

DEAR ABBY

Write to Dear Abby online at dearabby.com or by mail at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069



Dear Abby: Six months ago, my husband, "Lee," met his long-lost sister, his father's daughter from a previous marriage. Lee's father passed away when he was 6; he is now 30.

Since he and his four siblings met their half-sister, she has become obsessive over him. She calls and keeps him on the phone for hours, three or four times a week. I didn't mind at first, but it has gotten out of control, and she constantly texts him.

If Lee doesn't respond, she texts him asking if he's angry. She expresses how "in love" she is with him and how happy she is to have met him. (She doesn't say these things to the others.) When I recently expressed my concern, he got offended.

How should I cope with this? She also says unflattering things about me to him and tries to turn him against me. I know, because I heard the whole conversation.

—Put Off in New Jersey

Dear Put Off: Your husband may be flattered by the attention he's receiving from this newfound sibling, but I agree that what she's doing seems excessive. Your husband, however, is playing into it by being receptive and constantly available for these extended conversations and texts.

While you can't control who he talks to, you can express that you feel her behavior is out of line, that you are concerned that she's trying to undermine your marriage, and suggest it may be time to step on the brakes with Sissy.

Dear Abby: I am attending my hubby's 50th class reunion, where I will not

know a soul. Can you give me suggestions on topics to talk about? We grew up in different areas of the country. We live on a small farm in the countryside and have kids and grandkids. Thank you.

—Prepping for a Good Time

Dear Prepping: Go and enjoy yourself. Don't be nervous. Bring pictures of your farm, your children and the grandkids. View photos of your husband's classmates' families and say something complimentary. ("Aren't they adorable?") Ask what your husband was like when he was their classmate. People love to talk, so be a good listener. Discuss things that interest you and inquire about their interests and activities. The only topics to avoid are religion and politics.

Dear Abby: At 67, I'm an attractive woman. I always have been, but I have been out of the dating scene for several years. Now two men are interested in me.

One is someone I know from work. I have known him a year. He told me he always had a crush but was afraid to make a move. The second guy is someone I just met on a dating site. I haven't had a problem like this for 20 years! What to do?

—Dilemma in Massachusetts

Dear Dilemma: You don't have to make an immediate choice. Keep things casual and get to know them both better, assuming you haven't had a personal relationship with your co-worker. Take your time, let the relationships evolve. The answers will become apparent, and you won't have to ask me what (if anything) to do.



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A customer Thursday walks into the Bend post office at 2300 NE Fourth St.

Postal

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The Postal Service is not planning to lay off any staff, and more staff may be needed in Bend if the facility becomes a package processing center, Frum said.

"These mail moves will require that we will allocate more staff to support package processing given the increase in package volume, and allocate fewer staff to mail processing given the large decline in mail," Frum said.

Since April 2013, all mail originating in Bend or Central Oregon has been trucked to

Portland for initial sorting, according to The Bulletin's previous reporting.

A letter sent from a Central Oregon address to another Central Oregon address then returns to the Bend processing facility, where it's sorted a second time and given to the correct mail carrier. Shutting down the Bend processing facility means the second stage of sorting would also take place in Portland.

Repurposing the mail facilities is part of the Postal Service's 10-year plan to become financially stable after several years of declining revenues. The plan includes \$20 billion

to invest in new equipment and facilities to improve package processing operations, Frum said.

The service hopes its 10-year plan avoids a projected \$160 billion in losses by 2030.

"It's no secret the Postal Service is facing financial difficulties," Frum said. "The investment for the mail moves is one piece of the 10-year plan to achieve financial sustainability."

Bend's mail processing facility was scheduled to close in 2015, but the Postal Service changed course and decided to keep it open.

Frum said turning the Bend

location into a package processing center is a good opportunity for the Postal Service to streamline its services. The service wants to consolidate its centers for letters and standard mail, while expanding its package processing in places like Bend, Frum said.

"Letter mail is declining, and package volumes are increasing," Frum said. "It makes good business sense to realign the mail processing operations from multiple facilities into one facility and provide expanded package sorting capabilities."

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YOUR HOROSCOPE By Georgia Nicols

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 3:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. EDT today (12:30 a.m. to 5 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Pisces into Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021: You are practical, patient and empathetic with others. You follow your intuition because you believe in destiny. As your new personal year begins, you will see the rewards of your past efforts. This is now your time of harvest! Furthermore, you will earn the respect of others, especially your peers. You might get a promotion or a leadership role.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign, which happens for two days every month, and when it does, it will always make you more emotional than usual. However, it will also slightly improve your good luck! (That's a bonus.) Why not test it by asking the universe for a favor?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Today you will feel more comfortable working alone or behind the scenes. You're not being antisocial; you just want some peace and quiet and a chance to enjoy your own solitude. It's been a social time for you with the Sun and Venus in your sign, and now you need a breather.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ An interaction with a female acquaintance might be significant today. In fact, you might want to share your hopes and dreams for the future with this person because his or her feedback can help you. Why not speak up and find out?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Today personal details about your private life are made public for some reason. People are talking about you. They notice you more than usual. Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. You might even use this to your advantage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You want a change of pace today. You want to run away and join the circus or do something deliciously different. This is because you want adventure and a chance to learn something new! Go someplace you've never been before.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Today, you might have a reaction to issues related to shared property, inheritances, taxes, debt or anything to do with the wealth of someone else. Suddenly, these issues matter. They're black and white. Likewise, your personal passions are also heightened.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Today, the Moon is in the sign that is opposite your sign. This happens for two days every month, and when it does, it means you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. Hey, no biggie. It simply requires cooperation and courtesy (qualities you have in abundance).

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Today, you will have to put your own emotional considerations second to those of someone else. You're not being a martyr; it's just what's necessary. You will realize "It's a joy to labor for those you love." When we're kind to others, we like ourselves more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ This is a playful, lighthearted day! You want to have fun! You have a need to be just who you are without pretense. You also might feel protective and nurturing to children or to a friend. You will enjoy playful activities with children.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Today you will be happy to cocoon at home and enjoy your privacy among familiar surroundings. You also might have a significant talk with a female family member. If you have a chance to think about things, you will see how much habits control your life. So say we all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Today your personal communications with others matter. You want the nitty-gritty. You don't want to waste time on polite, superficial chitchat about the weather. This is why you might be bold when talking to a friend today, especially with pointed questions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You identify with what you own today. (It's easy to do; we all do this.) However, this is why you won't lend something to anyone. In fact, you will feel happiest if you are surrounded by familiar objects that have meaning for you. "It's mine. All mine."

PORTLAND

3rd teen sentenced for 2019 murder of man

BY KALE WILLIAMS

The Oregonian

The third and final suspect convicted in a 2019 fatal shooting of a man collecting cans in North Portland was sentenced to 20 years in prison, court officials said Wednesday, though under current law the teen will be out of jail by his 25th birthday.

Aaron Criswell admitted to his role in killing Ricky

Malone Sr. and later taking the man's car. Criswell was 15 at the time.

Two other teens, Eugene Woodruff and Richard Rand IV, who were 14 and 15, respectively, at the time of the shooting, admitted to their roles in the shooting last year and were sentenced to 20 years each. Because of juvenile sentencing laws, none of the three will serve their full sentences.

The convictions stem from a string of crimes that began early on the morning of Oct. 14, 2019. About 4 a.m., the three teens approached Ricky Malone Sr., 65, near North Mohawk Avenue and Columbia Boulevard. Malone had been collecting refundable cans and bottles.

The teens demanded Malone give up his car, a Toyota Avalon. When he refused,

Criswell shot him in the chest with a 12-gauge shotgun, according to accounts given by Criswell and Woodruff to the police and outlined in court documents.

Investigators say before encountering Malone, the teens, one of them wearing a clown mask, had attempted to burglarize a home but ran away when the person who lived there yelled at them.

Duflo

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She allegedly attempted to render the child unconscious by using over-the-counter drugs before having Seibert engage in sex acts with the victim, according to a statement from the U.S. attorney's office.

When the investigation into Duflo began, she was living in Redmond. Local police searched her home and phone, and she was questioned and allegedly made incriminating statements, according to court documents.

Duflo's former local attorney, Joel Wirtz, wrote in court filings that Seibert had "groomed" her, and waited for the opportunity to coerce her into engaging in horrible behavior.

Duflo and Seibert met in a video game chat room. Duflo soon identified that she'd suffered a history of sexual and physical abuse, Wirtz wrote in court documents. Wirtz called Seibert a pedophile who had pursued Duflo because she was a vulnerable mother of a young girl.

Duflo was in an abusive relationship at the time and Seibert offered her money to help leave the relationship, Wirtz wrote. Seibert coerced her into sending him photos of her driver's license and Social Security card. His requests became more and more "nefarious," her lawyer wrote.

In March, 2020, Seibert pleaded guilty to producing child pornography, traveling to engage in illicit sex and using a facility of commerce to induce a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity.

He was sentenced in January to more than 24 years in prison, the Associated Press

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