

Hubby needs more than wife's apology

PERSONAL ADVICE
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Dear Abby:
My wife and I have been

married 23 years. Not once in all those 23 years have I ever received an apology from her.

She spilled mustard on my shirt while she was reaching across a table. It was my fault for not handing her a napkin she was reaching for.

While we were playing racquetball, she drilled me in the back with the ball and left a huge and painful welt. Again, nothing.

She charged \$4,000 on a credit card and didn't tell me. She said it was "my fault" — she was "getting back at me" for spending too much time at work. After talk and counseling, I still received no apology.

I'm not perfect, and we have other issues in the marriage, but I am at a loss as to why she won't apologize for anything. She spins every argument so she can win. Why won't my wife say "I'm sorry"? — Harassed Husband in Idaho

Dear Husband:
I strongly suspect it's because she isn't sorry. What she is is angry and needs to punish you. The safest way to do that for her is with an "accident."

More than needing an answer from me, what you need is insight from a licensed psychotherapist to help you understand not only why your wife acts out the way she does — but also why you would tol-

erate it for 23 years.

Dear Abby: At what point does a parent stop giving unsolicited advice? It is painful to watch my "child" repeatedly make choices that aren't in her best interest.

My daughter, "Alicia," is 43. When she inherited a considerable estate, I told her the windfall could make her quite comfortable in her old age. She agreed. After a year and a half, I doubt she has much of her inheritance left.

Now that yet another live-in relationship has ended, I suggested that next time she find a man who is self-supporting.

After years of weight issues, Alicia now has a new figure thanks to Lap-Band and plastic surgery. She let the boyfriend du jour select the size of her implants. Being of the strip-club mentality, he chose DD. Abby, my daughter looks like two olives on a toothpick.

I'm heartsick and wonder what my teenage grandchildren think.

Although I am trying to keep my mouth shut, she tells me she "feels" my disapproval. I think it's her conscience that she's trying to ignore. Must I duct tape my mouth shut? — Disapproving Mom in Texas

Dear Mom: At this point, yes. Your daughter is an adult. She hasn't listened before, and she's unlikely to do it now. Perhaps when her current romance ends, she'll be more receptive. But for now, keep mum, mom.

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ROBERT & CORA HARVEY 71ST ANNIVERSARY

We are extremely proud and fortunate in announcing the seventy-first wedding anniversary on September 17, 2009, of Robert L. and Cora (McClure) Harvey. The celebration will be held locally with family members and friends. Robert retired as U.S. Postal Service Director, Customer Services in Dayton after 45 years employment; He was a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of his service as a Documented Original Tuskegee Airman (DOTA). Tuskegee also awarded an honorary degree: Doctor of Public Service. He attended Fisk University, University of Dayton and Sinclair College. Cora is also retired after earning a degree in Early Childhood Education at Sinclair College and spending many years working in the Dayton Public School system. Her extensive religious activity includes steward, stewardess and missionary duties. They are parents of three: the two daughters Roslyn Hall of Dayton and Roberta Dunnigan (Jerry) of Cleveland are retired elementary school teachers, son Dr. Robert Jr., is a practicing psychiatrist in California. Also 9 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren



JAMES & MARILYN NEARY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

James and Marilyn (Meyers) Neary were married on September 12, 1959 at Holy Angels Church in Dayton, Ohio. Their children and grandchildren would like to congratulate them and wish continued health and happiness.



ELKINS/LOPEZ ENGAGEMENT

Mrs. Shirley Elkins and the late John Elkins of Germantown, Ohio are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Lynn, to Wilfred Lopez Jr. Fred is the son of John and Ivelisse Bale of Centerville, Ohio and Wilfred and Tina Lopez of Manchester, New Hampshire. The couple will be married on October 24, 2009 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Farmersville, Ohio. The couple will reside in West Carrollton, Ohio.



LEACH/TODD ENGAGEMENT

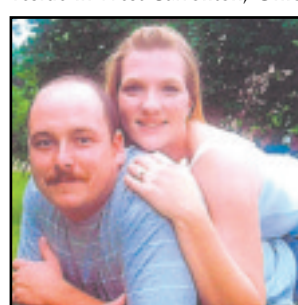
Michael and Andrea Leach of Beavercreek announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Elizabeth, to Joshua Todd, son of Bob and Cindy Todd of Dayton. The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Carroll High School, a 2007 graduate of Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame and a 2009 graduate of Case Western University of Cleveland, Ohio. She is practicing as a Nurse Practitioner at the Vermillion Family Health Center in Vermillion, Ohio. Her fiancé is also a 2003 graduate of Carroll High School and a 2007 graduate of Thomas Moore College in northern Kentucky. He is currently a clinical registered nurse in the Orthopedic Operating room at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland. The couple will be wed on October 10, 2009 at Our Lady of Rosary Church in Dayton. They will reside in Avon, Ohio following their nuptials.

Birth



WELCOME WESTON

Announcing the birth of Weston Henson is his big brother Brighton. Weston was delivered May 15, 2009 at Miami Valley Hospital. Proud parents are Janet and Michael Henson. Those there to welcome Weston were Grandma Amy Atkinson, Great Uncle Roger Atkinson, and Friend Kelly Pace.



CARTER/GREENE ENGAGEMENT

Tammy J. Santel of Moraine, Ohio and Charles L. Clark of Houston, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Bridget L. Carter to Anthony E. Greene the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Greene of Kettering, Ohio. Bridget and Anthony are both graduates of Fairmont High School in Kettering, Ohio where the couple met. The couple both work, Anthony is in construction and Bridget is in child care, the couple resides in Moraine, Ohio. Bridget and Anthony will exchange vows on September 26, 2009.

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