

DEAR ABBY

# Friend forced to play role in couple's melodrama

**Dear Abby:** I have two good friends who dated all through college until "Isaac" broke up with "Jen" in a very stressful and dramatic way. We were all living together in a house, and he broke up with her to date a girl he liked from his newspaper club. We used to host parties for the club, and the girls would openly flirt with him in front of Jen. During the mess of the breakup, I learned that Isaac had known for a while he wanted to end things with Jen, and stayed with her only because he wanted to have enough people for a nice student house.

Fast-forward three years: We are out of college, and I still live with Jen. Isaac relies on her for all his emotional needs and says she's his "best friend." She can't say no to him or distance herself because she's still hoping that "maybe" something could happen. Earlier

this year he told me that he was not planning on getting back together with her, but he's here almost every day, insisting on spending time with us.

It's frustrating since I feel Jen deserves more. She's very anxious, and told me during the breakup that she didn't want me telling her any details about him that she wouldn't want to hear. I'm now wondering if I have used that as an excuse to spare her from all the things I feel she ought to know. I don't know how I would even broach the subject, and it's making me irritable around them. Help! — **Hoping I'm A Good Friend**

**Dear Hoping:** Jen made clear that she doesn't want to hear any bad news from you.

If you disclose what you know, you will lose your housemate. The message you want to deliver falls into that category. From your description of Isaac, he's a user and a player. She would be better off without him in her life. But she must arrive at that conclusion herself. (After their breakup, she should have realized he couldn't be counted on.) Sometimes people have to learn the hard way, and Jen appears to be one of them. If you uncouple your life from theirs and spend less time with them, it will be healthier for you.

**Dear Abby:** There are several same-sex couples within our circle of friends and former co-workers. Whether male or female,

each has a husband and wife. We are not sure how it is decided who will assume which role; and we don't feel comfortable asking what might be too intrusive a question regarding their relationships. We would appreciate it if you could find the answer, if there is one. — **Curious in the East**

**Dear Curious:** Unlike with straight couples, who define their spouse as "husband" or "wife," when male couples marry, both spouses refer to their partner as "husband." With female couples, the spouses are both called "wife." Household tasks usually fall to whomever does them best or wants to do them. Roles are assigned according to ability and circumstance, rather than imitating traditional marital duties. (By the way, the same applies to some opposite-sex couples as well.)



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ADVICE

## DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

### 100 Years Ago Aug. 7, 1921

Shortly after noon today the 41 persons representing the federated commercial organizations of Umatilla county making the tour of Grant county in the interests of good roads were ready to proceed to Heppner, where the night will be spent. A Pendleton-to-California highway is the solution of the road problems that confront Umatilla, Grant, Harney and Lake counties, sentiment of Grant county people indicates. A spirited meeting was held at Ritter last night which was presided over by County Commissioner Caverhill of Grant county, and sentiment expressed at the meeting overwhelmingly favors the construction of such a road. That the state will be asked to assist in such a program was the idea that was expressed by several speakers.

### 50 Years Ago Aug. 7, 1971

A Chicago banker is giving Dennis and Cleo Gett of Hermiston's Western Auto Store an opportunity "to start paying our bills again." The banker and his son were back-

packing in a high meadow of the headwaters of the North Fork of the Imnaha River in the Wallowa Mountains when they found a checkbook belonging to the Getts. Thursday, Gett said he and his wife lost the checkbook while on a special hunt last winter in the Wallows. The Hermiston couple owns a cabin and horse corrals in the mountains out of Baker, and make frequent pack trips in the area.

### 25 Years Ago Aug. 7, 1996

After 20 years of service to Pendleton, Amtrak will eliminate its Pioneer passenger train in November. In an inter-office memo leaked to the press Wednesday, Amtrak officials in Washington, D.C., said the Pioneer was being eliminated to "shift capacity that provides the best market opportunities" and to "improve Amtrak's bottom line economic performance." Pioneer's thrice-weekly passenger service eastbound to Boise and on to Chicago, and every other day westbound to Portland and Seattle, will end Nov. 10. After that, only Union Pacific freight trains will use the line.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

**On Aug. 7, 1998,** terrorist bombs at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

**In 1782,** Gen. George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and noncommissioned officers.

**In 1789,** the U.S. Department of War was established by Congress.

**In 1942,** U.S. and other allied forces landed at Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II. (Japanese forces abandoned the island the following February.)

**In 1964,** Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, giving President Lyndon B. Johnson broad powers in dealing with reported North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. forces.

**In 1971,** the Apollo 15 moon mission ended successfully as its command module splashed down in the Pacific Ocean.

**In 1989,** a plane carrying U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and 14 others disappeared over Ethiopia. (The wreckage of the plane was found six days later; there were no survivors.)

**In 1990,** President George H.W. Bush ordered U.S. troops and warplanes to Saudi Arabia to guard the oil-rich desert kingdom against a possible invasion by Iraq.

**In 2000,** Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore selected Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman as his running mate; Lieberman became the first Jewish candidate on a major party's presidential ticket.

**In 2008,** A U.S. military

jury at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base gave Osama bin Laden's driver a surprisingly light 5-1/2-year sentence for aiding terrorism, making him eligible for parole in just five months. (The U.S. later transferred Salim Hamdan to his home country of Yemen, which released him in January 2009.)

**In 2010,** Elena Kagan was sworn in as the 112th justice and fourth woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

**In 2012,** Jared Lee Loughner agreed to spend the rest of his life in prison, accepting that he went on a deadly shooting rampage at an Arizona political gathering in 2011 and sparing the victims a lengthy, possibly traumatic death-penalty trial.

**In 2015,** Colorado theater shooter James Holmes was spared the death penalty in favor of life in prison after a jury in Centennial failed to

agree on whether he should be executed for his murderous attack on a packed movie premiere that left 12 people dead.

**Today's Birthdays:** Singer Lana Cantrell is 78. Actor John Glover is 77. Actor David Rasche is 77. Former diplomat, talk show host and activist Alan Keyes is 71. Actor Caroline Aaron is 69. Comedian Alexei Sayle is 69. Actor Wayne Knight is 66. Rock singer Bruce Dickinson is 63. Actor David Duchovny is 61. Actor Delane Matthews is 60. Actor Harold Perrineau is 58. Jazz musician Marcus Roberts is 58. Actor David Mann is 55. Actor Charlotte Lewis is 54. Actor Sydney Penny is 50. Actor Greg Serano is 49. Actor Michael Shannon is 47. Actor Charlize Theron is 46. Rock musician Barry Kerch is 45. Actor Eric Johnson is 42. Actor Randy Wayne is 40.

## 7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 scoop (out) (5)	_____
2 criticize sharply (6)	_____
3 split in the road (4)	_____
4 very thin person, in slang (9)	_____
5 livestock bedding (5)	_____
6 cut through (5)	_____
7 elementary piano tune (10)	_____

TOO	CH	TH	IC	ER
FO	PI	AW	STR	FE
OON	EW	KNI	SP	ST
KS	SK	CK	RK	OP

Today's Answers: 1. SPOON 2. SKEWER 3. FORK 4. TOOTHPICK 5. STRAW 6. KNIFE 7. CHOPSTICKS

## WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

### Find and Circle...

- Four European rivers
- Four weather-related words ending with Y
- Four continents
- Two countries starting with E
- Cusack siblings

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: DANUBE SEINE RHINE URAL / COUNTRY RAINY / SUNNY HAZY / ANZHU ANNHOI / ANTARCTICA AFRICA EUROPE ASIA / ESTONIA EGYPT / NJVAH

U A N T A R C T I C A K  
L R P C S U N N Y E A E  
R Z A A L E J O A N I B  
S E R L F O U C G I N U  
C E G A H R U R W H O N  
L V I Y I A I D O R T A  
J O H N P N Z C Y P S D  
A S I A E T Y Y A Z E W

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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.....Spanish 7:00pm  
SUNDAY.....English 9:00am  
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.....Spanish 1:00pm  
.....Spanish 6:00pm  
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