



Dear Abby

Ditches Wife, Loves Freedom

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DEAR ABBY: Six months ago I left my wife of 17 years for another woman. (I'll call her "Dixie.") It tore my wife up, but Dixie and I had been having this terrific love affair for two years and I had to make a choice or I'd lose Dixie. Well, two weeks ago, Dixie and I split up. Now I'm going to confess something to you that may sound silly. I love my freedom. I enjoy being able to come and go as I please without having someone ask me, "Why are you late?" "Where have you been?" "Who were you with?"

Abby, I know I don't really love my wife, but I owe her a lot for raising our two children.

I don't really want to go back to Dixie although she says she still loves me and wants me back. My wife wants me back, too. I don't know what to do.

Don't send me to a shrink. I don't believe in them. And don't send me to a preacher. It's been 17 years since I've been to church. What do you suggest?

UNDECIDED

DEAR UNDECIDED: Loving your freedom as you do, it would be cruel to go back to your wife and tear up her life again, so don't go back unless you can be a faithful husband. It has obviously cooled off between you and Dixie, so do yourself a favor and stay away from her. You need to discuss your problem with a professional who can help you get your head together. And make NO major decisions while you are "undecided."

DEAR ABBY: I am 12 years old and my brother is 7. Our mother and father split up, and Dad is married to another lady now. Mom is going to marry another man in November.

Mom's new husband has a boy who is 10 years old. After Mom marries this man, his kid is going to live with us and be our "brother." (His own mom is dead.) He don't know how to hold a fork, he walks like a girl and talks like a baby, and we don't like him at all. What should we do?

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DEAR ROCHESTER: You and your brother should be extra nice to this motherless 10-year-old boy. He may be a slow learner, but he has feelings. Be patient with him, and try to teach him. Kids who are the "hardest" to love usually need love the most.

Are your problems too heavy to handle alone? Let Abby help you. For a personal, unpublished reply, write: Abby, Box 69700, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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by Beulah M. Barr
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Kevin was thrown into the water and the propeller badly mangled his legs when they came in contact with it. Another lad escaped injury. It was a freak accident and one that those involved in will long remember. Kevin was removed from the intensive care unit several days ago. Every good wish of the community is extended to him with the sincere hope he will soon be well and on the mend.

Mr. and Mrs. Carman Russell motored to Red Lake to visit their son, David who is with the Department of Lands and Forests and is a Forest Ranger at Red Lake. Then they went on to Saskatchewan, returning home a few days ago.

Mr. Boyd Miller returned to Toronto

Sunday afternoon, July 23, to continue to undergo hospital tests there. Hurry and get well, Boyd. Congratulations to Michael Smith who celebrated his fourth Birthday on July 22.

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