

Father objects to sharing his part in daughter’s wedding

DEAR ABBY: Yesterday, my daughter informed me that her boyfriend will soon come to me to ask for her hand in marriage. She also told me she intends to have both her stepfather and me walk her down the aisle. This creates a huge problem for me.

Her mother and I divorced 13 years ago because of marital infidelity on her part. She was having an affair with the man who is now my daughter’s stepfather. When my daughter told me her plans, it took all my self-control not to go through the roof.

I have thought about my daughter’s wedding day since

the day she was born, and now she wants me to share it with this individual who has caused me so much pain. Her feeling is he has been with her her entire life, and she wants him in the wedding. I understand it to some extent, although for her to ask me to give up even a bit of this honor cuts me to my core.

One of her reasons for asking is we had a strained relationship for a number of years. I was never out of her life, although there were periods of time when we would fight constantly.

I don’t want to miss the opportunity to walk my baby girl down

the aisle, but I simply cannot share this honor with someone who basically stole my family.

— NOT FORGIVING IN TEXAS

DEAR NOT FORGIVING: I know this is painful for you, but you are not in control. If you are going to have the honor of walking your daughter down the aisle, you will have to figure out a compromise.

I’m suggesting you walk her halfway to the altar and your daughter’s stepfather take her the rest of the way, or vice versa. It has been done before.

DEAR ABBY: At what age is it no longer appropriate to share a bed with your child? My sister-in-law “Mara” is a single

mom with a 13-year-old daughter. Until recently we were quite close, but we haven’t spoken in a few months. Mostly it’s because of COVID restrictions, but we had begun drifting apart even before.

Last week I saw on Facebook that she had made a comment about them still sharing a bed. I think it’s weird and creepy. It goes against every boundary I have as a mother myself.

Should I keep my mouth shut? She won’t listen to my husband (her brother) because he has been branded an “abusive misogynist.” Mara loves to play the victim and interprets any criticism, however slight, as abuse — especially if it comes from a man.

Getting in touch with her

out of the blue to talk about this seems over the top, but I’m genuinely concerned about the long-term impact on her daughter, who has voiced in the past (not in front of Mara) that she prefers to sleep alone. Is this none of my business?

— OVER THE LINE

DEAR OVER: If you suspect your niece is being sexually abused, child protective services should be contacted.

Otherwise, it is none of your business. Not every family — or culture, for that matter — has the same standards. Until your niece finds the courage to tell her mother she no longer wants to share a bed, nothing will change in that household.

Unexpected win has UConn fans downing hot sauce for charity

STORRS, Conn. — UConn fan Bryan Jackson said he thought his taste buds were safe when he joked recently on Twitter that he would drink a spoonful of hot sauce if his Huskies came from behind to beat Marquette.

After all, it was already the second half, UConn was down by 18 points and its best player, James Bouknight, had gone down with an injury.

“I saw that people were very down on Twitter and I just wanted to add some levity to the situation,” he said. “I thought people might get a chuckle out of it. And the other aspect of it, it was kind of an offering to the basketball gods.”

The Huskies did come from behind, winning the Jan. 5 game by 65-54.

And so, in what has since become a viral video, Jackson, a 2006 UConn graduate who lives in Boston, posted a tweet of himself downing a large

spoonful of Black Bison hot sauce, then taking another swig from the bottle, while chanting, “U-C-O-N-N, UConn, UConn, UConn.”

Another fan tweeted he believed all UConn fans should follow suit, in penance for doubting their Huskies. Numerous fans began posting videos of themselves taking shots of hot sauce. They did it again when UConn (7-1, 4-1 Big East) went to Butler and won on Jan. 9 and more fans joined in after a close win on Jan. 11 at DePaul.

That’s when the Husky Ticket Project stepped in. The charity, which three alums formed three years ago, raises money to send underprivileged kids to UConn football and basketball games. They organization asked everyone for a donation of at least \$5 to go along with their hot-sauce shots.

“It sparked an idea in my head that we should make this like the ALS ice bucket challenge,” said Kevin Solomon, one of the charity’s founders.

Jackson volunteered to



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Connecticut’s Tyrese Martin (4) shoots over DePaul’s Romeo Weems during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, in Chicago. UConn fans have taken to consuming hot sauce in support of the Huskies, 7-1 overall, and to raise money to send underprivileged youths to UConn football and basketball games.

take swigs of hotter and hotter sauces as fundraising goals are met. Others joined the cause. One hot sauce

brand got wind of the challenge and is offering discounts to participants who buy their sauce.

“It just caught on. I can’t tell you how surprised and grateful we are,” Solomon said. “UConn fans are the craziest, most passionate fans, and now we’ve found out they are also the most generous.”

On Jan. 13, less than two days into the challenge, the Husky Project already had been tagged in numerous videos and collected more than \$10,000.

“It’s already become a thing,” said Chris Licata, 37, a graduate who is on the hook to down a cocktail of several sauces just before UConn’s next game, which is Monday, Jan. 18, against St. John’s. “I never really expected to take a shot, but I told them if they reached \$3,000 I’d do it. They blew right past that.”

Dan Toscano, the chairman of the school’s board of trustees, said he’s decided to donate his seats for an upcoming game to a random fan who participates in the challenge. He said he’s hoping to get on the court with coach Dan Hurley after a win and drink some sauce.

Toscano acknowledges he’s not thrilled by the taste test part of the deal. But said it signifies something bigger — the revival of UConn basketball after NCAA issues and conference realignment that left the school in the American Athletic Conference for seven years before this season’s return to the Big East.

The school broke into the rankings at No. 25 this week for the first time since 2016.

Jackson is committed to downing sauces at the top to the Scoville spice scale, with names such as Dave’s Ghost Pepper Garlic Insanity Sauce, the Torchbearer Garlic Reaper and The Last Dab. Should UConn go on to win a conference title or a fifth national championship, he’s worried he may need a fundraiser of his own to help pay for reviving his mouth.

“I mean, I’d have to celebrate with some hot sauce,” he said. “I just don’t know that I can go any hotter than what I’ve already committed to.”

— Associated Press

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La Grande	22	38	26	37	28	37	25	39	19
Comfort Index™	3	2	0	1	1	3	3	3	3
Enterprise	16	31	17	32	19	34	24	32	7
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TEMPERATURES

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	46°	48°	49°
Low Sunday	26°	35°	35°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

Sunday	Trace	Trace	0.03
Month to date	0.31	0.95	4.04
Normal month to date	0.48	0.97	1.84
Year to date	0.31	0.95	4.04
Normal year to date	0.48	0.97	1.84

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 91° Camarillo, Calif.

Low: -4° Roosevelt, Utah

Wettest: 0.39" Mullan Pass, Idaho

OREGON

High: 67° Brookings

Low: 20° Lakeview

Wettest: 0.14" Astoria

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W	City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	49/40/c	47/36/sh	Lewiston	43/32/pc	41/31/c
Bend	45/26/pc	41/23/c	Longview	44/38/c	46/36/sh
Boise	39/25/s	39/27/c	Meacham	40/27/pc	37/25/sf
Brookings	55/39/pc	49/36/sh	Medford	50/32/pc	48/34/sh
Burns	35/18/pc	35/18/c	Newport	51/41/pc	48/39/sh
Coos Bay	53/40/pc	50/39/sh	Olympia	45/36/c	44/33/sh
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Council	35/19/s	35/21/sf	Pasco	43/29/pc	41/30/c
Elgin	37/26/pc	36/26/sf	Pendleton	43/31/pc	39/30/c
Eugene	49/37/c	46/35/sh	Portland	47/37/c	45/35/sh
Hermiston	44/30/pc	42/32/c	Powers	55/37/pc	51/36/sh
Hood River	47/37/pc	47/35/sh	Redmond	48/27/pc	42/23/c
Imnaha	40/26/pc	38/26/sf	Roseburg	52/38/c	49/38/sh
John Day	44/27/s	42/26/sf	Salem	48/37/pc	46/35/sh
Joseph	34/21/pc	33/23/sf	Spokane	36/24/pc	34/24/c
Kennewick	44/29/pc	43/30/c	The Dalles	46/34/pc	47/34/c
Klamath Falls	41/22/pc	41/23/pc	Ukiah	38/19/pc	37/16/sf
Lakeview	41/23/pc	43/23/c	Walla Walla	42/31/pc	39/29/c

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Some sun	26	13	
MT. EMILY REC. Partial sunshine	34	23	
EAGLE CAP WILD. Some sun	25	10	
WALLOWA LAKE Partly sunny	34	21	
THIEF VALLEY RES. Partly sunny	32	19	
PHILLIPS LAKE Partly sunny	32	17	
BROWNLEE RES. Partly sunny	38	25	
EMIGRANT ST. PARK Partly sunny	38	24	
MCKAY RESERVOIR Partly sunny	44	29	
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Partly sunny	38	26	

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