Variations on bouquet and garter toss

DEAR ABBY: A young married woman said she and her mother were at odds about the tradition of tossing the bouquet and bride's garter at weddings. You said, "Because catching a bouquet or garter is no guarantee the person will be the next to marry (it's 'up for grabs'), I see no reason why any guest should be excluded."



jockey and video services for weddings. I have seen little girls and boys with bloody noses, skinned knees and elbows, etc.

Would you send an 8-year-old to play football at your local college? For liability reasons, I specifically note in my contract that if the bride insists on including guests under 16, I am not liable for injuries. Insurance Well, I disagree! I perform disc companies don't like to cover stupid-

ity. BRENT YACIW, WESLEY CHAPEL, FLA.

DEAR BRENT: Your point is well taken. I received a ton of terrific mail on tossing wedding bouquets and garters, and will share as much of it as possible:

DEAR ABBY: The custom is tacky and should be eliminated. It's embarrassing to singles who are dragged onto the floor by wellmeaning friends and family. It's almost as bad as watching the new couple smash cake in each other's face. — J.H., MELROSE, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: When I married, I had a candy toss for anyone 12 or un- catches the bouquet. At one wedding love it. Remember, kids are just ABBY

der. It worked wonderfully.

The kids had fun and were part of the festivities. — JENNIFER IN FREMONT, OHIO DEAR ABBY: For guests 16 and

under, we tossed a teddy bear dressed like a bride, and did the same for the boys with a groom bear. — BECKY IN HURST, TEXAS

DEARABBY: I am a florist. Many brides order a small bouquet to toss to the little girls, and they either toss their own bouquet or an extra (large) one to the big girls. — RON D., BELLEVILLE, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: The custom is, whoever catches the garter must put

the garter and then sat at the feet of the lady who caught the bouquet and sobbed for 10 minutes because he was so humiliated.

to this. — KATHY IN FORT LEE, N.J.

DEAR ABBY: As the mother of two little girls, I do not want anyone touching their legs. As a wedding DJ, here's how I handle the garter toss: I have the little girl sit in a chair with her arms out and her hands in a prayer position. I then give the male the garter and he has three chances to toss it much from you. Thank you for all over her hands. No one is touched, it high on the leg of the woman who and it's perfectly innocent. The kids

I attended, a 9-year-old boy caught adults in training. - LORI LEE, A DJ IN HORSEHEADS, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: I have been a caterer for more than 20 years. A classy alternative is this one: The bridal Children should not be subjected couple asks all married guests to stand. Then, in multiples of five or 10 years, they are asked to sit down when asked the length of their marriage.

> The couple married the longest is awarded the bouquet and garter to the applause of everyone. - MIKE F., ANKENY, IOWA

DEAR READERS: I learn so your suggestions, and for the privilege of doing a job I love. — XXX,

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20 USA ★★★ "The Firm" (1993, Drama) Tom Cruise, Gene Hackman. (III) 21 SHOW "Crop" 'R' (:45) ★ "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" (2001) Martin Lawrence. 'PG-13' (III)	Dead Zone Image Interface Image Interface <thimage interface<="" th=""> Image Interface<!--</th--><th></th><th>COU3 Billy Campbell. Law Order Cl 00, Comedy) John Travolta, ★ ★ * "The Others" ∩ 'R' I I (2001) Nicole Kidman.</th></thimage>		COU3 Billy Campbell. Law Order Cl 00, Comedy) John Travolta, ★ ★ * "The Others" ∩ 'R' I I (2001) Nicole Kidman.
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