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DEAR ABBY Wife refuses to accept job as family's communicator

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Advice

Dear Abby: My husband is a nice guy, but he's not particularly good at planning ahead. This means that special events, holidays and birthdays often go unmarked because he doesn't remember in time to get something sent.

In my parents' marriage, all family communications fell to my mom. It was her job to send the Christmas cards, birthday gifts for nieces and nephews and to remember her mother and her mother-in-law on Mother's

Day. Our marriage is more egalitarian, and I don't want the job of communicator-in-chief.

My husband knows this and agrees that he should share some responsibility, but doesn't act on it, even after being reminded. I feel guilty when an important milestone in one of his parents' lives goes by and they receive no acknowledgment from our household. The source of my guilt is surely the nagging feeling that it's my job as the wife to make these connections and that I am judged when the things are not sent.

How do I let go of the guilt, or at least let my in-laws know I love them and their son is the one who is letting them down? I want absolution. - No Calendar Girl In California

Dear No Calendar Girl: Not everyone excels at every task. That's why there is division of labor in partnerships, including marriage. If you think you will look better after explaining to your in-laws that the reason

they haven't heard from the two of you is their son didn't remember, you are dreaming. Because you are better at planning ahead, deal with the chore. I'm sure he does things for you that are a pain in the neck (and even below). In this day of automation, sending "something" to relatives is practically a no-brainer. And it certainly beats feeling guilty because your husband isn't up to it.

Dear Abby: My parents are in their late 60s and suffer from multiple

lifestyle-related illnesses. Although they had every opportunity to make healthy changes, they chose not to. I live on the other side of the country, and I am busy with my career and family.

Ilove my parents and accept our relationship for what it is. However, I do not feel obligated to disrupt my life and upset my children to be with them as they die slow, painful deaths. If their illnesses were not directly related to their own poor choices, I might feel and behave differently toward them. Knowing it won't change their behavior, should I tell them why I won't be with them for what appears will be prolonged and terrible deaths? — Saddened By Their Choices

Dear Saddened: If your parents are as sick as you have indicated, they already feel terrible. I see nothing to be gained by adding emotional pain to their physical pain. Put aside your anger and find enough compassion to NOT say it unless asked directly.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 2, 1917

The war tax was brought home to tobacco users in Pendleton today. When the smoker of the five cent cigar showed up this morning to buy his after-breakfast smoke, he was confronted with signs announcing that all five cent cigars now sell at six cents. There is still margin enough left on 10 cent and two for a quarter goods so that dealers can afford to sell at the old prices. However, cigarette papers that formerly sold for five cents now sell for 10 and 10 cent tins of tobacco now sell for 12. Also all cigarettes have jumped in price. Local dealers were required this morning to invoice their stocks and pay war taxes on all of the tobacco on hand. The amount sent by the various stores of Pendleton to the government today ranged from \$15 up to \$300 or more.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 2, 1967

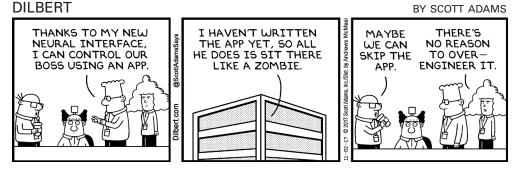
Minor pranks were the order of the night for Halloween among youngsters of Morrow County. Several pieces of heavy machinery were moved from lots onto side streets at Lexington and the fire department was called out when a bale of straw was set afire at the main intersection of town on Highway 74 about 8 p.m. Huge tires from a

farm machinery company were forced into a roadside telephone booth. At Ione a few windows were soaped and several trash cans were put in the middle of the street. Police Wednesday investigated a fight involving three Ione boys. A car was moved to the middle of Chase Street from a parking lot in downtown Heppner early Halloween and left locked. Water balloons were much in evidence among the teenagers in downtown Heppner and water fights were observed by police in Boardman.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 2, 1992

A Milton-Freewater man pleaded not guilty this morning to charges he set a fire that burned 325 acres of land in the Mill Creek area July 29. Although Judge Robert Abrams set a trial date of Dec. 15, it does not appear likely Lance Davis' case will go before a jury that soon. Robert Coblens withdrew this morning as Davis' attorney, and the case was handed to Chris Brauer of the public defender's office. The announcement was also made that Davis' attorney intends to use insanity as a defense to the charges of first-degree arson. Although a psychiatric evaluation of Davis has not yet been requested, one may soon be called for. Davis has reportedly told police he started the blaze, but officers say that was after he first tried to establish an alibi





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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 306th day of 2017. There are 59 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 2, 1947, Howard Hughes piloted his huge wooden flying boat, the Hughes H-4 Hercules (derisively dubbed the "Spruce Goose" by detractors), on its only flight, which lasted about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California.

On this date:

In 1795, the 11th president of the United States, James Knox Polk, was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

In 1865, the 29th president of the United States, Warren Gamaliel Harding, was born near Marion, Ohio.

1867, In Harper's Bazaar magazine was first published under the title 'Harper's Bazar.'

In 1889, North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states with the signing of proclamations by President Benjamin Harrison.

In 1917, British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour declaration issued а expressing support for a "national home" for the Jews in Palestine.

In 1936, the British Broadcasting Corp. inaugurated "high-definition" television service from Alexandra Palace in London.

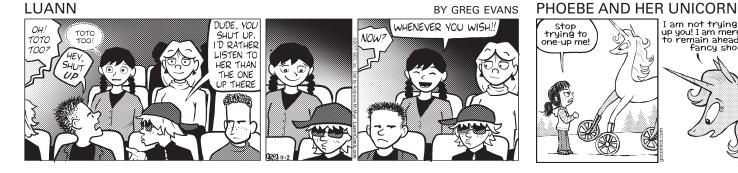
In 1948, President Harry S. Truman surprised the experts by winning a narrow upset over Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1950, playwright George Bernard Shaw, 94, died in Ayot St. Lawrence, Hertfordshire, England.

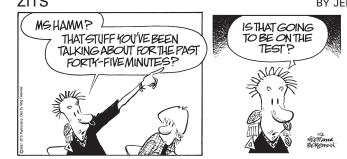
In 1976, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter became the first candidate from the Deep South since the Civil War to be elected president as he defeated incumbent Gerald R. Ford.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Jay Black (Jay and the Americans) is 79. Political commentator Patrick Buchanan is 79. Actress Stefanie Powers is 75. Author Shere(shehr)Hite is 75. Country-rock singer-songwriter J.D. Souther is 72. Actress Kate Linder is 70. Rock musician Carter Beauford (The Dave Matthews Band) is 60. Actor Peter Mullan is 58. Singer-songwriter k.d. lang is 56. Rock musician Bobby Dall (Poison) is 54. Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage is 53. Actor David Schwimmer is 51. Rhythm-and-blues singer Timothy Christian Riley (Tony Toni Tone) is 43. Rapper Nelly is 43.

Thought for Today: "If I have done any deed worthy of remembrance, that deed will be my monument. If not, no monument can preserve my memory." Agesilaus II, King of Sparta (c. 444-360 B.C.)



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