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Everything set for woman's divorce except for legal fee

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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I've always been a self-sufficient woman. I grew up in an abusive household. moved out at 16, and cut off contact with my family a couple of years later when it became apparent nothing would change.

Nine months ago, my husband walked out on me and our 3-year-old son. He has no interest in our child. Our roommate, "Matt," became "Daddy" to my son with my ex's blessing.

I want a divorce, but I'm not sure how to proceed. My ex and I have talked; he wants to give up his parental rights, and I have no interest in getting child support from him. All I want is

I can't afford a lawyer right now because of some financial obligations my ex left me saddled with, but I don't want to put this off. If anything were to happen to me, my son would go to my ex instead of the man he considers his

All my friends are either happily married or single, and I have no family to turn to for advice. I'm not religious, so I have no clergyperson to consult. Is there someplace I can turn to for help in ending this marriage, or do I just need to save up until I can afford legal counsel?

- Single Mom In Ore. DEAR SINGLE MOM: Your next step should be to contact your state bar association and find out if there are low-cost legal services in your area. If both parties are in agreement, a divorce can be amicable and not expensive. I wish you luck; do not procrastinate.

DEAR ABBY: Some nights I talk in my sleep. It doesn't happen every night, and there is no rhyme or reason for it. Recently my husband told me I said something during my sleep that made him angry. He didn't want to get into a fight, so we haven't discussed it more. I suspect I may have been having an "adult" dream and said a name other than number changed to one

Now he tries to stay up later than me. I think he may be trying to question me while I'm sleeping in order to get more information out of me on the subject. My doctor said there is no guarantee my response would be true or even related to the questions my husband asked me.

Should I confront my husband about whatever is bothering him, or keep stressing myself out about what I may be saying in my sleep? – Night Talker In Ind.

DEAR NIGHT TALK-ER: Definitely talk to your husband and try to clear the air, because avoiding the subject isn't healthy. If he's really sus-

picious because of something you may have said while you were dreaming, discussing this together with your doctor may put his mind at ease.

However, if it doesn't, then I recommend you schedule a consultation for both of you with a sleep disorder specialist who can make clear that what people mumble during a dream sequence is not an indication of infidelity (or reality).

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been happily married for more than 15 years. His former wife has never gotten over him. She has sent him many emails and text messages. He never responds. Her most recent ploy was to sign up with an assortment of vendors to receive mail at our home. We also get phone calls from solici-

tors asking for her. Although we live in the same city, this has never been her home. It goes without saying that she needs to get over it and move on. I'm tempted to put "Forward to (her address)" on the mail, but I don't want to egg her on. To me, it's harassment, and possibly stalking. What do you

think? - Had It With Her

DEAR HAD IT: Your husband's former wife appears to have emotional problems, and I agree that what she's doing is a form of harassment. You are certainly within your rights to redirect any mail that's addressed to her to her home. Contact the post office to see what can be done. And if solicitors call, either give them her correct phone number or consider having your that's unlisted.

KSU students honored

Special to The State Journal

Kentucky State University students took home six awards at the 41st annual Association of 1890 Research Directors Research Symposium, held April 1-4 in Atlanta, Ga.

More than 1,000 participants from the 1890 universities attended the meeting,

Bluegrass West

Retirees meet

The Bluegrass West

Chapter of the Kentucky

Public Retirees will meet

Tuesday at the VFW Build-

ing, 104 Second Street at

11:30 a.m. Lunch will be

served and the speaker

will be Jim Kimbrough

speaking on scans and

rip-offs that target older

adults. All retirees of state,

county, city and state po-

lice are invited to attend.

BIRTHDAY

Antawon Gipson

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spending time with his

Uncle Punkin and his

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Antawon Gipson and Er-

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Clara Ramsey, brother of

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Interim Director of **Land Grant Programs** and professor in the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources College of Agriculture, Food Science & Sustainable Systems.



and 450 student research papers and posters were presented in five categories: Plant Health and Production and Plant Products; Animal Health and Production and Animal Products; Food Safety, Nutrition and Health; Renewable Energy, Natural Resources, and Environment; and Family, Youth, Community and Economic Development. The symposium fo-

cused on, "1890 Research: Meeting 21st Century Challenges Through Innovation," and KSU had 19 graduate and 16 undergraduate students from the College of Agriculture, Food Science, and Sustainable Systems attend.

Six students took home awards in the oral

and poster categories: • Fred Gonzales First Place, graduate oral presentation in the Animal Health and Production and Animal Products category. His presentation was titled, "Effects of Probiotics Pedicoccus, Bacillus subtilis and Lactobacillus acidophilus on Enteric Bacteria Counts in Aquaponics Systems."

• Bijesh Mishra – Third Place, graduate oral presentation in the Family, Youth, Community, and Economic Development category. His presentation was titled, "Exploring Adoption of Sustainable Agricultural Practices in Kentucky."

 Sathya Govindasamy - First Place, undergraduate oral presentation in the Plant Health and Production and Plant Products category. Her presentation was titled, "Captures of Spotted Wing Drosophila, Drosophila suzukii, Using Two Commercially Available Lures in Organically Grown Blakcberries." • Trevor Claiborn

- Second Place, undergraduate oral presentation in the Family, Youth, Community, and Economic Development category. His presentation was titled, "Farmer Brown Tha' MC: Hip-Hop Themed Educational Productions Based Around Agriculture and Natural Science."

• **George J. Pate** – First Place, undergraduate oral presentation in the Animal Health and Production and Animal Products agricultural sciences.

category. His presentation was titled, "Comparison of Lettuce Production Reared in an Indoor Aquaponics System Using Largemouth Bass (Micropterus salmoides) vs. Nile Tilapia (Oreochromis niloticus)."

• Amit Yadav - Third Place, graduate poster presentation in the Animal Health and Production and Animal Products category. His poster was titled, "Using Early Nutritional Programming to Enhance the Utilization of Plant Based Diets in Fish (Largemouth Bass, Micropterus salmoides)."

The first ARD Research Symposium was held in 1976 to commemorate the United States' Bicentennial and to showcase the varied accomplishments of research scientists and students at the 1890 Institutions. Similarly, the ARD Research Symposium in 2017 provided opportunities for scientists and students to present research papers and posters that share innovative and practical research findings in the food and

LIBKAKY NEWS

Monday

6 p.m.: April Craft Night! For teens in grades 6-12, Youth Program Room.*

6:30 p.m.: Inspiration in Visual Art: Where do **Artists Get Their Ideas** presented by Dr. John Bator, Kentucky State University, in the Community Room.

Tuesday

11 a.m.: Book Babies: from 0-24 months in the Youth Program Room.*

6:30 p.m.: Parents and

Program Room.*

Wednesday

10 a.m.: Parents and **Tots** for children ages 2-3 will meet in the Youth Program Room.*

11 a.m.: Milestones & Meltdowns, parenting group for those with children ages 0-3, Youth Program Room.

Thursday

11 a.m.: Preschool Sto-**Sensory Time** for children **rytime** for children ages 4-5 in the Youth Program

4:30 p.m.: STEAM will meet in the Youth grades K-5, Youth Pro- School of Ballet for fami-

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gram Room.*

6:30 p.m.: K-5 Club: **Book Explorers** for children in grades K-5, Youth Program Room.*

6:30 p.m.: Kentucky **Book Discussion Group** meets in the Community Room. This month's selection is Killing Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly.

Friday

10 a.m.: Facebook. Assistance provided for questions on using this social media network. Sower Board Room.

Tots for children ages 2-3 Club for children in with the Frankfort

lies with children of all ages, Youth Program Room.

Saturday

11 a.m.: We Love the Earth for families with children of all ages, Youth Program Room.

*Registration for programs for children, tweens and teens is required and can be done online or by calling the library.

UPCOMING

Monday, April 24

Question and answer session on using EBay at 11 a.m.: Storytime 2pm in the Sower Board

Mystery Book Discussion Group meets at 7pm in the Sower Board Room.

Wednesday, April 26 Natural History of Franklin County: Aquat-

ic Invertebrates presentation in the Community Room at 6:30pm. Aquatic invertebrates, small organisms living in our Bluegrass streams, are directly connected to what happens on the land. Ryan Evans, Kentucky Division of Water, will discuss what types of aquatic invertebrates can be found in this area and things that influence them. He will give a broad understanding of why clean water is important and what we can do to help contribute to healthy watersheds.



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