

A Girl Who Can't Say No

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16, unmarried and recently had a beautiful baby boy, which I decided to place for adoption. It was a very painful experience. I never want to go through anything like that again so I considered going on the pill. If I do, I might figure that as long as I'm on the pill I'm well protected, so I can sleep with just anybody, and I don't want to be that kind of girl. On the other hand, if I don't go on the pill, I may say, "Well, just this once won't hurt," and I'll end up where I was a year ago.

I want the next time I have sex to be special, but I have a hard time saying no.

I think the other kinds of birth control are gross. What do you think?

CONFUSED IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR CONFUSED: I think it's better to be protected and not need it, than not be protected and regret it. And since you admittedly have a hard time saying no, avoid situations that put you to the test.

DEAR ABBY: We have three adult crippled children (our own) all in wheelchairs due to a rare genetic form of cerebral palsy. However, that is not the problem; I'm coming to that.

Our children love music, so we bought them a used jukebox and stocked it with their favorite records — mostly polkas, Irish ballads, golden oldies, etc. Last December the jukebox broke down. The dealer who sold it to us tried to locate the transfer switch that was needed to repair it, but he told us that since it was a 20-year-old Wurlitzer, he doesn't expect to find one because the parts are not being made anymore.

Abby, the model is 2801 and it plays only 45s. It had a beautiful tone before the switch broke.



Can you help me, or is this a hopeless case?

GERTRUDE B. IN WILKES-BARRE

DEAR GERTRUDE: There must be someone out there who has an old Wurlitzer transfer switch. Readers? Write to Abby, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.

DEAR ABBY: How old do you have to be to find your real parents? I am adopted and do not get along with my mother. I would like to open the files and find my real parents, but I don't know how to go about it. Please help me. I am 14 years old.

A KID IN KANSAS

DEAR KID: There are many search organizations that will be happy to look for your birth parents — some charge a fee, others do not. The law states that a search cannot be started until the adoptee is 18, but he/she may register now.

My recommendation is: International Soundex Reunion Registry, P.O. Box 2312, Carson City, Nev. 89702. Write for Soundex forms, and enclose a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope. The organization's services are free.

It registers the adopted person, and if one of that person's birth parents also registers, a match is made with the assurance that the "match" is agreeable with all parties. Some parents (also some adoptees) prefer not to be found, which I believe is their right and should be respected.