





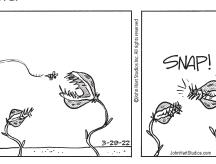
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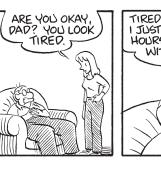




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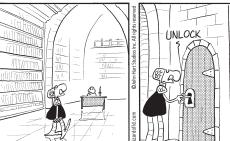
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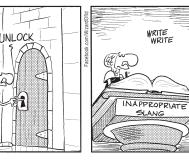






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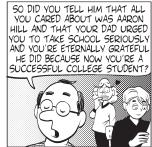


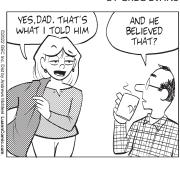


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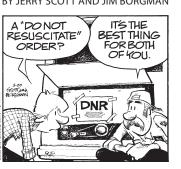
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#### **DEAR ABBY**

# Good deed for daughter has turned into disaster

**J**EANNE

PHILLIPS

ADVICE

Dear Abby: I have a daughter who married a less-than-capable provider because she was pregnant. She's sloppy, hasn't seen a dentist in five years, barely keeps her room clean and is very overweight. She lives with us now because she decided, finally, to go back to school.

We let her live in an apartment we own, and it became so full of roaches that we left it "asis." We are afraid to buy anything for them to live in again, because

they have no regard for their things, their child's things or any place they live. What should we do when she finally gets a job, if that happens? Do we move her someplace and let her mess it up? Must we take care of everything? — Raising A

Dear Raising: It's a hopeful sign that your daughter has finally decided to return to school. However, from your description, she may be severely depressed and need to be seen by a doctor.

Be a little more patient with your daughter and encourage her to follow through with her schooling. If the apartment still belongs to you, have it professionally cleaned and permit her to stay in it AS LONG AS IT IS KEPT CLEAN ENOUGH THAT THE BABY CAN SAFELY LIVE THERE.

Once she graduates and finds employment, give her enough money for a down payment or a deposit on an apartment. Look after your grandchild while she's

working if her husband is incapable of doing it. Most important, make sure your grandchild is properly cared for.

Dear Abby: When I was in high school, I stopped going by my short nickname and began going by my more formal given name. Everyone has been respectful, except my significant other. When he met me 20 years ago, the change had already occurred. Yet he continues to call

me by the nickname. He does it whenever he talks about me to others, and it often leads to my being in a social situation and having to correct people.

When I have tried to impress upon him how important this is to me, he says I am being "trivial." Abby, it is my NAME, and I think I have the right to be called what I want. I consider his refusal to understand how I feel a sign of disrespect. Am I wrong? — Call Me By My Name

Dear Call: No, you are not wrong. Your significant other should have made more of an effort to call you by your preferred name 20 years ago. Had he done that, by now it would have become habit. Correct him every time he uses the wrong

For many people, this would not be a deal-breaker. However, because it is for you, it may be time to consider replacing him with someone who wants to help you be the person you want to be, rather than put a stumbling block in your way.

#### DAYS GONE BY

#### 100 years ago — 1922

The Oregon cooperative hay growers' association will meet tonight at Hermiston to close up the business for the year. The association has a membership of 240 farmers in the western part of the county. This year 15,000 tons of alfalfa were handled by the organization. The price secured by the association this year was \$1 to \$3 a ton greater than that received by the Washington growers. Before the cooperative was formed the reverse was true, according to Fred Bennion, county agricultural agent. Members also saved 50 cents a ton on baling by contracting in large quantities.

### 50 years ago — 1972

A pair of life-long Umatilla County brothers figured heavily in the recent location of the Lamb-Weston potato processing plant in the Hermiston area. Randy Dorran, Helix, and a Cold Spring area rancher, is president of the Port of Umatilla. His younger brother, Russell, Hermiston, is manager of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative, and is an active member of the Hermiston Development Corp. that worked with the port in assisting Lamb-Weston in its location of the plant in the area. Tuesday's ground-breaking ceremony for the new

multi-million dollar plant was the second time each of the Dorran brothers have had a prominent part in establishing a major industry in the Hermiston area. Randy Dorran was president of Pendleton Grain Growers in 1961 when PGG established the \$1.25 million Feedville plant south of Hermiston.

# 25 years ago — 1997

In studies published today, scientists report on the composition and character of the dust and gas that are jetting out of Hale-Bopp as the comet hurtles away from sun in its long journey back into deep space. "Most of what we're seeing is water ice, but there are also plenty of hydrocarbons and organic molecules that you would need for the genesis of life," said Harold Weaver, a Johns Hopkins University astrophysicist. What makes Hale-Bopp different from other comets, Weaver said, is its size, 19 miles to 25 miles in diameter. A four-minute time exposure photograph was taken this week a few miles northwest of Pendleton, showing the Hale-Bopp comet above a windmill and trees, with stars streaking the sky. The comet will be in its prime viewing stage for the next two weeks, in good view in the northwest sky up to an hour after the end of twilight.

# TODAY IN HISTORY

On March 29, 2004, President George W. Bush welcomed seven former Soviet-bloc nations (Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Latvia and Estonia) into NATO during a White House ceremony.

In 1861, President Abraham Lincoln ordered plans for a relief expedition to sail to South Carolina's Fort Sumter, which was still in the hands of Union forces despite repeated demands by the Confederacy that it be turned over.

In 1867, Britain's Parliament passed, and Queen Victoria signed, the British North America Act creating the Dominion of Canada, which came into being the following July.

In 1943, World War II rationing of meat, fats and cheese began, limiting consumers to store purchases of an average of about two pounds a week for beef, pork, lamb and mutton using a coupon

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted in New York of conspiracy to commit espionage for the Soviet Union. (They were executed in June 1953.)

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In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians in the 1968 My Lai massacre. (Calley ended up serving three years un-

der house arrest.) A jury in Los Angeles recommended the death penalty for Charles Manson and three female followers for the 1969 Tate-La Bianca murders. (The sentences were commuted when the California state Supreme Court struck down the death penalty in 1972.)

In 1973, the last United States combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

In 1974, eight Ohio National Guardsmen were indicted on federal charges stemming from the shooting deaths of four students at Kent State University. (The charges

were later dismissed.)

# PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN







BY DANA SIMPSON

**BIG NATE** 







BY LINCOLN PEIRCE