

# TELL TRINITY . TRINITY

## Why is marijuana illegal

Dear Trinity,

*Don't you think marijuana is bad and people should stick to legal addictions such as alcohol? Isn't it better for them and society?*

**Drugs Or Drugless** Boise, ID

Dear Drugless,

On the contrary. Alcohol, in my opinion, is worse than marijuana, which has gotten the political bad rap. Marijuana became illegal in the forties because the paper and plastics industry was being destroyed by the hemp industry, nothing more. Pharmaceuticals, coffee, cigarettes and alcohol have stayed legal simply because of powerful, well-financed lobby groups; not because one is better or worse for society. Hundreds of thousands of people die each year from alcohol, coffee, cigarettes and pharmaceutical drugs as opposed to the less than a hundred people who die each year from marijuana (and that's if they've even realized they have died). Try again.

Dear Trinity,

*My nephew is thinking about doing drag. I'm scared that he will want to become a transsexual if he does. Help!*

**Drag Drama** Charlotte, NC

Dear Drag Drama

There's a huge difference between want-

ing to do drag and wanting to have a sex change. Huge! One may lead to the other, of course, but rarely does it happen. Rarely! And repressing ones artistic expression can only make things worse. Much worse! When a family supports honesty, openness and risk taking then anything positive is possible. However, if one is outcast, made to take risks alone or feel ashamed of themselves anything negative is possible.

### Trinity's Family Values



Dearest Trinity,

*Do you think sleeping with a one-night stand ruins the possibility of a second date?*

**One Night Date** Memphis, TN

Dearest One Night Date,

Having a one-night stand is like eating a chocolate bar. It's fantastic when you're eat-

ing it yet it often makes you wonder, "What if I save a little for later?" There are no absolute rules when it comes to sex, love, relationships and chocolate. But I will say that the more you wait or deny yourself that chocolate bar the more and more you'll become interested in getting into it's wrapper. Need I say more?

Dear Trinity,

*I met someone a few months ago and we've been having a long distance relationship ever since. I love her, but it is very difficult for many reasons. How do I hang on to her and our relationship when I so often want to just give up?*

**Relationship Woes** Norfolk, VA

Dear Woes,

When I asked, "Is love enough to sustain a relationship?" The Great Whatever answered, "Is water enough to sustain soup?" And from that a poem was written called,

### Soup Starts With Water And Relationships Start With Love

It takes pepper, salt, stalk and vegetables to turn water into soup.

It also takes a first date, a family crisis, a big fight and romantic interludes to turn love into a relationship.

Soup, like relationships, is in a constant process of trial and error.

Both can be great one day and awful the next. Both can be obsessed over or left too long to burn.

Both can feel completely wrong to you at times while at other times feel like the most important thing in the world.

Both need attention and experimentation or they will turn sour.

Both need time apart from you, time to discover itself and quality time with you.

Both need to simmer, steam and sometimes bubble over yet be congratulated as often as possible.

Both can always be dumped out or given another chance.

You always have that choice.

And when they both turn out perfect, take time to celebrate — yet never get too complacent.

And when you can't stand dealing with it anymore; take a deep breath, a long walk and give it patience just like it deserve.

Because, as soup without ingredients is just steaming water, a relationship without experiences is just steamy love.

*Don't let your questions go unanswered!*

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