# **COFFEE BREAK**

BY LYNN JOHNSTON



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# **DEAR ABBY Opening the door in a closed** adoption invites hard decisions

Dear Abby: We have a child who was adopted through a closed adoption. We met the birth parents briefly at the hospital, but they wanted no further contact. Both birth parents had issues with drug abuse, and our daughter was born with drug issues, too.

A few years later we were contacted via the adoption agency by the paternal birth grandparents. They requested some photos because the birth father was getting out of jail and

they thought the photos would help keep him out of trouble. We sent a nice collection of photos and an update on our child.

The next year, the birth grandparents sent a letter saying they would like more contact, including visits. They provided us with their names and contact info. The birth father, who now is back in jail, never contacted us and, as far as we know, does not want any contact. The adoption agency says they will pass on information between us, but doesn't have any advice on what we should do.

Our daughter is 6 and has expressed interest in her birth family. My husband wants no contact with the birth grandparents since neither of the birth parents consented to contact and it was a closed adoption. He is also concerned that our other adopted children may be hurt and jealous since they can't have contact with their birth parents for various reasons.

I am worried our daughter will be upset when she grows up that we never established a relationship with her birth family, but I really don't want to be involved with a family with such complex drug and legal issues. We

**JEANNE** PHILLIPS Advice

have a large extended family, and our daughter sees her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins all the time. Should we start a relationship with her birth grandparents? — Uncertain **Down South** 

Dear Uncertain: I agree with your husband, for all of the reasons you mentioned. Your daughter's birth parents made their wishes clear from the outset. You wouldn't be in this bind if you had respected them.

Because your daughter's birth parents are addicts, it is very important for her to understand that she may have a genetic tendency toward addiction herself. If she would like to locate her birth family when she is an adult, tell her you will help her then. But prepare her in advance so she will know what she's in for.

Dear Abby: I've never seen this question in your column. A female co-worker of mine wears a wig, and it's getting pretty scruffy. No one acknowledges her hairpiece, yet we all know she wears one.

If it were me. I would want someone to tell me it's time for a shampoo (or replacement?). When it was new, it was lovely. She's a wonderful person, and we don't want to embarrass her. Should we say something, or is it none of our business? Your thoughts? -

Working Woman Dear Working Woman: There is no way to diplomatically tell a person wearing a hairpiece that she (or he) is fooling no one or that it's looking ratty. If you do, it will cause embarrassment, or worse, hurt feelings. So resist the urge unless the woman asks for your opinion.

## **DAYS GONE BY**

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 12, 1916

So successful was the dancing party given last evening in the Eagle-Woodman hall for the benefit of Pendleton's campaign for the election of a Rose Festival queen that the committee of young men and women who sponsored it have decided to give another party next Thursday evening. It will be held in the same hall. Despite the fact that the dance last night had been arranged upon short notice and that it had been sandwiched into a week heavy with social events, the attendance was quite large and the net proceeds will be sufficient to purchase several hundred votes. Miss Muriel Saling, the Pendleton candidate, was present and the committee sold her dances by numbers, adding materially to the funds by this means.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 12, 1966 A 13-year-old pianist, Margie Selover,

of Pendleton, was given a top rating and selected as the winner of District 10 piano auditions held here recently by the Oregon Music Teachers' Association. The award carries with it an invitation to perform at the state convention of the association in Portland, June 27. Margie, a pupil at John Murray Junior High, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Selover of Pendleton. She is a music student of Mrs. W.G. Gerards.

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 12, 1991

Gov. Barbara Roberts and other state and local leaders lauded the public-private partnership that created the Pendleton Convention Center at the building's grand opening celebration Friday. The celebration officially marked the completion of a \$2.6 million project that transformed the Pendleton armory to the Pendleton Convention Center. More than 500 people filled the decorated building for the dinner, which included jazz music and presentations by several noted speakers.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE Today is the 133rd day of elevated rail line, the Third Todav's Birthdays 2016. There are 233 days left Avenue El, ceased operation. Critic John Simon is 91. Composer Burt Bacharach is in the year. In 1965, West Germany Today's Highlight in and Israel exchanged letters 88. Actress Millie Perkins is History: establishing diplomatic 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer relations. The Rolling Stones **On May 12, 1949**, the Jayotis Washington is 75. recorded the final version Country singer Billy Swan Soviet Union lifted the Berlin of "(I Can't Get No) Satisis 74. Actress Linda Dano is Blockade, which the Western powers had succeeded in faction" at RCA Studios in 73. Actress Lindsay Crouse is 68. Singer-musician Steve circumventing with their Hollywood. Berlin Airlift. In 1975, the White House Winwood is 68. Actor Gabriel Byrne is 66. Actor Bruce On this date: announced the new Cambo-BY SCOTT ADAMS In 1780, during the Revodian government had seized Boxleitner is 66. Singer Billy lutionary War, the besieged city of Charleston, South an American merchant ship, Squier is 66. Blues singthe Mayaguez, in international er-musician Guy Davis is 64. Country singer Kix Brooks Carolina, surrendered to waters. (U.S. Marines gained control of the ship three days British forces. is 61. Actress Kim Greist In 1870, an act creating after its seizure, not knowing is 58. Rock musician Eric Singer (KISS) is 58. Rock the Canadian province of the 39 civilian members of the crew had already been musician Billy Duffy is 55. Manitoba was given royal assent, to take effect in July. released by Cambodia.) Actor Emilio Estevez is 54. In 1922, a 20-ton meteor In 1982, in Fatima, Actress Vanessa A. Williams crashed near Blackstone, Portugal, security guards is 53. Actor Stephen Baldwin overpowered a Spanish priest Virginia. is 50. Actress Rhea Seehorn In 1932, the body of is 44. Actor Mackenzie Astin armed with a bayonet who Charles Lindbergh Jr., the attacked Pope John Paul II. is 43. Country musician Matt Mangano (The Zac Brown





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BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART

kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was found in a wooded area near Hopewell, New Jersey. In 1937, Britain's King

George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey; his wife, Elizabeth, was crowned as queen consort.

In 1955, Manhattan's last

(In 2008, the pope's longtime private secretary revealed that the pontiff was slightly wounded in the assault.)

In 1986, the military action-drama film "Top Gun," starring Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis and released by Paramount Pictures, had its world premiere in New York.

Thought for Today: "Mistrust the man who finds everything good; the man who finds everything evil; and still more the man who is indifferent to everything." -Johann Kaspar Lavater, Swiss theologian (1741-1801).

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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN attitude







