to life in prison and three others to 30-year terms for their roles in a 2007 shooting in Baghdad's Nisoor Square that killed 14 Iraqi civilians and

wounded 17 others. Today's Birthdays: Singer Al Green is 75. Actor Ron Perlman is 71. Bandleader/rock musician Max Weinberg is 70. Actor Saundra Santiago is 64. Actor Page Hannah is 57. Reggae singer Capleton is 54. Singer Lou Bega is 46. Actor-producer Glenn Howerton is 45. Actor Kyle Howard is 43. Actor Kelli Giddish is 41. Actor Courtney Peldon is 40. Pop singer Nellie McKay is 39.

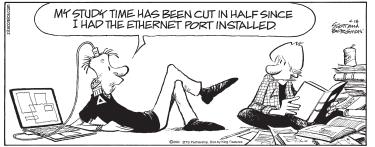
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