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DEAR ABBY

Wife in love with girlfriend resolves to end her marriage

**Dear Abby:** I'm married to a man 21 years my senior. "Joe" and I have been married six years. I have recently realized I'm gay and have fallen in love with another woman.

Although Joe isn't infirm or mentally deficient, he has a hard time making decisions on his own. He'll read something, hand it to me and ask me what I think. He can't form an opinion on his own, but God forbid you challenge an opinion he does have.

Over the course of our marriage, he has become "crotchety" and burned all his bridges. Because of this, I have lost friends, business opportunities and my reputation. He got fired from his job three years ago and has never tried to find another one. I have carried the family on my own financially.

He literally has no one but me. He's past retirement age, and I'm half that. I have more life to live being who I really am, but I feel guilty leaving him high and dry. I no longer love him; I love my girlfriend. I want to be out and proud and live what I realize now is my real truth. How can I tell him I want out? — **Trapped in California**

**Dear Trapped:** Before telling your husband anything, discuss this with a divorce lawyer. Leaving him may be complicated because you have been his sole support for a while. Once you know what your financial responsibilities may — or may not — be, you will be in a better position to give your husband the bad news. When you do, a way to start would be to tell him you have realized that you are a lesbian.

**Dear Abby:** My boyfriend, "Mason," and I have been dating for eight months, and it has been going well. However, there is one thing standing in our way — his mom and sisters.



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ADVICE

Mason is the only boy. His parents divorced when he was young. His mom never remarried, but his father did. His two sisters (one older, one younger) don't have boyfriends. The three of them constantly make comments whenever Mason and I go out and do things — that he's spending too much money or isn't at home enough. They critique everything Mason does, from what he wears to how much money he earned in his last

paycheck. It's like they're obsessed with him.

They plan vacations while I'm around and don't invite me. I haven't been invited over for any holidays or family functions. I love Mason and want a future with him, but I can't continue dealing with the nonsense from his jealous mom and sisters. It's causing a huge strain.

Mason knows how upset I am. He says he has talked to them, but their behavior hasn't changed. If he won't take matters into his own hands, should I? — **Competing in New Jersey**

**Dear Competing:** No! Until Mason is mature enough to put his foot down, his mother and sisters will continue to decide for him who he dates, how much time he spends with her and whether he is earning "enough" money to be seeing anyone. You cannot and should not compete with his family because it isn't healthy for you or your relationship. Remember, Mason will likely always be a package deal, and if you can't accept it, you should end things.

**Reader Alert!** If you know a student who would like to enter the \$5,000 Dear Abby College Columnist Scholarship Contest, see the information at [DearAbby.com/scholarship](http://DearAbby.com/scholarship) and learn more. The deadline is fast approaching.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
May 1, 1919

Crushed beneath the automobile which lay overturned below a ten foot embankment, the dead body of Henry Lorenzen was found yesterday at 2:30 p.m. by John Peters, on the Lorenzen ranch 14 miles northwest of Pendleton. Examination of the circumstances by J.T. Brown, coroner, showed that Mr. Lorenzen, while driving his car up a hill, had evidently killed his engine and had been unable to stop the machine as it rolled back down and thence over the embankment. Mr. Lorenzen left his house shortly after noon, bound for his adjoining ranch, two miles distant. He had intended to move a fence so that plowing could be continued in that section.

50 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
May 1, 1969

The American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, a professional association of 50,000 physical education teachers, has selected 11 outstanding high school seniors from around the coun-

try to receive \$15,000 in college scholarships. The Northwest district winner was Constance Harmon, Hermiston. The scholarships this year — all for students who will enter college to become physical education teachers — were made available by three commercial firms and one foundation.

25 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
May 1, 1994

The skull discovered this week on an Echo man's property is that of a prehistoric Native American, according to Armand Minthorn, an oral historian and cultural resources technician with the Confederated Tribes. Minthorn said the Tribes' archaeologists made the determination Thursday after investigating the remains that were discovered Tuesday. Eight Tribal representatives met Thursday with sheriff's detectives and the property owner. "The land owner has been very cooperative, very sensitive to our concerns," Minthorn said. The Tribes met Friday morning to schedule more testing of the area around the remains next week to determine if it is an isolated grave or part of a bigger burial ground.

TODAY IN HISTORY

**On May 1, 1707**, the Kingdom of Great Britain was created as a treaty merging England and Scotland took effect.

**In 1786**, Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro" premiered in Vienna.

**In 1882**, the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee, was opened by President Ronald Reagan.

**In 1902**, the Los Angeles riots, a visibly shaken Rodney King appeared in public to appeal for calm, pleading, "Can we all get along?"

**In 1964**, the computer programming language BASIC was created by Dartmouth College profes-

sors John G. Kemeny and Thomas E. Kurtz.

**In 1967**, Elvis Presley married Priscilla Beaulieu in Las Vegas.

**In 1971**, the intercity passenger rail service Amtrak went into operation.

**In 1975**, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Brewers broke baseball's all-time RBI record previously held by Babe Ruth during a game against the Detroit Tigers.

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**In 2011**, President Barack Obama announced the death of Osama bin Laden during a U.S. commando operation.

**Today's Birthdays:** Singer Judy Collins is 80. Actor Stephen Macht is 77. Singer Rita Coolidge is 74. Actor Dann Florek is 68. Country singer Wayne Hancock is 54. Country singer Tim McGraw is 52. Actor Bailey Chase is 47.

**Thought for Today:** "Any man who has the brains to think and the nerve to act for the benefit of the people of the country is considered a radical by those who are content with stagnation and willing to endure disaster." — *William Randolph Hearst, American newspaper publisher (1863-1951).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON

BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE