Woman is hurt to be kept at arm's length by sister

Dear Abby: I have spent years trying to have a close relationship with my older sister, but it is clearly not a priority for her. We are very different people, but I was hoping our shared history and family bond would be enough for her to prioritize me and my son. We come from a very small family on both sides and, one day, we will be some of the few remaining family members.

I haven't heard from her in months during the pandemic, which has been hurtful. I'm a working single mother, trying to take care of my son during this dark time, and she hasn't bothered to check on us even once.

She once told me that the only things she cares about are her own son and her dogs. I don't understand how she can have such a loving heart for animals but no concern for her own family. She can be very selfish and has had no close girlfriends during her adulthood.

Growing up, she was jealous of me, but I thought things would be different after I struggled with a divorce and other life stress-

ors. I received no support from her during my divorce. In fact, she seemed to take my ex's side despite his having emotionally abused me for years. Should I expect that we will ever have a closer relationship or just accept that it won't happen? — Hurt in Alabama

Dear Hurt: If your description of your sister is accurate, she has drawn a tight circle around herself that she doesn't want breached. You stated that the two of you are

very different people, but on some level you haven't allowed yourself to accept what that means. You will be hurt less once you accept that your fantasy of closeness with her will never happen.

For whatever reasons, she isn't capable of giving you what you need. You will find the closeness you crave by developing

> stronger relationships with your friends. Sadly, for your sister, she won't give herself the gift of these important and rewarding kinds of experiences.

Dear Abby: I recently separated from my husband of 16 years. He is an alcoholic who refuses to seek help. He can't hold a job or help with household expenses when he does work.

We have been separated for five months, and he feels that I "owe"

him another chance. I gave him warning after warning for six years — and there was no change. I continue to tell him repeatedly that I have moved on and I'm tired. Things got so bad I eventually had a mental breakdown and had to seek professional help.

I'm currently in a new relationship, and I have never been so happy. My husband threatens this new man and calls him names. I'm in the process of filing for divorce, but he makes me feel I am obligated to give him the chance to make things right. Am I wrong for wanting to move on? — End Of My Rope in Nevada

Dear End: No, you are not! You have suffered enough, so do not backtrack. You are not obligated to give your alcoholic husband more time than you have already devoted. If you allow him to wear you down, there will only be more of what you have already experienced. (If you are even tempted, call your therapist!)

That he refuses to seek treatment speaks volumes. If you and the new man in your life feel threatened, file a police report.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 2, 1921

A year of fond hopes and bright possibilities was welcomed by Pendleton at 12 o'clock last night with varied welcomes extended by a populace that awaited the New Year's coming. Watch services in homes and churches and dancing parties entertained hundreds until the hand of time crossed 12 on the dial and ushered in the year 1921. Pendleton was happy and orderly. It was a Volsteadian New Year observance and the new year was welcomed with a sober and genuine greeting. Most of Pendleton realized the possibilities of the future and made resolutions to make the most of them. A big public dinner at noon was the outstanding feature of the Indians' observance of New Year's day. The Presbyterian Indians, who have been encamped for the holidays at Tutuilla church, enjoyed a roast of pork, jackrabbit stew and other delicacies today and also had services in the church. Last night at the midnight hour the natives in the style of their brothers in the city welcomed the new year with noise and jollification.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 2, 1971

Old man winter has moved in and clutched Eastern Oregon by the throat. Temperatures made a mad dash for the bottom, diving to 15 below at Tollgate, 12 below at Meacham and two below at Baker. Pendleton fared a little better with an overnight low of 14 downtown. The low at the Weather Service at the airport was 18. Highs are expected to peak at about 35 today and tomorrow with a low of 12-18 overnight. Skies are expected to remain fair, however. Despite the cold weather, sledding is great in the Blue Mountains. Sleds, saucers, inner tubes — anything that will slip across the snow is fun. But best of all, according to some, is a fast-moving sled on the slope at Emigrant State Park.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 2, 1996

A Umatilla trucker has been named a National Highway Hero for risking his life to save another. Shawn Dyke of Umatilla, who drives for North American Van Lines, and fellow trucker Vincent Carr of Pleasant Valley, N.Y., jumped in front of a freight train to save an unconscious man in a pickup. The accident occurred last September near Gallup, N.M. Dyke, 30, saw the pickup driver pass out, apparently from a seizure, just as the man drove up alongside his rig. Carr, driving for J.B. Hunt, was in a rig just behind Dyke. The pickup struck Dyke's truck, then crossed the median and came to rest on some railroad tracks just as a train was coming. Dyke and Carr stopped and ran to pull the man to safety. Reports say they were just five paces away when the train hit. The men were among six truckers honored as highway heroes by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. Even though he is based out of Umatilla, Dyke's career keeps him away from home sometimes for six months at a time. But he keeps in touch with his family, calling his mother, Darlene Asbell, every three to four days to check in.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 2, 1974, President Richard Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 miles an hour as a way of conserving gasoline in the face of an OPEC oil embargo. (The 55 mph limit was effectively phased out in 1987; federal speed limits

were abolished in 1995.) In 1811, Sen. Timothy In 1959, the Soviet Union launched its space probe Luna 1, the first man-made object to fly past the moon, its apparent intended target. In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts

Kennedy of Massachusetts launched his successful bid for the presidency.

In 1967, Republican Ronald Reagan took the oath of office as the new governor of California in a ceremony that took place in Sacramento shortly after midnight. match at Ibrox Stadium in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 1981, police in Sheffield, England, arrested Peter Sutcliffe, who confessed to being the "Yorkshire Ripper," the serial killer of 13 women.

In 1983, the original Broadway production of the musical "Annie" closed after a run of 2,377 performances. In 2007, the state funeral for former President Gerald R. Ford began with an elaborate service at Washington National Cathedral, then moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 2015, California began issuing driver's licenses to immigrants who were in the country illegally. Little Jimmy Dickens, a diminutive singer-songwriter who was the oldest cast member of the Grand Ole Opry, died at age 94.

Today's Birthdays: TV host Jack Hanna is 74. Actor Wendy Phillips is 69. Actor

7 LITTLE W©RDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combinations are be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

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Today's Answers: 1. DALI 2. PENCIL 3. HORSESHOE 4. WALRUS 5. TOOTHBRUSH 6. LAMPSHADE 7. IMPERIAL

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Pickering, a Federalist from Massachusetts, became the first member of the U.S. Senate to be censured after he'd improperly revealed the contents of an executive document.

In 1971, 66 people were killed in a pileup of spectators leaving a soccer Tia Carrere is 54. Actor Cuba Gooding Jr. is 53. Model Christy Turlington is 52. Actor Dax Shepard is 46. Actor Kate Bosworth is 38. Jazz singer-musician Trombone Shorty is 35. A P D X A U O O T I E J N W I E I G M D G U C G A X T N G C Y A N E R H C D R P K C O V E L N E

