

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: You've often recommended Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous and Overeaters Anonymous for compulsive drinkers, gamblers and overeaters.

I wish there was an Adulterers Anonymous for compulsive adulterers. I am one, and there's nothing I can do about it.

Don't laugh, Abby. I have a wonderful husband and family, but I've gone from one adulterous affair to another until now I can't even count them. I'm not oversexed. In fact, I'm just the opposite. I get nothing out of these affairs. I can't for the life of me understand why I deliberately get myself into such miserable situations that offer no sexual fulfillment, knowing if I'm caught I'll lose my husband and children and everything that is dear to me.

I must be crazy. Can't something on the order of Alcoholics Anonymous be organized for compulsive adulterers?

WEAK IN ILLINOIS

DEAR WEAK: I can't imagine a compulsive adulterer phoning another compulsive adulterer and being talked out of it.

You need some form of psychotherapy. Only when you understand what motivates you to behave as you do will you be able to control your actions. Your community mental health clinic can provide you with confidential counseling at a price you can afford. Please give the clinic a call.

DEAR ABBY: A former associate of my husband (a married woman) has been in love with him for some time. I found some letters she had written to him. He admitted receiving them but said he never loved her — only liked her — and he was not responsible for what she wrote. He said he never responded to those letters, but it's hard to believe that she would write such passionate letters without some encouragement.

The problem is that although she is no longer associated with him, she visits him regularly at work. I have asked him to tell her there is no future in it for her and that she should quit visiting him. He says to tell her this would be making more of the relationship than exists. I think she is trying to wear him down. What do you think?

UPTIGHT IN ENCINO

DEAR UPTIGHT: I think by not discouraging the woman, your husband is encouraging her. And regardless of what he tells you, he is getting something he enjoys out of her visits.

DEAR ABBY: Here's the picture: I took a date to a lovely dinner dance. Mary Jo sat at my left and to her left sat a gentleman named Bill who asked her to dance. Without any further ado, Mary Jo turned to me and said, "I'm going to dance with Bill."

On the way home, Mary Jo and I had a few words about what happened. I say either Bill should have asked me if he could dance with Mary Jo, or she should have asked my permission to dance with Bill.

I figure that she is my girl for the evening, and I don't like giving her free to entertain single men who are there. It just so happens that Bill's wife would not attend with him because she thought the modest amount for the evening was too much. (Incidentally, this couple is very well-heeled.)

But even if the evening cost me only a dollar, I still think my date should have shown more loyalty to her escort. What is your opinion, O Wise One?

RICHARD IN LANSDALE, PA.

DEAR RICHARD: You're right. Mary Jo should have asked you if you minded if she danced with Bill. And/or Bill should have asked you if he could dance with your date. However, Mary Jo is not your "property"; she is only your date, and as such she is not yours to "give free" or withhold.

DEAR ABBY: I am an attractive 66-year-old widow. I've dated a number of eligible men and have had many proposals, but there is one I would really like to marry.

He is 72, but looks much younger because he keeps in shape and has a young and healthy outlook on life. He says he "loves" me, but he will not propose marriage because he had surgery 10 years ago that terminated his sex life.

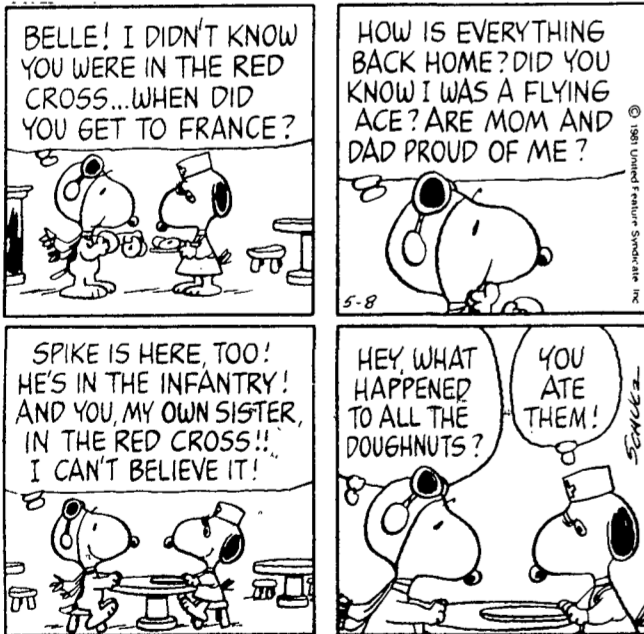
I told him it didn't matter to me because I never placed very much importance on sex anyway, which is the truth.

He insists that I was only being "kind," and eventually I would feel cheated. I swore to him on a stack of Bibles that I meant what I said. How can I convince this wonderful man that I want to marry him — regardless?

AUSTIN, TEXAS

DEAR AUSTIN: Get a higher stack of Bibles.

PEANUTS



Ruling affects teachers

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The state's highest court has ruled that a letter giving a teacher bad grades for conduct or performance can be placed in the teacher's file without a hearing.

By a wide majority, the Court of Appeals upheld a statute of the state Education Law on Thursday which allows the placing of such critical letters, if they are written by a tenured teacher or school administrator, in teachers' personnel files.

The ruling affects some 250,000 public school teachers in the state.

The decision involved two teachers in Cattaraugus and Dutchess counties who claimed they should have had

hearings because the letters constituted a reprimand.

Jon Holt, a tenured teacher at the Webutuck Junior-Senior High School received two such letters in 1978, one from his school principal and one from his district principal. Both charged Holt with "incompetence and insubordination" for his conduct in school study halls and in interrupting another teacher's class.

Holt appealed through the state courts, and on all levels they affirmed that the Education Law statute allows the school to file such letters since they do not, by themselves, represent any

disciplinary action which requires a hearing.

Wayne Doyle of the Ten Broeck Academy in Franklinville similarly pursued through the courts his attempt to get a 1978 letter removed from his file. The letter, written by a school administrator, charged Doyle with being absent from assigned teaching duties.

A state Supreme Court judge upheld the school district, but an Appellate Division Court said that since the letter is "more a statement of charges than it is an evaluation report" Doyle should be allowed a hearing. However, the Court of Ap-

peals ruled that the critical letters fall within a "permissible range of administrative evaluation" allowed schools to determine if teachers are doing a good job.

"The purpose of such communications — to call to the teacher's attention a relatively minor breach of school policy and to encourage compliance with that policy in the future — is also clear," the court said. "The purpose is to warn, and hopefully to instruct — not to punish."

The court did concede, however, that the letters could have some adverse effect on the future employment chances of teachers and could be used later for disciplinary action.

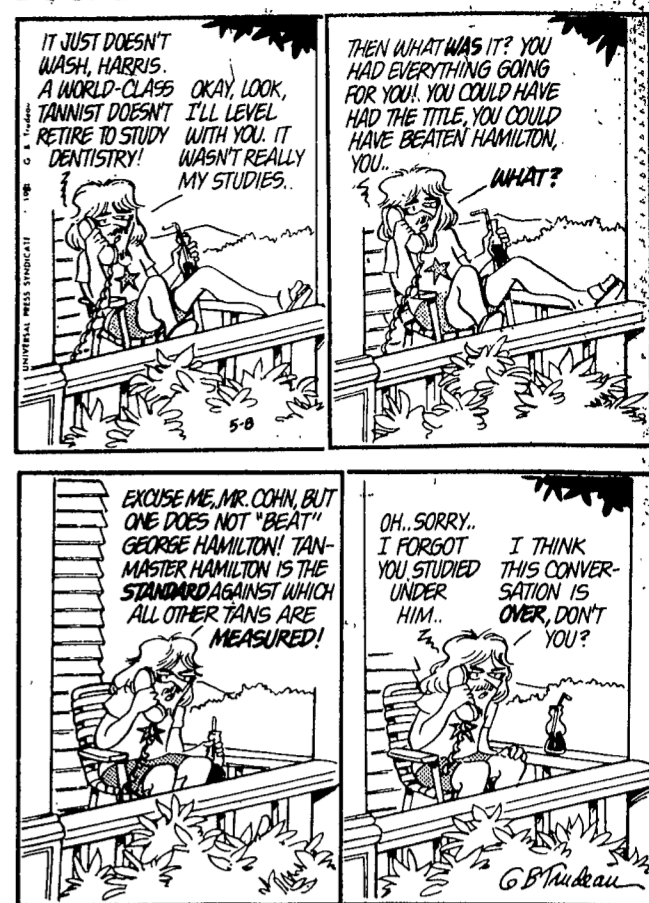
In a dissent to the ruling, Chief Judge Lawrence Cooke said that at times critical letters "subject" teachers to "arbitrary decisionmaking" and that both "Mr. Doyle and Mr. Holt were entitled to procedural safeguards."

Cooke and Justice Sol Wachtler were the only dissenters among the seven judges in Holt's case, while Cooke was the lone dissenter in Doyle's case.

In other decisions handed down by the court Thursday:

CABLE TELEVISION
The court upheld a state statute requiring that landlords allow installation of cable television facilities in an apartment building if the tenants want it.

DOONESBURY by Garry Trudeau



Elizabeth Taylor

Broadway debut for Liz Taylor

NEW YORK (AP) — She triumphed over a bad cold that caused cancellation of a Wednesday matinee preview. But sadly, Elizabeth Taylor isn't triumphant in her much-ballyhooed Broadway debut as the star of "The Little Foxes."

She opened Thursday night in this revival of Lillian Hellman's 1939 tale of the hateful, rapacious Hubbard family, playing Regina Giddens, the most ruthless of them all.

Hers was a Hollywood-style premiere with all the trimmings — celebrities galore inside and two spotlights, a crowd of about 200 and some 16 crowd-control cops outside the packed Martin Beck Theatre.

Solid tribute to her drawing power as a star, a legend. All the more sad, then, that here she seems more a vaguely comic figure of wickedness than a truly evil, power-hungry, money-mad Southern belle.

The real star here is Maureen Stapleton, who as her sweet, ill-treated sister-in-law, Birdie, offers a brilliant, wholly believable display of sweetness, innocence and pathos that just about steals the show.

Of course, it doesn't help Miss Taylor that "Foxes," set in 1900 in the Deep South and once considered a stinging attack on capitalism, doesn't wear its years well, at least in this production.

Miss Taylor shows guts in tackling it and her name alone has built a heavy box-office advance. But after all the buildup, Elizabeth Taylor's Broadway debut in "The Little Foxes" is a let-down.

Crossword By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 37 Fit snugly 54 Possesses 8 Tossed
1 Pasture sound 39 Greek letter 9 Lease
40 Tiny 10 Actress
4 At a 41 Skilled public speaker 11 Exclamation
8 Bungle 45 Division of 16 Decree
12 Jeanne d'— the Spartan 2 Comedian 20 Some
13 Smooth army 23 Concept
14 Miss Horne 48 Isle of exile 3 Dull pain 24 "High —"
15 Active 50 Jai — 4 Steve and 25 Sea eagle
17 Western 51 Loathsome Woody 26 Ardor
17 Western 52 Denary 5 Nourishes 27 Unmixed
18 Took notice 53 English 6 New England 28 Doctrines
19 Greek god 7 Courteous regard 29 Charged atom
21 Those in office 33 Small glass bottle
22 Machine 35 Head of the fairway
26 Long, narrative poems 36 Fragments
29 Frigid 38 Mark —
30 June bug 39 Theater great
31 "— for Life" 42 Head, in Caen
32 Witty saying 43 Small bills
33 Mexican laborer 44 Rave
34 Fortify 45 Chart
35 Weight unit 46 Corrida cheer
36 Role for Alan Ladd 47 Operated
58 Drag behind

Avg. solution time: 25 min.

ETON SLAM BOG
BLADE LONE RIO
BROWNOUTS OSA
STREET SAWED
SO DOVEN
DEBT TAX SITE
SAR VIE LOW
STOP SINE EGOS
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MANIA ARABLE
ANI BROWN BEAR
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DIAS IDES ENDS

Answer to yesterday's puzzle.

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CRYPTOQUIP 5-8

XZVGGYJR OQJGRZ OJGRGMZ OYM
NZMNX NYJQRN OVGZMNZV

Yesterday's Cryptiquip — AMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE SELDOM BAFFLED BIG BUSINESSMAN.
Today's Cryptiquip clue: X equals D

The Cryptiquip is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words, and words using an apostrophe can give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

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'S.A.' may be answer for 'Weak in Illinois'

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: Your reply to the bed-hopping wife, WEAK IN ILLINOIS, missed the mark. She said, "I've gone from one adulterous affair to another until now I can't even count them. I'm not oversexed; in fact, I'm just the opposite. I get nothing out of these affairs, and can't for the life of me understand why I deliberately get myself into such miserable situations that offer no sexual fulfillment, knowing if I'm caught I'll lose my husband and children. Can't something on the order of Alcoholics Anonymous be organized for compulsive adulterers?"

You replied, "I can't imagine a compulsive adulterer phoning another compulsive adulterer and being talked out of it."

Abby, I am a recovering compulsive adulterer who tried two psychiatrists, one psychoanalyst, three group therapies, various religious approaches and finally exorcism! Understanding what motivated me did NOT give me the power to control my actions. I lost my wife and children, and I was about to lose my second family when I found a program based on the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous to help compulsive "lusters" control their lust in the same way compulsive alcoholics control their drinking.

It is "Sexaholics Anonymous," a fellowship of men and women who share their experiences and help each other conquer their common problem.

I am now free from the obsession of sex, and have not had sex with either myself or anyone other than my wife for the last five years. That is a miracle for which I thank God and Sexaholics Anonymous.

In 1979 we received authorization



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from Alcoholics Anonymous to adopt its 12 steps, but there is no organizational affiliation between S.A. and A.A. There are no dues or fees. Like A.A., S.A. is entirely self-supporting and accepts no outside contributions. The only requirement for membership is a sincere desire to stop lusting and help other sexaholics to achieve sexual sobriety. — SET FREE IN L.A.

DEAR FREE: Until I received your letter, I had never heard of "Sexaholics Anonymous," and after checking it out, I am convinced that yours is a serious, legitimate program. If there are others out there whose lives have become unmanageable because of compulsive lusting, information about this newly formed organization can be obtained by writing to: P.O. Box 300, Simi Valley, Calif. 93062.

DEAR ABBY: My son is a newspaper carrier. He just came home terribly disappointed after attempting to collect his paper route bills. Apparently many people do not realize that newspaper carriers are in business for themselves. They must pay for the newspapers out of their own pockets, and collect the money to stay even. If the carrier fails to collect from the customer, the carrier is out of luck!

My son's enthusiasm for his paper

route has dropped to the point where he is thinking of quitting. I would hate to see that happen, Abby, because his paper route was his first step toward financial independence and maturity.

Abby, please say something in your column about the importance of paying the newsboy. You wouldn't believe the number of people who move away without paying. Also, there are those who keep asking the carrier to "come back another time." Some of those poor kids have had to go back four or five times to get their money and they take a lot of verbal abuse to boot. — SACRAMENTO DAD

DEAR DAD: Here's your letter, and I hope it helps.

CONFIDENTIAL TO ANN DOE WHOSE ENVELOPE BORE A MONROE, VA., POSTMARK: Please let me know how I can get in touch with you. I want to help you, but I need your address.

Problems? Write to Abby, 2060 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 5000, Hawthorne, Calif. 90250. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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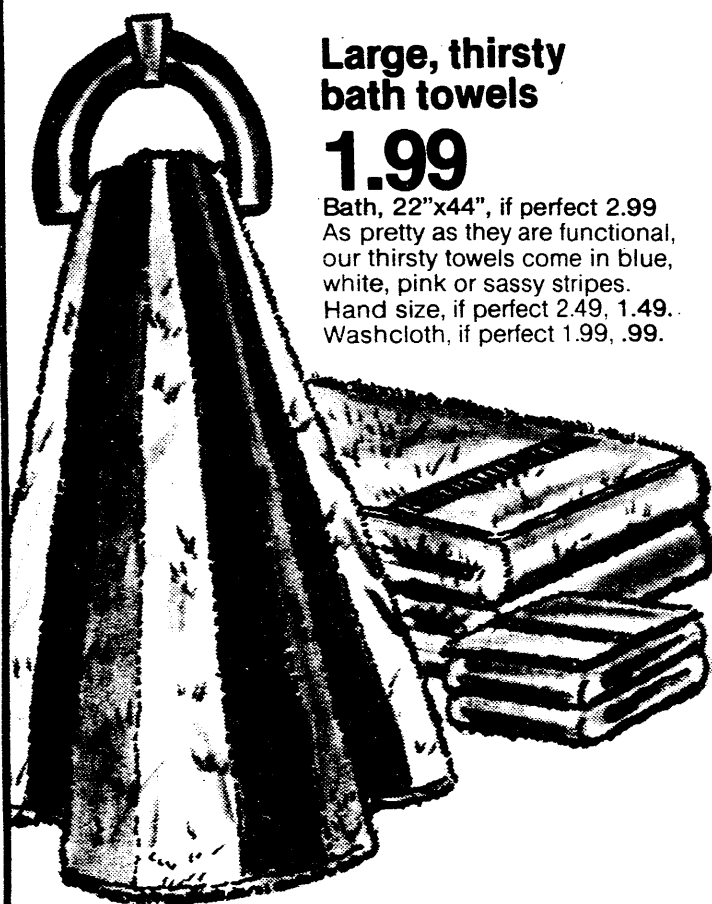
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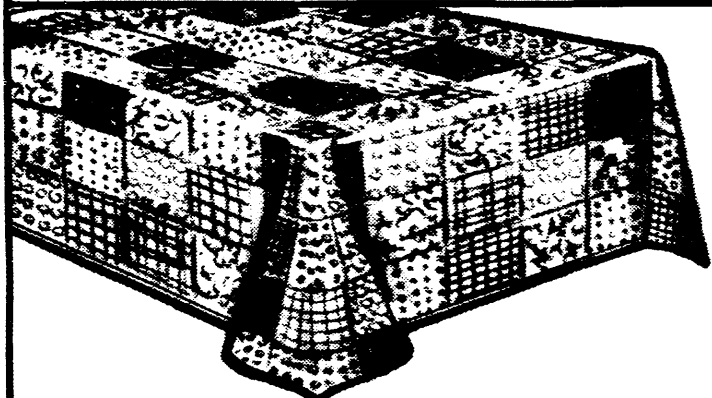
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