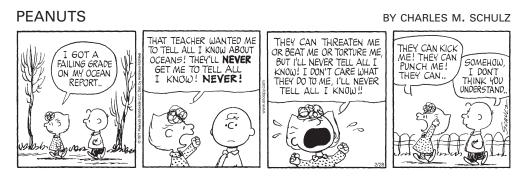
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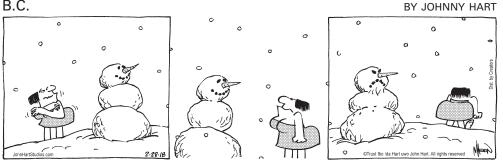
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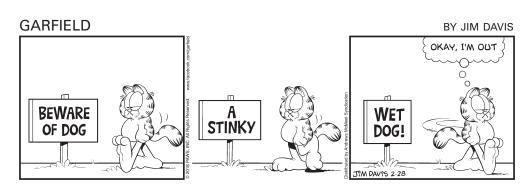


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DEAR ABBY **Off-and-on relationship may** be off again after confession

Dear Abby: My boyfriend, "Al," and I have been together for two years off and on. We dated casually for six months before we decided to be exclusive. Unbeknownst to him, I was also sleeping with someone else, "Brandon."

Al and I had a fight and broke up for a few months, and during that time I slept with another good friend of mine, "Marc." When Marc and I decided it wasn't serious and moved on, Al and I got back together.

I didn't feel obligated to tell Al about it at the time, since "technically" I did nothing wrong. But as we became more and more serious, it occurred to me that it was a lie of omission, since we interact with both men on a social level. I told Al, and he isn't handling it well, so now I'm at a loss about what to do.

Honesty and time are key, I know, but he is distancing himself from me. Do I let him go? I am fighting hard right now, but I'm feeling beaten down at every turn. — Wrong In The East

Dear Wrong: Not all relationships last forever. It's possible that this one has run its course.

If you and Al had agreed you would both be abstinent after the separation, he has reason to be upset. If you had promised each other there would be an accounting of who each of you had been with and you didn't live up to it, I can see why he would be distancing. However, if an understanding wasn't in place, then you were free to be with others and you did nothing wrong.

If Al no longer wants to be with you — for whatever reason — you have no choice but to let him go. For your sake, quit allowing yourself to be beaten down and make it as painless for yourself as possible.

Dear Abby: Is it wrong to paint my 2



Advice

1/2-year-old boy's fingernails when he begs me to? I'm a stay-at-home mom and very close with my son. When I paint my nails (I paint them pink), my son sees me and insists I paint his toes and fingers "just like Mommy."

I see it as all in fun, but my mother-in-law makes snide comments about him being a boy and that boys shouldn't have their nails painted. My husband has also said I should stop.

I know my son will want me to paint his nails only a little while longer. It's not harming anyone, and I'm sick of all the gender barriers. Am I wrong here? — Pretty **In Pink**

Dear Pretty: Your mother-in-law appears to think that polishing your 2-year-old's nails will "make" him effeminate. It's no more valid than her not doing it has "made" your husband masculine. Ignore the snide remarks because you are not going to change her.

Whether your little boy wants you to continue painting his nails pink - or, for that matter, to wear something pink — is far less important than making sure he knows you love and support him and it's OK to be HIMSELF. That's the way parents raise confident and successful children.

Dear Abby: What is your opinion about elderly parents who no longer drive having to pay their children to drive them to appoint-ments, grocery, etc.? Think of all the times parents drove them when they were growing up. — Returning The Favor

Dear Returning The Favor: Most adult children with a memory would never dream of asking to be paid for driving their elderly parents. A child who would do this must be desperate for money. In my opinion, because they are paying for it, the parents should make other arrangements for transportation.

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 28, 1918

The Scharpf home in Pilot Rock was the scene of quite a hold-up Sunday night. Quite a party had gathered to spend the evening playing cards. About ten o'clock two masked men entered the room and the occupants were ordered to raise their hands. From the different men the "robbers" collect about four hundred dollars. When the excitement was at the highest the men unmasked and were found to be George Done and Levi Eldridge. Mr. Bracher who furnished \$200 of the loot was later found to be one of the conspirators.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 28, 1968

Ron Rainwater, Boyd Marlatt and Gary Key were the main cogs for Umapine but they had to battle to overshadow Echo's Joe Rosenberg as the Chiefs edged past the Cougars 69-68 in Weston Monday to gain fourth place in the Umatilla-Morrow League and a spot in the District 7-B hoop tournament. One of the largest crowds ever to pack into the Weston gym was on hand to witness the donnybrook and they saw plenty as Rosenberg and Rainwater battled to the hilt,

both getting in foul trouble early but staying in the fracas and giving their teams fine clutch performances. Rainwater, sitting out much of the second and third periods because of foul trouble, wound up with 42 points on 14-25 from the field and 14-16 from the free throw line — the last 13 in a row.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 28, 1993

Two local teachers have turned a triedand-true board game on its head - and they're hoping to turn a profit in the process. "We didn't want to duplicate the game that was already made," said Pendleton Junior High School industrial arts teacher Jim Davis, who created a made-over Monopoly with special education teacher Judy Emerick. The new game comes with a new name, Pendletonopoly. And players vie for equipment and horses, instead of hotels. But the most striking difference is the game's goal: the Round-Up Grounds

There players-turned-riders participate in a wide range of events from bulldogging to wild cow milking. Winning depends on the quality of equipment paid for during the player's traditional trips around the game's perimeter.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 59th day of 2018. There are 306 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Purim begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History

On Feb. 28, 1993, a gun battle erupted at a religious compound near Waco, Texas, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to arrest Branch Davidian leader David Koresh on weapons charges; four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.

On this date:

In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded as the ship was sailing on the Potomac River, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas W. Gilmer and several others.

In 1861, the Territory of

Colorado was organized. In 1917, The Associated Press reported that the United States had obtained a diplomatic communication sent by German Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmermann to a German official in Mexico proposing a German alliance with Mexico and Japan should the U.S. enter World War I. (Outrage over the telegram helped propel America into the conflict.)

In 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA.

In 1960, a day after defeating the Soviets at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, California, the United States won its first Olympic hockey gold medal by defeating Czechoslovakia, 9-4.

In 1975, 42 people were

killed in London's Underground when a train smashed into the end of a tunnel.

Today's **Birthdays**: Architect Frank Gehry is 89. Actor Gavin MacLeod is 87. Singer Sam the Sham is 81. Actor-director-dancer Tommy Tune is 79. Hall of Fame auto racer Mario Andretti is 78. Former Energy Secretary Steven Chu is 70. Actress Ilene Graff is 69. Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman is 65. Comedian Gilbert Gottfried is 63. Actor John Turturro is 61. Country singer Jason Aldean is 41. Actress Melanie Chandra (TV: "Code Black") is 34.

Thought for Today: "In science, all facts, no matter how trivial or banal, enjoy democratic equality." Mary McCarthy, American author and critic (1912-1989).

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