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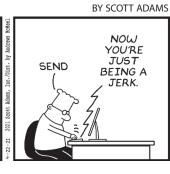




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LUANN TIFFANY'S THE MOST SELFISH PERSON I'VE EVER MET. SHE CARES *ZIP* ABOUT WHAT OTHERS WANT









DEAR ABBY

Stress of pandemic changes beloved sister's personality

Dear Abby: My sister and I are best friends. She has always been caring, empathetic and passionate about helping others. Now, however, COVID has turned her into a real piece of work.

Since the pandemic began, she has become increasingly selfish. She interrupts other people's conversations to talk about herself and complains nonstop about how COVID has ruined her life, as if the rest of us weren't experiencing this

She shouts hysterically at me when the Wi-Fi stops working and refuses to volunteer for the most basic household tasks. At first I tried to be patient because I understand it's a reaction to an incredibly stressful time in her life. However, after 10 monster months of this, I'm at my wits' end.

We live together, go to college together and share the same friends. How can I tolerate her self-centeredness until the pandemic is finally over? And what if this new version of her never goes away? — Irked in Idaho

Dear Irked: I wonder if the friends you share with your sister are having the same reaction as you are to being interrupted and having their conversations hijacked. If the answer is yes, a group intervention may jolt her back to reality and help her recognize how obnoxious it is.

As to the rest of your complaints about her behavior, the next time she comes screaming to you about the Wi-Fi failing, tell her you'll be glad to help if she agrees to pull her share of the workload around the apartment.

JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

It goes without saying that when you can make other living arrangements - perhaps in the fall — you find a roommate more compatible than your sister. If you do, your relationship with her may improve because you will be exposed to her less often.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have two children. We have been married for 14 years, the last six of which have been sexless and loveless. We tried counseling, and I have threatened divorce, but nothing has

changed.

After I finally realized that I couldn't change him, I changed myself. I started stepping out and having sexual relations with other men. He recently found out about my affairs, but hasn't said a word about it to me. I'm to the point that I wish he would confront me and divorce me, but he acts like nothing is wrong in our marriage! I'm confused. What do you recommend I do next? — Looking **Ahead in Kansas**

Dear Looking Ahead: It's time to decide what you want to happen. Do you want a divorce? Is the status quo acceptable to you? If it's the latter, do nothing different than what you have been doing. However, if it isn't, talk to your husband about what you are thinking.

You need to figure out why the change in your marriage happened and if it can be fixed. He may have become impotent or have someone he is seeing on the side. If it's possible to repair your marriage, counseling would be an option. However, if it's not, it might be healthier for both of you to talk to a lawyer and arrange an amicable divorce.

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago **April 22, 1921**

Articles for the formation the Oregon Co-operative Hay Growers Corporation were drawn up last night at a meeting in Hermiston ad signed by Arthur L. Larsen, Charles Powell, George Beddow, Adolf Skoubo, John-Campbell, Eli Winesett and Hawley Bean, directors of the Columbia Basin Hay Growers' Association which will be absorbed by the new organization. About 100 hay growers from Umatilla and Morrow counties are members of the Columbia Basin association and it is probably that the majority will join the new body. The pooling will be on the 100 percent basis. The farmers of the hay growing sections realize that the successful marketing of hay depends much on the local consumption and it will be the policy of the hay growers to encourage the feeding of hay in the county.

50 Years Ago April 22, 1971

Ukiah wants to incorporate as a city. The community, a pioneer settlement in southern

during the last few years with the completion of a modern water system and increased demand for recreational land. The Umatilla County Court said Wednesday that petitions asking for incorporation are being processed. Next will come a hearing, and then an election. Dates have not been set but are expected to fall within the next three months. Four other communities in the county remain unincorporated. They are Meacham, Rieth, Umapine and Mission.

25 Years Ago **April 22, 1996**

To Donald Freepons, Umatilla is the right place at the right time for a canola processing plant. Umatilla is centrally located to the Northwest's canola crop production and to markets that buy canola oil and related products, he said. Freepons, of Kennewick, has asked the Port of Umatilla for permission to seek grant funding for a business plan to build such a plant in the port district. He estimated the plant could be built for less than \$25 million. Port commissioners suggested he seek funds through Regional Strategies or

TODAY IN HISTORY

On April 22, 2005, Zacarias Moussaoui pleaded guilty in a federal courtroom outside Washington, D.C., to conspiring with the Sept. 11 hijackers to kill Americans. (Moussaoui is serving a life prison sentence.)

In 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

In 1898, with the United States and Spain on the verge of war, the U.S. Navy began blockading Cuban ports. Congress authorized creation of the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry, also known as the "Rough Riders."

In 1915, the first fullscale use of deadly chemicals in warfare took place as German forces unleashed chlorine gas against Allied troops at the start of the

Second Battle of Ypres in Belgium during World War I; thousands of soldiers are believed to have died.

In 1937, thousands of college students in New York City staged a "peace strike" opposing American entry into another possible world conflict.

In 1952, an atomic test in Nevada became the first nuclear explosion shown on live network television as a 31-kiloton bomb was dropped from a B-50 Superfortress.

In 1954, the publicly televised sessions of the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began.

In 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first "Earth Day."

In 1994, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, died at a New York hospital four days after suffering a stroke; he was 81.

In 2000, in a dramatic pre-dawn raid, armed immigration agents seized Elian Gonzalez, the Cuban boy at the center of a custody dispute, from his relatives' home in Miami; Elian was reunited with his father at Andrews Air Force Base near

Washington. In 2004, Army Ranger Pat Tillman, who'd traded in a multimillion-dollar NFL contract to serve in Afghanistan, was killed by friendly

fire; he was 27. Today's Birthdays: Actor Estelle Harris is 93. Actor Jack Nicholson is 84. Author Janet Evanovich is 78. Movie director John Waters is 75. Singer Peter Frampton is 71. Actor Sheryl Lee is 54. Rock musician Shavo Odadjian (System of a Down) is 47. Actor Michelle Ryan is

37. Actor Amber Heard is 35.

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