Woman interrupted

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Dear Annie: I have been with my husband for 21 years, and we have been married for 15 years. I truly love him very much. But I try my best to avoid his brother and his brother's wife as much as I can because, whenever I try to talk with them, they constantly interrupt me. This makes me very angry.

I have talked with my husband about this. He says it's probably because I tell a story whenever I talk. I have asked my friends and family members if that is true. All of them say no. They say that I am a straight, to-the-point type of

Syndicate Inc. This annoys me to the point that I want to punch them in the face.

How do I get them to stop without offending them? Don't Interrupt Me

Dear Don't Interrupt Me: I'm not sure your anger is directed at the right place. Interrupting someone is very rude, but people do it for a lot of reasons. Many times, it has to do with the person's own anxiety. That by no means warrants a punch in the face.

Avoiding family altogether is also not the best way to resolve the conflict. Ask yourself why you are so offended by their interruptions. And next time they do it, just take a deep breath and kindly ask them to let you finish.

Dear Annie: My daughter is marrying her fiancé this summer. Due to COVID-19 and financial restrictions, they are having a small outdoor wedding and reception with just immediate family and a few friends — around 40 people.

My question is regarding the bridal shower. We have friends and other family members who are not invited to the wedding, and I wish they could

come to the shower, which will be held outdoors at my home. Is it against proper etiquette to invite people to the shower when they are not invited to the wedding?

I have asked a few close friends and family members, and the replies are 50/50. I

don't want to insult anyone, nor do I want to leave them out. — *Mom of the Bride*

Dear Mom of the Bride: During traditional times, it would be very poor etiquette to invite someone to the bridal shower and not the wedding. But because of the pandemic, these are not traditional times. Assuming you are following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, I say invite whomever you want to the celebration. Just be completely honest with them beforehand so they know they aren't receiving a wedding invitation because of COVID-19 restrictions. We've all had to learn to be flexible during the pandemic, so if anyone takes offense, that's their problem.

Washington state candy maker calls it quits

By ANNA KING Northwest News Network

The company that makes Aplets and Cotlets, the famous jellied fruit candy from central Washington state, is calling it quits in

Served up for Christmas and family reunions alike, the gelatinous apple and apricot treat studded with walnuts was famous far beyond Washington's borders.

Greg Taylor is the president of Liberty Orchards, the Cashmere company that has made the famous candy for the past century. He's been with his family's candy-making business for more than 40 years.

Taylor said it was hard to keep up with corporate giant confectioners.

"They've got deep pockets, and they've got the ability to control shelf space and the number of facings they get," he said. "And we just can't compete with that."

The candy was originally developed by two Armenian immigrants — Mark Balaban and Armen Tertsagian — who used their memories of Turkish delight as a basis to make something from the extra fruit in their orchards.

Taylor said their product is a little less chewy than traditional locoum or Turkish delight.

"We've kind of modernized the product," he said. "Over there (in the Mediterranean region) they tend



Liberty Orchards Co.

Liberty Orchards will stop production of its famous Aplets and Cotlets in June after 101 years of candymaking.

company press release states.

"The family is immensely

proud to have carried forward

the founders' legacy in provid-

ing more than 100 years of the

highest quality products and

to use more aromatic oil of rose, orange blossom oil, more exotic flavorings. We do more with traditional fruits and tropical fruits and have tried to appeal to an American taste."

Three generations of family descendants have managed Liberty Orchards. The company has employed anywhere from 25 to 120 workers.

Besides Aplets and Cotlets, the company also produces Fruit Delights, Dessert Delights and Fruitlets, among other products.

"The company founded by immigrants who employment to generations of came to this country as refufamilies in its community." gees, filled with gratitude, an Taylor said shutting down entrepreneurial spirit, and a his family legacy is bitterwillingness to work hard," a

sweet. There's even a street in Cashmere named for the longtime company: Aplets Way and Cotlets Way. But Taylor says he's looking forward to retirement and a new grandbaby arriving in a few months.

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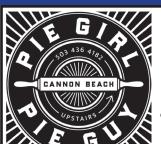


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