

Bearded Youth Resents Ultimatum On Shaving

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I am almost 18 years old and I want to keep my beard. My mother says "Get rid of it or else." She can give me no other reason except that she doesn't like it.

Parents have the power to make kids do certain things. But do they have the right? Is a family a dictatorship where the kids have no liberties?

Many famous men have had beards and it didn't do them any harm. Take for example Lincoln, Shaw, Hemmingway, Mitch Miller and the Smith Brothers. Please don't tell me to wait until I am famous. This line is so worn-out I am sick of hearing it.

I admit I like my beard because it makes me different. So what's wrong with that? Must we all be Orwellian conformists? What would happen to progress if everybody did only what had been done before him? Help, please.—Mr. Z

Dear Mr. Z: I've seen a few bearded gentlemen who look very distinguished. But about 95 per cent of the fur-bearing males look as if they need a bath and some flea powder.

What is so special about the "individualism" of a beard? It doesn't take either brains or talent to grow hair. If this is the best you can do to stand out from the crowd I feel sorry for you. (P.S. How are you fixed for blades, Buddy Boy?)

Dear Ann Landers: Two years ago I fell in love. Shad was separated from his wife and asked me to marry him when he was legally free. I said yes.

Dec. 1 he got his divorce. I wanted a ring for Christmas but was disappointed. When I asked him to set a date he said, "New Year's Day." Then he changed it to "the end of January." I was all set when he asked me to postpone it until Valentine's Day because he didn't feel well. A week before Valentine's Day he said St. Patrick's Day would be great because his mother was Irish.

I was just about to phone the

family when he said we'd better wait until May because he has some bills he wants to get out of the way.

My birthday is next month and he knows I want a ring more than anything in the world, but instead he is giving me an expensive set of golf clubs. I'm getting frustrated and madder by the day. Please tell me what you think of all this. I am — NOT PERCOLATING

Dear Not: Get with it, Honey. This man doesn't want to marry you. He wants to play golf with you.

Dear Ann: I have a friend who must have a pipe line to another world and a full-time spy-system in this one. If there was a divorce on the moon she'd have the word first.

I like to know what is happening in town as well as the next person but I resent the way she begins every conversation with, "This is strictly between us. Promise me you won't breathe it to a soul!" Why does she make me promise I won't say anything when she tells half the town?

I consider this an attack on my integrity. Please tell me how to cope with the situation without losing her friendship. — HONOR BRIGHT

Dear Honor: "Promise you won't breathe a word" is a phrase used to heighten interest and make the person feel he's getting in on fresh dirt.

If you actually resent it, just say, "No, I don't promise." She will ignore your reservations and go ahead with her recital, regardless. It's the best fun she has and she wouldn't be deprived of it for the world!

Confidential to Background Against Me: Accept responsibility for yourself and quit passing the buck. If you don't like what you are then be something better. People can change if they have the will to do so.

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Farm Picket Bill Okayed

SALEM (UPI)—The Senate today passed 18-9 a bill which would restrict the right of farm employees to picket. The measure now goes to the House.

The bill would ban picketing except by regular farm employees. A regular employee is defined as one who has worked at least 15 days on the farm.

Sen. Lynn Newberry, R-Ashland, said the bill in no way restricted the rights of regular employees to bargain collectively, to strike or to picket.

Sen. Don Willner, D-Portland, said the bill put the "entire weight of state government in the scales against those least able to protect themselves—the migratory workers."

Willner said the bill would put restrictions in a single group which are not placed on any other groups.

Sen. Alfred Corbett, D-Portland, said he believed the bill was unconstitutional.

Sen. Walter Leth, R-Salem, said the weight of government was against the farmer at present because when a picket is at a farm the employment service is directed not to send migratory workers there.

Packy Receives Birthday Party

PORTLAND (UPI)—Packy, Portland's much-publicized elephant, celebrated his first birthday Sunday.

Some 8,000 persons visited the Portland Zoo during the weekend to wish the baby pachyderm a happy birthday.

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House OK's Reduced CD Budget

SALEM (UPI)—The House approved 32-27 a drastically reduced state civil defense budget after defeating by a narrow 31-29 vote a move to send it back to committee.

The vote came after almost 90 minutes of debate.

The budget is \$50,034. It would finance a three-man civil defense staff attached to the governor's office.

The governor had asked \$195,000 in general fund monies to finance a 20-man civil defense staff.

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Rep. Winton Hunt, R-Woodburn, almost succeeded in having the budget sent back to the Ways and Means Committee for reconsideration. He proposed that an alternate \$150,000 CD budget be enacted to provide an agency that would concentrate on leadership, communications and reorganization.

Several other Republicans joined Hunt's request. It was defeated 31-29 in an almost-party line vote.

Two Democrats, Jake Bennett and Ray Dooley of Portland, voted with the Republicans, but two Republicans who are members of the Ways and Means Committee, George Flitcraft, Klamath Falls,

and Stafford Hansell, Hermiston, voted with the Democrats.

Rep. Carrol B. Howe, R-Klamath Falls, was excused.

Rep. Beulah Hand, D-Milwaukie, who urged passage of the stripped-down budget, said "this budget will produce an adequate civil defense program at reduced cost."

The failure of the state CD agency during the Columbus Day storm was again cited as the measure was debated.

Voting against the cut-down budget were Reps. Attyeh, Bazett,

Bennett, Bonesteel, Branchfield, Cannon, Chappel, Chinnard, Crothers, Dellenback, Detering, Dickinson, Dooley, Elder, Gallagher, Hagun, Hoyt, Hunt, Jones, Lang, Maher, Meek, Montgomery, Ouderkirk, Packwood, Rogers, and Robert Smith.

There had been speculation before the House action that representatives might not approve the budget, and thus wipe out the state's civil defense agency.

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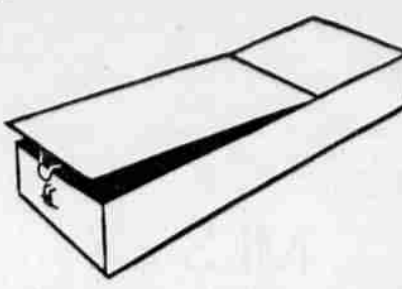
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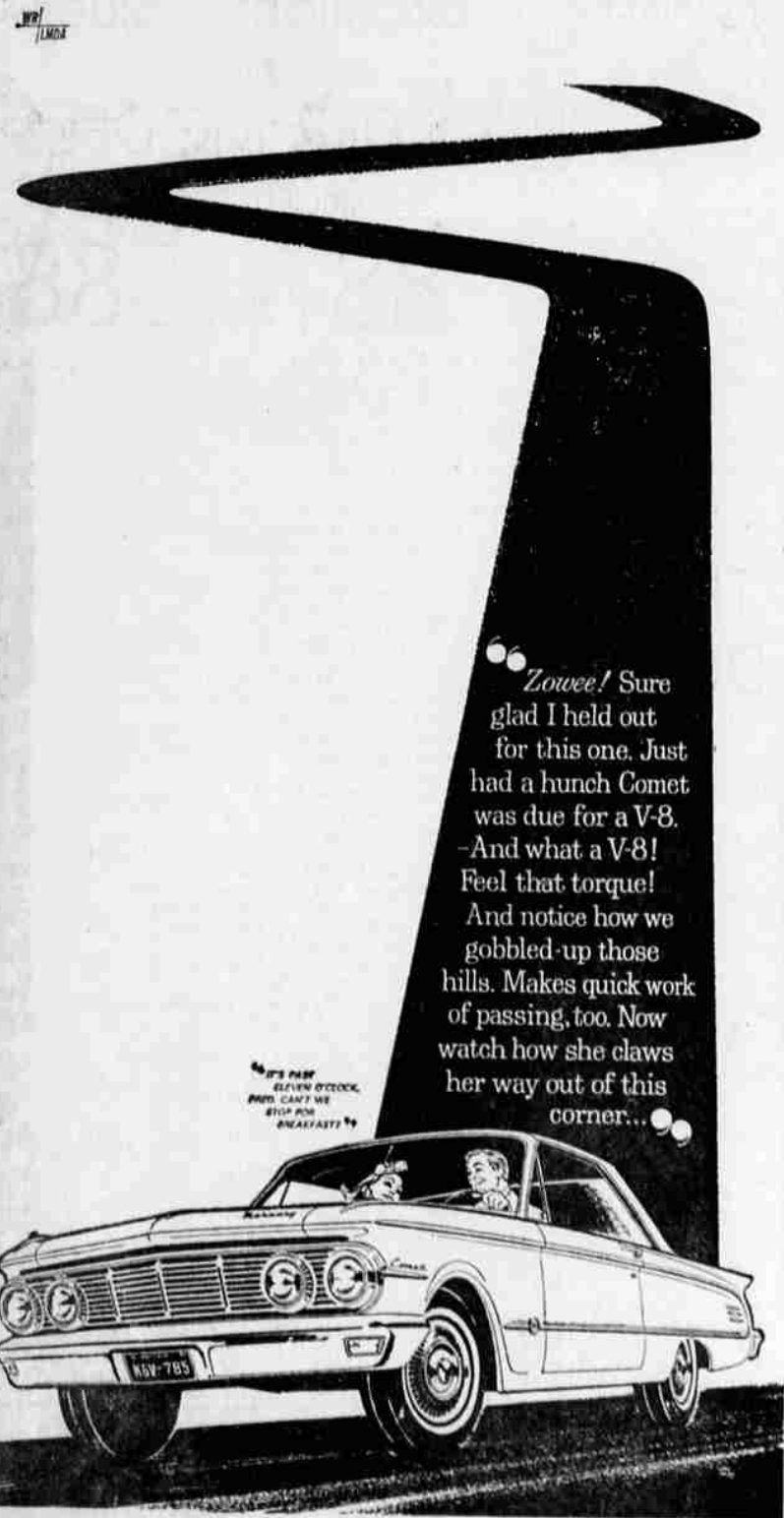
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