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Dear Annie By Annie Lane



Dear Annie: A few months ago, my husband was laid off from his job. When that happened, he asked if he could just stay home and work on his own personal projects and interests. I work a corporate 9 to 5 job and can barely cover our bills without his salary, but I said yes because I wanted him to be happy. Now, though, I'm beginning to resent him.

He refuses to do anything useful while he's home all day. I come home to a sink full of dirty dishes and a messy house every evening. He has said he will do some housework, but I need to call him and remind him. On top of that, he doesn't do things that will take five minutes of his time. Recently, we needed to call a plumber to come fix a pipe under our sink. My husband knew about this but never called one, claiming that he just forgot about it. When I brought it up again, he asked if I could do it on my lunch hour. Now, he is upset with me because he says I'm not "allowing" him to focus on his own interests like I promised. I am upset because I didn't realize that he meant never having to do an ounce of housework or anything responsible ever again.

When he was working, we split all the responsibilities

and chores pretty evenly. Now, everything has fallen to me unless I beg my husband to help me (and even then he does the bare minimum and gets upset at me for interrupting him). Am I wrong here? What can I do? — **Overworked Wife**

Dear Overworked: He's your husband, not your child. You bring home 100 percent of the income and do the vast majority of chores. The chores that you don't do, you delegate to him — and delegating itself is a kind of chore. Where's the balance in that?

Talk to your husband about finding at least a part-time job to supplement your income, to get him out of the house and into a healthier headspace. He might be experiencing some depression after being laid off. However, keep quiet and your resentment will reach toxic levels. It's imperative that you get back to feeling like his partner, not his parent — and ASAP.

Dear Annie: I am wondering: What is the polite way to get out of a conversation after running into a friend while out to dinner?

My husband and I are busy with our large family and many responsibilities, so we rarely go out. Going out to dinner together means we have to coordinate a night off and hire

a sitter, etc. Frustratingly often, when we go out for one of these semi-rare date nights, we see someone we know while eating dinner. Without fail, they want to stay and visit. And a couple times they have even sat down with us and stayed for their meal (date canceled). We've tried going to out-of-town restaurants and even dropping strong hints, but they don't get it. This also happens when we have a special family meal out, like for a birthday. Short of hiding under the table, what should we do? — **Wish I Had a Table for Two**

Dear WIHATFT: Forget dropping hints. Exchange brief pleasantries, but then be direct. There's no shame in simply saying, "Well, we're on our date night!" You can inject some humor, if that's your style — e.g., "Great running into you, but I've got a hot date here." Anyone who matters won't mind.

"Ask Me Anything: A Year of Advice From Dear Annie" is out now! Annie Lane's debut book — featuring favorite columns on love, friendship, family and etiquette — is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit <http://www.creator-publishing.com> for more information. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.



PRACTICING THEIR SKILLS — Lily Wright (left), 11, and Trey Wright, 16, children of Daniel and Misty Wright of Union City, have been practicing their art skills while they are out of school during the novel coronavirus pandemic. This

photo was recently shared on Facebook by their mother when The Messenger asked readers what they are doing while spending more time at home. A number of excellent photos were received and will be shared in upcoming editions.

Browning recalls pistol holsters

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has announced that Browning has recalled pistol holsters due to injury hazard.

The holster design can change the position of the safety switch on the firearm without the user knowing it. When this occurs, if the trigger is accidentally pulled, the firearm could fire unexpectedly, posing an injury hazard to the user and bystanders.

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled holsters and contact Browning for a free replacement.

Consumer may contact Browning at (800) 945-5372 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, email HolsterRecall@browning.com, online at www.browning.com and click on the "News/Recalls" tab, or visit <https://www.browning.com/support/recall-safety-information/recall-notice---leather-holster-multi-angle-thumb-break.html>.

Pictures are available at <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Browning-Recalls-Pistol-Holsters-Due-to-Injury-Hazard>.

This recall involves the Browning Leather Pistol Holsters, Multi-Angle Thumb Break, which is a leather pistol holster designed to carry Browning 1911-380 and 1911-22 pistols. The holsters are brown with yellow stitching with the Browning buckmark logo branded on the front of

the holster. The holsters can be identified by Item No. 12904011 and UPC Code 023614843702, which are printed on the back of the product packaging. Contact Browning with any questions regarding the identification of the holsters.

Browning has received one report where the holster design changed the position of the safety switch on the firearm. No injuries have been reported.

They were sold at sporting goods stores nationwide and online at www.browning.com from September 2017 through December 2019 for about \$80.

They were manufactured in China and imported by Browning Arms Company of Morgan, Utah.

Girl Scouts launch virtual programming

JACKSON — Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and Girl Scouts Heart of the South (GSHS) have announced new resources to serve girls and consumers during this time of crisis and isolation. While the organization has suspended in-person activities and events, including Girl Scout Cookie booths, due to the spread of COVID-19, consumers can still support the largest investment in girls annually through Girl Scouts Cookie Care, a campaign that lets consumers order and donate cookies online.

GSUSA has launched Girl Scouts Cookie Care as a way to safely order cookies for home delivery (pending local shipping availability) or to share the love by donating cookies to first responders, volunteers and local causes. The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest investment in girls annually and the financial lifeblood that helps Girl Scout councils deliver life-changing programming to 1.7 million girls. The COVID-19 pandemic hit the U.S. hard in the midst of cookie season, so many girls and councils haven't been able to sell their inventory due to social distancing and other safety precautions. Knowing that ample supply is available, and many consumers are seeking Girl Scout Cookies, Girl Scouts Cookie Care is primed to address these needs by allowing consumers to order from nearby councils' inventory.

Locally, Girl Scouts Heart of the South released Hometown Heroes to allow troops to rally community support for their very own Hometown Heroes. Troops

are encouraging girls to share their own Digital Cookie links with their family and friends. No matter how consumers purchase cookies, doing so allows Girl Scouts to continue to give back to their communities while the proceeds, which stay local, sustain innovative programs for girls.

All of the proceeds stay local to fund troop projects and experiences, as well as important programming, such as outdoor adventure and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). And many Girl Scouts invest their earnings back into their communities, which means that consumers are not just purchasing delicious cookies — they're also supporting the betterment of their communities and a bright future for girls.

As the country's expert on girls, Girl Scouts is uniquely poised to help the millions of girls and their families adapting to a new reality. The local Girl Scouts Heart of the South council has also introduced the Girl Scout Digital Experience, offering unique activities, badges and family resources to keep girls engaged through learning and skill development. This, accompanied with GSUSA's Girl Scouts at Home, gives families everywhere access to self-guided, free activities to keep them engaged and connected to their communities and the larger sisterhood of girls. The new platforms reflect the exploration and interactive learning of Girl Scouts in a one-stop-shop format that lets members enjoy a variety of activities that cover STEM, Entrepreneurship, Life Skills and the Outdoors

(including from indoors!). Girls can become space science explorers by observing the moon's cycle, earn badges in cybersecurity, and even delve into the science of happiness — using techniques to improve their mood in healthy ways.

The age-specific activities for girls of all grade levels are delivered through guided videos, virtual badge events, text-based instructions and downloadable information, making it seamless for families to incorporate into their daily lives. Learn more about how to get involved at www.girlscoutshs.org/join.

“Alone,
we can do so little;
together,
we can do so much.”

— Helen Keller.

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The Messenger

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