

DEAR ABBY

Wife in new marriage seeks balance with mother

Dear Abby: My mom and I have always been close, but since I got married, I have been having a hard time setting boundaries. My parents divorced when I was 12, and Mom went through a string of boyfriends — including an abusive one. She hasn't dated anyone seriously in the last five years. My father is a pilot. While I was growing up, it was mostly Mom who raised me. It was the two of us against the world, until I met my husband, "Eric." We started dating four years ago and were married last summer.

Eric knows Mom and I have always considered ourselves to be each other's best friend. He also knows we have taken many trips together. It's a tradition Mom was hoping we'd continue after my wedding. She has recently begun discussing a vacation, and Eric wants to tag along. She, however, wants

it to be a "just us girls" trip. I'm not sure how to handle this. Mom and Eric are the most important people in my life. Must I really choose between one or the other? Who comes first? And how do I break the news to whoever comes second? — **Torn In Illinois**

Dear Torn: You are a newlywed, married only a short time. For your mother to expect you to leave your husband and vacation with her at this point is insensitive and unrealistic. When people marry, their spouse is supposed to take precedence. Tell your mother you would love to take girls trips with her in the future, but not during the first year of your marriage.

Dear Abby: Can you help to illuminate people on what is proper etiquette after the

passing of a loved one? We recently had a death in our family. As we were trying to say our goodbyes and get in touch with immediate family, the word got out.

Within an hour of the passing, the news was all over social media. We barely had time to react, let alone inform all our family members. Many of them learned about it from these posts. Imagine finding out a loved one passed away from a non-family member's social media posting. It made an already painful situation even more so. People were hurt that they weren't informed before it was plastered all over the internet.

Could you also point out that if you are the person who made the post from which

someone found out about the death of a family member, rather than get defensive and say, "I'm not the only one who posted it!" or, "I wasn't the first to say something," just kindly offer your condolences and maybe an apology.

— **Mourning In Michigan**
Dear Mourning: Please accept my sympathy for your loss. I am sure that feelings are raw because people are hurting, but please realize that because of social media, news travels like wildfire. For a friend to be told and then to post the sad news wouldn't be unusual these days. However, to head something like that off before it happened, the person who spilled the beans should have asked the friend to keep the news private until all family members were personally informed.

That said, since there were hurt feelings, apologies are in order.



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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago Oct. 23, 1921

Ninety fires, with a total damage of 189 acres, about 50 per cent of the damage for the preceding year, occurred on the Umatilla forest during the past fire season, says R. A. Bottcher. The total damage for the year amounts to \$286.29, while the cost to the forest service for fire prevention was \$1,529.65. The work of stockmen and others, in co-operating with the forest service cost \$223.70. Seventy-four of the fires were caused by lightning, two were brush fires, and 14 were caused by campers. There were 54 fires of one fourth of an acre; 34 over a fourth of an acre and less than 10 acres; one which did \$100 worth of damage and was over 10 acres, and which did damage of between \$100 and \$1000.

50 Years Ago Oct. 23, 1971

Sharon Hotchkiss, 29, likes the outdoors. She is one of the few women in the U.S. who majored in wildlife management. She earned her degree from Oregon State University. Her problem with her wildlife career is her husband, Lee. He, the assistant manager of the Umatilla wildlife refuge, is her competition for a job in her field. She has settled for an office job as a legal secretary in Hermiston. The McNary couple knew when they met in a wildlife class at OSU that

government agencies simply do not hire a man and wife team in wildlife management on the same project. Mrs. Hotchkiss has resigned herself to the idea that she may never have the opportunity to enter the field for which she has a degree — her husband will get the top priority for the job. It was decided to go this route in a family meeting.

25 Years Ago Oct. 23, 1996

When Tod Keppinger slid his Stalker radar gun into his motorcycle's holster, the Hermiston Police Department traffic enforcement officer noticed an immediate change in his workday. In the three weeks since Keppinger started using radar during his patrol shift, the patrolman said he's doubled the number of tickets he writes. An average day yields 10 speeding citations, he said. The radar gun perches near the left handle of Keppinger's motorcycle and can track speed from up to half a mile away. Keppinger said he sees noticeable differences in many of the areas he regularly patrols. "That's great," he said. I'm trying to get people to slow down and be aware." With radar, Keppinger has adjusted his patrol methods. Now he waits in secluded areas. Though he's not in plain view, Keppinger is not trying to keep a low profile. "I want everyone to know that I'm out there some place," he said. "I could be anywhere."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Oct. 23, 1973, President Richard Nixon agreed to turn over White House tape recordings subpoenaed by the Watergate special prosecutor to Judge John J. Sirica.

In 1707, the first Parliament of Great Britain, created by the Acts of Union between England and Scotland, held its first meeting.

In 1864, forces led by Union Maj. Gen. Samuel R. Curtis repelled Confederate Maj. Gen. Sterling Price's army in the Civil War Battle of Westport in Missouri.

In 1915, tens of thousands of women paraded up Fifth Avenue in New York City, demanding the right to vote.

In 1956, a student-sparked revolt against Hungary's Communist rule began; as the revolution spread, Soviet

forces started entering the country, and the uprising was put down within weeks.

In 1983, 241 U.S. service members, most of them Marines, were killed in a suicide truck-bombing at Beirut International Airport in Lebanon; a near-simultaneous attack on French forces killed 58 paratroopers.

In 1987, the U.S. Senate rejected, 58-42, the Supreme Court nomination of Robert H. Bork.

In 1989, 23 people were killed in an explosion at Phillips Petroleum Co.'s chemical complex in Pasadena, Texas.

In 2001, the nation's anthrax scare hit the White House with the discovery of a small concentration of spores at an offsite mail processing center.

In 2009, President Barack Obama declared the swine flu outbreak a national emergency, giving his health chief the power to let hospitals move emergency rooms offsite to speed treatment and protect non-infected patients.

In 2012, during a debate with Democratic rival Joe Donnelly, Indiana Republican Senate candidate Richard Mourdock said that when a woman becomes pregnant during rape, "it is something that God intended to happen." (Other Republican candidates moved to distance themselves from Mourdock, who went on to lose the November election to Donnelly.)

In 2014, officials announced that an emer-

gency room doctor who'd recently returned to New York City after treating Ebola patients in West Africa tested positive for the virus, becoming the first case in the city and the fourth in the nation. (Dr. Craig Spencer later recovered.)

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Philip Kaufman is 85. Soccer great Pele is 81. R&B singer Barbara Ann Hawkins (The Dixie Cups) is 78. Former ABC News investigative reporter Brian Ross is 73. Actor Michael Rupert is 70. Movie director Ang Lee is 67. Jazz singer Dianne Reeves is 65. Country singer Dwight Yoakam is 65. Community activist Martin Luther King III is 64. Movie director Sam Raimi is 62. Parodist "Weird

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 common use for vans (6)	_____
2 one arguing the converse (8)	_____
3 it gives you a new balance (7)	_____
4 small brooks (8)	_____
5 another name for a puma (9)	_____
6 like the basics (10)	_____
7 home of one-winged Nike (6)	_____

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Today's Answers: 1. MOVING 2. OPPONENT 3. DEPOSIT 4. RIVULETS 5. CAYMOUNT 6. ELEMENTARY 7. LOUVE

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Find and Circle...

- Five mountain chains
- Three five-letter birds
- Three words made from A-C-E-R
- Jane _____
- Dignified and virtuous

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: REALITY SITCOM DRAMA NEWS / CARIBBEAN BERING BALTIC NORTH / PERIOD HYPHEN COMMA / SPOCK KIRK / CURVE

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