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## SHORT CUTS

### Shop smart

Karen's Discount Bridal Outlet must vacate its store at 4101 E. Louisiana Ave., Glendale, (303) 756-3999, by March 31. Wedding gowns that once sold for \$250 to \$500 are \$25 to \$250. Flower-girl dresses and bridesmaid dresses are \$5 to \$95 apiece, and there are sets with as many as nine dresses. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.


—Janet Simons

### Help yourself

 To accept some idea of truth without experiencing it is like a painting of a cake on paper that you cannot eat. There is no taste, and you will give up because it doesn't mean anything.

Only when each one of us feels the truth, appreciates the truth, accepts the truth and is ready to follow the truth will it work. When someone puts himself outside of the truth in order to study the truth, he won't know what to do when something happens to him.

In ancient China there was a person who liked dragons very much. He talked about dragons, he painted dragons, he bought various dragon sculptures. Then a dragon said to himself, "If a real dragon like me visited him, he would be very happy." One day the real dragon sneaked into the man's room. The man didn't know what to do! Whaaaaah! He could not run away. He could not even stand up. Whaaaaah!

We have been like him. We should not be just a fan of dragons. We should always be the dragon. Then we will not be afraid of any 

Source: *Crooked Cucumber: The Life and Zen Teaching of Shunryu Suzuki*, by David Chadwick (Broadway, \$26)

### Today's tip

I keep a threaded needle in the corner of my dressing-table mirror. When I get a new garment, I sew the extra buttons to the seam allowance. That way, if a button pops off, I don't have to search for the spare.

—Reader tip to Heloise from B. Conger, Annandale, Va.

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