

DEAR ABBY

Family won't stop reminding of failed marriage

Dear Abby: I married when I was in my early 20s and stayed married for four years. It has been five years since my divorce. We had no children, and I haven't had contact with my ex. The problem is, my family won't stop bringing him up. My sister is being married soon, so they constantly discuss my wedding.



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ADVICE

I didn't live near my family before the divorce, so they don't know how bad my marriage really was. I didn't tell them because I don't think it's their business. They didn't like him, but they don't know all of my reasons for getting divorced. I have moved on with my life.

I recently moved back to be near my family, which I regret now because they can't let go of my past. I have changed a lot in the time that I lived away from them. I worked my way through college and dealt with a genetic, life-threatening health issue (hospital stays included), all without their support. Since then, I have focused on my career, my health, self-care and my happiness. I'm proud

of myself and have made only positive changes since my divorce.

I have told my family I don't appreciate their constantly bringing up my failed marriage and my sister's wedding all the time, but they continue to do so. They say they don't understand why it bothers me. Am I overreacting? How do I establish boundaries with them about this? As of now, I'm spending less time with them in order to stay focused on my life goals. —

Keeping the Past in the Past

Dear Keeping: You shouldn't blame your relatives for something they don't know — specifically, the fact that your marriage was much worse than they realize. This is wedding season, your sister's nuptials are fast approaching, and it's only natural that the subject of weddings — present, future and past — comes up. Remind them that your marriage is a sensitive subject. If they don't stop bringing it up after that, then continue to distance yourself.

Dear Abby: After many years of much silence, backstabbing and abuse

from my sister, I got a text from her telling me she's starting chemo for a form of leukemia. This has been going on for more than four years, but she thought now I should be "in the loop."

I told her I will be praying for her. I had to hold back the emotional, "What can I do for you?" She lives about five hours away, but knowing my siblings, I know they'll be hanging around and judging me on what I do next. I told her I am in shock right now.

I have very mixed emotions about how to handle this news — from trust issues to guilt to pain. We are both in our mid-60s. Any advice would be helpful. — **Lost Sis**

Dear Lost Sis: Start by doing what you said you would — praying for her. A few days — or weeks — after her treatment has started, call to see how she is doing. If the call goes well, continue to check in on her. If she wants you to come, put aside your differences and pay her a visit. If the call doesn't go well, don't put yourself in that position again, and do not apologize or feel guilty for doing it. Forgive her and forgive yourself.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
May 25-26, 1919

Within three hours of his mother's visit to him Sunday morning, Charles Conners, a prisoner at the county jail, had sawed his way to freedom through the bars and escaped. With him went Manuel Herera, who was captured an hour later a mile east of town along the railroad. Conners is still at large. Two weeks ago, Conners, a young fellow with a convict record since his sixteenth year, was arrested for attempting to obtain money under false pretenses. He has been in jail since. On Friday his mother came here from Baker and had been permitted to talk to her son each day.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
May 25-26, 1969

Westland Estates, a subdivision covering over 500 acres, is in the early stage of development three miles southwest of Hermiston in the Westland district. The subdivision, plotted for approx-

imately 108 lots of 1/4 acre, is located between Powerline and Agnew roads. The developer is Howard S. Gass, Portland, veteran developer. Construction is under way on two of the model homes on Agnew Road, and their completion is expected within 30 days.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
May 25-26, 1994

Pendleton powerlifter Ross Phillips set an American Powerlifting Federation world record in the squat by lifting 491 pounds at the National Masters competition in Nashville, Tenn., Saturday. Phillips, lifting in the 181-pound, 61-64 age group, totaled 1,216 pounds at the competition. He bench pressed 240 points on his first lift, but missed his next two lifts. He lifted 485 pounds on his first deadlift and then tore a muscle in his bicep on an attempt at 510 pounds, said his son, Pendleton powerlifter Greg Phillips. Ross Phillips is scheduled to lift at the world championships in Ohio in November.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On May 25, 1935, Babe Ruth hit his last three career home runs — Nos. 712, 713 and 714 — for the Boston Braves in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates. (The Pirates won, 11-7.)

In 1895, playwright Oscar Wilde was convicted

of a morals charge in London; he was sentenced to two years in prison.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy told Congress: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade

is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth."

Thought for Today: "I hate quotations. Tell me what you know." — Ralph Waldo Emerson, American essayist and poet (1803-1882).

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

- | CLUES | SOLUTIONS |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 like a deposit you get back (10) | _____ |
| 2 social butterfly (8) | _____ |
| 3 praiseworthy quality (11) | _____ |
| 4 in a preventable way (9) | _____ |
| 5 like an architect's plan (9) | _____ |
| 6 rotary intersection (10) | _____ |
| 7 good for a treasure hunt (7) | _____ |

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Today's Answers: 1. REFUNDABLE 2. GADABOUT 3. LAUDABILITY 4. AVOIDABLY 5. BUILDABLE 6. ROUNDABOUT 7. HIDABLY

WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

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| Seven four-letter mammals | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| John _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Two opposing directions | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Team captain, e.g. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Home to Warsaw | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: GOAT BEAR LYNNX MOLE WOLF SEAL HARE / TRAVAILTA GOODMAN CLEESE CUSACK LENNON WAYNE / EAST WEST / LEADER / POLAND

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Word search grid with a diagonal line through it. Letters include: S, L, D, G, O, O, D, M, A, N, Z, X, J, E, N, W, E, S, T, T, V, N, N, R, H, E, A, O, V, Z, L, K, O, Y, A, T, A, N, L, L, N, O, C, N, L, E, A, M, R, Y, O, F, V, A, N, Z, B, O, T, O, E, A, P, A, S, E, K, J, G, Z, S, L, Y, W, R, U, L, E, A, D, E, R, A, E, K, T, C, L, E, E, S, E, V, J, E, Z

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Sudoku grid with difficulty rating: ★★★★★

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg May 25, 2019

- | ACROSS | DOWN |
|--|---|
| 1 Brazilian dance | 1 Word with "band" or "hand" |
| 6 Shoot the breeze | 2 Shapiro of NPR |
| 9 Signal to pull over | 3 Funnyman Brooks |
| 14 Zones | 4 Where Juliet says, "O Romeo, Romeo!" |
| 15 Zenith rival | 5 Take for granted |
| 16 Fed. security | 6 Gloomy |
| 17 Estate crafter? | 7 Play group member? |
| 19 Bend one's ___ (have a drink) | 8 Scrooge's cry |
| 20 Former New York governor Mario | 9 Fret |
| 21 "Band of Brothers" conflict, briefly | 10 Taking the place (of) |
| 22 Not out | 11 Known facts about a redbreast? |
| 25 Cheer-leader's syllable | 12 Ike's command in 21-Across |
| 27 Extremities | 13 Just out |
| 30 Next available | 18 Homer's hangout |
| 32 Asylum seeker | 21 Puppy |
| 34 Sacred | 22 Red-faced |
| 35 "Skyfall" singer | 23 "You missed it" |
| 37 "___ Got a Secret" | 24 One searching for yuletide greenery? |
| 38 Everybody | 26 Anatomical ring |
| 39 Wish that a short hairdo looks good? | 28 Go off course |
| 41 Beaujolais, e.g. | 29 Talking toy since 1965 |
| 42 Word of possibility | 31 ___ rasa |
| 43 "Never ___ moment" | 33 Service charge |
| 44 Wasabi snacks | 36 UPS competitor |
| 45 Fuel additive | 39 Prohibit |
| 47 Falcons' home | 40 Locker room woes |
| 50 ___ ex machina | 44 Paint-mixing site |
| 51 Hit head-on | 46 Pungent cheese |
| 53 Singer of the 2018 No. 1 hit "Without Me" | 48 Biblical pronoun |
| 54 Bites like a puppy | 49 Snares, as a calf |
| 56 Having a high BMI | 52 2016 Disney hit |
| 58 Sacrifice site | 55 Kind of school |
| 60 Windy weather front? | 57 Drained financially |
| 64 Lengthy attack | 58 Long-eared beast |
| 65 Number of Q's in Scrabble | 59 Like an awesome party |
| 66 Additional | 60 Pantheon member |
| 67 Razor sharpener | 61 Resistance unit |
| 68 Pops | 62 Outdoor retailer |
| 69 Finals' precursors, in a tourney | 63 ___ White (former Clue character) |

"IN NAME ONLY" By Gary Larson

Large crossword grid with black squares and numbered starting points.

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KenKen grid with numbers and arithmetic operations.