DEAR ABBY

Dad signals he may bring girlfriend to guys weekend

Dear Abby: My father, who has been a widower for 17 years, has been dating a woman on and off for 12 years, a couple years after my brother and I left for college. My brother and I have never cared for her, but we live three hours away from them in opposite directions now. We figure if he's happy, then it's none of our business. I try not to be rude, but I simply do not enjoy spending time

I've been planning an out-of-state sports weekend with my dad and brother. I have been looking forward to it, because with three small kids, I have little time for these kinds of activities. I got us all tickets and hotel rooms, but my brother now has to skip it because of a family medical issue.

friend to take my brother's spot, because "she's upset and not talking to me because I didn't take her to my brother's son's birthday." I can't imagine a more excruciating week-

I told him plainly, "I expected this to be a 'guys' weekend." But, like always, he was cagey, and I'm terrified he is going to show up with his girlfriend. How can I impress upon him that I don't want her to use my brother's unused ticket because

I do not want to spend the weekend with her? **Bad Sport In Oregon**

Dear Bad Sport: Is your dad unaware



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solution to your problem would be to tell your father that while you are pleased he has found happiness with this woman, you do not enjoy her company, which is why he doesn't

While you're at it, tell him what it is about her that you cannot tolerate. Then "remind" him that her presence would change the character of the "guys weekend," and if he plans to bring her, he will spend the week-

end alone with her — your treat because you, too, will change your plans.

Dear Abby: In seven months, my 43-yearold son will be married for the second time.

Dad has just hinted he may bring his girl- of how you feel about his lady friend? The Because of his fiancee's problem drinking, I am absolutely against the marriage. I hate the idea of going to the wedding. Should I go anyway, and have the most miserable day of my life? I doubt that I would be able to hide my sadness. Or should I decline, tell my son I wouldn't be a good guest to have on his happy day and wish them "all the best"? — Hesitating In Washington

Dear Hesitating: I will assume that your son is aware of your concerns about his fiancee's drinking. Do not boycott this wedding. If you do, you will create a wedge between you and your daughter-in-law that could last for decades. Plaster on a smile and attend so you can wish them all the best in person. Then cross your fingers that your wish comes true.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

"It's just a little too early to say yet." That was the reply given by Mrs. Jennie Evans of Freewater, one of the two women on the first mixed jury that ever served in Umatilla circuit court when she was asked how she likes to serve as a juror. The other woman on the first jury to be drawn for service during the April term of court is Mrs. Reta Bailey of Milton. There were only three women called.

50 years ago — 1972

Umatilla County cattlemen want the legislature to amend the state criminal code to provide them more protection from rustlers. Based on a recommendation by Jack Olsen, deputy Umatilla County district attorney, the Umatilla County Cattlemen's Association has proposed an amendment that would "put some teeth back into the cattle theft and other livestock theft problems." Robert Lazinka, Pilot Rock, association president, said the proposed change would make the theft of domestic livestock or poultry a felony regardless of the value of the livestock or poultry. Presently it is a felony only if the animal is valued at more than \$200. Olsen says this fails to give adequate protection to the rancher at a time when it is needed most — when the newborn animal is at a minimum value and most vulnera-

ble to theft. "Some of us remember when we used to hang rustlers. At this time there is no crime of rustling or larceny of livestock to be found in the Oregon laws, and as long as the offender takes a calf or other livestock that is worth less than \$200, the maximum penalty is county jail time and a fine," wrote Lazinka in a letter to C. M. Otley of Diamond, president of the OCA.

25 years ago — 1997

Two winters ago, housing was so tight on the reservation that some families were living in their cars. But life has changed for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. This summer, 59 American Indian families will move into two-story, four-bedroom houses that will rival those of any suburban subdivision. There will be vinyl siding, landscaped yards, dishwashers and carports. What a difference a few slot machines can make. Since opening the Wildhorse Gaming Resort in 1994, the Eastern Oregon tribes have posted profits of \$5 million a year. The tribes are using their gaming profits to leverage grants and loans for housing, a golf course, a cultural center and other projects. Since 1992, the tribes' budget has grown from \$7 million to \$27 million. "We are chiseling away at that poverty we had in the past," says tribal chairman Don Sampson.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

In 1789, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Virginia, for his inauguration in New

In 1889, comedian and movie director Charles Chap-

lin was born in London. In 1945, In his first speech to Congress, President Harry S. Truman pledged to carry out the war and peace policies of his late predecessor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1947, the cargo ship Grandcamp, carrying ammonium nitrate, blew up in the harbor in Texas City, Texas; a nearby ship, the High Flyer, which was carrying ammonium nitrate and sulfur, caught fire and exploded the following day; the blasts and fires killed nearly 600 people.

In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in which the civil rights activist responded to a group of local clergymen who had criticized him for leading street protests; King defended his tactics, writing, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon with astronauts John W. Young, Charles M. Duke Jr. and Ken Mattingly on board.

In 1977, Alex Haley,

author of the best-seller "Roots," visited the Gambian village of Juffure, where, he believed, his ancestor Kunte Kinte was captured as a slave

In 1996, Britain's Prince Andrew and his wife, Sarah, the Duchess of York, announced they were in the process of divorcing.

In 2003, Michael Jordan played his last NBA game with the Washington Wizards, who lost to the Philadelphia 76ers, 107-87.

In 2007, in one of America's worst school attacks, a college senior killed 32 people on the campus of Virginia Tech before taking his own life.

In 2010, the U.S government accused Wall Street's most powerful firm of fraud, saying Goldman Sachs & Co. had sold mortgage investments without telling buyers the securities were crafted with input from a client who was betting on them to fail. (In July 2010, Goldman agreed to pay \$550 million in a settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, but did not admit wrongdoing.)

In 2020, the Trump administration gutted an Obama-era rule that compelled the country's coal plants to cut back emissions of mercury and other human health hazards.

Ten years ago: A trial began in Oslo, Norway, for Anders Breivik, charged with killing 77 people in a bomb and gun rampage in July 2011. (Breivik was found guilty of terrorism and premeditated murder and given a 21-year prison sentence.)

Five years ago: U.S. officials said a North Korean medium-range missile exploded seconds after launch, a high-profile failure that came hours before U.S. Vice President Mike Pence arrived in South Korea for a visit at the start of a 10-day trip to Asia.

One year ago: Jon Ryan Schaffer, a member of the far-right Oath Keepers militia group and a heavy metal guitarist, became the first defendant to plead guilty to federal charges in connection with the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland revoked a series of Trumpera orders that promoted fossil fuel development on public lands and waters, and issued a new order that prioritized climate change in agency decisions. Raul Castro said he was stepping down as Cuban Communist Party leader, leaving the island without a Castro guiding affairs for the first time in more than six decades. Iran began enriching uranium to its highest-ever purity, edging the country closer to weapons-grade levels as Iran tried to pressure negotiators in talks on restoring its nuclear deal with world

Today's Birthdays: Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI is 95. Singer Bobby Vinton is 87. Denmark's Queen Margrethe II is 82. Basketball Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is 75. Former Massachusetts first lady Ann Romney is 73. NFL coach Bill Belichick is 70. Rock singer and former politician Peter Garrett is 69. Actor Ellen Barkin is 68. Actor Michel Gill is 62. Secretary of State Antony Blinken is 60. Rock musician Jason Scheff (Chicago) is 60. Singer Jimmy Osmond is 59. Rock singer David Pirner (Soul Asylum) is 58. Actor-comedian Martin Lawrence is 57. Actor Jon Cryer is 57. Actor Peter Billingsley is 51. Actor Lukas Haas is 46. Actorsinger Kelli O'Hara is 46. Actor Claire Foy (TV: "The Crown") is 38. Figure skater Mirai Nagasu is 29. Actor Sadie Sink is 20.

7 LITTLE W©RDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses $\overline{\underline{\underline{a}}}$ 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.

1 par for the course (8) 2 eagle-eyed (10) **3** "watch the birdie" medium (11) 4 result of joining a club (10) **5** drive (10)

SOLUTIONS

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6 green, perhaps (7) 7 hazard a guess (8) TIVE DARD OTO CEP TH **PER MBER** GR SHIP ICK

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Today's Answers: 1. STANDARD 2. PERCEPTIVE 3. PHOTOGRAPHY 4. MEMBERSHIP 5. MOTIVATION 6. SEASICK 7. THEORIZE

WORD * Roundup"

CLUES

Find and Circle... Four amphibians

Four fruits starting with P Four four-letter fish

Two crustaceans Two mountain chains

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: LORRAINE EMMETT GEORGE MARTY BIFF / CANADA CYPRUS CHILE CUBA / POULTRY PORK BEEF / CHECKERS CHESS

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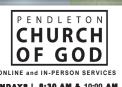


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