

Entertainment

Parents in doghouse over differences with son's family

DEAR ABBY: Our son, daughter-in-law and grandson accepted our invitation for a Memorial Day cookout/pool party. They live about a 45-minute drive from our home.

Our daughter-in-law agreed somewhat reluctantly to leave their dog home, knowing that my wife and I are not "pet people."

Memorial Day morning, our daughter-in-law telephoned to say that she was sorry, but she just couldn't leave their dog alone all day. Then she gave me a "love me — love my dog" ultimatum, indicating that the dog was a member of their family. She expected me to cave in and say, "Well, all right ... bring the dog."

Instead, I said, "I'm sorry you're not coming, but I understand your feelings. Perhaps another time."

She said, "Well, goodbye," and then she hung up.

Abby, neither she nor my son has communicated with us since. Was I wrong? Or was she?

IN THE DOGHOUSE

DEAR NAMELESS: Who was right and who was wrong is unimportant. You had the right to ban pets from your home, and she had the right to decline your invitation because she couldn't bring the dog. The important issue here is maintaining a friendly relationship with your son and his wife. I urge you to break the silence now, before it escalates into a permanent breach.



Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are invited to a wedding. The invitation says "black tie." The groom is a friend of the family, and I am not in the wedding party. I understand they sent 300 invitations.

The tuxedo I have owned for 20 years no longer fits me, and I don't feel like buying a new one. Wouldn't it be all right if I wore a black suit with a white shirt and black bow tie? Sign me ...

GOOD ENOUGH

DEAR GOOD ENOUGH: Absolutely! Most people will be so preoccupied with the way they look, they won't even notice what you're wearing.

DEAR ABBY: My name is Daniel and I am 11 years old. I am traveling north in August, and I will be staying for six days. I am sure I am going to get homesick, so I am not looking forward to the trip. You are usually able to answer people's questions, so hopefully, you

can answer mine.

What happens if I get bored on the bus and want to go home? Do I go and tell the bus driver to turn around? Or do I sit there and get more and more upset worrying about getting homesick?

DANIEL IN CAMDEN, N.J.

DEAR DANIEL: Your problem is one that everyone has had from time to time — worrying about something that may never happen.

Don't let yourself think about getting lonesome. Take a book to read, a puzzle, or a game that one person can play ... something to keep your mind occupied during the bus ride.

Please write back after the trip and tell me if I was right or wrong. Good luck, Daniel.

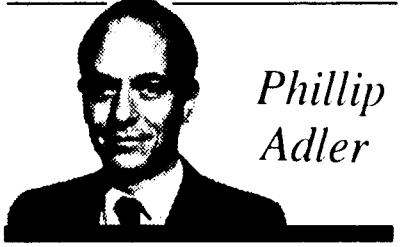
DEAR READERS: "A conference is a gathering of important people who singly can do nothing, but together can decide that nothing can be done."

FRED ALLEN

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Correct play easy one to overlook

NORTH 7-16-94			
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♥ 5 3 2			
♦ K Q			
♣ Q J 8 6 5			
WEST		EAST	
▲ 10 9 8 5		♥ 7 6 4 3 2	
♥ K 8 4		♦ 7	
♦ J 9 6 5 2		♣ 10 8 7 4	
▲ 9		♦ K 10 4	
SOUTH			
▲ Q			
♥ A Q J 10 9 6			
♦ A 3			
♣ A 7 3 2			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: West			
South	West	North	East
3♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 10			



Phillip Adler

There are many instructive deals in "Kosher Bridge 2" by Australian Ron Klinger and Englishman David Bird, published by Gollancz. My particular favorite is the one in today's diagram. The correct play is easy to overlook.

South's four no-trump was Roman Key Card Blackwood. North's reply showed either one ace or the heart king. So the rabbi, sitting West, knew that his partner couldn't have the club ace. South wouldn't have bid the slam missing both an ace and the trump king. Therefore, the rabbi led the spade 10.

Declarer won with dummy's king and played a heart to his queen, which held. He returned to

the dummy with a diamond and led a second trump, but when East discarded, South couldn't recover. He won with the ace and played a third trump, but the rabbi just exited with a diamond. South had to play clubs from his hand. And when South saw that the club finesse was working all along, he grumbled about his bad luck. What do you think?

The rabbi played very well to duck the heart king. If he wins trick two, the contract is easy to make. But after returning to the dummy in diamonds at trick three, the declarer should have cashed the spade ace and discarded his diamond ace. Now when West wins the third round of hearts, he is employed. Whichever suit he leads, declarer can take the winning club finesse and discard his two low clubs on dummy's spade jack and diamond king.

The book is available for \$16.45 from The Bridge World, 39 West 94th Street, New York, NY 10025 7124.

Astro-graph



Your Birthday

Monday, July 18, 1994

In the year ahead, you might be luckier in ventures or enterprises initiated by others than in those you originate yourself. Be on the lookout for a productive partnership.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If allowed to establish your own pace today where your work is concerned, your industriousness might run at a low ebb. Be a self-motivator. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Usually you're a person who gets reasonably good mileage out of the dollars you spend. Today, however, you might have blinders on where real values are concerned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you do not believe in your leadership abilities today,



Bernice Bede Osol

don't expect others to fill in the gaps for you. To be successful you must bite the bullet and try again and again if necessary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try not to let your emotions dominate your thinking today. If your feelings pervade your judgment, you might end up making poor decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your assessment of others is questionable today. There is a possibility you might cater to the undeserving and ignore those who warrant your full attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In order to achieve an important objective today, you must be both assertive and bold. If you're not properly motivated, it could just turn into a practice session.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep all of your dealings out in the open today. If you attempt to do something coy, regardless of how harmless it might be, it could produce negative repercussions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your feelings might be unduly sensitive today and cause you to expect more from loved ones than they're able to deliver. Don't nurture unreasonable expectations.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In endeavors today that require a collective effort, don't take full credit for things others help bring about. Leave room on stage for everyone to take a curtain call.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not delegate critical assignments today to subordinates with questionable abilities. The product they produce may be up to their standards, but not yours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be careful regarding your romantic involvements today. If you trespass down forbidden paths, you could end up with a headache, as well as a heartache.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order to placate somebody you like, you might feel obligated today to make a commitment without your heart being in it.

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Crossword puzzle

- ACROSS
- 1 Bonnie and —
 - 6 Terra —
 - 11 Raised
 - 13 Actor — Beauty
 - 14 Rings
 - 15 Canvas shade
 - 16 Asian ox
 - 17 — Quentin
 - 19 Of grandparents
 - 20 Unlock (poet.)
 - 21 Concealed
 - 22 Underground

- DOWN
- 1 Child's coloring pencil
 - 2 Delaware Indian
 - 3 Pulled (sl.)
 - 4 Actress
 - 5 Joanne —
 - 6 Skinny fish
 - 7 Crow's call
 - 8 Decorations
 - 9 Incidental
 - 9 information
 - 9 Occupant of apartment
 - 10 Points of view
 - 12 Piece of dinnerware
 - 13 Rooms
 - 16 ventilate
 - 24 Ruin completely
 - 25 River in Belgium
 - 27 Ship deck
 - 29 Colonized
 - 33 Hazardous
 - 34 Fur-bearing animal
 - 35 Passes into law
 - 36 Color
 - 38 On land
 - 39 Inland
 - 40 States of disorder
 - 43 Vast ages
 - 49 — Moines
 - 51 Hebrew letter
 - 52 Falsehood

STUMPED?

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Baptist Memorial Hospital - Blytheville
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Sia Shahriari, M.D.
Board Certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist
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Dr. Shahriari received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. from Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. He graduated medical school from The University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri before completing his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology from The University of California. He was previously in private practice in Southern California.

Dr. Shahriari will open his private practice **MISSISSIPPI COUNTY WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTER**, on August 1, 1994 in the Medical Plaza, 1521 N. 10th Street, Suite G, in Blytheville. Appointments can be scheduled July 12 - 29, from 10:00 - 12 noon by calling his office, **763-0222.**