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| Your TV,      | I'm guessing. My lap top has a bigger screen.     |
| Health ful    | truth, persistent, is misfiled as contempt. I was |
| try           | ing to  |
| wave.         | Your  |
| phone         | is dying.   |
| Mine,         | mine. If  |
| you           | want to   |
| buy a         | lap top,  |
| you don't     | head for  |
| the hospital. |   |

MY MOM HAD 3

husbands. She  
kept the last name  
of a fraud she was mar-  
ried to for weeks, since it  
fit, & he did not. Yes, Stein  
way. He was just banging away  
on it, though I don't know  
how much he practices.  
Did you think I was gonna  
buy him a heritage? A child  
makes me selfless? Not do-  
ing any damage. I never go  
more than a few miles out of  
my way. We didn't have any bad  
desserts. *Do I get my present today?*  
*You know how I want you to greet me.*  
*Hey, out of my purse.* She gets mad  
because I call her my seal. Unfortun-  
ately, she has my hairline. *Those*  
*butterflies have little magnets on them.*  
*Do you want a strawberry?* Everyone's  
been a baby once. Crying & yawning  
are the best thing, & I don't want her  
in pain. You're never going to  
see those assholes. So. Would  
you like to be their father?

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