

DEAR ABBY

Daughter feels powerless to help aging father

Dear Abby: My dad, who is nearing 80, has been married to my stepmom, "Ruth," for nearly 35 years. She has always been temperamental and controlling to a degree, but during the last few years it has become abundantly clear that she's emotionally abusive to my dad.

Twenty years ago, I moved to another coast, and although Dad wanted to visit, the decision was always up to Ruth, so they never did. However, when it comes to her immediate family, Dad is required to attend every event. During COVID I moved just a few states away, and that's when I got the full picture. Ruth took away Dad's cellphone and sold his car, so he is virtually stuck. She will not even let him mention purchasing a vehicle. He's an artist, and she never "allowed" him to get a studio.

The list is long, sad and frustrating. He

forbids me to confront her, but it is giving me daily stress because I love my dad and I fear her control is something he has grown accustomed to. Any advice?
— **Distressed Daughter In The South**

Dear Daughter: As repugnant as the situation may be to you, I do not think you should try to reduce your stress by creating more for your father. He has forbidden you from confronting his wife about her hypercontrolling behavior, and you should respect his wishes. I don't have to like it; you don't have to like it. But this is what your father has been willing to accept for the last 35 years. He and only he could have put a stop to it or left her if he had really wanted to.

Dear Abby: I'm a college student who

broke up with my long-term high school boyfriend a few months ago. He was a cheating dirtbag, so I moved on quickly. I have been enjoying the single life, but now find myself in a bit of a love triangle.

"Derek" is blond and short, and loves to go to the gym. He's kind and attentive, and he seems to care very much for me. He invited me to his formal dance, but I turned him down because I didn't know him very well. He didn't take anyone else even though he had plenty of time to find a date. My friend at the dance said he didn't even talk to another girl, so I know he's very loyal already.

The other contender, "Shay," is taller and has dark hair. He has kind, blue eyes and a shy personality, although with me he really opens

up and talks. He always checks in to see how I'm doing when I've had a rough day. In the simplest terms, he puts up with my nonsense. He has seen me at some of my worst moments and still showed compassion.

I'm genuinely torn between these two and don't know how to choose because I don't want to lose either of them. What do I do? — **Boy Crazy In Iowa**

Dear Boy Crazy: I have good news. Because nowhere in your letter did you mention that either of these young men have asked you for an exclusive relationship, you do not "have" to make a difficult choice. Some people like both chocolate AND vanilla ice cream. I suggest you be honest with them and enjoy seeing them both until the answer to your question becomes obvious. (Feel free to write me again if you meet a handsome redhead.)



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DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

With the purchase of 15 head of pure-bred Ayrshire cattle, F. H. Mytinger & Son have become not only the owners of the largest herd of this kind in Eastern Oregon but have the distinction of owning the only cattle of this breed in Umatilla county. Recently the Mytingers purchased Wenatchee Prince, a yearling bull, from E. W. Van Tassell of Wenatchee. The bull carries the best blood lines of the breed. This week a three months old heifer was bought from Eugene Atkinson, Ayrshire breeder of Tillamook. The next addition to the herd will be 13 head of cows and heifers, bought from J. U. Smith of Newberg, and to be shipped here June 10. Ayrshires as a breed have not been as widely advertised as some other breeds owing to the disposition on the part of the Scotch, who control the breed, to do as little advertising as possible. The mature cattle are of medium dairy size, are large milk producers and yet are more beefy than some other dairy breeds. Ayrshire milk is of good average quality. While the butter fat content is not extremely high, the quality of the milk for whole milk purpose is exceptionally good. The purchase of these dairy cattle places Mytinger & Son in the class of progressive breeders.

50 years ago — 1972

Vandals with rifles were blamed for a two-hour power outage early Saturday morning in the Heppner, Ione and

Butter Creek area. Harold Cantrell, manager of the Walla Walla area for the Bonneville Power Administration, said 54 insulators on the three structures on the Boardman-Ione transmission line just south of the Boardman Bombing Range were shot. Cantrell said the Morrow County sheriff's office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation were investigating.

25 years ago — 1997

The building that now houses the Arts Center of Pendleton, formerly the city library, appears destined for the National Register of Historic Places. The building has received a state nomination to the register, according to Sally Donovan of Hood River who helped with the application process. Donovan said that if Pendleton's Arts Center is placed on the register it "opens up doors to apply for small grants." Erected in 1916 for use as a countywide public library, the building is recognized as being a well-preserved example of Italian Renaissance style. Designed by Portland architect Folger Johnson, the building includes reflections of Renaissance in its low-pitched tile roof, round-arched windows, embellished cornice, Ionic columns and turned balusters. The entrance was modeled after the Pazzie Chapel of the church of Santa Croce in Florence, Italy. Johnson studied at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris and was inspired by classical architecture.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

In 1812, the U.S. House of Representatives approved, 79-49, a declaration of war against Britain.

In 1919, Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which said that the right to vote could not be denied or abridged based on gender. The amendment was sent to the states for ratification.

In 1939, the German ocean liner MS St. Louis, carrying more than 900 Jewish refugees from Germany, was turned away from the Florida coast by U.S. officials.

In 1940, during World War II, the Allied military evacuation of some 338,000 troops from Dunkirk, France, ended. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared: "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the

hills; we shall never surrender."

In 1942, the World War II Battle of Midway began, resulting in a decisive American victory against Japan and marking the turning point of the war in the Pacific.

In 1944, U-505, a German submarine, was captured by a U.S. Navy task group in the south Atlantic; it was the first such capture of an enemy vessel at sea by the U.S. Navy since the War of 1812. The U.S. Fifth Army began liberating Rome.

In 1967, "Mission: Impossible" won outstanding dramatic series, "The Monkees" outstanding comedy series at the 19th Primetime Emmy Awards.

In 1985, the Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling striking down an Alabama law providing for a daily minute of silence in public schools.

In 1986, Jonathan Jay

Pollard, a former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty in Washington to conspiring to deliver information related to the national defense to Israel. (Pollard, sentenced to life in prison, was released on parole on Nov. 20, 2015; he moved to Israel after completing parole in December 2020.)

In 1989, a gas explosion in the Soviet Union engulfed two passing trains, killing 575.

In 1990, Dr. Jack Kevorkian carried out his first publicly assisted suicide, helping Janet Adkins, a 54-year-old Alzheimer's patient from Portland, Oregon, end her life in Oakland County, Michigan.

In 1998, a federal judge sentenced Terry Nichols to life in prison for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

In 2020, in the first of a

series of memorials set for three cities over six days, celebrities, musicians and political leaders gathered in front of George Floyd's golden casket in Minneapolis.

Today's Birthdays: Sex therapist and media personality Dr. Ruth Westheimer is 94. Actor-singer Michelle Phillips is 78. Jazz musician Anthony Braxton is 77. Actor Keith David is 66. Blues singer-musician Tinsley Ellis is 65. Actor Julie White is 61. Actor Lindsay Frost is 60. Former tennis player Andrea Jaeger is 57. Opera singer Cecilia Bartoli is 56. Actor Scott Wolf is 54. Comedian Horatio Sanz is 53. Actor Noah Wyle is 51. Actor Angelina Jolie is 47. Actor Theo Rossi is 47. Alt-country singer Kasey Chambers is 46. Actor Robin Lord Taylor is 44. Model Bar Refaeli is 37. Olympic gold medal figure skater Evan Lysacek is 37.

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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 state fruit of Maine (9)	_____
2 famed West Indies pirate (10)	_____
3 "Fahrenheit 451" author Ray (8)	_____
4 casual seating option (7)	_____
5 Queensland capital city (8)	_____
6 cooling place for a cardinal (8)	_____
7 layup facilitator (9)	_____

BLAC	BE	RD	BAC	BER
DB	KBO	BL	AG	ANB
BURY	ATH	RY	BRIS	BANE
KBEA	UE	ARD	BIR	BRAD

Today's Answers: 1. BLUEBERRY 2. BLACKBEARD 3. BRADBURY 4. BEANBAO 5. BRISBANE 6. BRIDBATH 7. BACKBOARD

WORD★Roundup™

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Find and Circle...

- Four European capitals
- Three currencies
- Three five-letter bodies of water
- ___ Canal
- Two gases

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: CHAR CHAP CHEF CHIN CHEW CHIP CHUG / HISTORY SCIENCE MATH / PURPLE VIOLET / NORTH SOUTH / MOOSE MOUSE

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