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DEAR ABBY Young woman falls for new man during boyfriend's deployment

Dear Abby: I met my boyfriend, 'Matt," when I was a sophomore in high school. We started dating when I was a senior. By then, he was already active-duty military. We weren't serious at the time (his decision, not mine). We've always had a long-distance relationship.

During his first deployment, Matt broke up with me. He told me he didn't want to see me again when he came home, although I begged him to change his mind. When he came home

last year, he felt differently, and we've been together since then. Abby, he once told me after he'd been drinking that "he didn't think we were soul mates" and that "it wouldn't be him sitting next to me when we're 80." He is, however, very reliable and caring. My family loves him and he has a solid life plan.

Matt is now on his second deployment, and we don't get to talk more than about once a month. I recently met another guy at college, and I have fallen completely in love with him. We get along easily and he makes me laugh. I have never felt this way about any other guy before, but I also haven't known him very long.

I worked hard to be with Matt, and we have been through a lot together. I won't see him in person for at least six more months. I don't know what to do. Advice? - Conflicted In The East

Dear Conflicted: Punt! Real life is more



than a bundle of laughs. Do not break up with Matt and do not commit to this new man until Matt is again stateside and sober. Only then will you be in a position to make an informed decision about a future with either one of them.

Dear Abby: I had a rough time during my teenage and young adult years. One of the ways I dealt with it was by cutting myself. It became more severe over the years, and both my arms are covered with very noticeable scars.

Life is much better now, and my wife and I are expecting our first child. I have been trying to decide how I'm going to explain the scars to my child when he or she is older. I realize this will likely be a series of age-appropriate conversations. I don't want my child to follow in my footsteps, and I'm afraid to rationalize my behavior. How do I explain them? -**Better Now In Massachusetts**

Dear Better Now: I agree that you should answer your child's questions in an age-appropriate way if you are asked. When your child is little, he or she may be satisfied if you simply say, "Daddy hurt himself." When he or she is older, add more detail as necessary. Because a tendency toward depression can run in some families, it's important to make a special effort to keep the lines of communication open when it comes to "feelings." If you are unsure how to handle this, consult your child's pediatrician for guidance.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 4-5, 1917

The lack of any service on carrier mail yesterday at the local postoffice was due to the fact the carrier force as now constituted could not be used for any holiday work, according to Postmaster T.J. Tweedy. The regulations specify that if a man is used for holiday work he must be given compensatory time and the force is so small no compensatory time can be allowed. Hence there is no chance for improved service here unless an increase can be made in the carrier force. Postmaster Tweedy says he will ask for additional help and will appreciate it if local people, through the Commercial Club or individually, will aid in impressing the department with the merits

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian

The cigar store Indian at Til Taylor Park had to be fixed last week because it had weak ankles. The Indian is made from a chicken-wire form and the bottom was bending under the weight so the park girls had the park

maintenance men fix his weak ankles. It was Leader's Choice for the theme of the week at the parks and Til Taylor went Indian. Cigar store Indians were just part of the activities. Til Taylor is particularly fortunate because they have a young Indian girl, Jody, assigned to the park for the summer through the Neighborhood Youth Corps and Jody is in charge of the week's activities.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 4-5, 1992

Shaney Storoe received a hands-on glimpse of police training at Oregon Law Enforcement Camp. "I just thought all (police officers) did was drive around and give people tickets," said Storoe, 18, with a smile. After she spent a week at the Oregon Police Academy in Monmouth, she appreciates the hard work involved. The Pendletonian received a Mort Kresner Outstanding Student Award at camp graduation. Fifty students voted for who most exemplified the necessary characteristics for a good law enforcement officer. Camp instructors also invited Storoe to speak at graduation. She talked about how camp provided a sample of what they'd encounter at the academy.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 248th day of evelt issued a proclamation 2017. There are 117 days left declaring U.S. neutrality in Former Federal Reserve in the year.

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Today's **Birthdays**: Board chairman Paul A Volcker is 90. Comedian-actor Bob Newhart is 88. Actress-singer Carol Lawrence is 85. Actor William Devane is 78. Actor George Lazenby is 78. Actress Raquel Welch is 77. Movie director Werner Herzog is 75. Singer Al Stewart is 72. Actor-director Dennis Dugan is 71. College Football Hall of Famer Jerry LeVias is 71. Singer Loudon Wainwright III is 71. "Cathy" cartoonist Cathy Guisewite is 67. Actor Michael Keaton is 66. Country musician Jamie Oldaker (The Tractors) is 66. Actress Debbie Turner-Larson (Marta in "The Sound of Music") is 61. Actress Kristian Alfonso is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Terry Ellis is 54. Rock musician Brad Wilk is 49. TV personality Dweezil Zappa is 48. Actress Rose McGowan is 44.

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Today's Highlights in History:

On September 5, 1997, breaking the royal reticence over the death of Princess Diana, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II delivered a televised address in which she called her former daughter-in-law "a remarkable person." Mother Teresa died in Calcutta, India, at age 87; conductor Sir Georg Solti died in France at age 84. On this date:

In 1774, the first Conti-

nental Congress assembled in Philadelphia. In 1836, Sam Houston was elected president of the

Republic of Texas. In 1882, the nation's first Labor Day was celebrated with a parade in New York. (Although Labor Day now takes place on the first Monday of September, this first celebration occurred on a Tuesday.)

In 1914, the First Battle of the Marne, resulting in a French-British victory over Germany, began during World War I.

In 1939, four days after war had broken out in Europe, President Franklin D. Roos-

In 1945, Japanese-American Iva Toguri D'Aquino, suspected of being wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was arrested in Yokohama. (D'Aquino was later convicted of treason and served six years in prison; she was pardoned in 1977 by President Gerald R. Ford.)

In 1957, the novel "On the Road," by Jack Kerouac, was first published by Viking Press.

In 1972, the Palestinian group Black September attacked the Israeli Ólympic delegation at the Munich Games: 11 Israelis, five guerrillas and a police officer were

killed in the resulting siege. In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford escaped an attempt on his life by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, California.

In 1986, four hijackers who had seized a Pan Am jumbo jet on the ground in Karachi, Pakistan, opened fire when the lights inside the plane failed; a total of 20 people were killed before Pakistani commandos stormed the jetliner.

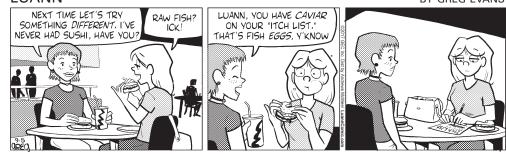
Thought for Today: "History may be divided into three movements: what moves rapidly, what moves slowly and what appears not to move at all." - Fernand Braudel, French historian (1902-1985).

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