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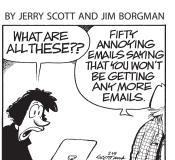
THE WIZARD OF ID











DEAR ABBY

One nice turn grows awkward when friend asks too much

Dear Abby: About a year ago, a good friend, "Beth," went through a violent tragedy that destroyed her family. My husband and I own a small waterfront property, so during the months following, I took Beth away for the weekend to hopefully allow her some healing and emotional recovery. She then asked me to go again and, when I couldn't go, asked if she could go with her friend (whom I had met but don't know well). She asked again to go with her new boyfriend.

I agreed to both of these trips, even though this is our private vacation home. We never rent it. No one has ever used it without us, not even family. Now she's asking again to use our place with her friend.

I feel like a heel to refuse if we're not using the place, but I'm starting to feel a little used. Is it OK for me to tell her no because I am uncomfortable with her repeated requests, or am I just a bad friend? **Taken Advantage Of?**

Dear T.A.O.: You have been generous to Beth. Unless you have explained it to her, she may not realize what a special favor you did her by letting her use your waterfront house. From what you have written, your friend appears to be getting on with her life, so if you decline now it shouldn't shatter her. To do so is not being a "bad friend."

Dear Abby: Please settle this between my sister and me. My sister carries about 25 credit cards in her purse. Recently she replaced the cardholder she keeps in her purse. I use an RFID wallet and purse,



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and I explained to her why I chose them. These products protect my identity from scammers. She says I'm being obsessive and worry too much. In today's world, you can't be too cautious. Abby, what are your thoughts on this? — **Protect**ing My Identity

Dear Protecting: I agree you can never be too security conscious. Why your sister would carry 25 credit cards with her at once is surprising, and I'm not sure

it's wise. If something should happen to her purse — Radio Frequency ID-blocking wallet or not — she would be up a creek. I hope she keeps copies of her cards and numbers in a separate, secure location in case she needs to cancel them.

Dear Abby: A woman I know has ALS, and I want to help. I write medical articles, so reading and explaining new research is a useful skill I have. She has told only a small number of friends that she has the condition, and I learned about it by accident.

It seems silly to me to keep pretending I don't know when everyone else around her does. When I showed her a summary of a research article on ALS, she said she didn't know why I was showing it to her. As long as I know anyway, I wish I could be let in on the secret so I can be helpful. Any ideas? - Helper in California

Dear Helper: Yes. You may be well intentioned, but you need to back off. When you put your foot in the door, it was shut firmly in your face. Now it's time to respect her privacy.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 18-19, 1919

With three citations for bravery, Captain Fred A. Lieuallen, medical corps of Portland, carries one of the most distinguished records of any army surgeon with the expeditionary forces. After he had escaped unscathed from the inferno that resulted in his citation by General Pershing, Captain Lieuallen, while dressing a wounded man in the field, was severely burned by a generous splash of the liquid contained in mustard gas shells. This liquid forms the deadly gas after evaporation. It splashed over his head, causing blindness for 19 days, loss of his hair and severe burns.

For 70 days he was treated in hospital, suffering agonizing pains and losing weight until he tipped the scales at barely 100 pounds. His eyesight and hair have been restored, and now he will rest in southern California.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 18-19, 1969

The head coaches of Hermiston High School's three major sports have been relieved of their coaching jobs as a result of school board action Monday. The three are Bob George, football; George DeLap, basketball; and Arnold Owens, baseball. The teaching contract for Owens, which expires this year, was not renewed. DeLap and George have two years remaining on their teaching contracts. In the past three seasons the Bulldog baseball team has won 15 and lost 25 games in Intermountain League competition, including the current season. DeLap's basketball teams in league play have won 12 and lost 23 in three years. George's football teams have won four and lost 16 in league competition and in 1967 he had a winless season.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 18-19, 1994

Teachers of English, physical education and music were among those affected by the Hermiston School District's announced layoff of 15 positions for next school year. The positions to be cut include six at the elementary level, four at the junior high, four at the high school and one distinct-wide special education position. Superintendent Jer Pratton and other district office staff met with affected teachers Thursday afternoon to explain why the budget cuts are necessary and how they were selected. The cuts, which total about \$448,000, represent the teaching staff's 4 percent share of coming cuts under Measure 5.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 19, 1968, the children's program "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," created by and starring Fred Rogers, made its network debut on National Educational Television, a forerunner of PBS, beginning a 31-season run.

In 1473, astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born in Torun, Poland.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr, accused of treason, was arrested in the Mississippi Territory. (Burr was acquitted at trial.)

In 1846, the Texas state government was formally installed in Austin, with J. Pinckney Henderson taking the oath of office as governor.

In 1881, Kansas prohib-

ited the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages.

In 1942, during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which paved the way for the relocation and internment of people of Japanese ancestry, including U.S.-born citizens. Imperial Japanese warplanes raided the Australian city of Darwin; at least 243 people were killed.

In 1986, the U.S. Senate approved the Genocide Convention, an international treaty outlawing "acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group,"

In 1997, Deng Xiaoping, the last of China's major Communist revolutionaries, died at age 92.

In 2008, an ailing Fidel Castro resigned the Cuban presidency after nearly a half-century in power; his brother Raul was later named to succeed him.

Today's **Birthdays:** Singer Smokey Robinson is 79. Rock musician Tony Iommi is 71. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is 60. Singer Seal is 56. Actress Jessica Tuck is 56. Actress Millie Bobby Brown is 15.

Thought for Today: "Look at everything as though you were seeing it for the first time or the last time. Then your time on earth will be filled with glory." — Betty Smith, American author (1896-1972)

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