

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: My mom is mad at me. I have been a little bad, but I always do the dishes, sweep, clear the table and take out the trash. Every day when school is finished, I wait for Mom to get off work so she can help me with my homework, but when I do, she gets upset, mad and frustrated and stops talking to me. She tells me to do it myself, but I don't know how to do some. She says I'm smart, but I don't know if I am. Please help me because I want my mom happy.

— *Stuck Student in North Carolina*

Dear Student: Of course you do. When your mother becomes frustrated while trying to assist with your homework, the reason may be she is stressed about something else after a hard day at work, or she doesn't know the solution. Please take that into consideration, because I have no doubt you are smart and want to please her.

When you get stuck, ask your teacher for help if he or she is available. If that isn't workable, another solution to your problem may be as simple as your mom finding someone who can tutor you in areas you are weak in. High school and college students do this (online for now) for extra money. You may

find help online with Khan Academy or other nonprofit educational organizations.

Dear Abby: A couple of our family members habitually come late to gatherings, making the grand entrance. They attended a wedding shower several years ago. They arrived late, ate the food and socialized minimally. Just as the gifts were being opened, the two of them got up, smiled and walked out. The rest of us were shocked.

Fifteen months later, the two attended a baby shower for the same relative. Again, they arrived late and barely interacted with anyone. When the meal was served, they ate and, just as the presents were about to be opened, they got up and left.

How do you deal with relatives who feel this is acceptable behavior? We were brought up to believe that if you attend an event, you stay for the event, rather than eat and run. If you can't stay, don't come. Are we older folk out of step with today's society?

— *Hates Rudeness in California*

Dear Hates Rudeness: The way to deal with this kind of rudeness is to point out to the offenders that what they are doing is disrespectful. And if it happens after the warning, omit them from the guest list.

Pipeline

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Members of the Northeast Oregon Water Association conceived three large pipelines to deliver Columbia River water, which would be temporarily offset by transferring existing municipal water rights in-stream for up to 30 years.

J.R. Cook, the water association's founder and director, said the goal is to eventually transition basin farms off groundwater entirely, instead using the aquifers as a "savings account" for drought.

"Now we have the infrastructure in the ground to be able to prove that we can do what we said we can do for the last 15 years," Cook said.

The West Project was the first to cross the finish line in 2020. It begins at a pump station on the Columbia River next to the Port of Morrow near Boardman. Water then flows through 8 miles of 72-inch fiberglass pipe into an open irrigation canal owned by the Columbia Improvement District.

The East Project was an even bigger challenge, Cook said. To meet state grant requirements, the project must be owned by a



Northeast Oregon Water Association

J.R. Cook, director of the Northeast Oregon Water Association, with a section of 68-inch East Project mainline pipe.

public entity. Farmers formed the East Improvement District, starting from scratch.

Meanwhile, the pipeline itself posed a multitude of logistical and regulatory hurdles. The pump station was previously owned by JSH Farms, which donated its federal Columbia River easement allowing crews to upgrade the system.

The station, about 12 miles northeast of Hermiston, was retrofitted with nine, 2,000-horsepower pumps ca-

pable of drawing 90,000 gallons of water per minute.

From there, the pipeline crosses underneath a state highway, a Union Pacific rail line and up a sheer basalt cliff to reach farmland stretching roughly 9 miles to the south.

Carl St. Hilaire, chairman of the East Improvement District and president of JSH Farms, said it was "truly a monumental effort in terms of engineering, funding, state and federal coordination and local admin-

istration."

"To see so many private landowners work together to ensure that this project did not fail when it could have so many times is truly a testament to the commitment of this basin to help each other and help prepare our future generations for success," St. Hilaire said.

With the East Project finished, just one pipeline remains to be built.

The Ordinance Project, formerly named the Central Project, was recently purchased by Umatilla County, which plans to supply water to farms and potential industrial developments at the former Umatilla Chemical Depot.

Cook said total investment in the projects over the last six years has exceeded \$116 million, including \$11 million in state funding and \$105 million from local landowners and food processors that will benefit from increased agricultural production.

"The region has put significant skin in the game to fix the state of Oregon's over-appropriation issues and build a pathway to long-term environmental improvement and economic sustainability," Cook said.

Housing

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Freddie Mac released a research report in July that attempted to identify how many accessory dwelling units there are, legal or not, by text-mining 600 million multiple listing service transactions from 1997 through 2019 and searching for the various terms used to describe ADUs.

The research found striking growth in accessory dwelling units, jumping from less than 2,000 listings per month in 1997 to more than 12,000 in 2018. Between 2009 and 2019, the number of first-time accessory dwelling unit listings averaged 8.6% in year-over-year growth. Those figures could also be set to jump as cities and states change codes in favor of accessory units.

As a percentage, accessory dwelling units remain a very small part of the overall housing stock. At its peak in 2019, the share of active for-sale listings with accessory dwelling units reached just 6.8%.

Many experts agree that granny flats and in-law suites will go only a small way toward easing America's affordable housing crisis, mostly because they are built at an individual level rather than on a large scale. In a way that's an advantage — their small impact doesn't alter neighborhood character or add a bunch of new cars to the roads. The flip side is they're more of a small tool in the box than a full-scale solution to affordability problems.

"There is so much promise and potential with ADUs, and yet the devil is in the details," said Sarah Brennan, a senior vice president managing Self-Help Federal Credit Union's market presence in Southern California. "Most homeowners don't have the experience necessary with architects, with managing a general contractor, with going to city hall to get permits."

Banks are often unfamiliar with accessory dwelling units and thus reluctant to lend at favorable interest rates.

Ebonée Green understands both sides of the accessory dwelling units issue. She lives in Chicago and is an organizer with groups including Black Youth Project 100.

Green rents a garden unit, an attached accessory dwelling unit connected to a main dwelling, that sits partially underground, in the South Shore neighborhood. She describes it as a clean, well-decorated place where anyone would want to live.

But a decade ago, she was forced due to the recession to move to a less-than-desirable accessory dwelling unit in the Uptown area. She eventually discovered a leak in the foundation that caused the place to mildew and had trouble getting the landlord to fix it. The experience left her more cautious about why accessory dwelling units are affordable.

"My concern about ADUs is that they seem like such a great idea — and I work with affordable housing so anything that increases housing stock is great — but we have

to be careful because a lot of ADUs are affordable because they're not exactly legal," she said. "For every one you find that is nice like the one I'm in now, you'll find one that's really just a basement with a bathroom."

Green's roommate Reggie Tucker added: "There definitely needs to be oversight (of the accessory dwelling unit landlords). If there's no oversight it would be the wild, Wild West, and that brings its own set of problems."

Accessory dwelling unit advocates counter that allowing the units can help bring them up to code since more will be built legally. Green isn't against them, but she wants to be sure any accessory dwelling unit regulations are built with the tenant in mind as well as the owner.

"It's exciting because we get to open up housing stock, but what housing stock are we opening up?" Green said. "It still doesn't protect the city from the protections they need to keep for renters."

YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Madalyn Aslan*

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

★★★★★ DYNAMIC | ★★★★★ POSITIVE | ★★★★★ AVERAGE | ★★★★★ SO-SO | ★★★★★ DIFFICULT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 13, 2021: Magnetic, brave and hardworking, you're a powerhouse of energy. You hit the ball out of the park when young. This year, you're called upon to give your most yet. You succeed tremendously. If single, emotionally volatile as you are, it's difficult to stay in a relationship. This year, efficiency, clarity and propriety allow you to meet The One. If attached, individuality is still always essential. SCORPIO can figure you out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Old and poignant memories surface today. Past life regression might be useful to aid in understanding and accepting the present situation. A deep rapport with wild creatures and the spirit of wilderness areas prevails. Tonight: You feel like not talking or being alone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ After weeks of soul-searching, you come to realizations today concerning your wishes and goals. Friends are interested and want to help. A whole group might want to help as well. Romantic attachments can deepen into true love. Tonight: Online communications and networking.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Today highlights your sector of fame and fortune. You will yearn for success and greater recognition. Extensive study, career-related future travel or brainstorming sessions with respected associates are all significant factors in helping you move forward. Tonight: Celebrate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Important responsibilities need your attention. Maintain a positive mental outlook. Use diplomacy in all that you say or write. Efforts made today will bring professional advancement in the future. Tonight: It is especially important to be constructive in your focus.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Shared monies, an inheritance and other financial matters are a focus. Investigate and gather information today. You will feel like a detective. Awareness of past life recollections might give you a clue as to why. Tonight: Very intense dreams, which need recording.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Today highlights the future path of close relationships and teamwork of all kinds. Others will communicate their needs and make suggestions. Listen carefully. You will hear what you need to know concerning an important relationship. Tonight: Permit others to grow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Surroundings affect your health. Avoid people and places that make you feel unwell. Observe how New and Full Moons impact your vitality. Use a Moon calendar to determine which Moon signs mark times when you feel stronger. Tonight: You feel proud of yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Today draws kindness and empathy your way. Music and color can be powerful sources of inspiration. You encounter creative new ideas from others. You'll be able to spend more time with children or a favorite project. Tonight: A focus on joy and revelry.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Today you are more of a homebody than ever. Real estate transactions, interior decorating and online family gatherings are a focus. Keepsakes and reunions evoke a sentimental mood. A cycle of joy begins when you issue invitations. Tonight: The good times roll on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ A difficult co-worker can be a source of concern. There is an accent on community service, politics and charitable endeavors. A neighbor or sibling can contact you with a valuable invitation or suggestion. A favor is returned. Tonight: Relax with a very good, old friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Exercise careful judgment regarding a risky financial suggestion made by another. Explore financial opportunities and work on your budget. Budgeting for a special purchase is a consideration. Talk it over with an elderly female family member. Tonight: Get enough rest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Intuitive, empathic and congenial, you have a special ability to relieve the suffering and anxieties of others. This you do today. Love connections are tinted with tenderness. Nurture a promising relationship, in love or in business. Tonight: It is completely up to you.

COVID-19

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"Our residents got a fraction of the help that they needed," Suarez said at the White House briefing, adding that the city is "going to put the money to good use."

Under the relief package being crafted in House committees this week, every state and the District of Columbia would get at least \$500 million, but most of the money

going to states would be distributed based on their share of unemployed workers nationally.

Republican Gov. Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas said he objected to the plan's \$1.9 trillion price tag and the strategy of using jobs figures to guide the flow of money to

state and local governments.

"That's really a disincentive for economic growth and people working," Hutchinson told The Associated Press. "I said the only fair way to do it is to distribute money to the states on a per capita basis. That's fair, it's undisputable and I think, by and large, most governors un-

derstand that and want that."

Local governments would get \$130.2 billion, and tribal governments would get \$20 billion.

Congress provided \$150 billion in direct assistance to state and local governments in an earlier relief package signed into law in March.

DEATH NOTICES

Robbie Dianne Glass-Barlow
of La Pine, OR
May 10, 1948 - Feb 09, 2021
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OBITUARY



Deon Lee Murray

February 7, 1941 - January 24, 2021

In loving memory.

Deon passed away after two weeks in the hospital in Las Vegas.

He is survived by his wife Lynne, daughter Michele, grandsons Nathan, Casey, Gabriel, and Jacob and three great-grand children Kaylee, Bentley and Kayden. With Lynne's four grandchildren Rex Andrew, Catalina, Carson, and Caden they had a total of 8 grandchildren.

Deon was born in Carbondale, IL but lived in several states. He liked to tell the story of him being an emancipated minor. When he married Lynne they lived in Crescent Oregon and became snowbirds in the winter.

Deon was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church where for two years he organized a Gospel Jubilee. He founded the "Then Sings My Soul" radio broadcast.

We love you Deon and miss you.

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