

DEAR ABBY

Dating is biggest challenge for young college student

Dear Abby: I'm a 16-year-old girl who has started college early. I love my classes, and I'm glad to be here. The problem is, the dating culture here is huge. People go on dates all the time.

I have been asked out several times, and I feel comfortable going, but I feel dishonest when I don't tell them that I'm 16. However, if I'm upfront about my age, the offer usually gets rescinded, and it becomes incredibly awkward. How can I have a fun college dating experience while still being truthful about my age? — College Student In Utah

Dear College Student: The age of consent for a girl in Utah is 16. For a young man, it is 18. You shouldn't jump the gun and announce your age before getting to know someone. If you are asked, of course you shouldn't lie about it. However, I see no reason to volunteer the information when you are asked for a date.

Dear Abby: I am a 32-year-old



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

late-deafened adult. I have been deaf in my right ear my whole life, but lost my hearing in my left ear after a tumor was removed when I was 27.

I guess they are right when they say we are never fully prepared to lose things we have taken for granted for so long. I still have trouble communicating with people. I have taken a few sign language classes and four lip-reading classes, but I often feel like I'm no longer part of normal society.

My question is, shouldn't I have adjusted by now regarding how people see me, since I have been without hearing for so long? — Hearing Impaired

Dear Hearing Impaired: I have been told that the most isolating disability is being unable to hear. Please do not burden yourself by feeling you "should" have adjusted faster than you have. There is no set timetable for adjusting to any disability.

Because you feel stuck in the

process, the Hearing Loss Association of America (hearingloss.org) may be helpful because it sponsors support groups in every state. Please check it out.

Dear Abby: Do you think it is fair for me to do all the housework AND pick up dog doo-doo just because I moved into my sister's house with her and her family? They have five dogs and four cats. No one else bothers to do it. I do it to lessen the smell. When I try to say something, they say I am "causing problems." I don't have any animals of my own. — Pooper Scooper

Dear P.S.: I agree that the task of picking up after an animal — let alone nine of them — isn't something most people look forward to. However, if you are living rent-free with your sister's family, perhaps you should consider your chores to be your contribution to the household.

P.S. Because you mentioned that no one else cleans up the animal messes, consider finding more hygienic living arrangements as soon as it's feasible.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 10-11, 1918

Proposals for the leasing of 110,000 acres of public lands for grazing and agricultural purposes in units of townships and sections lying in Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties were advertised by the interior department through the local reclamation office on January 12th, and bids for these lands were opened in Hermiston yesterday under the terms of the advertisement by project manager H.D. Newell. As the high cost of doing things is generally conceded, it is not a little surprising to learn that the good old Uncle Sam is going to receive some of the cream of the so-called war prosperity, in increased rentals. Sheep men from different sections of the state were here to look after their interests and competition in the bidding for the so-called strategic sections was keen and the attention bestowed on them by the various bidders

was of the kind that would be described as concentrated. The interior department fixed a minimum charge of twenty dollars a section, with the sky as the limit, and some of the bids ranged for the key sections as high as \$250.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 10-11, 1968

Last summer Wayne Eng of Pendleton went to Hong Kong to visit relatives he hadn't seen since he was brought to the United States by his father when he was eight years old. Wayne was married while he was in Hong Kong. He returned to Pendleton in early September — alone. On January 29, the Chinese New Year, Wayne met his bride, the former Siu Ling Law, at Portland Airport and brought her to Pendleton. It had taken almost six months to clear her entry into this county with the U.S. Immigration Service. They met through a Hong Kong marriage agency. He said

this is the Chinese custom. Girls register at the agency, giving their backgrounds and posting their photos for viewing by prospective suitors.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 10-11, 1993

A Stanfield man about to stand trial for aggravated murder pleaded guilty to the crime Wednesday afternoon and was sentenced to life in prison. Jody Blaine Butterfield, 30, avoided the possibility of receiving the death penalty by entering into a plea agreement with the state. Butterfield pleaded guilty to killing Jeffrey Bailey of Hermiston in the act of robbing him of money and drugs a year ago. He also pleaded guilty to first-degree burglary. His lawyers, Pendleton attorney Dennis Hachler and Ralph Smith of Bend, said they could find no defense for the man and believed the sentence was the best Butterfield could have hoped for.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 41st day of 2018. There are 324 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 10, 1968, U.S. figure skater Peggy Fleming, 19, won America's only gold medal of the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France, in the ladies' singles event. (Gabriele Seyfert of East Germany earned the silver medal, Hana Maskova of Czechoslovakia, the bronze.)

On this date:

In 1763, Britain, Spain and France signed the Treaty of Paris, ending the Seven Years' War (also known as the French and Indian War in North America).

In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

In 1936, Nazi Germany's Reichstag passed a law investing the Gestapo secret police with absolute authority exempt from any legal review.

In 1942, RCA Victor presented Glenn Miller and his Orchestra with a "gold record" for their recording of "Chattanooga Choo Choo," which had sold more than 1 million copies.

In 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater with Lee J. Cobb as Willy Loman.

In 1959, a major tornado tore through the St. Louis area, killing 21 people and causing heavy damage.

In 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolf Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States. Repub-

lican George W. Romney announced his ultimately successful candidacy for governor of Michigan.

In 1966, the Jacqueline Susann novel "Valley of the Dolls" was published by Bernard Geis Associates.

In 1967, the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, was ratified as Minnesota and Nevada adopted it.

In 1981, eight people were killed when a fire set by a busboy broke out at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino.

In 1992, boxer Mike Tyson was convicted in Indianapolis of raping Desiree Washington, a Miss Black America contestant. (Tyson served three years in prison.) Author Alex Haley died in Seattle at age 70.

In 2005, playwright Arthur Miller died in Roxbury, Connecticut, at age 89 on the 56th anniversary of the Broadway opening of "Death of a Salesman."

Ten years ago: Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Rodham Clinton replaced campaign manager Patti Solis Doyle with long-time aide Maggie Williams. Barack Obama defeated Clinton in the Maine Democratic presidential caucuses. The NFC defeated the AFC 42-30 in the Pro Bowl. Amy Winehouse won five Grammys, including record and song of the year for "Rehab." Death claimed actor Roy Scheider, 75; lounge rocker Freddie Bell, 76; and "Howard the Duck" creator Steve Gerber, 60.

Five years ago: Joe

Paterno's family released its response to Penn State's report on the Jerry Sandusky scandal, attacking Louis Freeh's conclusion that the coach hid sex abuse allegations against his longtime assistant. Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford took charge of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan. At the Grammy Awards, Fun. won song of the year for "We Are Young"; Gotye's "Somebody I Used to Know" picked up record of the year.

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Leontyne Price is 91. Actor Robert Wagner is 88. Rock musician Don Wilson (The Ventures) is 85. Singer Roberta Flack is 81. Singer Jimmy Merchant (Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers) is 78. Movie director Michael Apted is 77. Rock musician Bob Spalding (The Ventures) is 71. Olympic gold-medal swimmer Mark Spitz is 68. Walt Disney Co. chairman and chief executive Robert Iger is 67. Rock musician and composer Cory Lerios (Pablo Cruise) is 67. World Golf Hall of Famer Greg Norman is 63. Actress Kathleen Beller is 62. Country singer Lionel Cartwright is 58. Movie director Alexander Payne is 57. ABC News correspondent George Stephanopoulos is 57. Retired MLB All-Star Lenny Dykstra is 55. Political commentator Glenn Beck is 54. Actress Laura Dern is 51. Writer-producer-director Vince Gilligan (TV: "Breaking

Bad") is 51. Country singer Duke Mowrey is 46. Actor Jason Olive is 46. Actress Elizabeth Banks is 44. Pop singer Rosanna Tavarez (Eden's Crush) is 41. Actress Julia Pace Mitchell is 40. Reggaeton singer Don Omar is 40. Country musician Jeremy Baxter (Carolina Rain) is 38. Actress Uzo Aduba is 37. Actor Max Brown is 37. Actor Barry Sloane is 37. Rock singer Eric Dill is 36. Rock musician Ben Romans (The Click Five) is 36. Actor Trevante Rhodes is 28. Actress Emma Roberts is 27. Actress Makenzie Vega is 24. Actress Chloe Grace Moretz is 21. Actress Yara Shahidi is 18.

Thought for Today: "Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay." — Simone de Beauvoir, French writer (1908-1986).

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OUT OF THE VAULT

Church locked over priest protest

Churchgoers can be very particular about their parish priests, as Pendleton Catholics discovered in March 1893.

Members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pendleton wended their way to church as usual on March 12, 1893, only to be turned away. The doors were locked. There was nothing they could do but return home.

Though most of the parishioners were reluctant to talk about the incident, it was discovered that Thomas Milarkey, one of two trustees to whom the church property was

deeded, and the only keyholder, had taken affront after his favorite priest, Father Hogan, was moved to another parish and a former pastor, Father DeRoo, was re-posted to serve the Pendleton church.

Determined to make his objection known, Milarkey decided that Father DeRoo would not be allowed to enter the church to conduct mass.

Local parishioners decided to let church authorities handle the incident, and Archbishop Gross was due to arrive in Pendleton later in the week to straighten the matter out.

WORD★Roundup™

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Find and Circle...

- Seven fish ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
- Four shapes ☐☐☐☐
- Three forms of precipitation ☐☐☐
- Two words formed from A-C-E-N-O ☐☐
- _____ Allan _____ ☐☐

OCEAN CANOE / EDGAR POE
PIKE SOLE / TRIANGLE OCTAGON CIRCLE OVAL / SLEET RAIN SNOW
Answers to Saturday's puzzle: GROUPER HERRING SALMON RROUT SHARK
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CIEZAXKELYCN
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ROOCEANRNAET
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CTRIANGLENSO

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 retract (8)	_____
2 gardening conveyance (11)	_____
3 where animals roll in mud (6)	_____
4 Iron Curtain pact (6)	_____
5 separate out (6)	_____
6 one's take on things (9)	_____
7 opening (6)	_____

HD	EE	WIN	WH	NOW
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WIT	ARR	AW	LDV	LOW
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ODDS & ENDS

Give me a toy: Florida boy gets trapped in vending machine

TITUSVILLE, Fla. (AP) — When a young Florida boy wanted a stuffed toy, he crawled inside a claw-style vending machine in the play area of a restaurant to fetch one. And, he got stuck inside the glass-encased structure.

Thankfully, off-duty firefighter Jeremy House was also having dinner at the Beef O'Brady's restaurant in Titusville, on Florida's Atlantic coast. He yelled for someone to call 911 and his

colleagues from a nearby fire station joined him in rescuing the boy named Mason.

"He went in, but obviously he couldn't come back out the same way," Battalion Chief Gregory Sutton told The Associated Press.

Mason sat atop the stuffed toys while firefighters took just 5 minutes to get him out.

Sutton says the boy was embarrassed, but wasn't in distress. And the machine sustained minimal damage.