A tale only an adoptee could tell

I have two "life stories" that I have kept separate.

Last week, these lives came together at the Fresno Bee. I consider my son and adoptive son, both born to Southern California couples, to be biological siblings.

Mary Lou Aguirre, adoptee, likes to think of the adoption nightmare as the "giant leap" for humankind. Mary Lou Aguirre, adoptive mother, likes to think of "our" story as the "giant leap" for adoptees.

The stories have some similarities and some differences, but they are both unique in their own way.

Mary Lou Aguirre, adoptee, was born in 1948 and adopted at the age of three. She was sent to a foster home and later adopted by a couple in New Mexico.

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Mary Lou Aguirre, adoptive mother, was born in 1949 and adopted at the age of two. She was sent to a family in California.

She was reunited with her biological mother in 1975, but they never spoke again.

Both women have spoken about their experiences with adoption, and both feel that adoption is a necessary part of our society.

The Adoption Nightmare

The Adoption Nightmare is a term used to describe the difficulties that adoptees and adoptive parents face when trying to connect with each other.

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Mary Lou Aguirre, adoptive mother, has also written about her experiences with adoption, and she has advocated for better access to information for adoptees and adoptive parents.

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