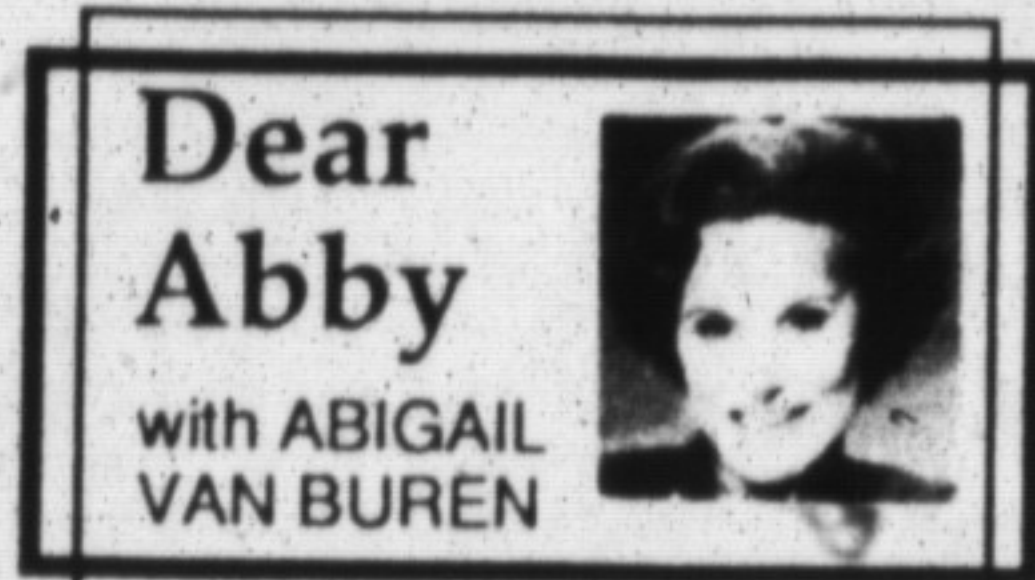


Learn to wash after you flush – a clean habit for all

Dear Abby: I teach Grade 5 students. I was told that you once had a column on the importance of washing one's hands after using the bathroom. Please find it and run it again. My colleagues agree it is urgently needed. Thank you.



Tacoma
Dear Tacoma: Here it is:
Dear Abby: People come to you with every conceivable problem, so I'm encouraged to present one that is so touchy I've never seen it mentioned in your column.

no. thank you. There's no telling what kind of infection could be transferred to my dishes from those unwashed hands.

How do you get people to wash their hands after using the bathroom? In our home, the bathroom is right off the kitchen, and when the water is turned on, it can be heard in the next room.

Worse yet, where I work there's a cafeteria, and I've seen some cafeteria employees walk out of a bathroom stall and go straight out to serve the people without having washed their hands. Some of them even wipe and polish dishes as they come out of the dishwasher. Can you imagine the disease risks a diner faces when he uses these freshly washed dishes?

Guests have gone into our bathroom, used the toilet (I can hear it being flushed) and then come out without having turned on the faucet, so I know they haven't washed their hands.

Abby, please explain how dangerous this is. If you print this, I promise to frame it and hang it

Then after supper, they offer to help me dry the dishes. I always say

above our toilet. Thank you.

Please Wash
Dear Please: I cannot stress too emphatically how important this one specific area of hygiene is to good general health. Children should be taught to wash their hands with soap (preferably a disinfectant type) after using the bathroom, and adults should have made it a life-long habit.

Week program. As part of its campaign, prominently displayed along the corridors of the Mayo hospital complex were posters showing a pair of hands under this terse message — the 10 most common causes of infection.

To remind doctors, nurses and employees of the Mayo Clinic to wash their hands frequently were other posters bearing this catchy message — a milligram of handwashing is worth a kilogram of antibiotics.

One must never use a napkin from the table as a handkerchief and then carelessly allow it to be mixed with other napkins on the table. Quite often a careless waiter or bus person will use soiled napkins to wipe off the table.

This is almost as unforgivable as the aforementioned dirty toilet habits. The solution is to use a napkin as a napkin and a handkerchief as a handkerchief, and be certain each is deposited in its proper place when no longer needed.

Seminar for alternative housing includes variety of living options

Halton's Access to Permanent Housing Committee will show residents alternatives to single-family detached homes next month.

A workshop called *Housing Alternatives — Making it Happen* will take place April 5 at the Burlington Cultural Centre at 7:30 p.m.

"I hope we can all agree with the basic premise that everyone should have a place to live," said Linda Cowie, spokesperson for the committee. "From there, we have to start working together to make it happen."

The event features speakers on housing alternatives such as non-profit housing, co-operatives, group homes and intensification, as well as planning issues. Affordable housing alternatives don't mean ghettos, she said, it is most important for the community to have a range of housing available to meet the needs of all residents.

"Some people need the structured environment of a group home, some the affordability of subsidized housing and others prefer the lifestyle and lowered living costs of a co-op," Ms Cowie added. Those interested can call 632-1975.

Dear Abby: My parents are disappointed because I do not want to go to college. I want to go to trade school. What should I do?

Not College-minded
Dear Not College-minded: Go to a trade school if that's what you want to do. To quote John Gardner:

"An excellent plumber is infinitely more admirable than an incompetent philosopher. The society that scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water."

Plenty of maple syrup will highlight festival

The annual Elmira Maple Syrup Festival will be held Saturday, Apr. 7 with lots of activities planned for the young and old.

Breakfast and opening ceremonies will begin at 8 a.m. Crafts, quilts and Old MacDonald's Farm will all be part of the event. We are assured there will be a good supply of syrup as well.



Clarence Galbraith who is a patient at a Guelph hospital.

The Boyne euchre March 27 had 12 tables in play and the following winners: Mildred Mason, Charlotte Greenlees, Otilie Dowling, Mary Workman, Eva Wilson, Charlie Johnson, Elmer Douglas, Frank Peacock, Alfred Ford and Dave Dowling. Lone hands were held by Vera Durie (4) and Bill Golden (6).

Sincere sympathy is extended to the wife and family of the late Rev. William Milligan who passed away in Milton District Hospital March 27 after a brief illness.

A memorial service will be held at Omagh Presbyterian Church Saturday, Apr. 7 at 2 p.m. The service will be conducted by Rev. Shawn Croll.

Mr. Milligan is survived by his wife Glatys, son Michael of Acton, daughter Maureen Dobson of Colingwood and three grandchildren.

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