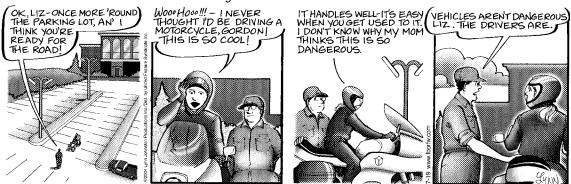
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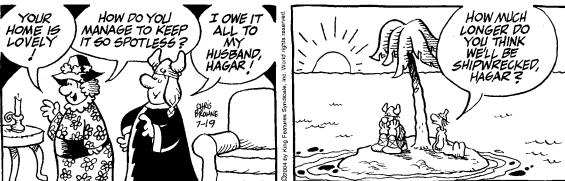
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Child abuse leaves friend speechless

DEAR ABBY: Last Sunday I attended church as usual. After the service, another woman and I started talking and the next thing I knew, we were having lunch together.

Over lunch, the other woman told me about her life. She said that as a child she had been molested by her father and when she refused his sexual advances, he started to malign her socially, emotionally and mentally. She no longer lives in the same town with him.

I have no experience or training as a relationship counselor, and found my tongue tied over her story. What should I have said to her?

- UNCOMFORTABLE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA **DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE:** The proper response would have been to acknowledge that her youth had been very difficult, but that she's a survivor and you're glad she got away from her abuser.

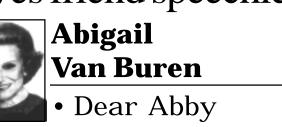
It is unusual for someone to reveal that much to a stranger, and had the woman confided in me I would have asked if she'd had counseling to help her deal with it. If the answer was no. I'd have recommended she get it so she could lay her past to rest.

DEAR ABBY: I desperately need some guidance because I'm afraid I'm putting myself in grave danger.

I lost my virginity when I was 16 to a boy I hardly knew. I am now 20 and off to college, and I have literally lost count of the number of men I have had sex with. Only a handful of them have actually been boyfriends. I always feel horrible and used after sex, not to mention that I am constantly worried about STDs and pregnancy since I never use protection. Yet I can't stop being promiscuous, and I can't settle down with any one person. My selfworth has disintegrated, and sex has friendly.

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SCARED AND ASHAMED IN WASHINGTON

DEAR SCARED: Thank you for trusting me with your problem. When you get to school, check in with the student health center. You need to be examined -and treated, if necessary - for STDs. You also need to talk to a mental health professional to follows her home and trespasses on understand what has been driving your sexually compulsive behavior. (Often the reasons have nothing to do with sexual desire.) You are right that your behavior could have serious consequences, physically and emotionally. So please make getting professional help your first priority.

DEAR ABBY: I met a girl at school who isn't the prettiest girl I've ever seen, but she's one of the will stop? We don't want to make nicest people you will ever meet. I really like her, but I'm scared to tell her how I feel. Would you please give me some advice on how to approach her?

- CONFUSED

DEAR CONFUSED: The best way to "approach" someone is to simply show an interest. Say hello when you see her. If you share a class together, offer to study together. If there is an athletic Van Buren, also known as Jeanne event, a school play or a party, ask Phillips, and was founded by her if she plans to attend, or would like mother, Pauline Phillips. Write to sit with you. You don't have to Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com declare undying love — just be or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles,

DEARABBY: My family is deal-Abby, please set me straight. I'm ing with a concern similar to Trapped in Louisville. My teenage son is dating a lovely girl who attends a neighboring high school. She is being harassed by a boy who attends her school, rides her bus and lives in her neighborhood. I'll call him "Willy."

Willy has refused to honor repeated requests by the young lady to leave her alone. He makes unwanted advances toward her at school, her property.

The young lady's mother is not around during the daytime, due to her career. Her father is away defending our country. If my son becomes involved, I'm afraid there could be violence. I don't know what to do.

There are no witnesses willing to get involved. How do we get solid proof so Willy will not cause her harm? Who can we tell so that this this problem worse than it already is. Willy has threatened retribution if he gets into trouble over this.

- DEEPLY CONCERNED IN LAWRENCEVILLE, GA.

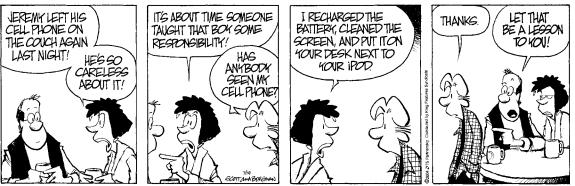
DEAR CONCERNED: It is time for the young lady's mother to pick up the phone and inform the police that her daughter is being stalked and threatened.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Calif. 90069.

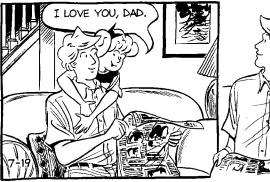


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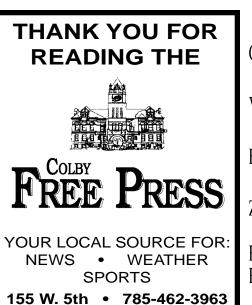
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Famous Hand

Many years ago, the late Marty Cohn was playing in a national team-of-four championship and held the South hand.

Cohn was well-known for his psychic bids. On top of that, he was the foremost advocate of opening the bidding with a three-card major suit, even with good hands.

His partners were barred from raising his opening major-suit bids — unless they were willing to incur his considerable wrath — with less than four or, preferably, five trumps.

When it was Cohn's turn to bid on this deal-after two passes-he asked his lefthand opponent, Mike Moss, which one of his teammates would be holding the South hand at the other table.

This was more than a casual question, since Cohn — faced with a wide choice of actions — was hoping to gain a psychological advantage by knowing who his opposite number at the other table would be.

But Moss didn't know, or pretended not to know, who was sitting South at the other table. Furthermore, he contended that Cohn was not entitled to this information, and that Cohn could call the tournament director if he wanted to settle the issue. But Cohn, unwilling to pursue the matter further, said at this point, "In that case, I'll open the bidding with seven hearts."

Everyone passed, and Moss led the ace of spades. Cohn ruffed, drew a round of trumps, cashed four club tricks, discarding a diamond from dummy, and so made the grand slam.

Said Cohn when the hand was over, "The next time I ask a civil question, I'll expect a civil answer!"



"When we get to the Grand Canyon you children are not to touch a thing."

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