

DEAR ABBY

# Boyfriend's 'chatty' habit makes girlfriend jealous

**DEAR ABBY:** I've been going out with this guy for a couple of months. The problem is, he has to always talk to every woman he sees — from a two-second conversation to a several-minute conversation. He doesn't even know 99% of them.

When we go to a store, I feel like I'm invisible. He'll walk away from me and start talking to women. I don't trust him completely because sometimes he flirts or says something that could be taken in a sexual way, and I worry that one of these women could take it like he's interested in her.

I don't want to break up with him. I love him. But I feel I have reason to be jealous. I wish I was the only girl for him. Please give me advice. — **NOT NUMBER ONE IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**DEAR NOT NUMBER ONE:** If you have discussed this with him and it persists, listen to your intuition. If he loved you, he would not be chatting up other women. If a man makes you feel like you are not No. 1, get rid of him before he destroys your self-esteem.

**DEAR ABBY:** We have a neighbor who likes to go out with us to the casinos, restaurants and various other places. This is doing her a favor, but she never contributes toward the transportation. When we go out with other couples, we alternate driving or help to pay for fuel. All we get from her is, "Thank you. Let me know when you're going next time."

I know she reads your column. I hope she reads this and realizes this sounds like her and takes the hint. What do you think is the best way to handle this situation? — **ALWAYS THE TAXI**

**DEAR ALWAYS:** Your friend may be an avid "Dear Abby" reader, but what if — heaven forbid — she misses the column today and doesn't see your letter? The "best" way to handle this would be for you to take the bull by the horns and address the problem directly with her.

**DEAR ABBY:** My 4-year-old grandson, "Johnny," is obsessed with all things military. Everything he picks up is a pretend gun,

and Indians as kids, pointing sticks or our hands and shouting "Pow! You're dead!" and none of us turned into shooters. But today's climate is more violent. Johnny has already gotten into trouble at preschool for pointing and making shooting noises. Is there anything we can do to discourage this behavior? Does he need professional help? — **UNCLEAR IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR UNCLEAR:** Because Johnny has gotten into trouble for pretending to play with guns, his parents should explain to him why it is not OK to do that at school. Unless there is something going on with your grandson that you omitted from your letter, he should not need professional intervention for acting like a normal boy.



JEANNE PHILLIPS  
ADVICE

## DAYS GONE BY

### 100 years ago — 1922

Hubert M. Berry, alias H. C. Charlton, and his partner Ray Boyce have confessed to having robbed two houses in Pendleton and they are also wanted at Baker. They will be prosecuted in Pendleton. According to a story from the Portland Telegram, Berry is well-known there to the younger set in society and also to the police, who know him as the "beer bottle bandit." Berry gained considerable notoriety when he struck H. H. Vines, an aged pawnbroker, over the head with a beer bottle. Later he feigned insanity and was sent to the asylum. The proximity to the real "nuts" was more than he could stand, and he admitted that he was sane. He was returned to the Multnomah county jail and was paroled by Circuit Judge Gatens on the promise that he would be a "good boy" and go to sea. Pendleton is a long way from the sea.

### 50 years ago — 1972

"Anyone who ever ate any of the excellent food and experienced the good times at the Rieth Hotel when it was really going will never forget it," said Deno Vichas, son of George Vichas who built the historic building in 1917. But those times are no more. Now the building is being used for pleasure boat construction. Last September, Vichas rented the building for his widowed mother in Minnesota to Larson and Moore, Inc., a local boat making company. "The building is strong and solid and still quite usable," he said. His father

emigrated from Greece in 1906 and worked for the railroad until he bought a dairy in Reith. He later sold that business to build the hotel. At that time the Union Pacific Railroad crews changed in Reith and the need for lodging caused the business to grow. After prohibition ended, George Vichas opened the Silver Dollar night club, and his steaks grew to great popularity among the Pendleton area residents. In 1950, Union Pacific moved its division station to Hinkle and took most of the business away. When George Vichas retired in 1960, the hotel, restaurant and bar closed. Deno Vichas came to Pendleton last June to attend his PHS 25th reunion and decided to find a renter for the old hotel building with hopes of bringing new life to the once active community.

### 25 years ago — 1997

Hermiston officials see dealing with unexpected growth and the vast unknowns of Measure 47 as the top priorities for 1997. Hermiston's population grew by more than 400 people in 1996, to slightly more than 11,000. Much more growth is expected as projects such as the Wal-Mart distribution center in Hermiston, a state prison in Umatilla and an incinerator at the Umatilla Chemical Depot move forward. To prepare for that growth, one of the city's major projects for 1997 is to build a three-million-gallon water reservoir on the Hermiston Butte. The \$3.75 million project will be financed through the sale of reverse bonds, which do not require a vote of the people and are paid off by future water revenues.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

**On Jan. 22, 1973,** the U.S. Supreme Court, in its *Roe v. Wade* decision, declared a nationwide constitutional right to abortion.

**In 1901,** Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 81 after a reign of 63 years; she was succeeded by her eldest son, Edward VII.

**In 1938,** Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town" was performed publicly for the first time in Princeton, New Jersey.

**In 1944,** during World War II, Allied forces began landing at Anzio, Italy.

**In 1947,** America's first commercially licensed television station west of the Mississippi, KTLA-TV in Los Angeles, made its official debut.

**In 1995,** Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy died at the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, at age 104.

**In 1997,** the Senate

confirmed Madeleine Albright as the nation's first female secretary of state.

**In 1998,** Theodore Kaczynski pleaded guilty in Sacramento, California, to being the Unabomber responsible for three deaths and 29 injuries in return for a sentence of life in prison without parole.

**In 2006,** Kobe Bryant scored 81 points, the second-highest in NBA history, in the Los Angeles Lakers' 122-104 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

**In 2007,** a double car bombing of a predominantly Shiite commercial area in Baghdad killed 88 people. Iran announced it had barred 38 nuclear inspectors on a United Nations list from entering the country in apparent retaliation for U.N. sanctions imposed the previous month.

**In 2008,** actor Heath Ledger, 28, was found dead of an accidental prescription

overdose in a New York City apartment.

**In 2009,** President Barack Obama signed an executive order to close the Guantanamo Bay prison camp within a year. (The facility remained in operation as lawmakers blocked efforts to transfer terror suspects to the United States; President Donald Trump later issued an order to keep the jail open and allow the Pentagon to bring new prisoners there.)

**In 2020,** Chinese health authorities urged people in the city of Wuhan to avoid crowds and public gatherings after warning that a new viral illness that had infected hundreds of people and caused at least nine deaths could spread further. Health officials in Washington state said they were actively monitoring 16 people who'd come in close contact with a traveler to China, the first U.S. resident known to be infected with the virus.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Piper Laurie is 90. Celebrity chef Graham Kerr (TV: "The Galloping Gourmet") is 88. Author Joseph Wambaugh is 85. Singer Steve Perry is 73. Country singer-musician Teddy Gentry (Alabama) is 70. Movie director Jim Jarmusch is 69. Actor John Wesley Shipp is 67. Hockey Hall of Famer Mike Bossy is 65. Actor Linda Blair is 63. Actor Diane Lane is 57. Actor and rap DJ Jazzy Jeff is 57. Celebrity chef Guy Fieri is 54. Actor Olivia d'Abo is 53. Actor Katie Finneran is 51. Actor Gabriel Macht is 50. Actor Balthazar Getty is 47. Actor Christopher Kennedy Masterson is 42. Jazz singer Lizz Wright is 42. Pop singer Willa Ford is 41. Actor Beverly Mitchell is 41. Rock singer-musician Ben Moody is 41. Actor Kevin Sheridan is 40. Actor-singer Phoebe Strole is 39. Rapper Logic is 32. Tennis player Alizé Cornet is 32. Actor Sami Gayle is 26.

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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 fun that teaches (11)	_____
2 fundraising broadcast (8)	_____
3 celebs pretending to date (9)	_____
4 TV played for laughs (6)	_____
5 dressing up as a character (7)	_____
6 fashionable in-crowd (10)	_____
7 insiders' publication (7)	_____

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Today's Answers: 1. EDUCATION 2. TELETHON 3. FAUXMANCE 4. SITCOM 5. COSPLAY 6. GLITTERATI 7. FANZINE

## WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

### Find and Circle...

- Six words starting with EX
- Three mountain chains
- Three professions ending with R
- TV show with Fonzie: "\_\_\_\_\_ "
- Two five-letter bodies of water

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: PELICAN GOOSE HERON DUCK SWAN / CENTRAL NORTH SOUTH / COLOR DRYER STYLE / LUNAR SOLAR / SPOCK KIRK

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