DEAR ABBY

Teen's sudden death comes amid fractured friendship

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Dear Abby: Last year, after a falling out with someone I have been friends with for more than 20 years, I was OK with writing this person off and going on with my life. From my understanding, this person felt the same way.

Last week, their teenage son died in a terrible accident. I was heartbroken. I truly cared about the boy and had watched him grow up. I reached out and received no response (as I expected). I'm torn about whether I should go to the funeral and how it would be perceived. I want to show support, but I'm concerned I'm not wanted there. I'm also concerned that if I don't go it will look awful and disrespectful, since I have been a part of this boy's life. I don't know what to do. — **Cared For Him in Ohio**

Dear Cared For Him: You may not have heard from the family because they are grieving and not communicating with everyone. As I see it, you have several choices: Send a condolence card, send flowers, contribute to a charity in the young man's name and/or go unobtrusively to the funeral and sit in the back. If, however, you decide to do this, do not go with any expectation it will heal the breach in your relationship.

Dear Abby: I was happily married for almost 20 years. Suddenly my husband became withdrawn, obviously unhappy, and moved out. He keeps telling me we are going to spend the rest of our lives together, that we aren't divorced, just "taking a break."

Although I had a great relationship with his family, they no longer speak to me. My family still treats him the same. He has a friend who is always whispering in his ear about how terrible I am. My husband denies it, but I have seen the text messages. As far as I know, I haven't done anything to this friend.

Between my husband's paydays, I help him out financially. We're both close to retirement age because we married late, and we still have a teenager at home. Do I wait for him to come around, or move on with my life? I still love him, but I'm feeling used. — **Disillusioned in the South**

Dear Disillusioned: You are not only being used, but also being lied to. In addition, your in-laws' behavior is emotionally abusive. (Could they have been told things about you that aren't true?) Offer your husband the option of marriage and family therapy and a chance to repair what went wrong. However, if he refuses, quit being so accommodating, close your checkbook and move on with your life.

Dear Abby: After an invitation to visit, how long can I stay before I'm imposing? — **Too Long in New Mexico**

Dear Too Long: It depends upon the relationship you have with the person who invited you. Usually, when an invitation is extended, it is for a specified time period — a week, a weekend, etc.

Two truisms apply here: "Guests, like fish, begin to smell after three days" (Benjamin Franklin), and "One of the most important things that Hollywood teaches is to always leave your audience hungry for a little more" (Howard Bragman).

P.S. When in doubt, ask!

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago
June 26, 1921

Three new features ordinarily not found in an exhibition of Western riding will be afforded spectators of the Camas Prairie Cowboys' convention which will be held at Ukiah July 4 and 5. The stunts will be a calf branding contest, goat roping and a pack horse race. The usual cowboy bucking contest, cowboy and cowgirl relay races, free for all race, cowboy pony race, a wild mule race, steer roping, quick change race, stake and maverick races and a wild horse race are some the other stunts that will insure plenty of activities for the two days of sports.

50 Years Ago
June 26, 1971

Ed Irby of Arlington will be grand marshal of the Condon Chamber of Commerce's "Grand Ole Fourth" parade. Irby, a resident of Gilliam County for almost 60 years, gained statewide recognition the past year as the author and producer of the film "Beneath the Stilled Waters," a movie showing the Indians fishing at Celilo Falls before the demise of the tourist attraction.

25 Years Ago
June 26, 1996

Umatilla County Republicans wasted no time getting their message across to U.S. Rep. Wes Cooley. The county's central committee faxed Cooley its no-vote on his future political career on Tuesday. "We thought we needed to tell him right away," said Tim O'Hanlon, a Pendleton attorney and chairman of the Umatilla County Republican Central Committee. The committee met at noon Tuesday to vote on whether Cooley should step aside and allow another Republican to retain a seat in the sprawling 2nd Congressional District. Almost all of the county's 60 precinct members showed at the lunchtime meeting at Pendleton's Kopper Kitchen restaurant. The vote, O'Hanlon said, was unanimous.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On June 26, 2013, in deciding its first cases on the issue, the U.S. Supreme Court gave the nation's legally married gay couples equal federal footing with all other married Americans and also cleared the way for same-sex marriages to resume in California.

In 1483, Richard III began his reign as King of England (he was crowned the following month at Westminster Abbey).

In 1917, the first troops of the American Expeditionary Force deployed to France during World War I landed in St. Nazaire.

In 1919, the New York Daily News was first published.

In 1945, the charter of the United Nations was signed by 50 countries in San Francisco.

In 1948, the Berlin Airlift began in earnest after the Soviet Union cut off land and water routes to the isolated western sector of Berlin.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he delivered his famous speech expressing solidarity with the city's residents, declaring: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced his choice of Abe Fortas to succeed the retiring Earl Warren as chief justice of the United States (however, Fortas later withdrew in the face of stiff Senate opposition).

In 1977, 42 people were killed when a fire sent toxic smoke pouring through the Maury County Jail in Columbia, Tennessee. Elvis Presley performed his last concert at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton announced the U.S. had launched missiles against Iraqi targets because of "compelling evidence" Iraq had plotted to assassinate former President George H.W. Bush.

In 1996, the Supreme Court ordered the Virginia Military Institute to admit women or forgo state support.

In 1997, the first Harry Potter novel, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" by J.K. Rowling, was published in the United Kingdom (it was later released in the United States under the title "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone").

In 2008, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a handgun ban in the District of Columbia as it affirmed, 5-4, that an individual right to gun ownership existed.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician-film composer Dave Grusin is 87. Actor Josef Sommer is 87. Singer Billy Davis Jr. is 83. Rock singer Georgie Fame is 78. Actor Clive Francis is 75. R&B singer Brenda Holloway is 75. Actor Michael Paul Chan is 71. Actor Robert Davi is 70. Singer-musician Mick Jones is 66. Actor Gedde Watanabe is 66. Rock singer Chris Isaak is 65. Rock singer Patty Smyth is 64. Singer Terri Nunn (Berlin) is 62. U.S. Bicycling Hall of Famer Greg LeMond is 60. Rock singer Harriet Wheeler (The Sundays) is 58. Rock musician Colin Greenwood (Radiohead) is 52. Writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson is 51. Actor Sean Hayes is 51. Actor Matt Letscher is 51. Actor Chris O'Donnell is 51. Actor Nick Offerman is 51. Actor Rebecca Budig is 48. Retired MLB All-Star Derek Jeter is 47. Country singer Gretchen Wilson is 47. Rock musician Nathan Followill (Kings of Leon) is 42. Pop-rock singer-musician Ryan Tedder (OneRepublic) is 42. Actor-musician Jason Schwartzman is 41. Actor Aubrey Plaza is 37. Actor-singer Jennette McCurdy is 29. Actor-singer Ariana Grande is 28.

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Five metals ☑☐☐☐☐
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Two five-letter foods starting with P ☐☐
Two Asian countries ☐☐
Tweak; fine-tune ☐

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: SILVER COPPER LEAD IRON GOLD / WAITING LIVING DINING HOTEL MOTEL / PIZZA PASTA / VIETNAM LAOS / ADJUST

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7 LITTLE W☺RDS

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 pasta noodles (9) _____
2 where an oak tree starts (5) _____
3 yellow fruit (6) _____
4 "The Princess Bride" heroine (9) _____
5 nursery rhyme's Old Mother (7) _____
6 wound headdress (6) _____
7 traveling fair (8) _____

GHE	RN	TU	ACO	RB
BAN	BA	HUB	BUT	IV
SPA	ANA	RD	CA	CUP
TTI	RN	AL	TER	AN

Today's Answers: 1. SPAGHETTI 2. ACORN 3. BANANA 4. BUTTERCUP 5. HUBBARD 6. TURBAN 7. CARNIVAL

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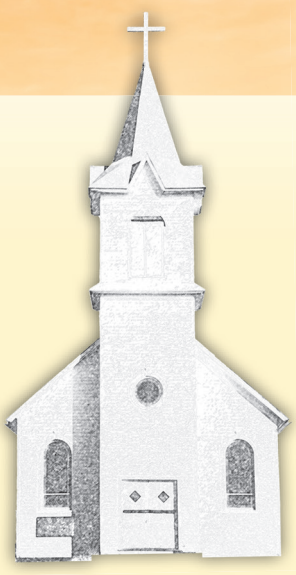

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