

DEAR ABBY

# Mom-friends take different paths in providing for kids

**DEAR ABBY:** I met my friend "Ashley" and her daughter three years ago. Our daughters are 9 years old. Ashley makes good money and is married. I'm a single mom. I do well as a registered nurse, but I'm not on her level when it comes to money.

We all get along great and have a lot in common. However, Ashley buys her daughter, "Mimi," a lot. Every time we go out, she buys Mimi something. If I buy a gift for my daughter for her birthday, Christmas, etc., Ashley buys the same thing for Mimi. I got my daughter into ice skating three years ago. Ashley then proceeded to buy her daughter professional ice skates, accessories, skating costumes, private lessons and entered her in skate club, shows and competitions.

Needless to say, my daughter is sometimes

jealous of all the things Mimi gets. For me, it's not about the money. It's the principle that I'm not going to spoil my daughter like that. I remind my daughter she's still more fortunate than a lot of other children and she should appreciate what she has.

Should I cut ties with Ashley? Should I mention my concerns to her? Or are my daughter and I overreacting? — **DOING WELL ENOUGH**

**DEAR DOING WELL:** I don't think you or your daughter are overreacting. In life, you — and she — will always encounter people who have more material things than you. (The reverse may also be true.) Because this is happening regularly, I can see why your

daughter feels as she does.

If it happened occasionally, I might respond differently, but you wrote that this is a frequent occurrence. A conversation with Ashley is in order. If your relationship survives the conversation, consider socializing with her but doing your gift-buying privately.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother and I have never had the best relationship. It has only gotten worse since my dad passed in 2020, followed by my brother, who passed in 2021. My uncle, Mom's younger brother, also passed in 2021. My problem is that Mom acts like I have no right to grieve. This is all her grief and HER pain — she has actually told me as much. She has said, more than

once, that she doesn't know why I bother to get so upset.

I'm seeing a counselor, but I'm having a hard time forgiving her behavior. I lost my father and my brother. Worse, she tells her friends I don't care about these losses. Please advise. — **GRIEVING AND HEARTBROKEN**

**DEAR GRIEVING:** Continue talking with your counselor not only about your deep sense of grief over the loss of your dad and your brother, but also about your relationship with your mother. Not knowing her, I cannot decide whether she is deep into her own grief or simply so deep into herself that she can't relate to you. I am sorry you didn't mention your age or whether you live with her, but it's important that you work on becoming, at the very least, emotionally independent from her.



JEANNE PHILLIPS  
ADVICE

## DAYS GONE BY

### 100 years ago — 1922

George B. Carmichael of Weston has two wives. This fact became established when Judge H. H. Belt, now occupying the bench in circuit court, refused to grant a decree of divorce to Carmichael from Mabel Carmichael, his first wife. The case is unique in Oregon courts, it is declared. Carmichael secured a decree from Mabel Carmichael more than one year ago by default. After the decree was granted he married a second time, and since then Mrs. Carmichael No. 2 has given birth to a baby. Mrs. Mabel Carmichael then brought suit asking that the decree be vacated on grounds that the original decree was secured by duress and that Carmichael did not prove his contention that his wife was impotent, the chief contention of the case. Judge Phelps sustained the plea of Mrs. Carmichael when the case was re-opened, and vacated the decree. Judge Belt's decision reaffirmed that of Judge Phelps and it is understood that the case will be carried to the supreme court.

### 50 years ago — 1972

It's one of Eastern Oregon's biggest shows — it runs twice a year — and it's free unless you intend to buy a horse. That's the fall and spring two-day horse sales at Northwestern Livestock Commission, Inc., staged by Omer and Audrey Bonney. Last weekend's event drew several thousand people and more than 625 horses were sold. Western hats and boots on young and old were as common as mosquitoes at a Hat Rock State

Park picnic in the summer. Drawing some attention Sunday was a six-foot, seven-inch cowboy with hair down below his shoulders, plus a beard, mod glasses and a big hat with a brilliant silver band. Richard Coffin, 23, Yakima, Wash., said that his size might be the reason he didn't pick up any "bad mouthing" from cowboys about his long hair and beard. He was selling five quarter horses. The Coffin name in Hermiston country rings of land, wealth and livestock. That name has a certain magic with livestock people.

### 25 years ago — 1997

What do Taco Bell and Nordstrom's have in common? Not much, at first consideration. The hungry make a "border run" for inexpensive nacho noshing at the former, while the latter counts itself among the upper-crust of upscale department stores. With varying degrees of seriousness, speculators have questioned rumors that both corporations will add franchises in Hermiston. Unquestionably, new businesses will follow the Wal-Mart distribution center, state prison, Hinkle rail yard and chemical weapons incinerator projects into Umatilla and Morrow counties. It's difficult to predict, however, what will be the rippling effect of spin-off development that could come in the wake of these large-scale incoming projects, said Hermiston Development Corporation president Tom Gilleese. "Most models of growth impact are patterned after one (new) thing," he said. "We have four real large projects. This is unprecedented."

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

**In 1815,** Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from exile on the Island of Elba and headed back to France in a bid to regain power.

**In 1904,** the United States and Panama proclaimed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to undertake efforts to build a ship canal across the Panama isthmus.

**In 1952,** Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

**In 1966,** South Korean troops sent to fight in the

Vietnam War massacred at least 380 civilians in Go Dai hamlet.

**In 1987,** the Tower Commission, which had probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report, which rebuked President Ronald Reagan for failing to control his national security staff.

**In 1998,** a jury in Amarillo, Texas, rejected an \$11 million lawsuit brought by Texas cattlemen who blamed Oprah Winfrey's talk show for a price fall after a segment on food safety that included a discussion about

mad cow disease.

**In 2005,** Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak ordered his country's constitution changed to allow presidential challengers in an upcoming fall election.

**In 2014,** Republican Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer vetoed a bill pushed by social conservatives that would have allowed people with sincerely held religious beliefs to refuse to serve gays.

**In 2016,** New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie stunned the Republican establishment by

endorsing Donald Trump for president.

**In 2020,** the World Health Organization reported that the number of new coronavirus cases outside China had exceeded the number of new infections in China for the first time.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Marta Kristen (TV: "Lost in Space") is 77. Actor Jennifer Grant is 56. Singer Erykah Badu is 51. Olympic gold medal swimmer Jenny Thompson is 49. R&B singer Corinne Bailey Rae is 43. Actor Teresa Palmer is 36.

### 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 ad on TV (10)	_____
2 "OK by me!" (6)	_____
3 Yo-Yo Ma, e.g. (7)	_____
4 do to do or fa to fa (8)	_____
5 up to it (7)	_____
6 "Do go on..." (8)	_____
7 la-di-da (11)	_____

  

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Today's Answers: 1. COMMERCIAL 2. AGREED 3. CELLIST 4. OCTAVE 5. CAPABLE 6. CONTINUE 7. HIGHFALUTIN

### WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

**Find and Circle...**

Six words related to playing cards

Voice of Darth Vader: \_\_\_\_\_

Three gases

Three reptiles

Educate

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: SALAMANDER FROG NEWT TOAD / EGRET HERON FINCH EAGLE / ETHIOPIA ECUADOR EGYPT / SLEET RAIN SNOW / BENGAL

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