**DEAR ABBY** 

# Niece still hasn't paid back loan for legal bill

**DEAR ABBY:** Several years ago, my adult niece, with whom I am very close, found herself in some legal difficulties and needed an attorney. At the time, due to some medical issues, she wasn't working and could not afford the attorney's retainer, so I offered to lend her the money. I told her she could repay me once she began working again.

Nine months later she sent me a check for \$500 and, two months after that, another one for \$500. The retainer was \$2,600. My niece has been steadily employed for the last two years, yet I have received no further payment. I regret that I didn't set up a formal repayment plan, but I never dreamed she'd default

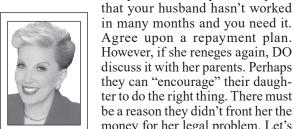
Her mother told me she is saving up to buy a house and, apparently, she has money to spend on friends and others. I never told her she still owes you and, when you do, explain parents that I loaned her the money, and I have no idea if she ever did, although I assume she hasn't. I'm

torn between approaching my niece to remind her that the loan has not yet been repaid and risk damaging the relationship we have, or suck it up and accept that I'll never see the money.

Because of the pandemic, my husband has been out of work for many months. While we are not desperate, the money she owes me could be put to good use. Please advise. —

GOOD DEED IN THE MIDWEST **DEAR GOOD DEED:** Meet with or

contact your niece to ask her for the money



**PHILLIPS** ADVICE

in many months and you need it. Agree upon a repayment plan. However, if she reneges again, DO discuss it with her parents. Perhaps they can "encourage" their daughter to do the right thing. There must be a reason they didn't front her the money for her legal problem. Let's hope it wasn't because she stiffed them, too.

DEAR ABBY: A female relative wants to have a child. She is 30.

**CLUES** 

However, her significant other of six years hasn't proposed. She feels her biological clock is ticking — loudly. What would you suggest family advise her to do?

I feel that a woman who wants a child should have one if she can afford to, regardless of whether or not she's married. But I understand her preferring to be married first. Time is running out on the likelihood of developing a new relationship this late in the process. What's a girl to do? — WONDER-ING IN OHIO

**DEAR WONDERING:** The "girl" should ask her boyfriend of six years if he wants to be married to her. If the answer is yes, and he wants to be a father, her problem will be solved. However, if the answer is no — and she can afford it — she should proceed on her path to motherhood without him. Someone may come into her life later who would love to be a husband and a dad. And, if not, she will have fulfilled her biological imperative.

#### DAYS GONE BY

### 100 years ago — 1922

That lovers of the heather and Scotch abound in Umatilla county was made plainly evident Saturday night when individuals of Scotch extraction to the number of about 200 gathered at the Eagle-Woodman hall for a banquet, a program of songs and readings, and a dance, in the honor of the Burns anniversary. The crowd that attended was gathered from practically every selection of the county, Helix and Adams being particularly well represented. At the banquet, which was preceded by the rendition of Burns' "Address to Haggis," given by Mr. Southland, the dishes were those that have made Scotch cooks famous. Will M. Peterson read an essay on "Our National Bard." In the course of his remarks he suggested that the Caledonian picnics which before the war were held annually at Athena be revived. "I never knew what Scotch whiskey was like until I attended the first Caledonian picnic," Peterson said in his address. The suggestion was warmly received by

#### 50 years ago — 1972

Look in your garbage can. Is it filled with glass bottles, tin cans, newspapers and envelopes with stamps? Then your trash can be recycled. Young women in Elnor Alkio's last period Home Economics class at Pendleton High School are learning how to recycle trash this week. Helping Mrs. Alkio are women from the Youngs' Study Group, part of the Umatilla County Home Extension unit. "During January the Youngs'

Study Group had ecology for a topic. It was on what a homemaker can do for ecology," said Mrs. Alkio. "The women wanted to do something to make other people more aware, so I suggested they work with one of my home ec classes." The students learned to wrap used newspapers together to form fireplace logs, and stamps to be recycled were given to the county extension office to be sent to a factory which removes the dye. The dye is used again.

#### 25 years ago — 1997

Imagine the city ran out of cash. No more Abes. No more Georges. How would employees be paid? And how would they, in turn, pay the local grocer, gas station attendant or plumber? That was the scenario in Pendleton in 1933, when the city was reeling from the Great Depression. The problem of paying employees became so desperate that the City Council voted to print its own money - scrip - to remedy the situation. Today some of that scrip belongs to local collector Gene Walts, who has 25-cent and 50-cent pieces and \$1 bills. He still needs the final \$5 denomination to complete his set. The city of Pendleton began issuing its scrip notes sometime after March 1933. The scrip was used around town for goods and services, and later in the year the merchants could bring the scrip to the city treasurer's office to redeem the notes for regular U.S. currency. A total of 10,230 pieces of scrip were issued at a value of \$13,450. If the same amount was issued today, it would be worth \$163,030.

#### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

In 1919, the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which launched Prohibition, was certified by Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk.

In 1929, The Seeing Eye, a New Jersey-based school which trains guide dogs to assist the blind, was incorporated by Dorothy Harrison Eustis and Morris Frank.

In 1936, the first inductees of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, New York.

In 1963, the first charter members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio (they were enshrined when the Hall opened in September 1963). Poet Robert Frost died in Boston at age 88.

In 1964, Stanley Kubrick's nuclear war satire "Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" premiered in New York, Toronto and London.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan announced in a nationally broadcast message that he and Vice President George H.W. Bush would seek reelection in the fall.

In 1995, the San Francisco 49ers became the first team in NFL history to win five Super Bowl titles, beating the San Diego Chargers, 49-26, in Super Bowl XXIX.

In 1998, a bomb rocked an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Alabama, killing security guard Robert Sanderson and critically injuring nurse Emily Lyons. (The bomber, Eric Rudolph, was captured in May 2003 and is serving a life sentence.)

In 2002, in his first State of the Union address, President George W. Bush said terrorists were still threatening America

and he warned of "an axis of evil" consisting of North Korea, Iran and Iraq.

In 2007, Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro was euthanized because of medical complications eight months after his gruesome breakdown at the Preakness.

In 2020, a charter flight evacuating 195 Americans, including diplomats and their families, left the Chinese city of Wuhan, the epicenter of the new viral outbreak; they would undergo three days of testing and monitoring at a California military base. World health officials expressed concern that the virus was starting to spread between people outside China.

Today's Birthdays: Feminist author Germaine Greer is 83. Actor Katharine Ross is 82. Feminist author Robin Morgan is 81. Actor Tom Selleck is 77. R&B singer Bettye LaVette is 76. Actor Marc Singer is 74. Actor Ann Jillian is 72. Rock musician

Louie Perez (Los Lobos) is 69. R&B singer Charlie Wilson is 69. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 68. Actor Terry Kinney is 68. Country singer Irlene Mandrell is 66. Actor Diane Delano is 65. Actor Judy Norton (TV: "The Waltons") is 64. Rock musician Johnny Spampinato is 63. Olympic gold-medal diver Greg Louganis is 62. Rock musician David Baynton-Power (James) is 61. Rock musician Eddie Jackson (Queensryche) is 61. Actor Nicholas Turturro is 60. Rock singer-musician Roddy Frame (Aztec Camera) is 58. Actor-director Edward Burns is 54. Actor Sam Trammell is 53. Actor Heather Graham is 52. Former House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., is 52. Actor Sharif Atkins is 47. Actor Sara Gilbert is 47. Actor Kelly Packard is 47. Actor Justin Hartley is 45. Actor Sam Jaeger is 45. Writer and TV personality Jedediah Bila is 43. Actor Andrew Keegan is 43. Actor Jason James Richter is 42.

# 7 LITTLE W@RDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses  $\frac{1}{8}$ represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

**SOLUTIONS** 

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## 1 supporter (8) 2 gaseous envelopes (11) 3 spoke foolishly (9) 4 person who cracks the code (10) **5** covered in plumage (9) 6 unintelligible (10)

7 endured a storm (9)				
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05/1 4. DECIPHERER 5. FEATHERED 6. INCOHERENT 7. WEATHERED Today's Answers: 1. ADHERENT 2. ATMOSPHERES 3. BLATHERED

# WORD ★Roundup by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

Five words ending with GH Three eating utensils Three seven-letter birds

Three four-letter numbers Two aquatic mammals

y's puzzle: EXCEL EXACT EXPEL EXIST EXAM EXIT ROCKIES ANDES ALPS / AUTHOR LAWYER DOCTOR / HAPPY DAYS /

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