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BY JOHNNY HART I HATE MIRRORS.

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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

New living arrangement includes a proposition

Dear Abby: Six months into the pandemic I was furloughed, then laid off a few months later. Because of the loss of income, I could no longer afford my rent and was forced to move. It was tough finding anything affordable in the area. A good friend from college ("Josie") and her husband own a big home with a detached guest house, and offered me the opportunity to rent for next to nothing until I found a new job. I was super happy about it because we are very close friends from

Josie, her husband and I often BBO together and hang out watching movies. One night recently, Josie had to work late, and her husband and I had dinner and wine. We got pretty drunk, and I decided to turn in early. Before I went to bed, Josie's husband asked me to have a threesome. He said Josie was going to ask me, but she was nervous about it, so she chickened out. I think my jaw must have hit the ground. I didn't know what to say, so I told him I'd "think about it."

A week has passed and Josie hasn't mentioned anything about the threesome, but I'm scared to bring it up. I don't know if her husband was telling the truth. They may want a threesome, but I'm not into it. If I say "no" it might make things weird between us. What should I do? Should I ask Josie about it, or move out back home with my parents until I find a new job? — Not What I Bargained

Dear Not: The husband's drunken propo-

sition has already made things weird, but let it go — for now. I doubt this

JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

is something Josie is "too chicken" to ask you. If he raises the subject again, make it plain that you are not into threesomes and not to ask again. If he presses further, inform your old college chum, pack your bags and go to your parents'.

Dear Abby: My husband's daughter "Crystal" is married to "Jeremy," who is a racist. I know this because of comments he has

made over the past five years. At our only granddaughter's first birthday celebration, my husband and Jeremy got into a heated argument (a little politics, a little racism). Since we live out of state, we were supposed to stay with them, but we had to leave. Jeremy started screaming at my husband, calling him a pedophile and some other awful names.

Crystal is demanding an apology from us and refuses to communicate or send photos of the baby until he does. My husband feels that Crystal's mind is made up and she will defend her husband no matter what, so there's no point. I hate that we're at an impasse. She has cut me off as well. Do you have any suggestions? — Cut Off in the South

Dear Cut Off: Crystal, whose views on race seem to coincide with her husband's, has you sidelined already. When your husband craves contact with his daughter and his grandchild, he will hold his nose, reach out and offer to mend fences. Until that happens, listen to what he is telling you and stay out of this mess.

DAYS GONE BY

from the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago July 29, 1921

Besides being the oldest town in Umatilla County, Umatilla has another distinction that belongs here, and no sister town in the broad expanse of the county can take it away from her or hope to compete with her. This distinction is the best bathing beach in the Northwest. Only recently has the beach been capitalized for what it is worth, but now it is growing so rapidly in popularity that it promises to become one of the best places in the county to spend a pleasant holiday. The beach is not a long one, but it is sand, and the slope is gradual, and those two conditions are very necessary. Then the business men here have helped Mother Nature by anchoring a heavy scow just off the beach. There is a swing suspended from the top of the scow, and two springboards for those who enjoy diving.

50 Years Ago July 29, 1971

The 100,000-acre Boardman Industrial Park under lease to the Boeing Co. has several plus factors that would be required for its use as a space shuttle base, but a major minus on the site is its northern location comparison to other sites. On this score, sites closer to the equator would have an advantage, it was pointed out by a National Aeronautics and Space Administration team here Wednes-

day. Four of the six-member site inspection team from NASA and the Air Force spoke to Morrow County public officials and staff members of the Oregon Economic Development Division. It was significant in the Boardman meeting that the only visible "pitch" made to bring the space shuttle base to Boardman came from Gov. Tom McCall's office and the economic development division.

25 Years Ago July 29, 1996

It's back home. After 86 years in Portland, a basalt boulder that may be as many as 15,000 years old has been returned to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. A 60-ton crane from Shockman Brothers of Hermiston was used to place the 10-ton rock in its final resting place Saturday morning. It's now in the center of the Warriors Memorial adjacent to the tribal offices in Mission. The Wallula Stone is covered with petroglyphs. The CTUIR claimed the stone under the 1990 federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, which allows tribes to reclaim ancient artifacts that belonged to their ancestors. According to the tribal elders who examined the petroglyph in 1916, the stone was instrumental in promoting sacred rituals and served as a landmark for a gathering place of Columbia River tribes.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On July 29, 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, creating NASA.

In 1856, German composer Robert Schumann died in Endenich at age 46.

In 1890, artist Vincent van Gogh, 37, died of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auverssur-Oise, France.

In 1914, transcontinental telephone service in the U.S. became operational with the first test conversation between New York and San Francisco. Massachusetts' Cape Cod Canal, offering a shortcut across the base of the peninsula, was officially opened to shipping traffic.

In 1965, The Beatles' second feature film, "Help!," had its world premiere in London.

In 1967, an accidental rocket launch on the deck of the supercarrier USS Forrestal in the Gulf of Tonkin resulted in a fire and explosions that killed 134 servicemen. (Among the survivors was future Arizona senator John McCain, a U.S. Navy lieutenant commander who narrowly escaped with his

life.) In 1968, Pope Paul the Sixth reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's stance against artificial methods of birth control.

In 1974, singer Cass Elliot died in a London hotel room at age 32.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford became the first U.S. president to visit the site of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz in Poland.

In 1980, a state funeral was held in Cairo, Egypt, for the deposed Shah of Iran, who had died two days earlier at age 60.

In 1981, Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer in a glittering ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. (The couple

divorced in 1996.) In 1986, a federal jury in New York found that the National Football League had committed an antitrust violation against the rival United States Football League. But in a hollow victory for the USFL, the jury ordered the NFL to pay token damages of only

three dollars.

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