

## DEAR ABBY

Write to Dear Abby online at [dearabby.com](http://dearabby.com) or by mail at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069



**Dear Abby:** My daughter was accepted at a college of her choice in Pennsylvania that offered loads of grant money. Our out-of-pocket is about \$6,000 if she gets a Stafford loan or works this summer to help with the \$4,500 that would be the loan. My husband is insisting on a community college, which she doesn't want to attend. He constantly cites the fact that our house is in foreclosure and that he owes money to the IRS for his business, which is why things can't be.

I think our children should be able to do things if they're workable. I encouraged them all through school to do their best and follow their dreams. My husband offered no assistance with homework or anything else. Any compliments they got for extracurricular involvement and excellent grades, he'd always say it was because of me — and rightly so, but it was also them.

Incidentally, our firstborn wanted to go to a particular college, but his father convinced him to go to the community college by promising he'd pay for it and get him a car. He never even taught the poor kid to drive. I offered professional driving lessons, but my son declined.

Now my husband is using the same tactics on my daughter. Should I send her to follow her dreams against his wishes? You can't stifle them forever.

— Encouraging mom in New York

**Dear Mom:** With the house in foreclosure and money owed to the IRS, your husband is right to be concerned. Sometimes the best-laid plans go awry because of circumstances beyond our

control, specifically the volatile economic climate we have been experiencing.

That said, I think you may be overdue to have a frank talk with your daughter about what she may have to do in order to supplement the grants being offered by the college of her choice. If she is willing to work over the summer and possibly beyond — and considers taking out a student loan of her own — she should be given the chance to live her dream.

**Dear Abby:** My husband and I have been together 15 years. We used to be inseparable. He was my best friend. Ever since our daughter was born nine years ago, we rarely spend time together. Most of his free time is spent in the basement doing wood-working; I spend my time upstairs or outside. I don't think he enjoys my company anymore.

I have told him this, and he says it's not intentional, and he loves me more now than ever. But it feels to me like we are growing apart, and I am very lonely. Because my daughter is who I spend most of my time with, she is the one who suffers my moods when I'm sad and upset with him. What can we do to be friends again instead of just parents?

— Missing It in Ohio

**Dear Missing:** Explain to your husband that you are lonely and need more of him than you have been getting since your daughter was born. Start exploring child care options and then schedule some adults-only date nights for just the two of you. This works for many other couples, and it may help the two of you renew some of the excitement that was there when you were child-free.

YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Madalyn Aslan*

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021:** Artsy, slow-moving and pragmatic, your smile lights up the room. This year, you present original ideas that you normally keep to yourself. Follow your instincts, and professional success will be yours. Due to your sensible approach to fiscal matters, you will be in good financial shape with money to spare. If single, don't make snap decisions about people you meet. If attached, be your partner's greatest cheerleader. CANCER softens you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

Take whatever time you need to clear up a communication snafu. Talk it through rather than text or email. It is never too corny to tell people you love how much they mean to you. Tonight: Play a board game.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

Household chores are overwhelming, but the faster you work, the sooner you move on to pleasantries. Exercise outside and create a healthy menu. Getting in tip-top shape will prepare you for professional challenges that lie ahead. Tonight: Follow your heart.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

Take a break from watching sports all afternoon. Spend the day outdoors and get a taste of the real thing. Join an amateur team or cheer one on. Work up a sweat with a hike or bike ride. Tonight: Family time.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

Track down cousins who can fill gaps in your family tree. Make your home more cheerful. A fresh coat of paint will do the trick. When you host a dinner party, the effort will have been worthwhile. Tonight: Cardio workout.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

Neighbors, siblings and relatives provide a respite from pressures in your work life. Now that warmer weather has arrived, a potluck meal or block party held outside can lay the foundation for a deeper connection. Tonight: Pay attention to a problem.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

Keep your eye on several vacation spots that have something for everyone. If your financial calculations are correct, you will be able to afford first-rate accommodations at a destination you can all enjoy. Tonight: Take back something you said.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

Don't fight the urge to spend a relaxing day without distractions. Putter around the house and take your time getting things done. Read a page-turning memoir about a celebrity you admire. Tonight: Prepare a family dinner with their favorite dishes.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

Take time away from social commitments and reflect on your next moves. Think about how to use innovative ideas to make a lasting impact at the workplace or an organization in which you are active. Tonight: Cuddle with someone you love.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

Get together with friends you haven't hung out with for some time. Share your deepest emotions with each other. Act as a sounding board for someone's problems. Brainstorm about a project that is starting to germinate. Tonight: Attempt Sunday's crossword puzzle.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

Count on friends and family to cut you some slack while you solve a work dilemma. Master the art of multitasking to keep up with various projects. A support system will ease your ability to move ahead. Tonight: Herbal tea.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

Satisfy your inquisitive mind with an in-person or online lecture. Meet with a close friend who has equally strong opinions and craves intellectual discussions. Whether you agree or disagree, you never take it personally. Tonight: Binge a sci-fi series.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

Explore an emotional reaction you had while talking to a family member. Talk to someone you love who is objective and nonjudgmental. Own up to what you said and deeply apologize. Hopefully they will accept and move on. Tonight: YouTube videos.

## Tires

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"We first had an interest in the automotive version of this technology, and were preparing to create a bicycle version but then learned that a bicycle version already existed that was co-invented by Calvin and two other NASA engineers," said Cole. "We were glad to hear that and immediately knew its potential."

Smart Tire is now fundraising for product development and is slated for sale in 2022. More than \$1.2 million has been raised so far. A Wefunder page allows anyone to contribute. The investors give Calvin credit for the company's success so far.

"Calvin has been amazing. He works very quickly and diligently," said Cole. "He was able to build our first bicycle prototype, METL, in no time, and we look forward to the next iteration."

The investors hope the technology can be applied to other uses too, and have plans to develop tires for cars, trucks and airplanes.

"The bike tire will be a launchpad for tackling the industry as a whole," said Young. "Replacing inflatable tires onto ground and air vehicles promises to have a huge impact on fuel efficiency and fleet reliability — and our goal is nothing less than revolutionizing the transportation sector."

Those big aspirations had modest beginnings in Bend, where his family settled after



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Bend native Calvin Young adapted the Mars Rover tires into an airless bicycle tire.

his father took an engineering job in Redmond with Precision Castparts Corporation.

Young attended Elk Meadow Elementary School and Cascade Middle School. He still has fond memories of riding bikes around Elk Meadow in the days when large meadows still existed there. Summers were spent creating bike parks with friends along the canal in Southwest Bend.

Growing up in Bend gave him unique perspectives and experiences that sent him on a twisted career trajectory that mixed education, travel and work.

"Though I had a late start as an engineer, I wouldn't trade it for any of the experiences I had along the way," he said.

Those experiences included math and science classes at Central Oregon Community College, liberal arts classes at Portland Community College

and then a degree in philosophy from Portland State University.

"I felt that it was important to have a well-rounded education, or maybe that was just my way of rationalizing the difficulty of picking a career path," said Young.

Degree in hand, Young decided to go to the birthplace of philosophy and spent four months cycling around Greece and Turkey, exploring ancient ruins and camping along the Mediterranean Sea. Then there was a stint in New York City working at a design studio.

"In New York, I realized that I wanted to do something bigger and more challenging," said Young. "So at 25 years old I decided to go back to school and become an engineer."

His interest in engineering actually started a few years earlier. While working at a coffee shop in Portland, he struck up

conversations with a frequent customer, William Winters, a self-employed mechanical engineer.

Winters introduced concepts of engineering, and those conversations planted a seed in Young to pursue the field as a career.

"We would stay late talking theoretical physics, philosophy, religion, politics, etc. and through those conversations, I was inspired by his knowledge and intuition," said Young.

"He never explicitly suggested that engineering was the best route for me, but through him, I realized that it was a powerful discipline that would ultimately give me the breadth of scientific and technical knowledge that I was looking for."

Young studied engineering back at Portland State, found his way to the labs of NASA and his eventual path to designing his bike tire. He even managed to wedge in work with Voltaic Systems, a solar panel company.

Young isn't quite sure what's next but hopes it will be something that can benefit humanity. Making a tire that gets more people out on their bikes is a start, he said. Or it could expand into designing tires that improve fuel efficiency, a step toward reducing carbon emissions.

"That is where I want to end up, doing something for the planet, for mankind," said Young. "That is how I think about things now."

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