

DEAR ABBY

Romance with prison inmate evolves into love triangle

Dear Abby: I am a 42-year-old mother of three who has been in a relationship with a man for almost six years. He is incarcerated. We started out as friends. Things were great until this year, when he reconnected with an old girlfriend.

I had a conversation with her over Facebook, and she wanted to invite me out for coffee one day. I ended up messaging her later on that night, and she told my boyfriend I had "made her uncomfortable."

Abby, he's now saying he's in love with both of us. I'm not allowed to talk about her, and anything they talk about is "none of my business."

of the picture. Please tell me what to do. — Crowded in Alaska

Dear Abby: Forgive me for seeming negative, but from what you have written, I don't think this man is in love with either one of you. What you should "do" is reassess your relationship with this two-timing felon.

Dear Abby: I've read many letters over the years about relationships in which there

is a significant age gap, and thought I would like to share a success story. My boyfriend and I have a 22-year age difference, and we couldn't be happier.

He's 60 now, and I am 38. We live separately, but go back and forth between the

houses most nights. He's actively engaged in my kids' lives, and we're talking about marriage. Because of our age difference, this includes discussing wills, estate planning and the hurdles that come with retirement and raising high schoolers, but we do it with great respect for where the other is in their own journey.

Dear Luckiest Girl: When both parties are adults with experience in the world, age is only a number. While there can be challenges in May-December unions, you and your boyfriend appear to be looking at the future with eyes wide open.



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DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1921

America must take measures to meet a critical timber situation which is yearly becoming more critical, the forest service, United States department of agriculture, reports in a review of conditions existing in the forests and the wood-consuming industries.

50 years ago — 1971

Dr. Charles Sappington of Hermiston was appointed Umatilla County health officer the first of October. He has no experience in public health, so he wondered what he'd find in the way of the number one health problem in the county.

weeks in office, there were 12 cases of venereal disease. "This I consider to be of epidemic proportions," he said. The great problem, Dr. Sappington said, is persuading people to go to a doctor or to the health clinic for examination and treatment.

25 years ago — 1996

Sixty years ago a group of women in Pilot Rock formed a club. They called themselves Friendly Neighbors. Many of their husbands expressed the opinion that the organization wouldn't last a year.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Nov. 27, 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1924, Macy's first Thanksgiving Day parade — billed as a "Christmas Parade" — took place in New York.

In 1942, during World War II, the Vichy French navy scuttled its ships and submarines in Toulon to keep them out of the hands of German troops.

In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.

In 1962, the first Boeing 727 was rolled out at the company's Renton Plant near Seattle.

In 1967, the Beatles album "Magical Mystery Tour" was released in the United States by Capitol Records.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at

the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned.

In 1998, answering 81 questions put to him three weeks earlier, President Bill Clinton wrote the House Judiciary Committee that his testimony in the Monica Lewinsky affair was "not false and misleading."

In 2007, a Somali immigrant (Nuradin Abdi) was sentenced to 10 years in prison for plotting to blow up an Ohio shopping mall.

In 2015, a gunman attacked a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs, Colorado, killing three people and injuring nine. (Suspect Robert Dear was sent to a psychiatric hospital after being deemed incompetent for trial; he was charged in federal court after

his prosecution in state court stalled.)

Ten years ago: In an unprecedented move against an Arab nation, the Arab League approved economic sanctions against Syria, to pressure Damascus to end its deadly suppression of an 8-month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad.

Five years ago: President-elect Donald Trump claimed that "millions" had voted illegally in the national election, scoffing at Hillary Clinton's nearly 2 million-vote edge in the popular vote and returning to his campaign mantra of a rigged race even as he prepared to enter the White House in less than two months.

One year ago: President Donald Trump's legal team suffered another defeat as a federal appeals court in Philadelphia roundly rejected the campaign's latest effort to challenge Pennsylvania's election results; Judge Stephanos Bibas, a Trump appointee, wrote that "calling an election unfair does not make it so."

in online shopping offered a small beacon of hope for struggling retailers. Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, the Iranian scientist who founded that country's military nuclear program in the early 2000s, was killed in an attack on the outskirts of Tehran; Iran said Israel was responsible.

Today's Birthdays: Footwear designer Manolo Blahnik is 79. Academy Award-winning director Kathryn Bigelow is 70. TV host Bill Nye ("Bill Nye, the Science Guy") is 66. Caroline Kennedy is 64. Academy Award-winning screenwriter Callie Khouri is 64.

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Find and Circle...

- Six rhymes for "power" (four-letter min.) □□□□□
Six four-letter countries □□□□□
Three four-letter words starting with GO □□□
Two five-letter words with X in the middle □□
He had wings made of wax □

Answers to Friday's puzzle: BATMAN ALIEN ROCKY SHREK JAWS / SISTER MOTHER FATHER COUSIN / CARTER NIXON FORD / SUDAN CHAD / ELTON JOHN

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Answers to Saturday's puzzle: DRESSER TABLE CHAIR DESK / MOUNTAIN CANYON PLAIN HILL / SANTIAGO BOGOTA LIMA / BATMAN ROBIN / BEST

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 stood behind (9)
2 behind the wheel (7)
3 behind one's back (8)
4 left behind (9)
5 behind the times (8)
6 behind bars (6)
7 come from behind to win (5)

SOLUTIONS

Word bank containing: POR, IVI, TD, DR, AT, NG, NED, NDO, RET, RAL, SUP, SEC, OU, JAI, ABA, TED, LED, LY, LY, ED

Today's Answers: 1. SUPPORTED 2. DRIVING 3. SECRETLY 4. ABANDONED 5. OUTDATED 6. JAILED 7. RALLY

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