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Molester got penile implant at taxpayers' expense



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Dear Ann: I am enclosing a news article that was buried in the back of my newspaper, The Decatur Daily, Decatur, Ala. I cannot tell you when I have been so incensed by government waste and stupidity. This is the most outrageous abuse of the system I have ever heard of. I'm hoping you will print the article so it will hit people right between the eyes. This kind of blatant abuse of the taxpayers' money has got to stop. Here's the item.

"A convicted child molester in Jackson, Miss., says he needed a penile implant to live a normal life — even if taxpayers had to foot the bill.

"It wasn't to make me more proficient, it was to have some degree of normalcy," Navy veteran Michael Everett Martin said. "I live single, and it's real difficult to take a lady out to dinner and dancing and she suggests something else, and you have to make up an excuse, and all you can do is hold her hand."

"Martin, 47, spent four years in prison for a 1990 conviction in-

volving 5- and 7-year-old girls. He says he was innocent." — SIGN ME BOOING

Dear Booing: Thanks for writing. It's important for parents of little girls in Jackson, Miss., to be aware that Martin received his implant. I find this outrageous.

Dear Ann: That letter about "Chet" and his former step-daughter, "Verna," really struck home. The two of them told each other dirty jokes, and Verna wore skimpy clothes around Chet and didn't care what showed.

My new husband, "Dave," and my 21-year-old daughter, "Barbara," have become buddies too. I think the way they dress around the house is entirely too suggestive. Dave wanders around in his jockey shorts, just like he did when he lived alone. At night, Barbara will flounce around in the living room, or even in our bedroom, wearing only a towel or an oversized T-shirt and perfume.

I've voiced my disapproval, but neither of them sees anything wrong.

Almost everything is visible in these outfits. Is this unhealthy? My first husband never left the bedroom unless he was fully dressed. — WORRIED IN NEW JERSEY

Dear Worried: Barbara sounds like a seductive little wench, and your husband has popcorn where his brains belong.

Tell your daughter to knock off the striptease, and let your husband know you will not tolerate any more seminudity.

Dear Ann: I read with interest the letter from "Irene's Mom in Salinas," whose daughter was angry because her in-laws trooped into the delivery room when she gave birth. I would like to share a different point of view.

When my daughter, "Louise," was expecting, I was not able to be there for the birth. Louise decided to videotape it so I wouldn't miss a thing. Her father-in-law was the cameraman. The cheering section included her husband, her mother-in-law, her sister-in-law, two girlfriends and a 5-month-old child.

I have watched the video five times, and I still cry tears of joy. Louise's two sisters have also been able to watch and share in the arrival of the baby. We all think it is wonderful. — PROUD GRANDMA IN DAVIS, CALIF.

Dear Grandma: The vote in my office was six to nothing against an audience. We all agreed, husbands only. But to each her own.

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