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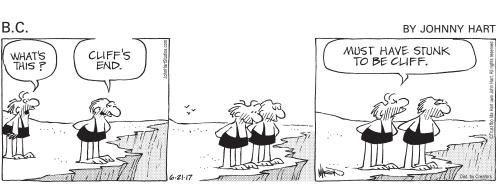


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DEAR ABBY

Gal pals can't see positives in woman's open marriage

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Dear Abby: I've been in an extramarital relationship for 10 years. My husband knows, and so do my close

I love this man dearly, but neither of us want it to be full-time. I have children at home and don't want to disrupt anything. We meet once or twice a week. He touches base with me several times a day, and is attentive where my husband never was.

Advice My husband isn't bitter about the relationship anymore. However, my two closest friends continually say, "Well, why lie to yourself? You know you just say you don't want things full-time so you don't drive him away," which isn't true. We have a great thing — we travel, we have long discussions, and I can open up to him without any repercussions, bouncing ideas and thoughts off of each other without judgment

But I really DON'T want this to be fulltime. I enjoy it like I enjoy a good book and a glass of wine — not every day, but an indulgence and a pleasure. It also feels good to hear "I'm thinking of you" first thing every morning and the last thing every night. I am flattered.

It feels horrible that my two best friends can't understand that I give of myself to my community and my family and need something that is just for me. I have reached the point where I don't want to have these discussions with my friends anymore, so I avoid them. How can I get across to them that I'm fine and happy and content? — Just

Dear Just: You say you are happy and

content, and your husband is OK with the arrangement. Don't you think it's time you stopped trying to "sell" the concept of open marriage to your women friends? By now it should be clear that they do not understand. They probably never will. Most people don't. Let it lie! **JEANNE**

Dear Abby: I am a first-time mom of a toddler. I suffer from (and am being treated for) anxiety issues.

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Abby, I am having trouble finding the balance on gun safety and aware-

ness in other people's homes — especially if my daughter will be visiting. I grew up in a household where my father hunted and had guns in the house. However, he stored them safely in a locked cabinet and was the only one with access to the key. He also stored ammunition separately.

Where do I draw the line? Do I ask everyone whose house I'll be going to whether or not they have guns? What are the appropriate questions? Do I ask where they are stored and who has access? What else should I ask? Or should I mind my own business? I know the questions won't be appreciated by everyone because it will seem like I am questioning their judgment. — First-Time Mom In New Jersey

Dear First-Time Mom: If you start asking other parents whether they have guns in their homes and how they store them, your questions may be off-putting. Because you are concerned for your child's safety, why not offer to have the kids visit your house for playdates? I'm sure many of the parents will be glad to have some free time, and it shouldn't offend anyone.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 21, 1917

While loading his .22 rifle this morning about 6:30 to kill a magpie, Leland Bittner, 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Bittner, who live three miles east of Pendleton, accidentally shot his 15 year old sister, Ethel, through the heel. The bullet lodged in the bone of the foot and will be removed this afternoon. A neighbor had borrowed the boy's gun yesterday without the knowledge of the boy and left one cartridge in the magazine. The boy was just in the act of loading when the rifle was accidentally discharged. The gun was pointed at the floor but his sister, who was preparing breakfast, stepped within range just as the cartridge exploded. The wound is a bad one and may leave the girl crippled.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 21, 1967

A malfunction in electronic equipment probably caused the spilling of about 5,000 gallons of gasoline Monday at the Standard

Oil Co. bulk plant about eight miles north of Pendleton on Highway 11. Jack Pelton, Walla Walla, district sales manager for Standard, said the exact cause is still being sought. He said there was no break in any pipe. Workmen diverted the overflow within minutes into another tank. "We're in good shape now. This wouldn't happen again in a thousand years," Pelton said. Because Wildhorse Creek, where the spilling fuel ran, is almost dry, the gasoline collected in pools instead of running downstream. Peyton said the pools of gasoline will either be pumped out or burned.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 21, 1992

Umatilla Indian leader Antone Minthorn will carry a message of cooperation with him to New York City next month as one of 57 Oregon delegates to the Democratic National Convention. Set for Madison Square Garden July 13-16, this convention will be the second for Minthorn, who is supporting Bill Clinton for president. In 1988, he attended the convention in Atlanta as a delegate for Jesse Jackson.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, June 21, the 172nd day of 2017. There are 193 days left in the year. Summer begins at 9:24 a.m.

Today's Highlights in **History:**

On June 21, 1942, German forces led by Generaloberst (Colonel General) Erwin Rommel captured the Libyan city of Tobruk during World War II. (Following his victory, Rommel was promoted by Adolf Hitler to the rank of Field Marshal; Tobruk was retaken by the Allies in Nov. 1942.) An Imperial Japanese submarine fired shells at Fort Stevens on the Oregon coast, causing little damage.

On this date:

In 1788, the United States Constitution went into effect as New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it.

In 1834, Cyrus Hall McCormick received a patent for his reaping machine.

In 1954, the American Cancer Society presented a study to the American Medical Association meeting in San Francisco which found that men who regularly smoked cigarettes died at a considerably higher rate than non-smokers.

In 1963, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini was chosen during a conclave of his fellow cardinals to succeed the late Pope John XXIII; the new pope took the name Paul VI.

In 1964, civil rights workers Schwerner, Michael Н. Andrew Goodman James E. Chaney were slain in Philadelphia, Mississippi; their bodies were found buried in an earthen dam six weeks later. (Forty-one years later on this date in 2005, Edgar Ray Killen, an 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman, was found guilty of manslaughter; he was sentenced to 60 years in prison.)

In 1982, a jury in Washington, D.C. found John Hinckley Jr. not guilty by reason of insanity in the shootings of President Ronald Reagan and three other men.

In 1989, a sharply divided Supreme Court ruled that burning the American flag as a form of political protest was protected by the First Amendment.

In 1997, the WNBA made its debut as the New York Liberty defeated the host Los

Angeles Sparks 67-57. Today's **Birthdays:** Composer Lalo Schifrin is 85. Rock singer-musician Ray Davies (The Kinks) is 73. Actress Meredith Baxter is 70. Rock musician Don Airey (Deep Purple) is 69. Country singer Leon Everette is 69. Rock musician Joey Kramer (Aerosmith) is 67. Cartoonist Berke Breathed is 60. Country singer Kathy Mattea is 58. Country musician Porter Howell is 53. Actor Michael Dolan is 52. Writer-director Lana Wachowski is 52. Country singer Allison Moorer is 45. Actress Juliette Lewis is 44. Actor Chris Pratt is 38. Rock singer Brandon Flowers is 36. Britain's Prince William is 35. Big truck driver Nolan Wattenburger is 3.

Thought for **Today:** "Three o'clock is always too late or too early for anything you want to do." — Jean-Paul Sartre, French philosopher (1905-1980).

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