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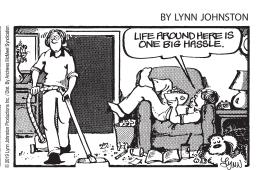


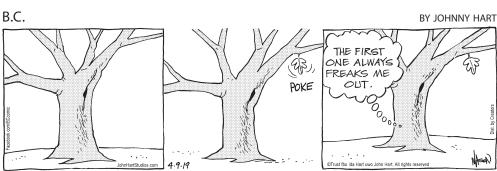




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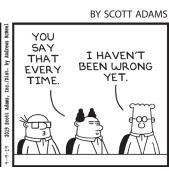
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## **DEAR ABBY**

# Texts rock the foundation of relationship built on trust

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Dear Abby: I have been seeing a woman for a year, and everything seemed pretty sweet. She told me when we met that trust is important to her as she has had issues in past relationships, including with her ex-husband, who was seeing an ex without disclosing it to her.

This week I saw a series of texts pop up on her phone from someone I have never heard her mention. When I asked about it, she said they were from an "old friend."

I found it troubling and asked her more about it. She then mentioned she had been in a romantic relationship with him many years ago. She also disclosed that the text exchange was started because she told him (via text) that she had dreamed about him the night before.

She assured me her dream was not romantic or of a sexual nature, and her intent in reaching out wasn't romantic. Despite this, my suspicion meter has gone through the roof, and I'm having a hard time trusting her story. I find this especially baffling given her history. Am I overreacting? — Less Trustful Now Dear Less Trustful: If everything has

been going well in your relationship with this woman for a year, why are you looking at text messages that pop up on her phone? Although not all people would text an ex about his/her appearance in a dream, she can text whomever she wishes, and she shouldn't have to account to you for it.

The two of you need to have a serious conversation about the parameters of your relationship. The problem may be your insecurity, and if you are going to have a successful outcome with anyone, you had better learn to control it.

Dear Abby: My stepfather, 'Ron," and my mother finalized their divorce a month ago. He has been part of my life for 19 years, since I was 10. He was a grandfather to my two boys, and because he adopted me when I was 17, I took his last name.

My problem is that two years ago, when Ron left Mom, he cut off all contact with me and my boys.

No calls, texts, messages. Nothing! I am still coming to terms with all of it, and it's hard to explain to my 7-year-old where his grandfather is.

Ron was a father to me after my biological father passed away. It's painful to think that he may not have loved me or my boys like I thought he did.

How can a father/grandfather do that so easily? What's worse is his children (my step-siblings) have also cut us off. I have no

idea why. My husband thinks I should contact him, but I don't think I should have to beg someone to be in my life, especially if it's a parent/child situation. What are your thoughts? Any guidance would be appreciated.

Left in the Dark in North Carolina Dear Left: Ron may think that because he and your mother are no longer married, your loyalties lie with her and you don't want him in your life. I agree with your husband. Reach out to him and your step-siblings. Tell them you and your children love them and still want them to be part of your lives. They may need the reassurance. And if they still prefer to have no contact, you will know you did everything possible to keep the relationships intact.

### DAYS GONE BY

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian **April 8-9, 1919**

Easter isn't so far away and the Smythe-Lonergan creamery has seen to it that the butter which is the creamery's chief product has an appropriate bonnet in the form of three-color cartons and wrappers, bearing the words "Golden West," with a blowing western sun in the background, as well as a picture of a contented herd knee deep in clover. The design, which has been copyrighted, was originated by Dan Smythe, and executed by Charles Lebengood, Portland artist who is famous for the "Round-Up Girl" on O.-W. R. & N. posters. The "Golden West" design will be used also on letterheads and as a trade mark for the ice cream which is another product of the company,

#### 50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian **April 8-9, 1969**

Umatilla Army Depot's Delmar Van Arsdale, 36, and Marvin Carpenter, 39, left Friday for temporary civilian duty in South Vietnam as members of a Quick Reaction Team. Made up principally of volunteer civilian Department of Army employes,

quick reaction teams are organized on short notice by the Army Materiel Command, Washington, D.C., from skills registers maintained there. Team members provide assistance to meeting unforeseen short-term requirements in connection with supply and maintenance of military equipment. The UAD employes will help identify and classify supply items, and they expect to be gone from their jobs for at least three months.

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian **April 8-9, 1994**

The Oregon State University Experiment Station in Hermiston showed off its new weather station Wednesday. The facility uses satellite transmission get information about water to farmers. The systems helps conserve water for irrigators by providing more accurate information about how much water is needed to area crops, based on current weather conditions. The weather station is next to a potato field, north of the experiment station, where sensors will be placed to measure the moisture in both the soil and plants. "The information will be relayed to the station, then transmitted by satellite to Boise," said Gary Reed, superintendent of the OSU Extension Service.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

On April 9, 1968, funeral services, private and public, were held for Martin Luther King Jr. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church and Morehouse College in Atlanta, five days after the civil rights leader was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1959, NASA presented its first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally

Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton.

In 1965, the newly built Astrodome in Houston featured its first baseball game, an exhibition between the Astros and the New York Yankees, with President Lyndon B. Johnson in attendance. (The Astros won, 2-1, in 12 innings.)

In 1979, officials declared an end to the crisis involving the Three Mile Island Unit 2 nuclear reactor in Pennsylvania, 12 days after a partial core meltdown.

In 1984, "Terms of Endearment" won five Academy Awards, including best picture, best actress for Shirley MacLaine and best supporting actor for Jack Nicholson.

In 1992, former Panamanian ruler Manuel Noriega was convicted in Miami of eight drug and racketeering charges; he served a 17-year U.S. prison sentence.

Today's Birthdays: Satirical songwriter and mathematician Tom Lehrer is 91. Naturalist Jim Fowler is 89. Country singer Hal Ketchum is 66. Actor Dennis Quaid is 65. Actress Annie Funke is 34. Actor Jordan Masterson is 33. Actress Leighton Meester is 33. Classical crossover singer Jackie Evancho is 19.

Thought for Today: "The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

(1906-1945).

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