

DEAR ABBY

Girlfriend is unimpressed by man's longtime friends

Dear Abby: My boyfriend has been hanging out with a group of "friends" since college. He is now 41. The women in this group are unfriendly toward me. They don't say hello or goodbye or even acknowledge my existence when I am around them. I have talked to my boyfriend about this time and again, and he defends their behavior. He says I "lack empathy."

We have been dating for a year and a half, and I realize the other "friends" he surrounds himself with are as bad or worse. (They are heavy drinkers, drug dealers and drug users, and have low morals, poor values, etc.) When I give him examples of how these people treat him poorly and treat me rudely, he brushes it off, saying their behavior and comments don't bother him. What gives? — **Looking For Insight**

Dear Looking: What "gives" is this: Your boyfriend is comfortable with these people

because he is like them. If he had higher self-esteem and was more highly motivated, he wouldn't be hanging out with those losers. He'd form friendships with people who live healthy lifestyles, have gainful employment, high morals and better values. That you would spend a year and a half surrounded by a group like this tells me you must be desperate for company.

Dear Abby: I'm a newlywed, and my husband and I have just hit a big roadblock. I hate the town we live in. I always have. The only reason I'm here is because of him, but I have always been very clear about wanting to move.

I lost my job, and the market around here is terrible, which has pushed the idea of us moving to the forefront. I don't expect us to go anywhere now, but it is becoming crystal

clear that this place isn't going to get me far. My husband is a teacher, but between terms he has the option to leave. When we married, it was with the understanding that we would eventually leave, or so I thought. Now he's talking about how if I want to move, I'll be going without him because he's happy here, and he's happy to stay forever.

I feel like the rug has been pulled out from under me, and I don't know what to do. I love my husband, but I love myself, too. I will never be happy here. I've tolerated it for five years, and I'm miserable. How am I supposed to compromise on an absolute? We can't both move and not move. — **Yearning To Flee**

Dear Yearning: Your husband should have been honest with you from the beginning about his feelings and ties to the commu-

nity. Because you know you can't be happy there — and he has indicated that he plans to stay — I think you should do whatever makes you happy and thank your lucky stars there are no children involved to complicate matters.

Dear Abby: I am 24 and being married soon. My fiance thinks I'm a virgin, but in reality, I am far from it. We have been saving sex for marriage — at least that's what he thinks. I don't know if I should keep this to myself or tell him. Please give me your expert advice. — **Bride-To-Be**

Dear Bride-To-Be: Solid marriages are built on trust. What do you think the fallout will be if this man finds out he has been lied to all this time? He will never again believe what you tell him, and who could blame him? The time to level is now, before the wedding — and if it's a deal-breaker, que sera, sera.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago in the East Oregonian

The race for first honors in the Round-Up queen contest, being conducted in Pendleton under the auspices of union labor to help defray expenses of the big Labor Day celebration which will be held here this year, is waxing warm and furious. Miss Eva Lundell is still in the lead, according to the count made last night. Eula McAtee is close behind her. The official count last night shows the following votes: Eva Lundell, 9,096 votes; Eula McAtee, 8,117; Mary Morand, 4,341; Bessie Taylor, 3,916. The queen contest will close Wednesday evening, August 23, with a "queen carnival dance" at labor hall. After the dance the votes will be immediately counted and the winner announced.

50 years ago in the East Oregonian

The Pendleton Round-Up court Wednesday continued its busy schedule of pre-Round-Up social events. Wednesday's affair was a pow wow at the Davis and Rugg cabin at Bingham Springs Members of the court — Queen Susan Davis, Princesses Mary Hibberd, Becky Raymond,

Betsy Shaw and Shelly Simpson — were joined by Happy Canyon Princess Darlene Terry for a luncheon and swimming party. Pendleton Round-Up bucking horse charms were presented to the girls. The members of the court, some of their mothers and grandmothers, last week attended a coffee and a patio brunch. The girls received a photo book and rings to wear with their party clothes.

25 years ago in the East Oregonian

With the Oregon Legislature unable to pass a plan to fund road repairs, Umatilla County is considering adopting a fuel tax to patch the worst of the country's potholes. The county Board of Commissioners will meet Tuesday morning with mayors and city managers from throughout the county to discuss a possible gas tax. Pendleton City Manager Larry Lehman said discussions between the county and the cities have thus far been informal. Various rates have been brought up, from one cent to three cents or more a gallon, he said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

In 1862, the New York Tribune published an open letter by editor Horace Greeley calling on President Abraham Lincoln to take more aggressive measures to free the slaves and end the South's rebellion.

In 1866, President Andrew Johnson formally declared the Civil War over, months after fighting had stopped.

In 1882, Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" had its premiere in Moscow.

In 1910, a series of forest fires swept through parts of Idaho, Montana and Washington, killing at least 85 people and burning some 3 million acres.

In 1940, exiled Communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky was assassinated in Coyoacan, Mexico by Ramon Mercader. (Trotsky died the next day.)

In 1953, the Soviet Union publicly acknowledged it had tested a hydrogen bomb.

In 1955, hundreds of people were killed in anti-French rioting in Morocco and Algeria.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act, a nearly \$1 billion anti-poverty measure.

In 1968, the Soviet Union and other Warsaw

Pact nations began invading Czechoslovakia to crush the "Prague Spring" liberalization drive.

In 1986, postal employee Patrick Henry Sherrill went on a deadly rampage at a post office in Edmond, Oklahoma, shooting 14 fellow workers to death before killing himself.

In 1988, a cease-fire in the war between Iraq and Iran went into effect.

In 1989, 51 people died when a pleasure boat sank in the River Thames (tehmz) in London after colliding with a dredger.

In 2020, accepting the Democratic presidential nomination, Joe Biden vowed to move the nation past the chaos of Donald Trump's tenure and return it to its leadership role in the world; capping a virtual convention amid the pandemic, Biden spoke to a largely empty arena in Delaware. Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny became ill on a flight to Moscow from Siberia and was hospitalized in a coma. (Navalny would spend five months in Germany recovering from a nerve agent poisoning that he blamed on the Kremlin; he was arrested after his return to Russia.)

Ten years ago: In a historic change at one of the

world's most exclusive golf clubs, Georgia's Augusta National invited former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and South Carolina financier Darla Moore to become the first female members; both accepted. Comedian Phyllis Diller, 95, died at her Los Angeles home.

Five years ago: Actor, comic and longtime telethon host Jerry Lewis died of heart disease in Las Vegas at the age of 91.

One year ago: President Joe Biden pledged to bring all Americans home from Afghanistan, along with all Afghans who aided the U.S. war effort there; his promise came as thousands more Americans and others seeking to escape the Taliban struggled to get past crushing crowds and Taliban checkpoints at the airport. San Francisco became the first major city in the nation to require proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 for people dining inside restaurants, working out in gyms or attending indoor concerts. China changed its Population and Family Planning Law to allow couples to legally have a third child; the change came just six years after the law was changed to allow a second child amid a plum-

meting birthrate. Tom T. Hall, the singer-songwriter who composed "Harper Valley P.T.A." and sang about life's simple joys as country music's consummate blue collar bard, died at his Tennessee home at 85.

Today's Birthdays: Boxing promoter Don King is 91. Former MLB All-Star Graig Nettles is 78. Broadcast journalist Connie Chung is 76. Musician Jimmy Pankow (Chicago) is 75. Actor Ray Wise is 75. Actor John Noble is 74. Rock singer Robert Plant (Led Zeppelin) is 74. Country singer Rudy Gatlin is 70. Singer-songwriter John Hiatt is 70. Actor-director Peter Horton is 69. TV weatherman Al Roker is 68. Actor Jay Acovone is 67. Actor Joan Allen is 66. Movie director David O. Russell is 64. TV personality Asha Blake is 61. Actor James Marsters is 60. Rapper KRS-One is 57. Actor Colin Cunningham is 56. Actor Billy Gardell is 53. Rock singer Fred Durst (Limp Bizkit) is 52. Actor Jonathan Ke Quan is 52. Actor Misha Collins is 48. Rock singer Monique Powell (Save Ferris) is 47. Actor Ben Barnes is 41. Actor Meghan Ory is 40. Actor Andrew Garfield is 39. Actor Brant Daugherty is 37. Actor-singer Demi Lovato is 30.

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	SOLUTIONS
1 bomb (4)	_____
2 quiz (8)	_____
3 balloon (5)	_____
4 squash (5)	_____
5 tie (8)	_____
6 pine (5)	_____
7 plow (9)	_____

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Today's Answers: 1. FLOP 2. QUESTION 3. SWELL 4. CRUSH 5. DEADLOCK 6. YEARN 7. CULTIVATE

WORD★Roundup™

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Find and Circle...

- Four metals
- Four European countries
- Three four-letter numbers
- Three four-letter flowers
- Three words ending with FT

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: COPPER SODIUM SILVER ZINC / GERMANY POLAND FRANCE SPAIN / ZERO FIVE NINE / ROSE LILY IRIS / SHIFT RIFT LIFT

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