

Unequal division of housework puts marriage on stormy path

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for seven years and have two children. My husband and I both work full-time, yet I do almost all of the household chores. I have asked him repeatedly to help ease my workload and stress by dividing the chores more equitably, but my requests are met minimally and temporarily. This has caused arguments, tension and resentment.

He says, “You and I value different things,” or, “This isn’t what I want to focus on at home,” or, “Your standards are too high and have negatively impacted your relationship with our kids.” I do ask our kids to clean up routinely because I want them to be active



DEAR ABBY

members of this household, and this is how I was raised.

It’s putting a strain on my marriage and affecting my feelings toward my husband. Do I need to let this go? Or are my priorities misplaced?

— OUT OF BALANCE

DEAR OUT OF BALANCE: From your husband’s perspective, why should he have to help with the housework if he can jawbone you into doing the lion’s share? Perhaps you should offer him a choice — participate more or someone will have to be hired to take some of the burden off your shoulders.

As to your children, please stick to your guns. It is important

they master basic housekeeping skills so that when they become adults, they will be able to take care of themselves. Few children relish the idea of doing housework, but many of them do it anyway as a way to earn an allowance.

DEAR ABBY: I was happily married to the same woman for 51 years. “Jane” was married 42 years to the same man. We were both widowed. We hooked up and were enjoying our time together, but after about three years it all changed.

Do you believe in split personalities, the Jekyll and Hyde thing? Jane started falsely accusing me of having affairs with other women. The last two women she accused me of being involved with I don’t even know. The accusa-

tions have been coming more frequently. One day she’s fine; the next day she is accusing me.

Jane doesn’t like vulgar language, and normally she doesn’t use it. But when she’s accusing me of communicating with these women, she uses words that would make a sailor blush! A researcher’s first guess was the early stages of Alzheimer’s. I know she is paranoid, but why?

— HATES THE CHANGE

DEAR HATES: A personality change such as you have described can be a symptom of Alzheimer’s disease, but it can also be caused by small strokes and other dementias. Jane’s paranoia could also be a symptom of a physical illness. If she has family, it is very important that you inform them about what’s

happening so they — and you — can encourage her to be evaluated physically and neurologically. If you do, it might save not only her life but also your sanity.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 21, my grandparents told me, “It’s better to be loved than to be right.” Fifty years later, I’m still trying to follow that advice because it’s so true. Sometimes it is very hard to practice, but I will never forget those words.

— KEN

DEAR KEN: Anything that encourages folks to get along better is good advice in my book. People sometimes place too much importance on trying to be right. Now, allow me to share an adage with you that I learned from MY grandfather: “I never learned anything while I was talking.”

La Pine man completes restoration of legendary WWII plane

By Jackson Hogan
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SUNRIVER — After a year and a half of work, “Rosie The Rocketeer,” a WWII-era Piper L-4H airplane, has returned to its original 1944 condition, when it was outfitted with bazookas to blast Nazi tanks in France.

La Pine resident Colin Powers, who recently completed extensive restoration of the plane in his garage, has restored many World War II planes. But bringing the plane flown by U.S. Army pilot and WWII hero Charles “Bazooka Charlie” Carpenter back to life was his favorite project, he said.

“It’s been an honor to do this airplane for the family of Maj. Carpenter,” Powers, 84, said. “I’m very happy the way it turned out.”

During combat in France, Carpenter strapped three bazookas to each wing of the frail reconnaissance plane.

Carpenter used that plane, which he nicknamed “Rosie The Rocketeer,” to

blow up multiple Panzer tanks north of the town of Nancy.

After the war, Carpenter returned to the U.S. and became a high school teacher. The plane stayed in Europe, where it eventually wound up in an Austrian aviation museum.

After a long series of events, Massachusetts artifacts nonprofit The Collings Foundation tracked down the plane and shipped it to Powers to renovate in early 2019.

Powers said he finished the renovation right on schedule, as the plane will be sent back to Massachusetts in late July, where it will be on display at The Collings Foundation’s museum.

Originally, Powers planned to get the plane licensed with the Federal Aviation Administration and fly it at an experimental aircraft convention in Oshkosh, Wisconsin this summer. The COVID-19 pandemic canceled those plans.



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Colin Powers points to a small green box on the top of the 1944 Piper L-4H while talking about the restoration process of the plane Saturday, June 27, at the Sunriver Airport. The box was added by U.S. Army pilot Charles Carpenter as a rear view mirror to see enemy planes approaching from behind.

“It just saddens me that I can’t fly it,” Powers said.

Still, the plane — which sits in a hangar at the Sunriver Airport — looks just as it did in 1944. The bottoms of both wings have

“invasion stripes” painted on them, which many allied WWII planes had around the time of the Normandy invasion, to prevent troops from shooting at their own aircraft, Powers said.

There’s also a black-and-white photo in the cockpit of Carpenter’s wife and daughter. The photo was given to Powers by the daughter in the photo, Carol Apacki.

“A lot of guys in these planes, they put up a picture of (actress) Betty Grable, but not him,” Powers said.

In October, Powers invited Apacki — now a 77-year-old resident of Granville, Ohio — and Apacki’s daughter, Erin Pata, to see the plane.

Pata, a graphic designer, re-painted the “Rosie The Rocketeer” logo on the side of the plane in an identical fashion to her grandfather’s original design.

“She did a masterful job, and really worked hard to make it exactly like it was in the original,” Apacki said.

Apacki said she’s kept in contact with Powers during the plane’s renovation.

“Awesome is the word that comes to mind; it’s unbelievable,” Apacki said. “It’s the ending of a really long journey.”

Apacki hopes that the restoration of her father’s plane will show younger generations the power and bravery that ordinary people can possess.

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Clear and cool

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THU

Partly sunny and warmer

FRI

Sunny and pleasant

SAT

Sunny and pleasant

Baker City	42	79	46	89	51	87	50	93	51
Comfort Index™	9	9	6	7	5	7	6	6	5
La Grande	47	75	46	83	53	83	52	89	54
Comfort Index™	10	10	7	7	6	7	6	6	5
Enterprise	41	73	45	80	49	80	49	86	51
Comfort Index™	10	10	6	9	5	9	5	5	5

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	87°	82°	88°
Low Sunday	43°	41°	39°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normal month to date	0.13	0.15	0.15
Year to date	2.61	12.97	24.97
Normal year to date	5.86	9.53	13.90

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY

Lowest relative humidity	35%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	9.5
Evapotranspiration	0.22

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	56% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	84% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	72% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	96% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	64% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	97% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	3940 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	115 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	76 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	68 cfs
Minam River at Minam	1110 cfs
Powder River near Richland	43 cfs

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 117°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 27°	Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 4.06"	West Palm Beach, Fla.

OREGON

High: 90°	Ontario
Low: 33°	Odell Lake
Wettest: Trace	Brookings

WEATHER HISTORY

Two tornadoes ripped through heavily populated sections of northern New Jersey on July 7, 1976. Across the harbor in New York City, the storms narrowly missed the Statue of Liberty and 11 tall ships nearby.

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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Shown is Wednesday's weather. Temperatures are Tuesday night's lows and Wednesday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W	City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	66/52/c	66/54/c	Lewiston	81/57/pc	87/60/s
Bend	79/46/s	83/48/s	Longview	72/51/c	73/54/pc
Boise	83/57/s	91/60/s	Meacham	72/44/s	81/49/pc
Brookings	72/52/c	68/51/pc	Medford	86/55/s	89/56/s
Burns	82/48/s	86/50/s	Newport	62/50/c	62/51/pc
Coos Bay	68/52/c	68/54/pc	Olympia	71/52/c	72/52/c
Corvallis	78/53/c	78/54/pc	Ontario	86/59/s	93/63/pc
Council	79/48/s	86/52/pc	Pasco	85/51/s	91/58/s
Elgin	74/48/s	83/52/pc	Pendleton	80/54/s	88/60/s
Eugene	79/52/c	80/54/pc	Portland	76/55/c	79/59/pc
Hermiston	85/57/s	91/63/s	Powers	76/50/c	77/53/pc
Hood River	74/55/pc	82/57/pc	Redmond	82/46/s	84/47/s
Imnaha	75/50/s	86/57/pc	Roseburg	82/57/c	82/58/pc
John Day	78/47/s	86/54/pc	Salem	77/55/c	78/55/pc
Joseph	73/43/s	80/50/pc	Spokane	75/53/pc	80/57/pc
Kennewick	85/51/s	92/61/s	The Dalles	81/54/s	85/59/pc
Klamath Falls	82/44/s	83/46/s	Ukiah	72/43/s	81/48/pc
Lakeview	82/43/s	84/44/s	Walla Walla	80/57/s	86/61/s

RECREATION LAKES

Mostly sunny

54	40
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MT. EMILY REC.

Sunny, but cool

64	46
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EAGLE CAP WILD.

Plenty of sunshine

62	35
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WALLOWA LAKE

Sunny and pleasant

73	43
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THIEF VALLEY RES.

Sunny and pleasant

79	46
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PHILLIPS LAKE

Sunny and pleasant

74	42
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BROWNLEE RES.

Sunny and pleasant

79	51
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EMIGRANT ST. PARK

Plenty of sunshine

70	40
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MCKAY RESERVOIR

Mostly sunny

80	52
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RED BRIDGE ST. PARK

Sunny and pleasant

75	46
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