

Mom wants to pull the plug on son's electric bills

Dear Abby: I am a divorced woman living on a very low disability income. My grown son lives with me. I try to conserve on everything I can, but he uses water and gas to heat the water for the 20-minute shower he takes every morning.

He works 40 hours a week, goes to the YMCA to work out, and he's with his girlfriend the rest of the time. He eats all his meals out, but he comes home to sleep. The minute he gets home, he turns the TV on, and leaves it on while he sleeps! He often sleeps with the lights on.

He runs up my electric bill with his radio, electric hair blower and his electric shaver. And he can't take a drink of water without letting the water run for five minutes. He's too lazy to look up telephone numbers, so he calls information, which is charged to my bill. (Can't he add?)

He gives me a lousy \$20 a week from the \$160 take-home pay he gets, and he complains yet. I think he's getting a good deal. If you agree with me, please print this so I can show it to my son.

— Fed Up

Dear Fed Up: Here's your letter. Clip it and pin it on your son's pillow. Or tape it to his shower curtain, his hair blower, his television set, his light switch or his telephone. Your son should not complain. You should. I think you're entitled to more.

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Dear Abby: My wife and I have a disagreement that perhaps you can resolve.

Our disagreement comes about because when we are watching TV,



I regularly use the mute button to tune out the commercials. My wife says this is wrong -- that if I watch the programs, I ought to listen to the sponsor's commercials.

My attitude is that the companies which control television programming abuse the airwaves by using an inordinate number of commercials, most of which are inherently

deceptive, and that I am under no obligation to listen to this trash.

Which one of us is right?

— *The Clicker in Palm Springs*
Dear Clicker: Whether or not one chooses to listen to the TV commercials is a personal decision. You are entitled to your opinion and your wife is entitled to hers. And if this is the most serious disagreement you ever have, count yourselves lucky.

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Dear Abby: My wife and I agreed to chip in with a group of friends to buy a 50th wedding anniversary gift for a couple we have known for many years. The group

giving this gift consists of eight married couples and one widow.

One member of our group -- not the widow -- adamantly insists the cost of the gift should be divided by 17. We think it should be divided by nine.

What do you think?

— *In Doubt in Arizona*
Dear In Doubt: Is the widow's deceased husband going to be at the anniversary party? Of course not. Therefore the cost of the gift should be divided by 17 -- each couple paying two shares, leaving the widow with one.

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Dear Abby: I was the "pen pal czar" for Operation Dear Abby

while I was command chaplain for USS Coral Sea, and I shall always remember with fondness the excitement created by the thousands of letters we received daily after you launched your letter-writing campaign in 1987. What a terrific morale booster that was!

Numerous servicemen (and women) developed romances through those letters which ended in marriage. May 6 will mark nearly 1 1/2 years since John Frakes answered a letter from Kathy McQuiston of New Castle, Pa. And by the time you read this, they will be married. Keep up the good work, Abby.

— *Michael D. Halley, Command Captain*

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MDHS names top scholars

There were several honour students at Milton District High School last semester. Following is the list of the top students in each class.

Kelly Yonev received 95 in Canada, a North American Perspective, Debbie Dies received 88 in Law, Lisa Bowler and Jodi Zanatta received 92 in Instructional Assistant, Stephanie Hunter received 90 in Ancient Civilizations, Victor Bija received 90 in Famous Faces, Sheri Bowers received 95 in Man in Society, David McDuffe received 90 in Canadian Studies.

Colleen Gibson received 87 in Grade 9 Foods, Brenda Peddie received 88 in Grade 10 Clothing, Karen Fetter received 94 in Grade 10 Food, Jodi Zanatta received 94 in Grade 11 Parenting, Tammy Young received 93 in Grade 11 Personal Management, Stephanie Hunter received 85 in Grade 12 Housing, Julie McDuffe and Denise Leonard received 87 in The Canadian Family.

Holly Richard received 77 in General Canadian Studies, Jodi Hensch received 88 in Advanced Canadian Studies, Joy Henderson received 96 in Grade 12 World Issues, Julie Nielsen received 90 in Canadian Geography.

Top students in Math courses at the end of first semester were: Marilyn Rinaldi in MAT 1B1, Tricia Swift in 1G1, Cathy Ferri in 1A1, Mike Paiero in 1A5, Shari Baynton and Brian Richardson in 2G1, Dave Gaul and Jennifer Crozier in 2A1, Erika Kubota and Chris Garrett in 2A5, Shawn Armstrong in MTT 3G1, Kim Sachau in MtB 3G1, Christine Morby in MAT 3A1, Dave Wheelihan in MTB 4G1, Scott Charlton in MTT 4G1, Andy McTavish in MAT 4A1, Joy Henderson in MFN 0A1, Gregory Downs in MCA 0A1, and Dan Walker in MAG 0A1.

Certificates of distinction were awarded to Cathy Ferri, Laura Manzer, Vicki Nicol, Mike Paiero, Douglas Woods, Cindy Carman, Jennifer Crozier, Chris Garrett, Dave Gaul, Rob Gaul, Dana Harrison, Erika Kubota, Julie Lawrence, Kathy Love, Dana McKay, Betsy Merry, Michael Van Altena, Diana Zavitz, Debbie Dies, Gregory Downs, Joy Henderson and Dan Walker.

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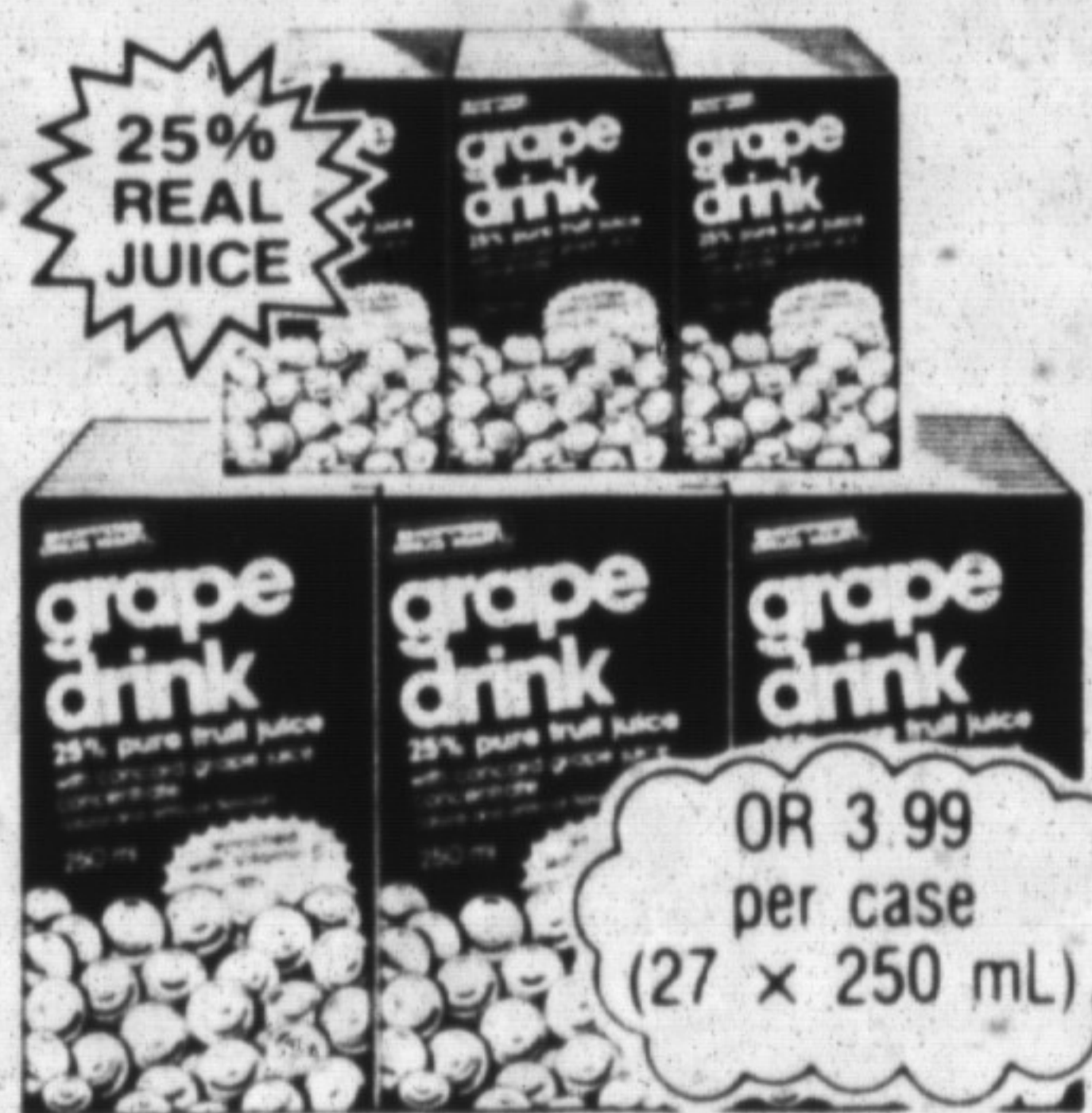
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