

DEAR ABBY

Bride's outrageous demands alienate fiancé's sister



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

**Dear Abby:** I am a bridesmaid for my brother's upcoming wedding. However, his fiancée is throwing out some crazy mandates for the big day.

1. All family members must wear contact lenses. Glasses will not be allowed because they look ugly in pictures. (Both her mom and my parents wear glasses.)

2. She made my father get dental work to "improve his smile."

3. I recently tore my ACL, and she says I can't bring crutches to the ceremony because she doesn't want them in the pictures.

How much more of this should our family put up with? I love her as my niece's mother, but not as my future sister-in-law. Would it be better to tell them I won't be a bridesmaid? I am afraid to speak up because I want a relationship with my niece. — **Afraid Of Bridezilla**

**Dear Abby:** Your brother's fiancée appears to have gone off the deep end. Weddings are supposed to be about love,

commitment and the joining together of two families, not the photo album.

While I sympathize with her desire for a "perfect" wedding, the idea that your parents and her mother must invest in contact lenses or miss seeing the ceremony and reception because glasses aren't "allowed" is ludicrous. And the suggestion that you leave your crutches and risk further damaging your ACL is off the charts.

Talk to your brother. Perhaps he can make his ladylove see the light. If not, I wouldn't blame you — and your parents and her mother, by the way — if you decided to skip the "show."

**Dear Abby:** My husband, "Jason," and I have a 19-year-old daughter, "Laurie," who finished her freshman year of college with a 4.0 GPA. She has always been a great student and is interested in theater, music and dance. She has NEVER given us any trouble.

My husband is very conservative and opinionated about politics. Our daughter

has become much more politically liberal over the last couple of years. Jason thinks it is disrespectful of her to not want to listen to him try to influence her to think like he does (he has tried before). I have told Jason she needs to work out her own political beliefs and, as she matures and sees how the business world works, she'll probably become more moderate.

Jason is now insisting that we set a time when "the three of us can talk," which means he will lecture her about where she is wrong. What can I do as a mother and wife to mediate this meeting? I think both of them are pretty dug in. — **Love Them Both In Arkansas**

**Dear Love:** I see no way that what your husband has in mind will be either pleasant or productive. However, because he is her father, Laurie owes him the respect of hearing him out. When the conversation becomes heated — as it very well may — suggest a timeout until they both cool down. Or leave the room if it becomes too stressful for you.

ODDS & ENDS

Burglar empties restaurant cash register, cooks meal, leaves

HICKSVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — A burglar made a clean getaway from a Long Island restaurant after emptying the cash register, cooking a meal and washing the dishes.

Will Colon tells *Newsday* he found bent burglar bars when he arrived Tuesday at Nelly's Taqueria in Hicksville, New York.

Security video showed the intruder put on food-service gloves and started heating up a pot before hammering the register open. He pocketed the money and put a dollar in the tip jar.

Then, Colon says, the man started "cooking up a storm" in the dark — beans, chicken, shrimp.

Colon says "the dude had some skills."

After eating, he covered and refrigerated the food and wiped down surfaces.

Security video showed the same man was there the night before but didn't cook.

Would-be thief in Rio chased out of gym by jiu-jitsu students

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A would-be thief in a Rio de Janeiro suburb apparently chose the wrong gym to rob.

Surveillance camera footage shared widely on social media shows the man entering the gym and jumping a turnstile after arguing with the receptionist. Several seconds later, the man is seen jumping back over the turnstile and fleeing outside. He is chased by several jiu-jitsu students dressed in uniforms.

Jiu-jitsu teacher Edgar Neto told The Associated Press that the incident happened Monday night and he reported it to police.

The man managed to escape.

Police said Wednesday he hasn't been arrested, but they have recovered one of his sandals that fell off during the chase.

New Mexico college: Pay tickets with peanut butter

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico State University is allowing motorists to take a bite out of certain parking tickets by paying with peanut butter.

The *Las Cruces Sun-News* reports the school recently announced motorists who have received a "no current permit" parking citation can pay it with at least 80 ounces of peanut butter from Oct. 23 to 27.

All peanut butter donations will be sent to the Aggie Cupboard.

The offer is limited to the first 100 customers.

Officials say appealing the citation forfeits the right to pay with peanut butter.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 7-8, 1917

Though he has been mourned as dead since last April, Harold Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dunn of this city, is still alive and wondering why his parents have not been writing to him. A postal card, dated at Portland, Maine, Oct. 1, was received by Mr. and Mrs. Dunn today. Last April Mr. and Mrs. Dunn received word that their son had been killed beneath the wheels of a train at Cortland, Ohio, and together with the fact that letters and papers found near the mangled body undoubtedly belonged to him, convinced the DUNNs that it was their boy who had been killed. Mrs. Dunn went back and buried the remains. Recently Mr. Dunn has received several

cards from his son but none of them dated until the one reaching him today. Therefore, he did not tell his wife of his suspicions that his son was still alive. The positive confirmation contained in the card today has given Mr. and Mrs. Dunn cause for great rejoicing.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 7-8, 1967

The son of a Pendleton school librarian has been killed in Vietnam. He was Capt. James Neisses, son of Grace Neisses, librarian for six years at Helen McCune Junior High School. Capt. Neisses, a member of the U.S. Military Assistance Command, had been in Vietnam since Jan. 23. He was to have started a rest and recuperation leave today in Honolulu, Hawaii. His wife,

who resides at Pacific Grove, Calif., had planned to meet him in Honolulu. The couple has one child, a daughter, 2.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 7-8, 1992

Dorothy Moon quietly walked away from the Helix Post Office on Friday afternoon. She turned off the lights, locked the door and won't come back. Moon retired after 27 1/2 years with the U.S. Postal Service in the small town northeast of Pendleton. Lenore Narkaus hired her as a clerk, and Moon became postmaster when Narkaus retired 20 years ago. On her last day of work, Moon said she didn't want a party or she'd become too emotional. But flowers and gifts are evident around the small office. She won't move away.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 280th day of 2017. There are 85 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 7, 1977, the Queen double-A single "We Are the Champions" (by lead singer Freddie Mercury) and "We Will Rock You" (by lead guitarist Brian May) was released in the United Kingdom by EMI Records.

On this date: In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress convened in New York to draw up colonial grievances against England.

In 1849, author Edgar Allan Poe died in Baltimore at age 40.

In 1858, the fifth debate between Illinois senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place in Galesburg.

In 1916, in the most lopsided victory in college football history, Georgia Tech defeated Cumberland University 222-0 in Atlanta.

In 1929, former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall, one of the main figures of the Teapot Dome scandal, went on trial, charged with accepting a bribe from oil tycoon Edward L. Doheny. (Fall was found guilty and served nine months in prison; Doheny was acquitted at his own trial of offering the bribe. Fall was convicted of taking.)

In 1949, the Republic of East Germany was formed.

In 1954, Marian Anderson became the first black singer hired by the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John

F. Kennedy and Republican opponent Richard Nixon held their second televised debate, this one in Washington, D.C.

In 1982, the Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice musical "Cats" opened on Broadway. (The show ended its original run on Sept. 10, 2000, after a then-record 7,485 performances.)

In 1985, Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in the Mediterranean. (The hijackers killed Leon Klinghoffer, a Jewish-American tourist, before surrendering on Oct. 9.)

In 1991, University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill publicly accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of making sexually inappropriate comments when she worked for him; Thomas denied Hill's allegations.

In 1992, trade representatives of the United States, Canada and Mexico initiated the North American Free Trade

Agreement during a ceremony in San Antonio, Texas, in the presence of President George H.W. Bush, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

**Today's Birthdays:** Retired South African Archbishop and Nobel Peace laureate Desmond Tutu is 86. Author Thomas Keneally is 82. Comedian Joy Behar is 75. Former National Security Council aide Lt. Col. Oliver North (ret.) is 74. Country singer Kieran Kane is 68. Singer John Mellencamp is 66. Russian President Vladimir Putin is 65. Rock musician Tico Torres (Bon Jovi) is 64. Actress Christopher Norris is 62. Cellist Yo-Yo Ma is 62. Gospel singer Michael W.

Smith is 60. Recording executive and TV personality Simon Cowell is 58. Country singer Dale Watson is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer Toni Braxton is 50. Rock singer-musician Thom Yorke (Radiohead) is 49. Singer Taylor Hicks is 41. Actor Omar Benson Miller is 39. Actor Shawn Ashmore is 38. Actor Jake McLaughlin is 35. Electronic musician Flying Lotus (AKA Stephen Ellison) is 34. MLB player Evan Longoria is 32. Actress Holland Roden is 31. Actress Amber Stevens is 31. Actress Lulu Wilson is 12.

**Thought for Today:** "An egotist is a person of low taste — more interested in himself than in me." — *Ambrose Bierce, American author-journalist (1842-1914?)*.

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- "Star Wars" actress (first/last name)  □ □
- Rush  □

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: GALLON QUART LITER OUNCE INCH / BRUSSELS / FISHER / HURRY / ATHENS MADRID PARIS ROME / FELICAN GOOSE SWAN DUCK / CARRIE

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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 Don Carter, for one (6)	_____
2 Costa Rica's neighbor (6)	_____
3 cravat (5)	_____
4 canoe or kayaker (6)	_____
5 serving plate cover (6)	_____
6 Fitzgerald title character (6)	_____
7 small, fortified structure (7)	_____

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Today's Answers: 1. BOWLER 2. PANAMA 3. ASCOT 4. BOATER 5. CLOCHE 6. GATSBY 7. PILLBOX

OUT OF THE VAULT

Passers-by confounded by eerie car noises

Next time you take the farm rig into town, be sure you check it out underneath. You may have an unsuspecting passenger.

A woman living on a farm just outside Pendleton (who was unnamed in the Oct. 19, 1938 *East Oregonian* article) ran into town for supplies and parked her car on Main Street. As she got out of the vehicle, she and startled passers-by immediately noticed some eerie sounds coming from the car.

"What is it?" someone asked. "A new kind of horn on your car?" The woman, equally puzzled, listened carefully. If she were at home, the woman said, she would guess the sound was a chicken in distress.

Someone thought to look under the car, and after a thorough search found a ruffled hen clinging to a fender support, probably with a very unusual feeling in its crop.

The woman placed the hen in the back seat, where it settled in comfortably and waited patiently for a ride home while her owner finished her errands.

— *Renee Struthers writes the weekly Out of the Vault column. The collection, "Out of the Vault: Historical Vignettes from the East Oregonian" is available at amazon.com.*

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