Rebuilding trust not an easy thing

Dear Dr. Brothers: After being away and split from my spouse, I just came back to our home after forgiving him for cheating on me with another woman. Now, three months later, I'm beginning to wonder if I did the right thing. I believe we love each other too much to divorce. I have no reason to believe he's done anything wrong, or that he's broken his pledge to be faithful, but I'm having a hard time building trust.

He thinks it's more related to the fact that I was raped in my early adolescence. My husband is the only one who knows this about me. Could it be possible that after all this time, that is making me feel as I now

Dear D.G.: It could very well be, especially since you've never been able to discuss this trauma with anyone other than your husband. We hear so much about the importance of communication, of being able to discuss problems, especially in situations in which the victim may suffer from guilt that is totally unwarranted. When feelings are bottled up inside, the original damage is increased, as the hurt, fear and anger fester inside. Sharing pain and negative emotions helps to cleanse them.

In your situation, the one person you trusted enough to share your burden with has hurt you, left you feeling unloved and alone, with a shattered sense of trust that probably took a long conversation, now I'm not so sure



Ask Dr. Brothers

time to build. Even when the com- I'm the one who's wrong. - T.H. plications you've mentioned are great deal of time and work to counseling to be followed by couples therapy.

Dear Dr. Brothers: For years, I've been watching porn about every other night with my husband because it pleases and excites him. I've also been pretending to like it and share his views, while actually, most of the time I can't stand it. It's a real sexual turn-OFF for me, select the films, why don't you do partly because of what I view as violence and cruelty usually toward the

At first, I thought there was something wrong with me, and I felt like a guilty prude. Then a neighbor, a woman with whom I've become quite close, happened to see the covers of a couple of the films in our bedroom. She was shocked and said that she and her man only watch ones that are also good. After our **feel free to discuss the subject.**

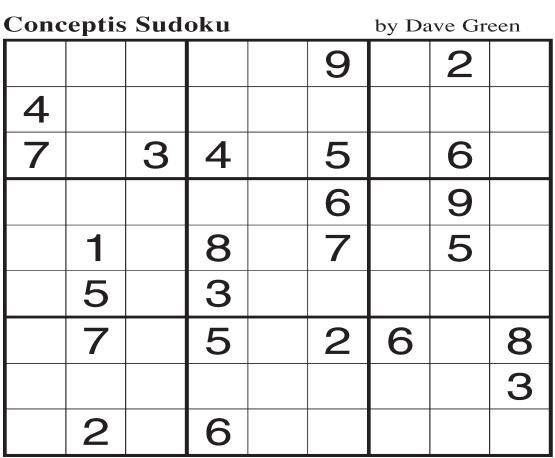
Dear T.H.: I don't think you absent, after infidelity it takes a need to feel guilty about the type of films you enjoy. Males tend to heal the relationship. I believe have different tastes, especially that you, personally, would be about what turns them on sexugreatly helped by some individual ally, but what is troubling and standing in the way of your relationship is the fact that you've apparently never discussed this with your partner. It rarely helps a relationship when one partner constantly pretends to feel something he or she doesn't. As long as this kind of deception exists, nothing can ever be clarified or solved.

Instead of letting your husband some research on your own? Talk $with \, some \, of \, your \, women \, friends \,$ and see if they have any recommendations, or even stop at your local video shop to get a list of the most recent DVDs.

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Ask if your husband has a favorite actress — not limited to porn, but a real actress. Surely you can find something you both like, and by talking, your sex life sexy porn and sexy movies, but will improve because you'll both

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to today's Sudoku puzzle is left.

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Dracula memorabilia collected

front door of Cliff Alfrey's apartment, and you will know right away what he finds fascinating.

The welcome mat features Dracula wrapped in a black cape. In Alfrey's living room, dining room, kitchen, bedroom images of bats or vampires are everywhere.

Cliff Alfrey, who collects Dracula memorabilia, stopped counting after he hit 200 items. Alfrey fell in love with the character when he first saw "Dracula" as a child.

"As a child, I put together a model of Dracula," said Alfrey, 56, a retired state employee who works part-time as a cake decorator at Sam's Club. "The first movie I saw was 'Dracula.''

About 15 years ago, he bought the initial item in his collection, a green 1920 Austrian glass dish with a brass handle and applied brass bats. Once that purchase was made, there was no turning back.

On the living room wall hangs a framed letter dated Feb. 12, 1898,

Student News

MANHATTAN — Kansas State University is awarding more than 1,700 students semester honors for their academic performance during the 2007 spring semester.

Students earning semester or graduation honors receive commendations from their deans, with the honors recorded on their permanent academic records.

K-State awards summa cum laude to students with a K-State academic average of 3.95 or higher, magna cum laude to students with an academic average of 3.85 to 3.949, and cum laude to students with a 3.750-3.849 academic aver-

From Colby, Samantha Kay Wolf, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor of science. She is a graudate of Colby High School. In addition, Valerie Robin Broeckelman and Landon Gerard Truetken, both graduates of Golden Plains High School received spring semester honors.

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TOPEKA (AP) — Walk in the with inset photos of actor Sir Henry United States, Romania, Canada Irving and Abraham "Bram" Stoker. The letter was dictated by Irving but handwritten by Stoker, who a globe," he said, as he pointed to the was Irving's personal secretary. Stoker is the author of "Dracula," the classic vampire novel.

Alfrey has obtained a number of items associated with Dracula movies: a carved, wooden coffin plate used in the Disney film "Mystery in Frankenstein and Day of the Death Dracula's Castle;" a replica of a plaster mold of actor Bela Lugosi's face and a pin with a bat and the word "Dracula" spelled in red rhinestones that was given to cast members during the filming of "Bram Stoker's Dracula." He also a boy, so I'm interested in what is has photos autographed by Lugosi, Frank Langella, Christopher Lee, Gary Oldham and George Hamilton - all of whom played Dracula in film or on stage.

Other interesting collectibles are palm-size bats carved from turquoise, opal, amber and jade; a "In China, the bat is a symbol of Dracula-looking stein with a handle happiness and peaches are a symbol depicting the vampire's bloody vicof longevity," he said, explaining tim; jewelry with bat motifs; cups the combination of the two images—and saucers painted with a bat de-— and his father died trying to find on his hand-painted china from that sign; and postage stamps from the a cure," he said with a grin.

and Ireland featuring Dracula.

"My only real bat is preserved in specimen in a glass container on top of a cabinet.

Alfrey loaned his Dracula/bat collection to the Kansas State Historical Society two years ago for a Halloween exhibit that included memorabilia. He displayed his collection at a Topeka Civic Theatre production of a Dracula play for which he served as special effects supervisor.

"I've been a magician since I was used to make it look as if Dracula has magical powers the stage illusion," he said, adding that he has also designed sets and directed Dracula shows for local theaters.

Alfrey believes Dracula is a misunderstood character and someday would like to write about the young Dracula in a way that would explain his bloodsucking ways.

"Maybe he was anemic as a child

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