

DEAR ABBY

Educator feels homeschool past carries stigma today

DEAR ABBY: I was homeschooled K-12. I now have multiple master's degrees and work for a public school. I returned to my hometown and, with hard work and dedication, have moved up the career ladder in my district. While I love my job, I also value and respect the fact that my mom chose to homeschool me. I can't change my childhood, so I embrace all of those who are part of a village to raise and educate children.

My challenge comes when I am asked what year I graduated, or other questions about my schooling. (They assume that since this is my hometown, I attended school in the same district in which I work.) If I reply with, "I was homeschooled," I get shocked silence, and feel I must somehow justify my mom's choice to homeschool me (something over which I had no control).

This isn't just from colleagues, but also

parents and staff. In addition, our district likes to feature alumni who work at the district and who chose to return to their hometown to give back. Well, I meet one of those criteria, but I cringe when they mistakenly announce my name as an alumna in a public forum, not knowing how to handle it. Please advise. — **EDUCATION LOVER IN ARIZONA**

DEAR EDUCATION LOVER: I think it is time for you to stop being self-conscious about the kind of education your mother gave you, which equipped you to attain not one, but multiple graduate degrees. Rather than "cringe" and hide the fact that you are not an alumna from the district, discuss this with the administra-

tors, so the error can be corrected.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for seven years. He provides financially for our family, while I work part-time. My husband is an "open book" when it comes to discussing our personal finances with others, while I am extremely private about this type of information.

Recently, our neighbors stopped by, and he told them what we paid for some work we had done on our house, which they did not ask to know. I was appalled that he did it, and asked him after they were gone not to tell people such private information. I'm very uncomfortable discussing our salaries with others, while he thinks it's something for all to know.



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ADVICE

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1921

The buffalo carcass which will be distributed to Pendleton people by the Pendleton Trading Co. is expected to arrive here tomorrow, according to information which has been received by the management of the store. It will arrive on the Northern Pacific. The buffalo will be placed in the window which will be specially decorated for the purpose. Orders for the meat have been received by the company for several weeks.

50 years ago — 1971

Round-Up residents who delayed until this weekend purchasing their Christmas trees learned in many instances that they didn't have as many from which to select as in previous years. Commercial cutting permits were issued at the U.S. Forest Service office in Pendleton for only 346 trees, down considerably from the number issued in 1970. Two reasons were given for this: There were fewer trees in convenient locations for commercial cutters and heavy snow in the mountains made it difficult to get into the commercial areas. Only about a dozen commercial cutters obtained permits. One of them got a permit for 100 trees, but was able to get only 20. The Forest Service sold 1,846

individual tree cutting permits. Last weekend, despite the snow in the mountains, individuals streamed into the forests to cut their own trees. The sale of aluminum trees in Pendleton was about normal, merchants reported.

25 years ago — 1996

A little bit of Pendleton is standing in the desert of Phelan, Calif. The old courthouse, the Byrd School and Dr. Fred Vincent's residence, which used to stand where the Elks' Club is on Byers Avenue, live in miniature in the home of E.B. Casteel. The newly completed courthouse was a particular labor of love for Casteel. "From 1931 to 1938, my father was the county clerk," he recalled. "My mother took over and was there until around 1955. I grew up in the courthouse. For five years, we lived right across the street. I mowed the lawn, and I used to wind the clock in the clock tower." All of Casteel's replicas have personal meanings to him. He recreated Byrd School in Pilot Rock because his mother was schooled there. Casteel's wife, Theresa Arnreiter Casteel, was the daughter of Dr. Vincent. Casteel's joy obviously is in the creation of these landmarks of his personal history. He has given them to the Umatilla County Historical Society to exhibit as they wish.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Dec. 18, 2019, the U.S. House impeached President Donald Trump on two charges, sending his case to the Senate for trial; the articles of impeachment accused him of abusing the power of the presidency to investigate rival Joe Biden ahead of the 2020 election and then obstructing Congress' investigation. (The trial would end in acquittal by the Senate.)

In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1863, in a speech to the Prussian Parliament, Prime Minister Otto von Bismarck declared, "Politics is not an exact science."

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.

In 1892, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia; although now considered a classic, it received a generally negative reception from critics.

In 1917, Congress passed the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibiting "the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors" and sent it to the states for ratification.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.)

In 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the government's wartime evacuation of people of Japanese descent

from the West Coast while at the same time ruling that "concededly loyal" Americans of Japanese ancestry could not continue to be detained.

In 1956, Japan was admitted to the United Nations.

In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went on line. (It was taken out of service in 1982.)

In 1958, the world's first communications satellite, SCORE (Signal Communication by Orbiting Relay Equipment), nicknamed "Chatterbox," was launched by the United States aboard an Atlas rocket.

In 2000, the Electoral College cast its ballots, with President-elect George W. Bush receiving the expected 271; Al Gore, however, received 266, one fewer than expected, because of a District of Columbia Democrat who'd left her ballot blank to protest the district's lack of representation in Congress.

In 2003, two federal appeals courts ruled the U.S. military could not indefinitely hold prisoners without access to lawyers or American courts.

Ten years ago: The last convoy of heavily armored U.S. troops left Iraq, crossing into Kuwait in darkness in the final moments of a nine-year war. Vaclav Havel, 75, the dissident playwright who became Czechoslovakia's first democratically elected president, died in the northern Czech Republic.

Five years ago: A suicide bomber blew himself up outside a military camp in the southern Yemeni city of

Aden, killing at least 52 soldiers; the Islamic State group's Yemen-based affiliate claimed responsibility. Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor died at her Los Angeles home at age 99.

One year ago: The U.S. added a second COVID-19 vaccine to its arsenal, as the Food and Drug Administration authorized an emergency rollout of the vaccine developed by Moderna Inc. and the National Institutes of Health; a vaccine from Pfizer Inc. and Germany's BioNTech was already being dispensed. Vice President Mike Pence became the highest ranking U.S. official to receive the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in a live-television event aimed at reassuring Americans the shot was safe. The National Hockey League and players reached a tentative deal to hold a 56-game season in 2021 beginning in mid-January.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Roger Mosley is 83. Rock musician Keith Richards is 78. Movie producer-director Steven Spielberg is 75. Actor Ray Liotta is 67. Comedian Ron White is 65. R&B singer Angie Stone is 60. Actor Brad Pitt is 58. Actor Rachel Griffiths is 53. Singer Alejandro Sanz is 53. Actor Casper Van Dien is 53. Country/rap singer Cowboy Troy is 51. Pop singer Sia is 46. Country singer Randy Houser is 45. Actor Katie Holmes is 43. Actor Ravi Patel is 43. Singer Christina Aguilera is 41. NHL defenseman Victor Hedman is 31. Actor-singer Bridgit Mendler is 29. Atlanta Braves outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. is 24. Electro-pop singer Billie Eilish is 20.

WORD★Roundup™

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Find and Circle...

- Five words starting and ending with A
- Three reptiles
- Three eight-letter words
- Two five-letter lodging options
- Capital of Taiwan

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: SAPPHIRE DIAMOND EMERALD OPAL RUBY / HAMPSHIRE MEXICO YORK / HUGH GRANT / GOLD LEAD / MONGOLIA MALAYSIA

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

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 acid found in tangerines (6)	_____
2 dazed (9)	_____
3 GM luxury marque (8)	_____
4 innocent-looking (8)	_____
5 trendy (4)	_____
6 place for walk-in care (6)	_____
7 like film (9)	_____

CAT	EM	ATO	TR	CAD
RU	ILL	IC	BIC	CIN
AC	NIC	NIC	CH	CHE
AT	CLI	IC	CI	IC

Today's Answers: 1. CITRUS 2. CATATONIC 3. CADILLAC 4. CHERUBIC 5. CHIC 6. CLINIC 7. CINEMATIC 12/19

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