

DEAR ABBY

There's plenty to chew on after dinner with in-law

Dear Abby: I once hosted a holiday dinner for which I had made a ham and a turkey with all the sides and three different pies. I even made a special mince pie for one of the guests.

The same family then invited me and my husband for a holiday dinner. My husband wasn't feeling well and couldn't go.

My sister-in-law cooks the meat she received as a gift from her employer, and the rest of the guests prepare the sides and desserts. I never go empty-handed. At the

end of the meal, she transfers any leftovers to their own Tupperware and gives us back the cleaned bowls. If I ask for a little of something to take home, she protects her leftovers like they were her children.

What's your take on leftovers? Is asking for a little fruit salad off limits? Is relieving your host of the burden of storing all of their leftovers out of line? Are there rules of etiquette here? — Hoping For A Sandwich Later

Dear Hoping: If you would like the living, breathing definition of presumptuous guests and ungracious hosts, look no further than your in-laws' contact file. The fault, however, may not lie solely with them. If this has happened more than once and you cannot summon the courage to tell

these greedy folks to put away their Tupperware and help with the dishes, you can't blame them for assuming you don't mind being imposed upon in this way.

As to the sister-in-law who refused to allow you to bring any of her food to your sick husband, I wouldn't blame you if you chose not to grace her table again after telling her the reason why.

Dear Abby: I am an adopted 17-year-old high school senior, and I live with four people who all have a disability. I want to move out when I'm 18 if I am able to. I have several older brothers and sisters, but they each have a family to take care of.

I don't want to seem selfish for wanting to live independently, but I don't know how



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to tell them. I don't know how to tell them anything because, in the past, they haven't listened to me. If you have any advice on how to tell them, I would be very grateful. — Nervous Girl In New York

Dear Nervous Girl: I wish you had mentioned when you will be turning 18, because at that point you will be legally entitled to live wherever you wish, and your parents and siblings will HAVE to "listen to you."

Because you are determined to move, it is crucial that you start preparing now. You will need to find a job so you can afford a security deposit and pay for rent, food, etc. You may also have to find roommates until you can afford a place that is all your own.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

The Umatilla county women who have been picked to serve as jurors during the April term of court are sticking to their first decision not to serve, as expressed to newspapers when the venire was drawn, is what the sheriff's office is finding.

50 years ago — 1972

A call was issued today for volunteers to clear debris at Three-Mile Dam on the Umatilla River. The debris is blocking steelhead passage. Three-Mile Dam is located along the old highway between Hermiston and Umatilla.

away immediately before another surge of high water makes the problem worse.

25 years ago — 1997

While police officials from some of the county's east-end communities say their towns have little or no gang activity, Milton-Freewater freely admits it has a problem with gangs. "They're growing rapidly," said Milton-Freewater Police Officer Michelle Neissl.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, because of advancing Union forces.

In 1912, the just-completed RMS Titanic left Belfast to begin its sea trials eight days before the start of its ill-fated maiden voyage.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy."

In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain.

In 1986, four American passengers, including an 8-month-old girl, her mother and her grandmother, were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome

to Athens, Greece.

In 1992, mob boss John Gotti was convicted in New York of murder and racketeering; he was later sentenced to life, and died in prison.

In 1995, after a work stoppage lasting nearly eight months, baseball owners accepted the players' union offer to play without a contract.

In 2002, Israel seized control of Bethlehem; Palestinian gunmen forced their way into the Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus, where they began a 39-day standoff.

In 2003, during the Iraq War, American forces fought their way to within sight of the Baghdad skyline.

In 2007, in its first case on climate change, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Massachusetts v. Environmental Protection Agency, ruled 5-4 that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases were air pollutants under the Clean Air Act.

In 2020, the number of confirmed coronavirus cases worldwide passed the 1 million mark, according

to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. The captain of a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier facing a coronavirus outbreak was fired after widely distributing a memo pleading for help; Navy Secretary Thomas Modly said Capt. Brett Crozier had demonstrated "poor judgment" in a crisis.

Ten years ago: A gunman killed seven people at Oikos University, a Christian school in Oakland, California. (The shooter, One Goh, died in 2019 while serving a life prison sentence.)

Five years ago: Jason Aldean was named entertainer of the year at the Academy of Country Music Awards held in Las Vegas. A'ja Wilson scored 23 points to help coach Dawn Staley and South Carolina win their first women's NCAA cham-

pionship with a 67-55 victory over Mississippi State.

One year ago: In his first call to the president of Ukraine, President Joe Biden underscored U.S. support for that country, amid reports of Russian troop movements on Ukraine's eastern border. A U.S. Capitol police officer, William Evans, was killed when a man rammed a car into officers at a barricade outside the Capitol building and then emerged with a knife; authorities shot the suspect, who died at a hospital.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sharon Acker is 87. Actor Dame Penelope Keith is 82. Actor Linda Hunt is 77. Singer Emmylou Harris is 75. Social critic and author Camille Paglia is 75. Singer Keren Woodward (Bananarama) is 61. Actor Jana Marie Hupp is 58. Actor Roselyn Sanchez is 49. Actor Michael Fassbender is 45. Actor Jaime Ray Newman is 44. Actor Bethany Joy Lenz is 41. Actor Briga Heelan (TV: "Great News") is 35. Actor Jesse Plemons is 34. Singer Aaron Kelly (TV: "American Idol") is 29.

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.

Table with 2 columns: CLUES and SOLUTIONS. Clues include "Peter Pan" pixie, pencil pusher's product, prickly pear plant, etc.

Word search grid with letters and a diagonal line through it.

Today's Answers: 1. TINKERBELL 2. PAPERWORK 3. CACTUS 4. POSSESSIONS 5. EXTINCTION 6. MISER 7. CLOUSEAU

WORD Roundup

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle... Seven two-syllable mammals, Four four-letter words starting with Z, etc.

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: DAUGHTER SISTER MOTHER NIECE AUNT / GALLON QUART LITER PINT / MOTOROLA SAMSUNG APPLE / NATIONAL / ANKLE

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