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Birthday party ruined by tantrums

DEAR ABBY: What is the official Dear Abby position on screaming children in restaurants?

My husband took my mother and me to a family restaurant to celebrate our birthdays, and two children from different families were screaming their lungs out.

One of them, a child about 3 years old, alternately screamed, begged, whined and threw tantrums the whole time.

The other child was much younger, but seemed to be keying off the other child.

Abby, it was horrible! Our server could hardly hear us to take our order – and I'm not exaggerating.

We could not enjoy our dinner because of the piercing shrieks coming from both sides of the restaurant.

Had I done that when I was little, my mother would have taken me outside, if only to make the atmosphere more pleasant for the other diners.

The family with the older child ignored his behavior. This seems to happen more and more often, I've noticed.

The family finally left, but both my husband and I had splitting headaches from the noise.

What, if anything, could we have done?

The other diners were as uncomfortable as we were. JAM DAVIS 12-5

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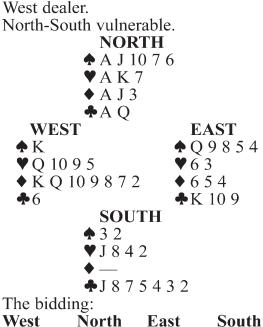
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- WISH I'D HAD EAR-PLUGS, DECATUR, ALA.

DEAR WISH: Your party should have canceled your orders and celebrated the occasion at another restaurant once you realized the parents had no intention of intervening.

Something similar happened to my husband and me one night recently. The manager of the restaurant tolerated the disruption for he approached their table and in- subway stops and a cab ride.)

Bridge





formed the parents they must stop the ruckus or take their large party and leave.

When the door swung shut behind them, the entire restaurant broke into applause.

Unless parents have completely abdicated their authority, Mommy or Daddy should know that when their child's behavior becomes disruptive, it's time for a "time-out."

That those parents inflicted their child's bad behavior on a restaurant full of people shows more about them than their kid.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with my boyfriend, "Don," that we can't settle.

We both travel for work. He's happy to drive me to or from the airport, although I never ask him to.

He feels it's a romantic gesture that couples do for each other when one is away for more than a few days.

Personally, I prefer getting to and from the airport by taxi, bus or subway — by myself.

I don't care if he meets me at the airport, although he wants to.

Don travels three or four times a year, but he often arrives at night. Driving to the airport is a stressful burden for me even during the day. I absolutely hate driving at night.

Don was recently gone for two weeks.

I refused to meet him because he mother, Pauline Phillips. was landing at night and he lives approximately 10 minutes, then closer to the airport than I do. (Three Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los

He said it was the principle of the thing, and if I didn't want to drive, it would mean a lot to him if I took a cab or the subway and met him at the baggage claim.

How do I handle this in the future Dear Abby and not feel like a bad person, because I strongly disagree with my boyfriend on this subject.

— STRESSED-OUT CITY DRIVER

DEAR STRESSED-OUT: Because this is important to him, if you love your boyfriend and care about his feelings, extend yourself and make the effort.

It's called "giving." If you can't bring yourself to do so, tell him it's a deal-breaker and see if he is willing to lower his expectations. (Frankly, I agree with him. It IS a romantic gesture.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mom trying to make the right decision. I have been dating "Pete" off and on for nearly three years.

He is now saying he wants us to move in with him and be a family

- but he doesn't want to get married until his daughter gets out of college. (She's a senior in high school.)

I don't feel he's really ready to commit. Do you agree?

- SUSPICIOUS IN SAN MARCOS

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: I do agree. In four years, you could find yourself hearing, "Wait 'til she's out of graduate school," or "Let's wait until she's married." If after three years he's not ready to move forward, you should move on — not in.

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Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred during the 1984 World Team Olympiad in the round-robin match between Brazil, winner of the event in 1976, and Poland, which went on to win the 1984 title.

The Polish declarer, Tomasz Przybora, got to six clubs doubled as shown.

It might seem that he should have lost a club and a heart to go down one, but he managed the play brilliantly and wound up making the slam.

The Brazilian West led the king of diamonds, ruffed by declarer. Przybora then finessed the queen of clubs, losing to the king. East returned a heart, West's nine forcing dummy's ace.

Declarer cashed the ace of diamonds, discarding a spade, and then played the ace of spades, on which West produced the king. Analyzing the situation perfectly, Przybora continued with the jack of spades and discarded a fter East followed low. (The outcome have been the same had East covered the ith the queen.)

came the club ace, followed by a spade d two further rounds of trumps, producdeadly position:

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n Przybora now led the club eight, West nimself at the end of his rope. If he parted with a diamond, dummy would discard a heart; if he parted with a heart, dummy would discard a diamond.

Either way, declarer would win the last three tricks and make the slam.

Tomorrow: The huddle factor.

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