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Forgive/Love Child United MO's Corner

Maureen with Mom in Federal
Way, WA



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Hi friends:

Happy Valentine's Day! When I think of this holiday, chocolates, flowers, and romantic dinners come to mind. But, something recently happened to me that made me look at this holiday differently. I'm embarrassed to admit, but I had a huge fight with the most important woman in my life, my mom. It was the second worst day of my life as it ended with me yelling at her. When I hung up the phone, I cried as I knew that was no way to speak to the woman who gave birth to me, who drove across the state as I dropped off résumé tapes to be a reporter, and who helped pay for my college education. Within twenty minutes, I picked up the phone and told her I'm sorry and we both said we loved each other and we were both able to move forward from the situation. Had we not, we both would have felt bad and our day ruined. I've seen relationships where a minor disagreement has escalated into years of hurt and resentment that end with both parties ending the relationship. Of course, Mom and I would never allow that to happen to us, but it did remind me of a valuable lesson about love and that is the ability to forgive

and move forward. It's not about "who" started the fight, but "how" do you take the first step in the direction toward healing. I understand not all relationships will lead toward forgiveness, but I hope my story reminds you about the next time you get into an argument, which unexpectedly turns ugly, ask yourself, is forgiveness and moving forward worth it for the sake of the relationship? And, on this Valentine's Day weekend, is there someone who needs your forgiveness?

LOVE: You knew him as #4 on last year's *Solitary 3.0*. Editor of *Mo's* Newsletter **RobRob** will get married on the Chinese New Year, which falls on V-Day and just forty-four days after he proposed to Priscilla on New Year's Day. What's with the number four? That's RobRob's favorite number: four.

KOMO reporter and friend Travis Mayfield and his partner Curtis got engaged on V-Day last year. The two will tie-the-knot next month.

Friend and former colleague, Mike Willner is engaged to Irene. They met two years ago this month.

And, friend and Jigsaw

MO's CORNER:

Solitary 4.0 is back! Go to RealityWanted.com to read about my recap and predictions.

I finished a photoshoot with Chicago Title.

My article about being a double zero that was the cover story in last month's *Stiletto Woman Magazine* has been reprinted in the [Northwest Asian Weekly](http://NorthwestAsianWeekly) newspaper and sparks an article on [body image](http://bodyimage).

And, Eyes in the Dark builds momentum.

Two of the "Dare to Dream" people featured in last month's issue of *Mo's* are interviewed in the articles above. Congrats to Jenny Lin and Bjorn Anderson!

employee Brian Perks is engaged to Cynthia Leitzell. The couple will say their vows on both coasts. Brian is from Spokane, while Cynthia calls Jersey home.

CHILD UNITED: The non-profit has been busy with many projects from its relief efforts in the Philippines to its main mission of helping underprivileged children further their education. Thanks to YOU, CU helped more than 1000 people and gave donations to three schools in a recent trip to the Philippines. Our work is far from over. CU will be sponsoring a number of charity events. We are accepting donations and gift certificates that will be used at these events that we host throughout the year. With your participation, we will display your business on CU's new website (www.childunited.org)

Thanks to Maureen Ezekewgo and Worksite Wellness (<http://worksitewellness.net/news/>) for donating their printers to CU, which will go to the non-profit's project of distributing technology in rural communities in the Philippines. To see many of CU's project's please visit the website.

Until next time ... forgive and love.

Spotlight:

Congrats to Cathy VU for appearing in the season premiere of TNT's *Leverage*. She played a Chinese translator named Theresa Kwon.

Second Chances For Grace written and directed by Kiki Yeung Johnson
Rated PG-13
Themes: Body image, love
Location: University of Washington's Ethnic Cultural Theatre
Dates: February 12th-27th
Times: Fridays 8:30pm, Saturdays 7pm and Late Show: 9:30pm
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