

Daughter doesn't want to know the details

PERSONAL ADVICE
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Dear Abby:
My mother and stepfather

are divorcing after 30 years together. Mama has moved in with my husband, children and me. My stepfather is alone in their house and struggling to pay the bills.

The problem is Mama wants to confide in me

and tell me all her troubles with "Donald." I told her I don't want to hear any of it because I don't want to end up hating him. Donald is my children's grandfather and the only father I have ever known. (There was no abuse involved in their marriage.)

Mother said I am her "best friend," and I should "be there" for her. Then she burst into tears and left. Was I wrong? I told her I support her in every way, but I don't think I should be the one she talks

to about her failed marriage. I don't discuss their relationship with my stepdad either. Please tell me how to handle this. — Can't Listen in Delray Beach, Fla.

Dear Can't Listen: Please forgive the understatement, but the process of divorce is an extremely emotional one. Your mother may be trying to justify why she walked out and forcing you to take sides.

Encourage her to express her hurt and disappoint-

ment to her spiritual adviser. He or she is more qualified to guide your mom because there is no emotional involvement.

P.S. You are not only a caring daughter, but also a very intelligent one. Hang in there.

To My Muslim Readers: To all of you, a happy Eid al-Fitr!

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Seen & Overheard

MR. MAGOO TURNING 60

With his bad eyesight, walking stick and hairless head (not that any of that is a bad thing), you would have thought Mr. Magoo was already much older than 59 (not that there's anything wrong with that either).



But nope, the bumbling cartoon character is 59 and will not officially turn the big 6-0 until Sept. 29.

"Oh Magoo, you've done it again!" Quincy Magoo first appeared in "The Ragtime Bear" in 1949. He was voiced by Cleveland native Jim Backus, who played Thurston Howell III on "Gilligan's Island."

— Amelia Robinson, Staff Writer

TORY BURCH TO LAUNCH EYEWEAR COLLECTION

Tory Burch is getting into the eyewear market.

The fashion-designing socialite will launch Tory Burch Eyewear in October, according to a press release.

Striving to put a modern spin on vintage, Burch found inspiration for the collection in photos of her parents' trips to Greece, Morocco and Istanbul in the '60s, '70s and '80s, as well as from style icons, including Steve McQueen, James Dean, Faye Dunaway and Peter Fonda. For more information, visit toryburch.com.

— Amelia Robinson, Staff Writer

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NIFTY NUGGETS

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SHOPPING

How about a doormat that's green, has a story behind it and has a feel-good mission? The Maine Float-Rope Co.'s Down East Doormats are made of recycled marine rope cast off by Maine lobstermen, who have been mandated to change the kind of rope they use in order to protect wildlife. Some of the profit goes to helping the lobstermen and protecting the environment. Mats come in cheerful stripes. Cost: \$49.95 to \$79.95, mainefloatrope.com

— Cindy Dampier
Chicago Tribune

RELATIONSHIPS

The September issue of Women's Health has

some tips for "learning how to speak his language." They include: **Do it side-by-side.**

Face-to-face conversations make men "kick into survival mode," according to Scott Haltzman, co-author of "The Secrets of Happily Married Women."

Keep your message short, succinct, simple. The journal NeuroImage says men interpret women's voices as music, making it hard to concentrate.

Preface the conversation by saying you're not looking for a solution. Men are instinctively problem solvers, while women just want someone they can vent to.

— Sally Dadisman
McClatchy-Tribune

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Anniversary



MR. & MRS. TORRENCE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

R. Dale and Donna (Trippel) Torrence of Springboro, Ohio celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 6, 2009. Originally from Illinois, Dale and Donna were married in Trenton, Illinois at St. John's United Church of Christ. Mr. Torrence retired in 1994 from NCR after 26 years. He was assistant Vice President of Human Resources at retirement. In 1989 Dale and his son started senior care resource company called VRI (Valued Relationships, Inc.) in West Carrollton, Ohio and retired from there in 2006. Mrs. Torrence is a retired Mental Health Therapist from Pastoral Counseling Service in Middletown and Franklin, Ohio. Dale and Donna were blessed with two children: Darren (Cindy), and Robyn Dawn Collins; four grandchildren: Casey and Courtney Torrence and Matthew and Meredith Collins. They plan to celebrate with family and friends in Illinois and Ohio before traveling south for the winter.



FEVERSTON'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Gary and Pat (Albaugh) were married on June 20, 1959 at Fairmont Presbyterian Church in Kettering, Ohio. They both were graduates of Fairmont High School in Kettering, Ohio. They have three children; Scott (Purcellville, VA) Megan and Lauren - Greg and Beth (Valrico, FL) Tyler and Bryce - Ann and Ernie Payne (Winter Springs, FL) Brittany and Benjamin. They moved to Florida in 1977 and have lived in Longwood, Florida since 1980. They will be celebrating at an Open House with family and friends in Centerville, Ohio on September 20, 2009.

Graduation



CONGRATULATIONS KYLE HAPNER

Dan and Margie Hapner of Clayton would like to announce the graduation of their son, Kyle M. Hapner, from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Kyle is a 2001 graduate of Northmont High School. Dr. Hapner has accepted a position with Northridge Animal Clinic located at 5340 North Dixie Drive, Dayton, OH, 45414 with Dr. Lynn Christy, owner and Dr. Kristen Helsinger, a 1994 graduate of Brookville High School.



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