

# Colby's library online; *Booked for Lunch* starts Wednesday

The Pioneer Memorial Library now has a new webpage! The address for the new webpage is <http://www.colbylibrary.com>. This webpage was made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Thank you IMLS! So what is new on the website?

Well, look at our new blog section. "Blog" is short for weblog. See a blog with pictures of notable activities occurring at the library by clicking on the "Blog" link on the



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Library Link

homepage. Oh yeah, don't forget to leave a comment on the PML blog. Fear Factor anybody? Didn't know about Fear Factor? Click on the "Calendar" link of

the homepage so see what is coming up at the library.

All upcoming activities will be updated on this page on a regular basis.

The first activity listed is the *Booked for Lunch* book review by authors Ray Imhof and Doris M. Johnson over the book *As I Remember It* coming up Wednesday. Join us for lunch!

You can also surf to <http://www.colbylibrary.com> and search the

Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) by clicking on "Online Catalog."

Search for books, audio books, videos, cake pans, or magazines by Keyword, Title, Author, Series, Subject, Call Number, or a combination of these using a Power search.

If you are interested in your library record, click on the "My Account" link on the homepage.

You will be greeted by a request

for your Barcode and Password.

Enter the barcode number (excluding any letters) off of the back of your Pioneer Memorial Library Card.

The password is your last name. If the password and barcode information are entered correctly and after clicking "OK," you will see any check-outs, holds, and/or fines that currently belong to your account. Hopefully you won't see any fines. Lots of other information not

mentioned here is also included on the new Pioneer Memorial Library website including web resources for both kids and students, new arrivals at the library, databases, and the benefits of owning a free library card. Stay up with latest events at the library by going to <http://www.colbylibrary.com>.

Comments or questions? E-mail the library at [colbykslibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:colbykslibrary@yahoo.com). Drop by and visit us another way — on the web.

## Friendship ends between two women when one begins flirting

DEAR ABBY: For the past two summers, my husband and I have traveled out of state to visit my best friend from high school, "Grace," and her live-in boyfriend. Our other girlfriend, "Dina," joins us with her live-in boyfriend.

Dina hasn't been getting along with her boyfriend and seems to have emotionally latched on to my husband. (We've been married two years.) During the last visit, Dina wouldn't drink a glass of wine unless she shared my husband's glass. She laughed at everything he said, complimented his looks, took photos of him nonstop, and fawned all over him.

My husband is flirtatious with all my friends and, although he didn't do anything inappropriate during the weekend, I felt threatened and told him so.

I feel Dina's actions were disloyal and disrespectful of our 30-year friendship.

— FURIOUS IN ROSWELL, GA.

DEAR FURIOUS: You may have known Dina for 30 years, but a friend like this you need like poison ivy. After the performance she put on, it's no wonder she's having trouble with her boyfriend. Although it's possible she may have been trying to make him jealous, I wouldn't blame you if you and Grace decided to limit your visits to a foursome from now on.

DEAR ABBY: My close friend of 20 years, "Martha," recently obtained her real estate license. She went to work for an agency out in the suburbs about an hour from my



**Abigail Van Buren**

Dear Abby

home.

When I decided to sell my house, I listed it with a large agency that specializes in my neighborhood, with an agent I have also known for 20 years who happens to live a few blocks away. When Martha heard about it, she went ballistic because I didn't list with her. She said it was a slap in her face.

I tried to explain that listing my home with an agency out of the area that doesn't "work" this neighborhood or advertise in the local newspaper made no sense. Now I have lost a friend.

Was I wrong to list with the best agency — which, by the way, sold my home in 10 days? Or should I have listed with Martha on the chance that the right buyer might happen to find my home for sale?

— MISERABLE IN HOUSTON

DEAR MISERABLE: You made a business decision that turned out to be the right one for you for a couple of reasons. Not only did you sell your home quickly, but you also found out that your "friend" was more interested in a commission for herself than what was good for you. Please don't be miserable. I'd say you're a very fortunate woman.

DEAR ABBY: I am a special education teacher. I see on a daily basis

what happens when pregnant women abuse drugs or alcohol. Fetal alcohol syndrome can have devastating effects on unborn babies, and the victims are the children.

What is an appropriate thing to say to a visibly pregnant woman who is seen smoking or drinking? I don't want to sound hostile or unnecessarily offend anyone, but I feel that saying something to the mother would be in the best interests of the child.

— CONCERNED TEACHER, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS  
DEAR TEACHER: An appropriate thing to say to the mother-to-be would be: "I am a special education teacher. I see every day what happens when pregnant women abuse drugs or alcohol during their pregnancies. Their babies are born addicted, or underweight, and brain-damaged — and the damage can last their entire lifetime. You may not be aware of it — but I am sure your obstetrician can give you more information on this subject."

DEAR ABBY: I married my high school sweetheart, "Brent," at 17 and had a daughter with him. We

have been together 5 1/2 years and married almost three years. I moved across country to a military base to accommodate his career.

Our main problem is that we argue a lot because he is never home. Brent is always hanging out with his friend. It's not that I don't trust him; I just want him to spend more time with me and his daughter. Sometimes I think we're not the same people we both fell in love with.

Brent has talked about counseling, but he never follows through. He won't give me a divorce, but he refuses to do anything to help the situation. I am trying to decide if I should pack my bags and leave with my daughter, and return to school and work on my degree.

— MARRIED BUT ALONE

DEAR ALONE: Rather than packing your bags, check out schools in your area, and start working on your degree right where you are. At least you will have a roof over your head, and it will distract you from your loneliness. Once you have your degree, you will be better able to provide for your daughter should the need arise.

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