### **DEAR ABBY**

# Teen navigates opposing currents of reality, religion

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**PHILLIPS** 

ADVICE

**Dear Abby**: I'm a 16-year-old girl, and I've been struggling a little bit. My family is super-Christian. They believe that members of the LGBTQ community are sinful because of who they are. I do not agree.

I have a small group of friends. Two of them have come out to me as bi and genderfluid. When my family talks about gay people, they say horrible things. I want to tell them what they are saying is wrong and that the mean comments they make apply to my friends, but I'm afraid to give them my opinion. I'm unsure whether I should say anything at all. Can you help me? — Keeping Quiet in California

Dear Keeping Quiet: You are free to think the way you do, and to support your friends. However, you are not likely to change the way your parents feel on this subject. Your friends have come out to you, but not to your he got upset that I did! He said it was disre-

parents. If you out them to your parents, they may forbid you from seeing those friends. In two years, you will be 18, legally an adult and more able to express your thoughts with fewer negative ramifications. If I were you, I'd wait.

Dear Abby: My husband was annoyed and upset by a cricket in the house. He had used insect spray, but it was still chirping, so he asked me to take care of it. I told him I didn't know how to get rid of a cricket, since we didn't know where it was

exactly. He was banging around the utility room. I called his name and asked him where he had sprayed — no answer. I asked again. No response. I then used his full name, and

spectful and that I was "treating him like a child."

I apologized if I had hurt his feelings, but he's still upset with me because I don't agree it was disrespectful. Am I wrong? Is it disrespectful to use your husband's full name when trying to get his attention? — Sad in Nevada

Dear Sad: It's not disrespectful if you can't get him to respond any other way. I don't know what your husband's relationship was with his mother. Perhaps she used his

full name when he ignored her as he did to you when he was "playing cricket." The next time he tells you to take care of something you can't handle, pick up the phone and hire a professional. That way you won't have to inconvenience your husband.

**Dear Abby**: The owner of a store I shop at every week, who I believe is in her 40s, recently posted on her Facebook page that she was having a sale because it was her birthday. I thought it was greedy and inappropriate, as I was always taught that it's a breach of etiquette to announce that it's your birthday, especially as an adult. Am I right? Or am I reading too much into this? — Bothered in the East

Dear Bothered: You are reading too much into this. There is nothing wrong about people revealing that it's their birthday. It doesn't obligate anyone to fork over anything more than their good wishes. If you decide to shop the sale, all you have to do is say, "How nice! I hope you are enjoying your special day."

**SOLUTIONS** 

#### DAYS GONE BY FROM THE EAST OREGONIAN

#### 100 Years Ago Sept. 11, 1921

Lester Hurst, who lives six miles southeast of Pendleton, lost his barn and about 170 tons of hay yesterday as the result of a fire, supposed to be started by a smoker's match. The fire started just after the noon hour. The damage is estimated at \$2000, most of which was covered by insurance.

> 50 Years Ago Sept. 11, 1971

Melon harvest has peaked in the West End of Umatilla County. Quality of this year's crop again is good. Many area youths find part time jobs in the melon harvest, and some schools delayed their opening to allow the youths

#### 25 Years Ago Sept. 11, 1996

When it comes to enjoying the outdoors, Eastern Oregon women won't take a backseat to their men. Nearly 50 homemakers, mothers, and professional women spent Saturday in the woods near La Grande, honing their skills in hunting, fishing, and general survival tactics. These women aim to be equal partners in the woods with — or without — their hunting hubbies.

#### TODAY IN HISTORY

On Sept. 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 people were killed as 19 al-Qaida hijackers seized control of four jetliners, sending two of the planes into New York's World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon and the fourth into a field in western Pennsylvania.

In 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Cham-

plain in the War of 1812. In 1936, Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) began operation as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a key in Washington to signal the startup of the dam's first hydroelec-

tric generator. In 1941, groundbreaking took place for the Pentagon. In a speech that drew accusations of anti-Semitism, Charles A. Lindbergh told an America First rally in Des Moines, Iowa, that "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt administration" were

pushing the United States toward war.

In 1967, the comedy-variety program "The Carol Burnett Show" premiered

In 1973, Chilean President Salvador Allende died during a violent military

In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds cracked career hit number 4,192 off Eric Show of the San Diego Padres, eclipsing the record held by Ty Cobb. (The Reds won the game, 2-0).

In 2003, actor John Ritter died six days before his 55th birthday at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, California — the same hospital where he was born in 1948.

In 2006, in a primetime address, President George W. Bush invoked the memory of the victims of the 9/11 attacks as he staunchly defended the war in Iraq, though he acknowledged that Saddam Hussein was not responsible for the

In 2008, presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama put aside politics as they visited ground zero together on the anniversary of 9/11 to honor its victims.

In 2012, a mob armed with guns and grenades launched a fiery nightlong attack on a U.S. diplomatic outpost and a CIA annex in Benghazi, Libya, killing U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

In 2015, a crane collapsed onto the Grand Mosque in Mecca, killing 111 people ahead of the annual hajj pilgrimage. Roberta Vinci stunned Serena Williams to end her Grand Slam bid in one of the greatest upsets in tennis history; the 43rd-ranked Italian won 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the U.S. Open semifinals.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Earl Holliman is 93. Comedian Tom Dreesen is 82. Movie director Brian De Palma is 81. Singer-actor-dancer Lola Falana is 79. Rock musician Mickey Hart (The Dead) is 78. Guitarist Leo Kottke is 76. Actor Phillip Alford is 73. Actor Amy Madigan is

71. Rock singer-musician Tommy Shaw (Styx) is 68. Sports reporter Lesley Visser is 68. Actor Reed Birney is 67. Former Homeland Security Secretary Jeh (jay) Johnson is 64. Musician Jon Moss (Culture Club) is 64. Actor Scott Patterson is 63. Rock musician Mick Talbot (The Style Council) is 63. Actor/director Roxann Dawson is 63. Actor John Hawkes is 62. Actor Anne Ramsay is 61. Actor Virginia Madsen is 60. Actor Kristy McNichol is 59. Musician-composer Moby is 56. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad is 56. Business reporter Maria Bartiromo is 54. Singer Harry Connick Jr. is 54. Actor Taraji P. Henson is 51. Actor Laura Wright is 51. Rock musician Jeremy Popoff (Lit) is 50. Blogger Markos Moulitsas is 50. Singer Brad Fischetti (LFO) is 46. Rock musician Jon Buckland (Coldplay) is 44. Rapper Ludacris is 44. Rock singer Ben Lee is 43. Actor Ryan Slattery is 43. Actor Ariana Richards is 42. Country singer Charles Kelley (Lady A) is 40.

#### LITTLE W©RDS 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

1 Lone Star State's capital (6)

**CLUES** 

2 Patrick Star's best friend (9)

3 star anise tree, e.g. (9) **4** starboard, facing the prow (5)

5 "Star Wars" spinoff (4)

6 star's private quarters (7)

7 "falling star," really (6)

TE ONG EVE ΑI RGR EB **EEN** SO HT TR ST LO AU ME RIG OB **LER** OR

4. RIGHT 5. SOLO 6. TRAILER 7. METEOR

## WORD★Roundup™

Find and Circle...

Nine South American countries Two synonyms for "speedy" Region; district Without toppings or adornments

New South Wales, for example URUGUAY BRAZIL GUYANA CHILE PERU / QUICK FAST / AREA / PLAIN / Answers to Saturday's puzzle: COLOMBIA PARAGUAY ECUADOR BOLIVIA

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