

Family

Hanzlick and Reist set January wedding date

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanzlick of Colby announce the engagement of their daughter Anne Rachelle Hanzlick to Thatcher David Reist. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Reist of Highland.

Grandparents of the couple include Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hanzlick of Belleville, Hazel Duffey of Colby, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Reist of Seneca, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer of Sabetha.

The bride-elect is currently attending Kansas State University and will graduate in December with a degree in Microbiology. Her fiancé is also attending Kansas State University and will graduate in December with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

The couple has planned a January wedding.



Hanzlick and Reist

Confronting crime puts incest victim on the road to healing

DEAR ABBY: Of course, you make your living giving your know-everything advice to needy deficients, but that does not excuse your patronizing error.

You were wrong in telling "A Survivor in Florida" — who was raped by her stepfather when she was 11 — to harpoon her elderly, sick mother who didn't protect her, in order to exorcize what she should have resolved for herself, with psychiatric aid if necessary. Better for her to have said to her mother, "I love you," than rehash her childhood sexual abuse.

What do you know about what a woman has to do to maintain support for five children, and then, to justify her errors to herself? (And live with them.) Furthermore, do you have any assurance that harpooning the sick, elderly mother with the writer's ideas of "the truth" would result in "exorcizing" for either party? You have more responsibility to folk than that, even if that is "what you are there for."

— ANGRY IN PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR ANGRY: The people who write to me are not "deficient." They are people less hostile than you, who have problems they would like an outside opinion in dealing with.

The elderly mother in this case sacrificed her 11-year-old daughter in order to continue to live with the monster she had married and who had raped her little girl! That mother has lived her entire adult life in blissful denial while the victim had to carry not only the burden of the crime that was committed against her, but the accusation that she had been "trying to steal her mother's husband."

I feel it is more important that



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

"Survivor" live out her remaining years with her head up and the truth off her chest than for her mother to die with the big lie unchallenged. Sex with an 11-year-old is RAPE. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I, too, was raped by my stepfather when I was 7. For years it haunted me, and I turned to alcohol and drugs at 13. Finally, at 15, my mother and I had a big fight and I told her what happened.

It was a huge relief for me even though the statute of limitations had run out. "Survivor" should tell her mom before it's too late. If the woman refuses to believe her, then God will help her see the "real him" when the time comes.

— RELIEVED IN S.C.

DEAR RELIEVED: I hope so.

DEAR ABBY: You were terrific to respond to that woman the way you did. From ages 11 to 16, I was also an incest victim of my natural father. I went through the same behavior, fears and more.

At 19, once at college, I took myself to counseling — against my family's wishes.

Please tell this woman to calmly confront her mother. She probably knew anyway and is blocking it. I found that out at 24.

— VETERAN SURVIVOR,

Community Calendar

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

Duplicate Bridge, airport, 1 p.m.
Quit smoking support group, 775 E. College Drive, 1 p.m.
Monday Afternoon Bridge, Meadowlark Manor, 1 p.m.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly, United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.; weigh-in, 6-6:30 p.m.
Pride of the Prairie Orchestra practice, Colby Community College Band Room, Cultural Arts Center, 7:30-9 p.m.
Rexford Lions, Rexford Cafe, 7 p.m.
Hospice, Sacred Heart Church basement, 4:30 p.m.
High Plains Lions, Ramada, 7
Jaycees
St. Thomas Lodge
Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, (smoking), City Hall Basement, 8:30 p.m.
7 p.m. Jaycee Haunted House

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Rotary, Student Union, noon
Alcoholics Anonymous, city hall basement, noon
Ladies cards and social, Country Club, 5:30 p.m.
Weight Watchers, United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
Domestic Violence Support Group, 7 p.m. Call 462-2860
Sweet Adelines International, United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.
7 p.m. Family Night Story time at Pioneer Memorial Library
7 p.m. Jaycee Haunted House

GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DEAR SURVIVOR: I'm pleased you had the wisdom to seek help as early as you did. And now, I would like to quote from a letter I received from Marge Harrison of Eutawville, S.C. She is a wise lady:

"Abby, in dealing with the horror of rape, such as this woman was, it is important to remember that the reason mothers were quick to blame the victim years ago is that there was so much denial and stigma at the time. The belief was that the victims 'got

themselves into the situation,' and were therefore responsible.

The belief was so prevalent that even the victims believed this lie. It is only in recent years that society puts blame for rape on the aggressor — where it belongs."

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Colby Priscilla Club

Colby Priscilla Club members met at the home of Phyllis Elliott on Thursday evening, Oct. 3, 2002.

Minutes from May 2002 were approved as read and Sept. 5, minutes were approved as corrected with the change of the title of Marlo Thomas' book.

Pioneer Memorial Librarian Joanne Sunderman then presented the program with a book report on "Right Words at the Right Time", which was given to the library by Priscilla Club member Wilma Voisin's memory. Ms. Sunderman chose the book because Wilma Voisin was very kind and sweet to everyone and chose her words carefully. To write the book, author and actress Marlo Thomas wrote to 118 people and asked them what the most important words were that had been spoken to them to influence or change their lives.

Not all responses were positive. Marlo Thomas wrote, produced, and starred in the television show "That Girl", but it wasn't the thing to do as a young lady. She would also like to be remembered for her philanthropic works.

She (Marlo) read lines with her father, Danny Thomas, when he would study for his shows, but neither of her siblings (one sister, one brother) went into show business. The book is a listing of quotes from Mohammed Ali, Tom Brokaw, Chuck Close (artist who paints with his teeth), Ruth Ginsburg (Associate Justice of the Supreme Court), Ralph Lauren (designer), Wilma Mankiller (Chief of the Chero-

kee Nation), Toni Morrison (Black author whose parents insisted she clean wealthy people's homes), Ralph Nader (politician), actor Jack Nicholson, Diane Sawyer, and, of course, her own husband, Phil Donahue. Ms. Sunderman entertained everyone with the story of Phil and Marlo's courtship after Marlo had appeared on his talk show early in his career.

Roll Call was given with each member recalling or sharing their favorite pumpkin recipe. Pumpkin date torte, pumpkin pie squares (Anita Turner's recipe), and plain old pumpkin pie were among favorites listed.

Meeting was adjourned to a delicious date and nut dessert prepared by hostess Phyllis.

Next month's meeting will be at Madge Scott's home with Jeri Shuman co-hosting on Thursday, Nov. 7.

Thank You!

The family of Mary L. Sundburg would like to thank the people of Colby who cared for her, gave their friendship and their love for Mom through her difficult time.

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