

OUT OF THE VAULT

Civic-minded tot gathers cache of trash

Not everyone bemoaning the litter befoiling the streets of Pendleton is a taxpaying grown-up. In 1969 an enterprising young man took the initiative to clean up one of Pendleton's biggest tourist attractions — to the surprise of his father, who didn't even know the boy was gone.

Blair Ranslam, a 3 1/2-year-old Pendleton boy, was spending Nov. 20, 1969, with his father Bob Ranslam, the manager of Pendleton Grain Growers' feed and seed store on Southwest Dorion Avenue. Ducking his father's watchful eye, Blair crossed busy Dorion and Court avenues and entered the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds, where he found a large plastic bag and filled it with trash.

search, then called the police. The boy was eventually found with his bag of litter and returned to PGG.

"The policeman came and said my daddy was looking for me," Blair said, also remarking about the big bullets the officer carried.

"Lot of junk over there," he said later.

When asked what he planned to do with the garbage he had collected, Blair said he planned to put it in a fireplace, but wasn't sure where, since his family didn't have one.

And where did the litter come from? "Some people came over there and throw it down. They should throw it in a garbage."

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EO file photo
Young sanitation tech Blair Ranslam shows off his hard work after collecting trash at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds Nov. 20, 1969.

DEAR ABBY

Teen is tasked with cooking thanksgiving dinner — alone

Dear Abby: I am a 17-year-old girl and somewhat spoiled. My mother delivers breakfast in bed to me daily. My dad eats a burger for dinner, but Mom cooks a ribeye steak with a loaded baked potato for me.

I don't know how to cook, but Dad says I must cook a complete Thanksgiving dinner with no assistance! My smartphone will help, but do you have any ideas?

— **Worried About Turkeys**



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Worried: Mastering the basics of cooking is an important skill you will need when you no longer live with your parents. Your father has the right idea, but he's going about it the wrong way. Expecting you to go from not knowing how to boil water to producing an entire Thanksgiving dinner without help is unrealistic, to say the least.

You and your mother should prepare the dinner together, and she should guide you as you prepare one or two of the dishes. This will ensure that there will be

a home-cooked feast rather than a disaster after which your family will wind up in a restaurant.

Dear Abby: I am an adult student in my late 20s. I had multiple "jobs" and careers before I finally settled on teaching. Until I finish my degree, however, I am working in a customer service job to pay the bills. This, combined with my youthful appearance, has meant I must deal with people who

assume I am a teenager and who treat me with disrespect.

My late grandmother always said that polite people should hold their tongues, so can you please inform your readers that because the person tending to their needs may look like "a kid," it's no excuse for saying things like, "I don't want to talk to some kid; where's your supervisor?" By the way, Abby, I AM the supervisor. — **Older Than He Looks In Iowa**

Dear Older: I'm pleased to remind them, but an appropriate response to the

person demanding to see the supervisor would be, "I AM the supervisor. Now, how may I help you?"

Dear Abby: Next year my boyfriend and I will have been together for 15 years. We are not married and feel no urge to do so. We plan on spending the rest of our lives together; we just don't plan on a wedding.

My question is, I'd like to have an anniversary party. Is it unheard of for a unmarried couple to have one? We love each other and would like to celebrate our relationship with friends and family. What do you think? And would it be wrong to have a dance to "our song"? Any ideas would be appreciated as well.

— **Unmarried In Michigan**

Dear Unmarried: Fifteen years together is something to celebrate and there's no reason why you shouldn't. You can do anything you want at the party — including dance to "your song." An anniversary of the day you became a couple is fine. Advertise it that way and there should be no criticism.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 18-19, 1917

Ed Mable of the Pendleton Cadillac Auto Co. the other evening got almost home before he remembered that his wife had told him to bring home some meat. He turned the car around and hurried back to the meat shop. It was five minutes until six and he knew he would have to have that meat home by six or the roast he would get would be of the kind not regulated by Hoover. He could hardly wait for the butcher to wrap the cut before he snatched it and dashed out of the door. He forgot all about his auto in his hurry and walked

the ten blocks home at top speed.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 18-19, 1967

A proposed boys' ranch in Umatilla County got the support Friday of Clay Myers, Oregon secretary of state. Myers said the proposal can cut millions of dollars from Oregon's future welfare, prison and metal hospital costs. A boys ranch would be used to house youngsters who are in trouble but are not serious delinquents. Myers said it costs \$5,000 a year to keep a boy at McLaren School for Boys. But on a boy's ranch, in a home situation, the cost will drop to about

\$2,500 a year, with the state paying half.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 18-19, 1992

Last week's shotgun slaying of 22-year-old Brian David Smith may have been an act of vengeance. Authorities believe the Hermiston man's murder was intended to be retribution for his sexual abuse of a young girl earlier this year. Although he could not provide details, Umatilla County District Attorney Dave Gallaher said one of the suspects arrested over the weekend is a close friend of the family of a young girl Smith molested in May.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 322nd day of 2017. There are 43 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 18, 1942, "The Skin of Our Teeth," Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning allegory about the history of humankind, opened on Broadway.

On this date:

In 1883, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time zones.

In 1886, the 21st president of the United States, Chester A. Arthur, died in New York.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of the Somme pitting British and French forces against German troops ended inconclusively after 4 1/2 months of bloodshed.

In 1928, Walt Disney's first sound-synchronized animated cartoon, "Steamboat Willie" starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York.

In 1936, Germany and Italy recognized the Spanish government of Francisco Franco.

In 1959, "Ben-Hur," the Biblical-era spectacle starring Charlton Heston, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1966, U.S. Roman Catholic bishops issued a Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence, which did away with the rule against eating meat on Fridays outside of Lent.

In 1976, Spain's parliament approved a bill to establish a democracy after 37 years of dictatorship.

In 1978, U.S. Rep. Leo J. Ryan, D-Calif., and four others were killed in Jonestown, Guyana, by members of the Peoples Temple; the killings were followed by a night of mass murder and suicide by more than 900 cult members.

In 1987, the congressional Iran-Contra committees issued their final report, saying President Ronald Reagan bore "ultimate responsibility" for wrongdoing by his aides. A fire at London King's Cross railway station claimed 31 lives.

In 1991, Shiite Muslim kidnappers in Lebanon freed Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite and Thomas Sutherland, the American dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut.

In 2000, actors Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-

Jones were married in an extravagant wedding at The Plaza hotel in New York City.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Brenda Vaccaro is 78. Author-poet Margaret Atwood is 78. Actress Linda Evans is 75. Actress Susan Sullivan is 75. Country singer Jacky Ward is 71. Actor Jameson Parker is 71. Actress-singer Andrea Marcovicci is 69. Rock musician Herman Rarebell is 68. Singer Graham Parker is 67. Actor Delroy Lindo is 65. Comedian Kevin Nealon is 64. Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback Warren Moon is 61. Actor Oscar Nunez is 59.

Actress Elizabeth Perkins is 57. Singer Kim Wilde is 57. Rock musician Kirk Hammett (Metallica) is 55. Rock singer Tim DeLaughter is 52. Actor Romany Malco is 49. Actor Owen Wilson is 49. Rapper Mike Jones is 37. Actor Damon Wayans Jr. is 35.

Thought for Today: "If an historian were to relate truthfully all the crimes, weaknesses and disorders of mankind, his readers would take his work for satire rather than for history." — *Pierre Bayle, French philosopher and critic (born this date in 1647, died 1706).*

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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 oompah creator (7) _____
2 oodles (9) _____
3 oolong alternative (10) _____
4 Oobleck creator (5) _____
5 "Oops!" utterer (5) _____
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7 Oompa-Loompa employer (5) _____

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Today's Answers: 1. TUBAIST 2. PROFUSION 3. DARFEELING 4. SEUSS 5. KLUTZ 6. CHARISMATIC 7. WONKA

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ODDS & ENDS

Another North Carolina woman hits lottery jackpot twice

GRANITE FALLS, N.C. (AP) — A North Carolina woman hit the jackpot with two scratch-off lottery tickets, marking the second such instance in three weeks.

The *Charlotte Observer* reports Michelle Shuffler, of Granite Falls, won \$10,000 with one scratch-off ticket and \$1 million with another on Sunday.

Shuffler said in a statement that she and her husband purchased the winning \$10,000 ticket in Lenoir, and then, feeling lucky, decided to buy another one 22 miles away in Granite Falls.

She claimed both prizes Monday at lottery headquarters in Raleigh, selecting the option of 20 annual payments of \$50,000 over the lump sum option. She plans to use the lottery winnings to save for retirement and her children's college funds.

Kimberly Morris, of Wake Forest, also won the lottery twice at the end of October.

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