

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: My husband and I are both enlisted Army (he — 20 years, two Iraq deployments; I — 15 years, one Iraq deployment). We met in the service and have been married for 10 years.

Three years after our wedding, my husband told me he was no longer physically attracted to me. It hurt. A lot. It has been seven years since that day, and we're still together. I don't feel loved, appreciated or valued. I'm a logic-driven person. Emotions don't come easy for me. I have always been open about my thoughts and feelings, even the painful ones.

Since that day, I resent him, and I have told him such. He doesn't understand why I can't just "get over it" and continue to live our lives. He has refused therapy multiple times. I don't have a family of my own, and we have no children together. Must I appreciate the friendship we have, or is it time to push for a meet-in-the-middle resolution?

— *Unappreciated in Pennsylvania*

Dear Unappreciated: That you would feel resentment after what your husband told you is normal. It appears that intimacy is either unimportant to him, or he is finding it elsewhere.

Your self-esteem may be below ground level, but you have a right to be able to feel loved, appreciated and valued. Since you are receiving none of those, there is no "meeting in the middle." Where you need to meet is a lawyer's office so you can officially end a marriage that died seven years ago.

Dear Abby: My dad has never been great at communicating. I'm the only one who seems to communicate with him, even though I'm across the country. Over the last few years, until recently, his new wife, "Dorie," helped to bridge the gap. I loved having Dad around even if it was second hand from her.

When my aunt, his sister, died suddenly, somehow I was appointed to write the obituary. Having never written one, I inadvertently omitted Dorie's name in the article. She became enraged and defensive. I apologized, but I also showed my teeth a bit because she was so rude about an honest mistake. Now communication with Dad is as strained as it was before. I think she screens and answers his messages, so I'm unsure if it's him replying.

Dad was sick recently, and she didn't bother to tell me. I learned about it through Facebook. I'm a nice person, but she really upset me. I have already apologized and explained it was a mistake. I want a relationship with my dad. Should I apologize again?

— *Frustrated Daughter in the West*

Dear Daughter: Yes. Apologize for reacting the way you did (showing your teeth) after the obituary "disaster." Dorie's feelings were already hurt because of your omission. If you can, smooth over what happened. However, recognize that your relationship with your father didn't make him a better communicator. You were keeping tabs on him through the efforts of his wife.

Mill

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In the fallout of the mill's closure, according to the analysis, 76% of the job and economic output losses would fall on Union County, particularly in Elgin. That comes to 339 jobs, almost \$16 million in lost labor income, more than \$59.6 million in lost economic output and about \$79,600 in lost tax revenue at the county level.

But the effects of the Elgin plant's closure would extend across the region. The analysis found that total losses in Union, Baker, Wallowa, Malheur, Umatilla, Grant and Harney counties would be 446 jobs, just shy of \$21 million in labor income and almost \$78.4 million in economic output.

McConnell said most of the additional losses would be felt in Umatilla County.

The commercial logging in-

dustry would lose 52 jobs as an indirect consequence of an Elgin mill shutdown, and another 14 would be lost in support activities for agriculture and forestry. Crop farming, truck transportation, hospitals, restaurants and even real estate also could lose jobs.

The report estimated that tax revenue across all affected counties would drop by more than \$195,000 at the county level, more than \$920,000 at

the state level and almost \$2.5 million at the federal level.

"This analysis shows that, along with the direct and indirect economic loss, there will be significant economic losses throughout the region due to the 'multiplier' effects of the lost incomes," the report stated. "These effects will be felt by businesses of all types, primarily within Elgin, but throughout Union County and the greater region."

Unemployment

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Economists say that once coronavirus vaccines are more widely distributed, a broader recovery should take hold in the second half of the year. The incoming Biden administration, along with a now fully Democratic-led House and Senate, is also expected to push more rescue aid and spending measures that could accelerate growth.

Yet many analysts also worry that with millions of Americans still unemployed and as many as 1 in 6 small companies going out of business, people who have been hurt most by the downturn won't likely benefit from a recovery anytime soon.

"While prospects for the economy later in 2021 are upbeat, the labor market recov-



Mary Altaffer/AP

Andrew Walcott, owners of Fusion East Caribbean & Soul Food restaurant in the Brooklyn borough of New York, had to furlough four employees at his restaurant just before Christmas, after New York state stopped allowing indoor dining.

ery has taken a step backward," said Nancy Vanden Houten, an economist at Oxford Economics, "and we expect claims to

remain elevated, with the risk that they rise from last week's levels."

Last week's applications for

aid might have been elevated in part because state employment offices had been closed over the holidays, requiring some jobless people to wait until last week to apply. The addition of a \$300-a-week federal unemployment benefit, as part of a rescue aid package enacted late last month, may have also encouraged more people to apply, Vanden Houten said.

Many people in the arts and entertainment fields have lost most or all of their incomes as the coronavirus has shut down performance venues.

In addition to last week's first-time applications for unemployment aid, the government said Thursday that 5.3 million Americans are continuing to receive state jobless benefits, up from 5.1 million in the previous week. It suggests that fewer people who are out of work are finding jobs.

Vaccines

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Grocery chain Trader Joe's said Thursday it will give employees two hours of pay per dose for getting the vaccine. The Monrovia, California-based company said it will also shift around schedules to make sure employees have time to get vaccinated.

Dollar General said Wednesday it will give employees the equivalent of four hours of pay if they get the vaccine. The Goodlettsville, Tennessee-based retailer said it employs 157,000 people.

A vaccine advisory panel at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control voted late last month on recommendations for vaccine distribution. The panel said grocery workers — which would include Instacart and Dollar General's employees — should be in the second group

to receive shots after health care workers and nursing home residents.

It is up to each state to decide how and when to adopt the CDC's recommendations. Some states have already opened eligibility to the second group, which also includes firefighters, police, teachers, corrections workers, postal employees and people 75 and older. There are around 50 million people in that group.

Companies can mandate that workers get COVID-19 vaccines as a requirement for employment, although they must make accommodations for medical or religious reasons, according to guidance from the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

However, most companies are reluctant to impose such mandates, said Sharon Perley Masling, a partner at the law

firm Morgan Lewis who has been advising clients on workplace issues surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. The emergency nature of the vaccine's FDA approval makes it impractical for many companies to require it, given that the shots are not available to most of the population, she said.

Still, Masling said the companies she works with are taking various steps to strongly encourage their workers to get vaccinated, including internal public relations campaigns showing top executives who are eligible getting the shots. Other incentives include free child care, paid time off and freebies like pizza delivery and other gifts, she said.

"It's good for employees. It's good for their communities, and its good for ensuring the continuation of business operations," Masling said.

The push to vaccinate comes

amid signs that some people — even health care workers — are reluctant to get the shots, contributing to a slower than hoped-for rollout of the mass vaccination effort in the U.S.

Not every company is offering incentives. Delivery app DoorDash, another big platform for gig workers, said it has asked the CDC and governors to prioritize delivery workers in vaccine distribution. But it doesn't plan perks for workers who get vaccinated.

Target Corp. also plans no incentives, but said it will make the vaccine free and accessible to its 350,000 employees. Target said 1,700 of its stores have a CVS pharmacy on site that will offer the vaccine to staff when it's available.

Albertsons, a grocery chain with 2,250 U.S. stores and 300,000 employees, also isn't doling out financial incentives.

YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Madalyn Aslan*

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

★★★★★ DYNAMIC | ★★★ POSITIVE | ★★ AVERAGE | ★ SO-SO | ★ DIFFICULT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JAN. 15, 2021: Heroic, idealistic and pleasure-loving, you have a fearless center that allows you to accomplish impressive feats. This year, utilize it to go after what you want. You succeed brilliantly. If single, a fated quality affects close ties, and this year you decide which one is to be your mate. If attached, you idolize each other and need lots of intimate time together. PISCES worships the ground you walk on.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Today suggests a powerful troubleshooting pattern. You will find ways to make adjustments that create ease and more enjoyment in daily working life. New organizations and groups are interesting. Let friendly camaraderie touch professional relationships. Tonight: Be a true friend to one you love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your mind is especially quick and alert today. Be progressive about your career path. Your job is in transformation. Project a positive, professional image at work. Reputation will be an influential factor. Make decisions and communicate. Tonight: A realistic and practical mind-set brings success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Today promises a new joy. New publications and a class or discussion group delight you. Be tolerant of the beliefs of others. It is better to teach by example than try to convert anyone to your own path. Tonight: Journal away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You are regenerating on many levels. It is time to dispose of the old to make way for the new. Do not repeat financial patterns that haven't worked before. Looking into matters more deeply brings facts to light. Tonight: Believe the best of others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Fairness and balance are important. Let others have freedom. Cooperation and understanding will pay off. Your ethical attitude wins admiration in the end. Others are loyal. An important new partnership can be forged. Tonight: You will insist on fairness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ You will be critical of yourself today and will want to overcome any shortcomings. So give yourself a break. Count to three when these thoughts come. Have faith that as long as you do your best, all will be well. Tonight: Relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Today brings a happy meeting with an old friend. Your warmth and affection acts like a magnet, drawing companions your way. Social activity increases. Others are more loving and cooperative. Tonight: You can share a good joke with someone you care for.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You will have visitors or other activity around the house. (Stay safely distanced.) Family members express ideas that can take a little getting used to. You might live part of the time in another residence or try to make home improvements. Tonight: Relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Today finds you exploring ideas. Sift through information to clear up confusion. You will make the right choices. Go slowly with contracts and promises. Express positive thoughts in conversation as well as writing. Tonight: Finally answer all the old emails.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Today gives you added energy to direct into financial matters. Your enthusiasm and effort bring you profits. Valuable information about money management and investments come to the fore. Tonight: Reach out to an in-law. You could become much closer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your charm and popularity are on the rise. Relationships strengthen. Others develop a deeper fondness for you. This helps you understand your own attachments and deeper feelings. You will feel a surge of energy and enthusiasm. Tonight: There are some meaningful conversations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You are changing inwardly, reacting to people and situations with more objectivity and poise. You will find satisfaction in involvement in altruistic actions. This could take the form of helping a co-worker with an overwhelming task. Tonight: Others confide their problems to you.

Gas mileage

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The Environmental Protection Agency said the changes show that few automakers could meet what it called unrealistic emissions and mileage standards set by the Obama administration through the 2020 model year.

But environmental groups say that automakers used loopholes and stopped marketing fuel-efficient cars and electric vehicles, knowing that the Trump administration was about to roll back mileage and pollution standards.

The EPA report released this month said gas mileage fell 0.2 miles per gallon for model year 2019, while greenhouse gas emissions rose by 3 grams per mile traveled, compared with 2018

figures. Mileage fell and pollution increased for the first time since 2014.

Mileage dropped to 24.9 miles per gallon while greenhouse gas emissions rose to 356 grams per mile, the report said.

To comply with the Obama-era standards, which the Trump administration rolled back starting with the 2021 model year, 11 of 14 major automakers had to rely on credits from previous years or those purchased from companies with more zero emissions vehicles, the EPA said.

EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler said in a prepared statement Wednesday that the agency has set realistic standards "that will reduce emissions as well as vehicle costs and maintain consumer choice going forward."

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DEATH NOTICES

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Clyde "Bud" Melvin Preston of La Pine, OR November 8, 1931 - December 23, 2020

Arrangements: Baird Memorial Chapel of La Pine is honored to serve the Preston family. Please visit our website, www.bairdfh.com, to share condolences and sign the online guestbook. **Services:** No formal services are planned. **Contributions may be made to:** La Pine Community Kitchen PO Box 813 La Pine, OR 97739 541-536-1312

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