

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: My daughter and son-in-law have been married for seven years and have two young daughters. We get along well and spend a lot of time together. Our daughter is an only child, and I have noticed over time that my son-in-law is very selfish and puts his needs before the family's. Because he works hard, he seems to feel it entitles him to do whatever he wants. My daughter works hard too, and she constantly puts the family's needs and his needs ahead of her own.

band communicate more effectively on the subject of his spending, she may eventually have to make some decisions about her and her children's futures. Let her know you love and support her, but do not stir the pot. Say little, if anything, on this subject and only if you are asked.

Dear Abby: My wife and I have been invited to a surprise engagement party honoring a distant relative I'll call "Elizabeth." The invitation states, "Shhhh ... This is a surprise! Elizabeth doesn't know about the impending proposal."

Is this something new? What if she says no! Does everyone go home or stay and endure an uncomfortable meal? Should we take a gift? Isn't this beyond awkward and over the top? What's next?

—Behind the Times

I know she's not happy about his spending habits. Recently, over her objections, he bought an \$80,000 car. While they can afford it, I believe she resents the bulk of the family expenses falling on her while he gets what she calls his "boy toys." Their earnings are very disparate. My daughter, a doctor, makes three times his salary as a police officer. They have been in counseling, but it seems to have had minimal impact.

How can I support my daughter in dealing with this? I worry about her happiness. I have a good relationship with my son-in-law, but we don't discuss difficult issues. So, while I want to support their family, it will have to be through my daughter. Any suggestions for me?

—Helpful Mom in Maryland

Dear Mom: Resist the urge to involve yourself in this. Your daughter is educated, successful and intelligent enough to do something about it when she's had enough. Because counseling didn't help her and her hus-

Dear B.T.T.: I agree that marriage proposals should be private and intimate, rather than a Hollywood production. (If only because there's always a risk that the person being proposed to might feel trapped, embarrassed or refuse.) However, you and I should not assume we speak for everyone.

Over the last decade or so, marriage proposals, invitations to senior proms, etc. have taken on a life of their own. And, if it makes people happy — and hurts no one — who are we to judge? As to whether to bring a gift to this event, it might be more prudent to bring one to the bridal shower rather than the surprise engagement party.

YOUR HOROSCOPE By Georgia Nicols

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. EDT today (2:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Libra into Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021: You are lively, witty and well spoken. You think fast and you move fast. You love to learn and gather information, which, in turn, you then share with others. You will be forever youthful. Following a recent change, this year is one of fitting in and letting the dust settle. It will be a more social, easygoing year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Be careful with others today, because you have to go more than half-way when dealing with them. Be cooperative. Nevertheless, you might have a power struggle this afternoon. Tonight: Romance is hot!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Once the Moon Alert begins, you might experience shortages and be less efficient. Be patient with co-workers to avoid power struggles. Tonight: Good times with partners and friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Parents must be patient with their kids today, and romantic partners must be patient with each other. Fortunately, this is a wonderful, creative day! Tonight: You can boost your health. Enjoy time with a pet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might have an important discussion with a family member today. Perhaps you will choose to seek out solitude and cocoon at home. Tonight: Socialize and enjoy relaxing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You need to communicate today! This is all well and good; however, as the Moon Alert begins today (see above), you might find yourself trying to prove something to someone. Tonight: Family relations are supportive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Be careful handling your money today. During the Moon Alert today, restrict spending to food and gas. Tonight: Conversations with family and neighbors are upbeat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Today the Moon is in your sign until after the Moon Alert is over. Until then, you might feel more emotional. Avoid arguments. Stay chill. Tonight: Respect your moneymaking ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Today you will prefer to work alone or behind the scenes because you want to escape from all the busyness around you. (Good choice.) During the Moon Alert, avoid important decisions and spending money on anything except food. Tonight: A pleasant, friendly evening!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★ A conversation with a female companion might be important today. Naturally, this doesn't have to happen if you maintain your cool. Tonight: You'll enjoy private time alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ Steer clear of power struggles with bosses, parents, teachers and the police. Wait until the Moon Alert is over to volunteer for anything. Tonight: Time with friends and groups will be rewarding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ Avoid arguments about politics, religion and racial issues, which might easily arise today. These quarrels will accomplish nothing. Meanwhile, don't agree to anything important during the Moon Alert! Tonight: People are impressed with you!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ Squabbles about shared property, taxes, debt or shared responsibilities might occur today. Remember: Patience is the antidote to anger. Therefore, if you are patient, you're Teflon. Tonight: It will please you to learn something new.

New Holiday Inn comes to Pendleton in 2022

BY ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

A Tri-Cities hotelier is readying development on a new Holiday Inn in Pendleton, with an exact location to be determined.

In an interview, Parn Singh said he and his family's company, the Richland, Washington-based Eternal Hotels, first bought into Pendleton's hotel market in 2015 and now own both the current Holiday Inn Express and the Best Western Inn next door.

Singh said the Pendleton market has been good enough to his company that it's now looking to construct a new building to house its Holiday Inn property. Construction is set to start later this year with a grand opening in 2022.

"It will be a lot more modern and stick out more in Pendleton," he said.

Like all other Pendleton hotels, Singh said his properties took a hit during the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2020 cancellation of events, such as Round-Up and the Pendleton Whisky Music Fest, meant Singh's hotels lost out on the kind of weeklong revenue that could equal their whole month of December.

But he added that local event organizers did a good job of holding small events when they could. Combined

with the guests drawn in from the steady traffic traveling through Pendleton on Interstate 84, Eternal is ready to build a new hotel as the country begins to emerge from the pandemic.

Featuring several hotel chains, including Motel 6, Super 8, the Red Lion Hotel and the Hampton Inn, Nye's close proximity to I-84 has made it a hub for overnight stays. Singh said Eternal has already purchased two pieces of land where the hotel could be located.

One of the locations is bare land where the city's Bi-Mart used to be. Singh said an electrical company is leasing the property but will vacate the land before construction starts. The company is also looking at another vacant location by Super 8.

The final location under consideration is a spot somewhere in downtown Pendleton, although Singh declined to identify a specific address while the property is under negotiation.

Once the new Holiday Inn is complete, Singh said the building with the current Holiday Inn designation will rebrand to a Choice Hotels International affiliate. As a part of the shuffling, Eternal will also renovate all of its current hotel properties.

ANNIVERSARY



Submitted photo

Jim and Marion Harrison

Jim and Marion Harrison, of Bend, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in June with a "written reception." The couple's children are compiling a memory book of photos and stories from friends and family in lieu of a party.

The couple were married June 12, 1971, in Santa Monica, California, where a bridesmaid and a groomsman met and eventually married as well. The Harrison's have two children, Laurel Fooks (and Paul), of Springfield, and Crista Hagan (and David) of Vancouver, Washington; six grandchildren.

Mr. Harrison was a band, computer programming, math and aviation teacher at Sisters High School from 1992 until retiring in 2006. He is the owner of a Model-A Ford and

a member of the local club and enjoys square dancing (of which he is also a member of the club member and grange hall council) and is an avid reader.

Mrs. Harrison was a high school business teacher and middle school reading specialist for the Sisters School District before retiring in 2006 and started the Schoolhouse Bed & Breakfast. She also enjoys square dancing, spending time with her daughters and grandchildren and is a quilter who makes blankets and other handmade gifts for charities such as the Ronald McDonald House. She is a cancer survivor and has been in remission 20 years.

The couple snowbirds in Mesa, Arizona, and has lived in Central Oregon 29 years.

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