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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE





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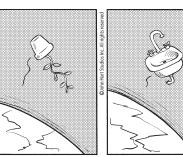
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**DEAR ABBY** 

# Woman tries to balance life with her two mothers

Dear Abby: I have two mothers: my biological mother and Mom, who raised me. I share everything with Mom. My biological mother and I are not as close. We never have been. I don't have a single good childhood memory with her in it.

Lately, my bio mother has been extremely jealous of my relationship with Mom, even though she has never done anything to facilitate the same rela-

tionship with me. She's pushy and constantly oversteps boundaries. Because of this, when I found out I was pregnant, I chose not to tell her.

I'm now 36 weeks pregnant, and someone adjacent to my inner circle has informed her of my pregnancy and due date. She contacted my family FUM-ING about my not telling her, insisting she had a "right" to know. I do not feel she is entitled to any details about my life. Am I wrong? — Guarded In Illinois

Dear Guarded: You are not wrong. You are entitled to privacy if you want it. Your birth mother is "entitled" only to those details of your life you are willing to share with her. (When DID you intend to share the happy news with her? After the birth?) You may need to distance yourself from the person who gave your birth mother the news if you want to avoid similar breaches in the future.

Dear Abby: I'm writing about "Anxious About Alcohol in Georgia" (Aug. 30), the teen who was torn between his

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parents' views on alcohol as he prepares for his first year of college. In Colorado, Georgia and many other states, minors ARE prohibited from possessing and drinking alcohol — with an important exception. That is, doing it in the presence of and under the supervision of their parents in their home.

I'm not condoning reckless behavior, but when I was growing up, my parents let us try beer

and wine at an early age. It was pretty strong, and we didn't like it. We were never encouraged to get drunk or use it in excess. But we learned about it, tasted it and understood the good and bad when dealing with alcohol. I believe this is why my sisters and I never had issues. We have always been responsible, and I'm convinced this is a responsible way to introduce alcohol to a minor.

We gain knowledge through experience. Having that experience in a safe environment with the proper guidance and supervision is a must. Better to learn with a responsible parent than a frat brother you just met. Agree? — Allan In Colorado

Dear Allan: Yes, I do. And thank you for pointing out that provision in the law. Many other readers echoed your sentiments about demystifying the allure of alcohol by introducing it in the home under parental supervision. It could prevent some young people from going wild the minute they reach the campus.

#### DAYS GONE BY

#### 100 years ago — 1921

When Rathie and Owens, sentenced to hang for complicity in the death of Sheriff Til Taylor, meet their deaths Friday morning at the state penitentiary at Salem, at least two Umatilla county men will be present. They are W. R. Taylor, brother of the officer who was killed, and Glenn Bushee, special agent of the O. W. R. & N. It is possible that other men will be invited to go from here by Warden Compton. Bushee was with Til Taylor at Rieth the day the two of them captured Owens, who was wanted for the robbery of Eugene "Happy' Lyman of the Dean Tatom company store. "I'd have shot Owens that day if Til would have let me," Bushee said today, his eyes misty with tears as he talked about the incident. "I wish to Go now that I had shot him. Then Til would have been alive today."

50 years ago — 1971

One of the wettest periods in Pendleton history continued through Nov. 29. Occasional rain was expected to continue today but should end tonight. It has rained every day since Nov. 23. From Nov. 26 through 10 a.m. Nov. 29, Pendleton received 1.95 inches of rain. On Nov. 26, 1.35 inches fell. Only in 1947

when 1.49 inches fell has more rain fallen here in one day, at least since 1935, when records began being kept at the Pendleton Airport. The downpour on Nov. 26 was the most in a 24-hour period since 1.23 inches on Dec. 10-11, 1958. While it has been raining here, the Blue Mountains were getting more snow. On Nov. 29, Meacham had four inches of new snow and 29 inches at roadside, and Tollgate had 14 inches of new snow and 44 inches roadside.

### 25 years ago — 1996

When foster parent Debby Zinn of Pendleton counsels a child to forgive, she understands how difficult it can be for a wounded person to grasp the fruit of forgiveness. Zinn was in her early twenties when her younger sister, Sandra Good, met Charles Manson. Looking back, Zinn believes Sandy found with Manson what they lacked at home — a sense of family. Zinn found the same when she married Gene Zinn. "Revelations of the things they did at the ranch that came out at the trial caused me great agony, remorse and hatred," Zinn said. "I really hated Sandy." Becoming a Christian was "the first step" toward lifting the burden of hatred, she said.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

On Nov. 30, 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the Brady Bill, which required a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases and background checks of prospective buyers.

In 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris for ending the Revolutionary War; the Treaty of Paris was signed in September 1783.

In 1803, Spain completed the process of ceding Louisiana to France, which had sold it to the United States.

In 1835, Samuel Langhorne Clemens — better known as Mark Twain was born in Florida, Missouri.

In 1900, Irish writer Oscar Wilde died in Paris at age 46.

In 1965, "Unsafe at Any Speed" by Ralph Nader, a book highly critical of the U.S. auto industry, was first released in hardcover by Grossman Publishers.

In 1981, the United States and the Soviet Union opened negotiations in Geneva aimed at reducing nuclear weapons in Europe.

In 1982, the Michael Jackson album "Thriller" was released by Epic Records.

In 2000, Al Gore's lawyers battled for his political survival in the Florida and U.S. Supreme Courts; meanwhile, GOP lawmakers in Tallahassee moved to award the presidency to George W. Bush in case the courts did not by appointing their own slate of electors.

In 2010, the Obama administration announced that all 197 airlines that flew to the U.S. had begun collecting names, genders and birth dates of passengers so the government could check them against terror watch lists before

they boarded flights. In 2013, Paul Walker, 40, the star of the "Fast & Furious" movie series, died with his friend, Roger W. Rodas, who was at the wheel of a Porsche sports car that crashed and burned north of Los

Angeles.

BY DANA SIMPSON

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

Whatever I say next will be the most recent thing I have said for an entire week. I must choose very carefully.





BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN





**BIG NATE** 



I DID AN OVERNIGHT AT HIS HOUSE ONCE, AND HE SLEPT IN AN EMPTY TV CABINET!



HES CHAD TO THE BONE! THAT'S ON-BRAND

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE