

Desperate Doings

Dear Tim:

Have you been watching this show *Desperate Housewives*? It's about a group of neighbors in some suburban utopia who have nothing better to do than lie, cheat, steal and kill. It's certainly entertaining, but am I supposed to believe that suburbia is littered with hot, lonely, conniving, desperate women looking for a thrill?

—Skeptical on Squires

Dear Skeptical:

I'm contractually obligated by marriage not to observe or comment on the behavior of other women. Besides, most of the lying and cheating I hear about involves another typically suburban venue — the golf course. I don't know if it would make much of a TV show, but the movie they made about it was awfully good. We don't have *Caddyshack* in our movie rental selection in aisle 6 anymore, but you won't want to watch it just once anyway. So go ahead and buy it. And if you do, *gunga galunga*.



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Dear Tim:

I've been learning a little Italian for my trip to Europe this summer. Do you have any useful words or phrases you could share with me?

—Traveler on Tremont

Dear Traveler:

I know Moretti and Andrietti. They're our neighbors here at Tremont Center. Moretti means fantastic family dining and Andrietti means exceptional shoe repair. The only other Italian I've picked up is Asiago Cheese BelGioioso. It was our Cheese of the Week not too long ago. It's great for shredding, snacking

or serving with a fine red wine. You'll find the cheese in the deli and the wine in aisle 1. Ciao.

Dear Tim:

I hear Britney Spears is pregnant. I don't know whether to be amused or disturbed. What do you think?

—Abstaining on Abington

Dear Abstaining:

I'm not generally in favor of procreation for lip-synching pop stars, but who am I to judge? I mean, if you consider the genetics of the situation, there's a chance Britney's son or daughter could be gifted. Combining the genes of two marginally talented performers could technically generate one moderately talented one. And it seems only fair that at least one member of the family have talent. If you're looking for a shower gift, consider some teeth-whitening gum from aisle 5. Assuming she gives up smoking, I'm sure Britney will need something to keep her mind occupied for the next several months.

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