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DEAR ABBY

Grief clouds woman’s life 20 years after loss of baby

Dear Abby: My aunt had a stillborn baby 20 years ago. At the time, I was a teenager. Ever since then she has lived a morbid life-style — like you’d see in a scary movie. After the first year, she threw a party with a cake for all of us, and wanted us to sing “Happy Birthday” to a baby that never lived.

When my grandfather died recently, she made sure the preacher announced that my grandfather also had another grandchild. I found out that when her cat died she kept it in the house for several days because she didn’t want to let it go.

It bothers us a lot, because she acts like she is the victim in life and tries to make people feel guilty for being happy. How do we talk to her? — **Crystal in Nevada**

Dear Crystal: Your aunt should have sought grief counseling after she lost her baby. That she would throw a birthday party a year later and expect everyone to participate as if the child had lived is truly sad. Because you and your relatives feel she still hasn’t gotten beyond the tragedy, those closest to her should suggest she talk with a therapist now or join a support group.

That said, I am not sure her wish that her little angel be mentioned at your grandfather’s funeral was out of line. Although the baby was stillborn, I’m sure the loss was grieved by your grandfather as well as your aunt.

Dear Abby: Our oldest son has had a girlfriend for almost two years. She’s a lovely, kind and quality person, the type you would want him to marry. The prob-

lem I’m having is that I have slipped and called her by the name of his former girlfriend. This happens sometimes during casual conversation, especially when I’m not concentrating. I have tried to be careful because I don’t want to hurt her or my son’s feelings, but sadly, I have.

I know she has heard me at least a couple of times. I have no affinity for the former girlfriend. Abby, this is damaging my relationship with my son and his girlfriend although she is too classy to say a word. What do I do? — **Heartbroken in New England**

Dear Heartbroken: When it happens again — and it may — apologize, explain that it’s embarrassing, and you don’t know why it happens. Then thank her for being as classy as she has been about it.

Dear Abby: My brother-in-law is starting a business and has offered my husband a job he is well-qualified for. I think it’s a bad idea to mix family and business. I should mention that it’s my husband’s brother, and in the past when my husband has done odd jobs for him, he has had trouble getting paid for them. Do you agree with me that it’s a bad idea for my husband to work for his brother? — **Not So Sure**

Dear Not: Working for a relative can pack a double whammy because of unresolved emotional baggage that can come with the job, but it’s not always a bad thing. Sometimes it works out very well. However, because your husband’s brother has a history of not paying his debts, I agree with you that in this case, it would be a bad idea.



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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 7, 1919

Pendleton speeders have been invited to open up their cars on the La Grande course on July 4, without fear of speed cops, when the Union County Ad Club stages its five road races. The affair will be strictly a race for amateur drivers and all Eastern Oregon is expected to be represented. Two six mile events, two 12 mile events and a 30 mile free-for-all are on the La Grande program. Between \$1500 and \$2000 prize money is in sight for the day’s racing.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 7, 1969

A thunderstorm that dumped almost two inches of rain in 48 minutes damaged county roads and farmers’ crops Thursday evening near Pilot Rock. The storm skipped up East

Birch Creek and into the head of Wagner Gulch. Heaviest damage was to the ranches of W.C. “Bill” Baker on East Birch and R.S. “Dutch” Clark in Wagner Gulch. Gene Palmer, Umatilla County roadmaster, said the heavy rain and hail shoved about 6,000 cubic yards of rock onto the East Birch Creek Road about 3½ miles from Pilot Rock.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 7, 1994

Pendleton High School’s Joel Nelson has a way with words. And although his native language is English, those words can be in Spanish, or French, or Swedish. But especially Spanish. Nelson is the two-time Oregon state champion in Spanish. He aced the foreign language test given annually each spring. Nelson is well versed in French and Swedish and has taken classes in Russian and Japanese as well.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On June 7, 1998, in a crime that shocked the nation, James Byrd Jr., a 49-year-old black man, was hooked by a chain to a pickup truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas. (Two white men were later sentenced to death; one of them, Lawrence Russell Brewer, was executed in 2011 and the other, John William King, was executed in April, 2019. A third defendant received life with the possibility of parole.)

In 1712, Pennsylvania’s colonial assembly voted to ban the further importation of slaves. In 1769, frontiersman Daniel Boone first began to explore present-day Kentucky. In 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia offered a resolution to the Continental Congress stating “That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States.” In 1848, French painter and sculptor Paul Gauguin was born in Paris.

In 1958, singer-songwriter Prince was born Prince Rogers Nelson in Minneapolis.

In 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Griswold v. Connecticut, struck down, 7-2, a Connecticut law used to prosecute a Planned Parenthood clinic in New Haven for providing contraceptives to married couples. In 1981, Israeli military planes destroyed a nuclear power plant in Iraq, a facility the Israelis charged could have been used to make nuclear weapons. In 1993, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that religious groups could sometimes meet on school property after hours. Ground was broken for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. In 2004, a steady, near-silent stream of people circled through the rotunda of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, where the body of the nation’s 40th president

lay in repose before traveling to Washington two days later for a state funeral.

Today’s Birthdays: Singer Tom Jones is 79. Americana singer-songwriter Willie Nile is 71. Actress Anne Twomey is 68. Actor Liam Neeson is 67. Actress Colleen Camp is 66. Rock singer-musician Gordon Gano (The Violent Femmes) is 56. Rapper Ecstasy (Whodini) is 55. Rock musician Eric Kretz (Stone Temple Pilots) is 53. Rock musician Eric Johnson (The Shins) is 43. Actress Adrienne Frantz is 41. Actor Michael Cera is 31. Actress Shelley Buckner is 30. Rapper Iggy Azalea is 29. Actress-model Emily Ratajkowski is 28. Rapper Fetty Wap is 28.

Thought for Today: “That would be a good thing for them to cut on my tombstone: ‘Wherever she went, including here, it was against her better judgment.’” — Dorothy Parker, American writer (born 1893, died this date in 1967).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON

BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE