DEAR ABBY

Dinner-and-drinks invite makes teetotaler uneasy

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Dan," and I do not consume alcohol, mostly because of our family history. Several years ago while Dan was at a work event, a consultant, "Ken," took him and some co-workers out for dinner. Ken ordered a bottle of wine for the table. Not wanting to cause a scene, my husband drank the glass poured for him. Now Ken has invited Dan and me to join him and his wife for an evening out, and he wants to "meet early for drinks."

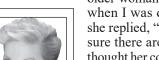
Dan is sure Ken will buy another bottle to share. I think Dan should give Ken a heads-up beforehand. Dan thinks it would be rude to refuse a drink and doesn't want to have to go into an explanation as to why we don't. We don't care if the people we are with drink alcohol. Is there a polite way to decline without offending? Should it be ahead of time or at the restaurant? — RESPECTFULLY **DECLINE**

DEAR RESPECTFULLY: It is park today with my 2-year-old son when an perfectly acceptable to refuse alcohol. For various reasons, many people forgo "the grape" (and the harder stuff) these days. If a server asks your husband what beverage he would like, your husband should state his preference — be it sparkling water, a soft drink, a juice drink, etc. There is no shame in it, and it isn't rude. That the host is providing alcohol is not a mandate to indulge, partic-

ularly if the guest has a problem

with it. If Ken pushes, Dan should simply tell him the two of you generally prefer not to drink alcohol.

DEAR ABBY: I am 30 weeks pregnant with my second child. I have always been slender, so like many expecting women, I am somewhat self-conscious of my changing (and ever-growing) figure. I was at the



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older woman smiled and asked me when I was due. When I told her. she replied, "Oh, my God. Are you sure there aren't twins in there?" I thought her comment was appalling. Since when is it OK to comment on

someone else's body? I was left feeling embarrassed, angry, and on top of that, enormous. I know I shouldn't care what other people say or think, but preg-

nancy is also a hormonal time, and

I can't seem to get past her nasty

comment. What ever happened to "If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all"? A simple "Congratulations," or "How exciting!" would have been a far more appropriate and well-received

I'm sending this in the hope that ignorant people who say things like this will read it

and realize how hurtful their comments can be to expectant mothers. Also, how should I respond if someone else makes a similar comment? — TEN MORE WEEKS TO

DEAR TEN MORE WEEKS: Two responses come immediately to mind. The first would be to tell the person who made the thoughtless comment, "Wow, that was tactless!" Or say, "Nope. It's just one healthy baby in there." Of course, a third option is to say nothing and walk away.

DEAR READERS: I'm wishing you a happy, healthy 2022. Whew, folks, I can't believe we made it so quickly through 2021. I will join you tonight toasting a new year that will be a less stressful year for all of us. If you are celebrating this evening, please take measures to protect not only your own health but also the safety of others. — LOVE, ABBY

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DAYS GONE BY

Two "News Notes of Pendleton" Attorney Charles H. Carter has been confined to his home for several days on account of a fall which resulted in injury to his left shoulder and arm. Ice on the street was the

100 years ago — 1921

cause of him losing his footing, which resulted in the fall. In addition to the physical injury, it is reported that Mr. Carter's feelings have been injured. The trial of Cecil Ledgett, charged with disorderly conduct as a result of

his alleged acts in front of the Methodist church Christmas night, has been set by Judge I. M. Schannep for January 3. The parents of the youth have also been summoned to appear at the trial. The boy is 17 years old. 50 years ago — 1971

What was 1971 like for you? And what do you expect from 1972? These questions were asked by reporters Virgil Rupp and Pat Albright on Main Street in Pendleton. Here are

some of the answers. Rhonda Stevenson, 6, Kennewick, Wash., shopping with her father, said Christmas was the best part of 1971. She's sure Santa will return in 1972. Bonnie Jo Carlson, Pendleton dancing teacher, said, "If 1972 is only as good as 1971, I'll be happy." Bob Schiewe, Pendleton, manager of Gunther's Restaurant, said, "This year was a very good year, better than the last few. We had more tourists. I expect even more in 1972. The West is the place to go." John Clague, Pendleton, a student at Whitman College, said, "In 1972 I expect to see lots of changes on the world scene."

25 years ago — 1996

Another major storm was poised off the Oregon Coast today as rivers continued to rise from a series of weather systems that have soaked the state for the last week. With the Umatilla River reaching flood stage this morning and over a half

dozen other area streams cresting or running high, the next day will be critical in determining the severity of flooding in the region. Ron Morris, a hydrologist with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Pendleton, reported the Umatilla River was running 7.7 feet high and moving 6,000 cubic feet per second earlier this morning. As of about 9 a.m. today, the John Day River was above flood stage and continuing to rise at Monument, Rock Creek was creating minor flooding along the highway between Heppner and Spray, and the Walla Walla River near Touchet was expected to crest about midday. The weather service is predicting more rain tonight or this afternoon, possibly up to half an inch in the Pendleton area over the next 48 hours. "Half an inch more, we're thinking we could have a major flood tomorrow," said Morris of what Jan. 1, 1997, could bring.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

killed when a plane he chartered

On Dec. 31, 2019, the health commission in the central Chinese city of Wuhan announced that experts were investigating an outbreak of respiratory illness and that most of the victims had visited a seafood market in the city; the statement said 27 people had become ill with a strain of viral pneumonia and that seven were in serious condition.

In 1775, during the Revolutionary War, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army generals Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed an enabling act paving the way for Virginia's western counties to become the state of West Virginia, which took place in June 1863.

In 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light by illuminating some 40 bulbs at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

In 1904, New York's Times Square saw its first New Year's Eve celebration, with an estimated 200,000 people in attendance.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

In 1972, Major League baseball player Roberto Clemente, 38, was

and was traveling on to bring relief supplies to earthquake-devastated Nicaragua crashed shortly after takeoff from Puerto Rico. In 1974, private U.S. citizens were

allowed to buy and own gold for the first time in more than 40 years.

In 1978, Taiwanese diplomats struck their colors for the final time from the embassy flagpole in Washington, D.C., marking the end of diplomatic relations with the United

In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

In 1986, 97 people were killed when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty in connection with the blaze.)

In 1999, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announced his resignation (he was succeeded by Vladimir Putin).

In 2010, tornadoes fueled by unusually warm air pummeled the South and Midwest, killing a total of eight people in Arkansas and Missouri.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama signed a wide-ranging defense bill into law despite having

"serious reservations" about provisions that regulated the detention, interrogation and prosecution of suspected terrorists.

Five years ago: Mariah Carey ushered in 2017 with a botched performance on "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest" on ABC; Carey blamed the show's producers for technical difficulties, while Dick Clark Productions called Carey's claims "absurd."

One year ago: Around the world on New Year's Eve, pandemic restrictions on open air gatherings saw people turning to virtual celebrations or made-for-TV fireworks displays. In New York's Times Square, the ball dropped as always, but police fenced off the site to prevent crowds from gathering. Authorities arrested a suburban Milwaukee pharmacist suspected of deliberately ruining hundreds of doses of coronavirus vaccine by removing them from refrigeration. (

Today's Birthdays: TV producer George Schlatter is 92. Actor Sir Anthony Hopkins is 84. Actor Tim Considine (TV: "My Three Sons") is 81. Actor Sarah Miles is 80. Actor Barbara Carrera is 80. Rock musician Andy Summers is 79. Actor Sir Ben Kingsley is 78. Producer-director Taylor Hackford is 77.

WORD ★Roundup

Find and Circle...

Four pieces of furniture Four four-letter words starting with GO

Three school subjects

Three South American countries

Three branches of the U.S. military

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: MOUNTAIN CANYON PLAIN HILL MESA / ALPHA BETA GAMMA / INDIA ITALY IRAQ / ORANGE LEMON LIME / SERVE FAULT

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Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses and the number of letters in each solution. Each letter but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

SOLUTIONS

1 places for aquatic pets (9)

2 canine call (6)

3 ample space to move around (9)

4 ephemeral splashes of color (8)

5 whale with the largest mouth (7)_

6 not defeated (7)

7 hats for Chaplin & Churchill (7)

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4. RAINBOWS 5. BOWHEAD 6. UNBOWED 7. BOWLERS Today's Answers: 1. FISHBOWLS 2. BOWWOW 3. ELBOWROOM



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