

DEAR ABBY

Jealousy leads to cracks in trio's relationships

DEAR ABBY: My best friend of a few years, "Leia," and I are very close. We were basically a unit, spending every day together. But now I have a girlfriend, "Kara." She's a mutual friend of both of us.

Kara and I have been together for only a few months, but I already care about her very much. I don't want things to change. The problem is, she's jealous of the connection I have with Leia, and Leia feels ditched, like I'm not spending enough time with her.

I know the conventional advice is to dump one or the other, but I care about them both too much to lose either one, and I need to find a balance instead. How do I go about having a best friend and a relationship at the same time? — **PULLED IN TWO DIRECTIONS**

DEAR PULLED: Start by telling Kara

that if you wanted a romance with Leia, it would have already happened, and that your friendship with Leia is important to you. Then tell Kara you care about her and feel there could be a future with her, but only if she's able to control her jealousy and insecurity where Leia is concerned.

After that, explain to Leia that you care about your friendship very much and don't want her to feel neglected, but now that you have a girlfriend, you have less time to spend with her than you did in the past. Then cross your fingers.

DEAR ABBY: From the time I was a child, I've always wanted to be helpful. If people asked me for favors, no matter how

small or out of the way they were, I was always happy to help. Recently, though, I have been noticing that when I ask for help in return, there are very few people I can actually rely on.

I know a lot of people consider me naive and glib because of my willingness to help, but I have reached the point where I don't want to do anything for anyone unless they're sincere about their friendship. How do I politely show them I'm not as clueless and naive as they think I am? — **FRUSTRATED AND ANNOYED**

DEAR FRUSTRATED: You don't have to be confrontational or unpleasant. Accomplish that goal by being less helpful — far

less helpful — to those who don't return the favors you bestow.

DEAR ABBY: We are planning our daughter's wedding and trying to figure out how to politely ask the groom's mother to help with the finances. When is the best time, or should I ask the groom to do it? We don't think he wants to ask her. — **QUESTIONING IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR QUESTIONING: Have a "truth session" with your daughter and her fiancé. If the wedding they're planning is too rich for your budget, it is important to make it plain now. As to who should ask his mother to contribute, that question should come from your daughter's fiancé, after which a conversation may or may not begin with your soon-to-be in-law.



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DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Ashland won the interscholastic basketball championship of Oregon from Pendleton Saturday night, 45 to 22. They are a fast team and deserved the championship, according to Dick Haney, Buckaroo coach. Pendleton had played bang-up ball against North Bend and Eugene in the preliminary games of the tournament and won hands down. They had their off game against Ashland. Pendleton had two shots to Ashland's one in the championship game but failed to connect with the basket. Holmgrim was crippled in the first game, which slowed him up considerable. Lawrence, who starred in the first two games, was sick at the time of the final contest but was on the floor fighting for the local team. Ashland had a three year tournament team of huskies who could play basketball, according to reports. They also have a coach who deserves much credit for the showing made by his team.

50 years ago — 1972

Blue Mountain Community College agricultural students may be able to earn while they learn during the summer. Riley Freeman, BMCC ag instructor, proposed to the college board of education that a profit arrangement be made for farming 60 acres of irrigated land which the college leases near Eastern Oregon Hospital and Training Center. Freeman proposed the college receive the first \$3,500 gross

from the farming operation and thereafter the profits be on a share basis. In addition, students would be paid \$1 an hour for their labor. Eastern Oregon Hospital has agreed to buy all the produce raised. Freeman said he had a firm commitment from six students, including one woman, and he hoped there would be 10 by the time the project began. "We want it to be realistic," said one member of the board who is experienced in farming. "Maybe we should arrange it so they'd go broke."

25 years ago — 1997

Ione Elementary School took first place nationwide among schools of under 200 enrollment and second in Oregon for schools of all sizes in the 16th annual Elementary Knowledge Master Open. Ione was the smallest school competing in the academic competition. The students correctly answered 92 of the 100 questions. The contest is a test aimed at challenging fifth graders, but because of its small enrollment, Ione had to call upon students in the lower grades as well. In addition to six fifth graders, the team had six fourth graders and three third graders participating. Overall, Ione placed 71st out of 1,600 schools vying for top scores, all of them larger than Ione. Teams competed via computers and points were based on accuracy and speed in answering the questions. A school of 2,100 in Oklahoma was the overall winner.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

In 1859, the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris.

In 1931, Nevada Gov. Fred B. Balzar signed a measure legalizing casino gambling.

In 1942, during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered men between the ages of 45 and 64, inclusive, to register for non-military duty.

In 1977, the series finale of "Mary Tyler Moore" aired on CBS-TV, ending the situation comedy's seven-season run.

In 1987, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving Jessica Hahn, a former church secretary.

In 1991, Polish President Lech Walesa arrived in Washington for his first state visit to the United States.

In 1995, after a 21-month hiatus, Michael Jordan returned to professional basketball with his former team, the Chicago Bulls.

In 1997, artist Willem de Kooning, considered one of

the 20th century's greatest painters, died in East Hampton, New York, at age 92.

In 2003, President George W. Bush ordered the start of war against Iraq. (Because of the time difference, it was early March 20 in Iraq.)

In 2007, a methane gas explosion in a Siberian coal mine killed 110 workers.

In 2013, Pope Francis officially began his ministry as the 266th pope, receiving the ring symbolizing the papacy and a wool stole exemplifying his role as shepherd of his 1.2-billion strong flock during a Mass at the Vatican.

In 2020, President Donald Trump focused attention on a malaria drug, chloroquine, as a possible coronavirus treatment; the FDA issued a statement saying that there were "no FDA-approved therapeutics" to treat COVID-19.

Ten years ago: An assailant on a motorbike opened fire with two handguns in front of a Jewish school in the southern French city of Toulouse, killing a rabbi, his two young sons and a girl. (The gunman, French-born Mohammed Merah,

was killed in a gunfight with police after a 32-hour standoff at his apartment; he had also killed three French paratroopers.) The Justice Department announced it had begun an investigation into the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in Florida by a neighborhood watch captain, George Zimmerman. (No federal civil rights charges were filed; Zimmerman was acquitted of second-degree murder after claiming self-defense.)

Five years ago: Author-columnist Jimmy Breslin, the legendary street-smart chronicler of wise guys and underdogs, died at his Manhattan home at age 87.

One year ago: President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris visited Atlanta, days after a white gunman killed eight people, most of them Asian American women, in the Atlanta area. The United States accused China of committing "genocide and crimes against humanity" against Uyghur Muslims and other minorities; China accused the U.S. of discrimination

"and even savage murder of people of African and Asian descent." Four men described as leaders of the far-right Proud Boys were indicted on charges stemming from the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol. (The four remain jailed and are awaiting trial.) The U.S. cleared President Joe Biden's goal of injecting 100 million coronavirus shots, more than a month before his target date of his 100th day in office.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Renee Taylor is 89. Actor Ursula Andress is 86. Singer Clarence "Frogman" Henry is 85. Singer Ruth Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 76. Actor Glenn Close is 75. Actor Bruce Willis is 67. Actor-comedian Mary Scheer is 59. Playwright Neil LaBute is 59. Actor Connor Trinneer is 53. Rock musician Gert Bettens (K's Choice) is 52. Rapper Bun B is 49. Rock musician Zach Lind (Jimmy Eat World) is 46. Actor Virginia Williams is 44. Actor Abby Brammell is 43. MLB pitcher Clayton Kershaw is 34. Actor Craig Lamar Traylor is 33. Actor Philip Bolden is 27.

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 from the heart (7)	_____
2 chicken-hearted (8)	_____
3 having a heavy heart (8)	_____
4 close to one's heart (4)	_____
5 game akin to Hearts (6)	_____
6 knew by heart (9)	_____
7 half-hearted (5)	_____

CO	ED	WAR	NC	GR
DE	IE	ERE	AR	RIZ
VI	MO	DLY	SPA	NG
BLA	ME	SE	SI	DES

Today's Answers: 1. SINCERE 2. COWARDLY 3. GRIEVING 4. DEAR 5. SPADES 6. MEMORIZED 7. BLASE

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Find and Circle...

- Five facial expressions □□□□□
- Three seven-letter countries □□□
- Three words for "motion picture" □□□
- Three six-letter birds □□□□□□
- Seven-letter synonym for "perfect" □□□□□□□

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: CHAR CHAP CHEF CHIN CHEW CHIP CHUG / PERIOD COMMA COLON / JUPITER SATURN / HOTEL MOTEL / RUSSIA CANADA

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