

DEAR ABBY

# Story of wrongful conviction is shared without permission

**Dear Abby:** I'm a gay man in my late 40s, partnered with a man in his late 50s. There are a lot of issues from my past that I try hard to move beyond and let go of. I was wrongly accused and convicted of a crime I didn't commit, for which I was sentenced to life in prison.

I sat in prison seven years before I was able to prove my innocence and regain my freedom. Even then, I was forced to accept certain requirements to keep my freedom, regardless of being proven innocent. Unfortunately, I'm finding it difficult because my partner keeps sharing my story with people who are complete strangers to me. When they meet me, the first words out of their mouths are things like: "You poor man, I'm so sorry," or "Wow, I can't believe you went through that," and "Man, you must be a strong person to have gotten through that."

How do I move past this, if he keeps telling people a story that is not his to tell, but mine to disclose if I choose to do so? The shame and embarrassment of facing this trauma of my past on a regular basis isn't healthy for me. How can I get him to understand that he needs to stop doing it?

I'm afraid to say anything to him about it. He dismisses my feelings most of the time when I bring up things he does that upset me.

I love this man with all of my heart. He was one of only two people who stood by me during my trauma and made it possible to prove my innocence. He was also my "first." My love for him has only grown over the years, but this issue of my story being revealed has to stop. — **Frustrated in the Midwest**

**Dear Frustrated:** You not only have to speak up, but you also have to be heard. That your much older partner dismisses your feelings is controlling and condescending. He has no right to disclose very personal information about you with strangers.

You wrote that this is your first relationship. If this continues, it may not be your last. Present it to your partner in exactly these terms. Couples counseling may save your relationship, but only if the balance of power is adjusted.

**Dear Abby:** I was friends with my guy before getting into a relationship with him seven years ago. The problem is, I feel like we are not growing. He is still living with his mom, we have no plans for the future, etc. At least once a year, I ask him how he

views our relationship, but I only get the same response that things are fine the way they are. I have now started back in college while maintaining a full-time job, but I'm so frustrated I feel like giving up on the relationship and moving on. I'm actually stuck between a breakup and keeping a friendship. Any advice?

— **Uncertain in Alabama**  
**Dear Uncertain:** Of course your "guy" thinks things are fine the way they are. They are — for him. I'm delighted you decided to return to college and get your degree. By doing so, you are taking control of your life, which is moving in the right direction.

Please understand that you may not only outgrow the relationship, but also this young man. By all means, keep him as a friend if you can. Be a role model if he's able to learn from your example, but continue to broaden your horizons.



JEANNE PHILLIPS  
ADVICE

## DAYS GONE BY

### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 20, 1921

"That's pretty stiff," said George Travis. "I'll just add six months to that," said the judge. Travis was inspired to his remark when Judge T. M. Schanep, in county court this morning, imposed a fine of \$200 for a conviction on the charge of having liquor in his possession unlawfully. The judge was inspired by Travis' seeming impertinence. The jail sentence was later reduced to three months. Travis fell for the hold game. He took \$7.50 from a state prohibition officer, bought him a pint of whisky and delivered it. He was arrested and taken to the county jail. Before getting behind the bars, Travis broke and ran through the jail yard and behind the Oregon Lumber yard. The officer and deputy sheriffs Lavender and Ridgway surrounded the man and with two guns pointed at him he "reached for the moon." He started serving time today.

### 50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 20, 1971

He handed me a dry, forked branch of a mulberry bush. "Try it yourself," he said. The stick bent lightly when I held it near a streaming faucet. Then the water witch placed his hands on mine and the forked stick almost yanked itself out of my hands. The world is full of water witches, and Umatilla County is no exception. Here are people who do routinely what appear to be almost acts of magic, although none of them think of it as magic. Many of them locate wells. Others can find water, metal or lost objects of any kind, including

people. "Witching" for wanted things "is as old as time," said the Pendleton man who introduced me to the power his hands could generate in the dry mulberry branch. How does witching work? "An ionic field," says one water witch. "Extra sensory perception," says another. "Static electricity? Electromagnetic force? I don't know, but it works," says William Jordan of Stanfield, who uses a pair of brass welding rods to find not only water but metal.

### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 20, 1996

Several days a week Pat Struthers wheels his light blue pickup through the twisty back roads of Eastern Oregon wheat country making house calls. "It's virgin territory pretty much," says Struthers, during a drive from Heppner to Hardman. "I'd say every other home probably has one." That would be a personal computer. Struthers and partner Steve Amsberry serve some of Eastern Oregon's most rural households as well as its small cities. The two own Eastern Oregon Computer Consulting, a Pendleton-based business that takes computer know-how where it's needed. Business has tripled each of the last three years from about \$15,000 in part-time gross sales to \$150,000 last year. The company's services are extensive, from hooking up a new computer to designing web pages for the Internet and teaching classes. Computers have been a hobby for Struthers since high school and Amsberry's skills began with a home-taught crash course. "You can't go to school to learn this," Amsberry said. "You have to have it in your hands."

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

**On Feb. 20, 1905,** the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Jacobson v. Massachusetts*, upheld, 7-2, compulsory vaccination laws intended to protect the public's health.

**In 1792,** President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office Department.

**In 1839,** Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.

**In 1933,** Congress proposed the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to repeal Prohibition.

**In 1942,** Lt. Edward "Butch" O'Hare became the U.S. Navy's first flying ace of World War II by shooting

down five Japanese bombers while defending the aircraft carrier USS Lexington in the South Pacific.

**In 1965,** America's Ranger 8 spacecraft crashed on the moon, as planned, after sending back thousands of pictures of the lunar surface.

**In 1987,** a bomb left by Unabomber Ted Kaczynski exploded behind a computer store in Salt Lake City, seriously injuring store owner Gary Wright. Soviet authorities released Jewish activist Josef Begun.

**In 1998,** Tara Lipinski of the U.S. won the ladies' figure skating gold medal

at the Nagano Olympics; Michelle Kwan won the silver.

**In 1999,** movie reviewer Gene Siskel died at a hospital outside Chicago at age 53.

**In 2003,** a fire sparked by pyrotechnics broke out during a concert by the group Great White at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island, killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others.

**In 2007,** in a victory for President George W. Bush, a divided federal appeals court ruled that Guantanamo Bay detainees could not use the U.S. court system to challenge their indefinite imprisonment.

**In 2010,** Alexander Haig, a soldier and statesman who'd held high posts in three Republican administrations and some of the U.S. military's top jobs, died in Baltimore at 85.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Sidney Poitier is 94. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 80. Rock musician Billy Zoom (X) is 73. Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is 67. Basketball Hall of Famer Charles Barkley is 58. Model Cindy Crawford is 55. Actor Lili Taylor is 54. Actor Majandra Delfino is 40. Comedian Trevor Noah is 37. Singer Rihanna is 33.

## 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 grain grinder (6)	_____
2 barrel maker (6)	_____
3 bricklayer (5)	_____
4 arrow maker (8)	_____
5 vegetable grower (8)	_____
6 cloth maker (6)	_____
7 candlemaker (8)	_____

COO	CHA	PER	LL	SON
ER	FL	ER	GA	VER
ET	WEA	MA	RD	CH
NDL	ER	ER	MI	EN

Today's Answers: 1. MILLER 2. COOPER 3. MASON 4. FLETCHER 5. GARDNER 6. WEAVER 7. CHANDLER

## WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

### Find and Circle...

- Eight words ending with US (four-letter min.)  □□□□□□□
- Four four-letter words starting with GO  □□□□
- Three U.S. states  □□□
- Sufficient; enough  □
- Down Under marsupial  □

Answers to Sunday's puzzle: CACTUS FAMOUS BONUS NINUS BOGUS FOCUS PLUS OPUS / SONUS / GOLD GONE GOOD GOAL / TEXAS MAINE IDAHO AMPLER / KOALA

P	G	O	L	D	F	O	C	U	S	G	E
R	L	G	O	O	D	E	O	U	L	N	R
T	F	U	L	B	L	H	G	S	O	E	R
E	A	A	S	P	A	O	U	G	N	R	S
X	L	L	M	D	B	T	M	I	N	U	S
A	A	A	I	O	C	V	A	M	N	U	L
S	O	O	M	A	U	M	N	O	P	P	R
T	K	G	C	J	X	S	B	O	R	J	B

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Tuesday-Friday.....Spanish 6:00pm  
SATURDAY.....English 5:00pm  
.....Spanish 7:00pm  
SUNDAY.....English 9:00am  
.....Spanish 11:00am  
.....Spanish 1:00pm  
.....Spanish 6:00pm  
Parish Office.....541-567-5817

**Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora de los Angeles**  
565 W. HERMISTON AVE. HORARIOS DE MISAS

Lunes a Viernes.....Inglés 8:00am  
.....Español 6:00pm  
SÁBADO.....Inglés 5:00pm  
.....Español 7:00pm  
DOMINGO.....Inglés 9:00am  
.....Español 11:00am  
.....Español 1:00pm  
.....Español 6:00pm  
Oficina Parroquial.....541-567-5812

**First United Methodist Church Pendleton**

210 NW 9th St. Pendleton Oregon (Peace Lutheran Church)  
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541-276-2616  
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**Patty Nance, pastor**

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140 SW 2nd St Hermiston, OR 97838  
541-567-6937

Worship Service: 11:00AM  
Sunday School: 9:45  
Pastor Wilbur Clark

**The Salvation Army**  
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9:30 - Sunday School  
**10:30 - Worship Service**  
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Streaming Live Sundays at 9 a.m.  
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**Pendleton Faith Center**

108 S. Main St.  
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Sunday at 10:30am  
PendletonFaithCenter.com

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Pendleton  
www.pendletonpresbyterian.com

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