

Teacher fills parents' shoes

DEARABBY: I am 18, and graduated from high school last spring. From the time I was 14, my parents and I didn't get along. But I did become close with one of my teachers. "Mr. Carson" was always there for me when I needed an adult perspective about a problem. Sometimes he was the only person I could talk to. (He talked me out of suicide a couple of times.)



Abigail Van Buren
• Dear Abby

Don't get me wrong; Mr. Carson was always professional. He never tried to take the place of my parents. But because I turned to him first, my parents called me a worthless daughter. They even went so far as to inform me I was no longer welcome in their home.

After that, I became depressed and made some bad choices. When I became pregnant at 17, my parents refused to let me back in their home. Mr. Carson and his wife helped me to pay for my pregnancy and get through it emotionally. When I needed advice, Mrs. Carson was always there for me.

I am now raising my baby. My son is the best thing in my life. I'd like him to meet his grandparents, but my parents refuse. I have tried everything, but now I have given up. I want my son to have a grandma and grandpa in his life. Would it be OK for me to teach my son to call the Carsons "grandma" and "grandpa"? They are the closest thing I have had to parents for more than a year. Or should I continue trying to get my parents to change their minds?

— PARENTLESS IN RICHMOND, N.Y.

DEAR PARENTLESS: Give your mother and father until the end of the year to change their perspective. If their attitude hasn't mellowed by then, by all means ask the Carsons if they would like to be your son's honorary grandparents. Children need love, and unlike your parents, your teacher and his wife seem to have it in abundance to give.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were married in our new home. My mother-in-law, "Minerva," became extremely offended when she was not allowed to spend our wedding night here in the house with us.

This is my husband's second marriage, and Minerva was within earshot of my husband and his first wife on their wedding night.

I say, cut the cord and respect our right to be alone on our special night. What do you say, Abby?

— NEW BRIDE IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR NEW BRIDE: I say a

wedding night is a time when most new couples would like to be alone, and your mother-in-law's insensitivity and failure to respect that fact are just an opening skirmish. Be prepared.

DEARABBY: I am 12 and in the sixth grade. My problem is that I'm having trouble talking with girls. Every time I meet an attractive girl, I either can't speak to her, or I talk to her and sometimes she doesn't like me.

What I'm asking for are some tips on how to be a good talker and get the girl of my dreams. I'd also like to know from your girl readers what they like in a guy.

— J.C. IN ERIE, PA.
DEAR J.C.: Becoming a good talker is an acquired skill for most people. But one technique that works is to ask someone about her opinion, "What do you think about ...?" It can be something that happened in class, at school, an athletic event or something in the news. Of course, there are no guarantees that everyone you talk to will like you, but most people feel complimented when you ask their opinion.

And if you'd like some tips from my younger female readers, I'm sure they'll be happy to oblige. Readers?

DEAR ABBY: I am a divorced father of a son, 18, and a daughter who is 13.

I share joint custody with my wife and spend time with them every week, depending on their schedules. My ex and I get along.

When it's time to celebrate one of our kids' events — birthdays or graduation — I ask if she wants to have a party for them and she tells me she doesn't, but then my kids ask me why I'm not going to be there!

We were married for 16 years, and I was always there until the divorce, which was her idea. When I ask her about these get-togethers, she says it was just her family and my kids' friends.

How should I handle not being invited to these events? It hurts me that I'm not allowed to be there for them. I am my children's family, too, and so are my parents, brothers and sisters, who would also like to attend. Should I just have a second party and not include their mother?

Please tell me the best way to handle this.

— HURT IN KANSAS CITY
DEAR HURT: Regardless of how civilized your divorce may have been, and how respectfully you and your ex treat each other, perhaps you should accept that she and her family may no longer wish to socialize with you and the former in-laws. Not only would hosting your own party enable you to include whoever you want on the guest list, but I'm sure your kids would be delighted to "double their pleasure." You have come up with the solution to your own problem.

DEAR ABBY: I was a soldier serving in Iraq. Last April, I was in a vehicular accident while part of a military convoy and was MEDEVACed to the nearest medical treatment facility.

When you're a trauma patient in the United States, you're put in a cubicle in an emergency room, blocked off from the rest of the patients. That is not the case in the military during a war.

I didn't mind sharing the trauma room with the Marine who had arrived there before me. He had been shot three times in the face. While I was in the room with this brave Marine, the trauma crew fought valiantly to save his life.

He flatlined seven times in just the short period after I got there. The nurses, doctors and medics worked tirelessly on him, not giving up. Finally, the doctor told them it was over, and they covered him up. I never knew his name. I lay on my litter while they started to work on my arm, which had been pinned under the truck during my accident and crushed, crying silently for the life that had been lost.

I'm writing this to you, Abby, to let that Marine's parents and friends know how hard the doctors and crew fought to save his life. Besides the medical crew, I'm the only one who knows. He wasn't just a face, or a name on a memorial to them. He was a life, and many people tried hard to keep him alive. If he had been my child, I would want to know.

— ANOTHER SOLIDER, CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

DEAR SOLDIER: Thank you for your letter, and for taking the time to share the last moments of life of that Marine. I'm sure your feelings are shared by all of the parents who have lost sons and daughters in this war, as well as the parents of those whose lives are on the line every day they serve on active duty.

Colbyite loves college comedy 'Love Thy Neighbor' script

Editor's note: The preceding critique was provided by Terrilyn Fleming, Colby, who has a Ph.D. in theatre and taught theatre and English at both the high school and college level for 15 years.

Location! Location! Location! It's all about real estate in Colby Community College's hilarious fall play *Love Thy Neighbor* by Gary Ray Stapp.

Leona Crump, neighborhood snooper and curmudgeon, frets about who is scheduled to move into the empty neighborhood house. They could be California hippies, drug dealers or a family with children who might destroy her prize marigold garden!

Crump's worst fears come true when a friendly hillbilly clan moves into the empty property across the street. Crump attempts to enlist the help of her couch potato husband, Albert, and her daffy neighbor, Judy Harrison, to oust the new neighbors, but Gafina Hambefferschmidt and her sister Bambi, together with their mother, Mawilda Feeshenshelf-bafield, and her revolting boyfriend, Turner, prove to be tough to drive out.

Kristi Khan is faultless as the judgmental Crump, delivering sarcastic lines with unfailing accuracy. Khan is the perfect straight man to Regina Heier's dense character, Judy. Heier gives her character depth. While she does play the wide-eyed innocent, Heier doesn't dumb-down the role as a lesser actress might be tempted to do. Tina Schmidt plays Rose Bush, the glib real estate agent. Khan, Heier, and Schmidt have flawlessly executed comedic timing. They are a pleasure to watch.

Jody Engel shines in her role as Gafina. Engel stepped into this major role earlier this week after the cast and crew were plagued with illnesses.



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James Mason, who plays, George, the friendly mailman, spoke with Judy Harrison, played by Regina Heier, during *Love Thy Neighbor* dress rehearsals earlier this week. The play continues tonight and Saturday, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Center.

era-wielding Gafina is a brilliant addition to the cast. Another outstanding actor is Daniel Blake who plays Judy's husband, Paul, a homophone-spelling, refrigerator-raiding, two-timing, schoolteacher. Challis Horinek, Josh Kenney, James Mason, Jr., Wendy Bugbee, and Matt Coplin complete the cast directed by Deb Bickner.

Love Thy Neighbor is full of one-liners, many of them delivered by Khan.

While some of the bars are innocuous, such as when she tells Heier to "find some bright colors for your box of crayons," others are more risqué.

At one point, as Engel's character chats with Khan, she admits to dating a politician from Arkansas; however, she admits to breaking up with him because she didn't care much for his cigars.

The author, Gary Ray Stapp, is a 1981 graduate of Colby Community College. He sent the script to Bickner for consideration two years

ago. Last year, Excelsior Springs Community Theatre produced the play. Stapp works as an appraiser and dabbles in community theatre in Garnet. He will be available after tonight's performance to answer questions and talk about the play.

Love Thy Neighbor has a balanced plot, witty lines, and interesting characters. It will play at the Frahm Theater on the Colby Community College campus tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens.

There is no admission cost for faculty, staff and students of Colby Community College.

While living in Arizona she was an adjudicator for the *AriZoni's*, which is similar to the *Tony* awards, but at the state level. While in Missouri, she was one of the founding members of the *Kansas City Cap-pies*, a national theatre program promoting theatre art and criticism among high school students.

TV LISTINGS

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4, 6)	In Touch Love is the center of God's plan.	Good Morning America (CC)	This Week-George Stephanopoulos	Hour of Power (CC)	The Coral Ridge Hour (CC)	First United Methodist Church						
KSNK/NBC (8, 8)	Rebecca Gdn	Paid Program	Today (CC)	Meet the Press (CC)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Your Bible	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
KBSL/CBS (12, 11)	Paid Program	Messiah Baptist	Johnston	Believer Voice	CBS News Sunday Morning (CC)	Face the Nation	Paid Program	Paid Program	NFL Today Time Tentative. (Live) (CC)			
K15CG (2)	Euro. Journal	On the Money	Sesame Street (E) (CC) (DVS)	Eyes of Nye	Maya & Miguel	Arthur (E)	Post-cards	Cyber-chase	Business	Health Sense	To the Contrary	
ESPN (28)	Sports-Center	College Gameday Final (CC)	NFL Matchup	Sports-Center	Outside Lines	Sports Reports	Sports-Center	Sunday NFL Countdown (Live) (CC)				
USA (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: Mystery Men	1999 Substitute superheroes battle a nefarious criminal.	PGA Tour Sunday (Live) (CC)	Movie: The Hulk	★★½ (2003) (CC)			
TBS (38)	(5:00) Movie: Entrapment (1999)	Movie: The Fifth Element	★★★ (1997) A cable finds a woman who may save Earth from disaster.	Movie: Back to the Future	★★★½ (1985, Fantasy) A boy travels through time to his parents' teenage years.							
WGN (39)	Chang-ing	Bill Winston	Key of David	Ronnie Floyd	Hillbilly-ies	Hillbilly-ies	Happy Days	Cosby Show	Moesha (CC)	Home Improve.	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
TNT (40)	(5:00) Movie: Encino Man (1992)	Movie: Life (1999) Two wrongly convicted felons make the most of life in jail.	Movie: Shaft	★★½ (2000) A former cop vows to bring a murderous racist to justice.	Movie: The Negotiator	(1998)						
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Venom One (CC)	Serpent (CC)	Snakes: The Big Squeeze (CC)	Pompeii of the East				
A&E (47)	Murder, She Wrote (CC)	Breakfast With the Arts (N)	Criss Angel Mindbreak (CC)	Random 1 Bruce; Kim (CC)	Inked (CC)	Inked (CC)						
HIST (48)	Klondike: Quest for Gold (Part 3 of 4)	History's Bus	History-ryCTR	Weird U.S. Cursed places. (CC)	Movie: Flying Missfits	★★ (1976, Adventure) Robert Conrad. (CC)						
NICK (55)	Rocket Power	Rugrats (CC)	Grown Up Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Cats-cratch	Oddpar-ents	Danny Phantom	Grown Up	Teenage Robot	Chalk-Zone		
DISN (56)	Koala Brothers	Higglytown	Ein-steins	JoJo's Circus	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Lilo & Stitch	Whis-kers	Ameri-can Drgn	Buzz-Maggie	
FAM (58)	Digimon-Digital	Battle B-Daman	W.I.T.C.-H. (CC)	Dragon-Booster	Digimon-Loco	Digimon: Runaway Locomon (CC)	Get Ed Fizzled	Super Robot	Kong-Series	Full House	Full House	
HALL (60)	Movie: Thursday's Child	★★½ (1983, Drama) Gena Rowlands, Don Murray. (CC)	America at Worship	Mass From Notre Dame	The World of Faith and Values							

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC (4, 6)	PGA Golf: The Tour Championship -- Final Round. From Atlanta. (Live)	Paid Program	Paid Program	ABC Wild News (CC)								
KSNK/NBC (8, 8)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Running: NYC Marathon Highlights	Ctdwn-Green	NASCAR Racing: Nextel Cup Series -- Dickies 500. From Fort Worth, Texas. (Live) (CC)							
KBSL/CBS (12, 11)	NFL Football: Oakland Raiders at Kansas City Chiefs. Arrowhead Stadium. (Live) (CC)	NFL Football: Pittsburgh Steelers at Green Bay Packers. Lambeau Field. (Live) (CC)										
K15CG (2)	On the Record	McLaughlin	Religion-Ethics	Classic Gospel (CC)	Healthy Body	Stevies Europe	Sewing-Nancy	Kaye's Quilting	NOW (N) (CC)	Busi-ness		
ESPN (28)	PBA Bowling: Mile High Classic. (Live) (CC)	Billiards: Sudden Death 7-Ball	Billiards: Sudden Death 7-Ball	Billiards: Sudden Death 7-Ball	Billiards: Sudden Death 7-Ball	Billiards: Sudden Death 7-Ball	Billiards: Sudden Death 7-Ball	Billiards: Sudden Death 7-Ball	Billiards: Sudden Death 7-Ball	Billiards: Sudden Death 7-Ball	Billiards: Sudden Death 7-Ball	Billiards: Sudden Death 7-Ball
USA (37)	(11:00) Movie: The Hulk	★★½ (2003, Action) Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly. (CC)	Movie: GoldenEye	★★★ (1995, Adventure) Pierce Brosnan. Russia to retrieve stolen weapon codes. (CC)	Movie: James Bond enters	Movie: Training Day	★★★ (2001)					
TBS (38)	Movie: Back to the Future Part II	★★★ (1989, Fantasy) (PA) Michael J. Fox. (CC)	Movie: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider	★★ (2001, Adventure) Angelina Jolie. (CC)	Movie: The Matrix	★★★ (1999, Science Fiction) (PA) Keanu Reeves. (CC)						
WGN (39)	Movie: Race to Space (2002) A scientist's young son helps train chimps for NASA.	Movie: Air Bud: Seventh Inning Fetch	★★½ (2002, Adventure) Kevin Zegers.	HomeTeam Seattle (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)							
TNT (40)	(11:00) Movie: The Negotiator	★★★ (1998, Action) Samuel L. Jackson.	Law & Order: Deadbeat	Law & Order: Damaged Goods	Law & Order: Sideshow	Homicide: Life on the Street	Sideshow	Homicide: Life on the Street	Sideshow	Homicide: Life on the Street	Sideshow	Homicide: Life on the Street
DSC (42)	MythBusters: Vodka Myths (CC)	MythBusters: Life raft test. (CC)	Hong Kong's Cable Car	To Be Announced	Jesse James: Legend, Outlaw, Terrorist	Investigating the legend of Jesse James.						
A&E (47)	Movie: Frantic	★★★ (1988) An American doctor's wife (CC) abruptly disappears in Paris. Harrison Ford. (CC)	Sell This House!	Move House	Find & Design	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Flip This House (CC)				
HIST (48)	Barbarians Vikings Vikings. (CC)	Barbarians Vikings Vikings. (CC)	Barbarians Vikings Vikings. (CC)	Barbarians Vikings Vikings. (CC)	Barbarians Vikings Vikings. (CC)	Barbarians Vikings Vikings. (CC)	Barbarians Vikings Vikings. (CC)	Barbarians Vikings Vikings. (CC)	Barbarians Vikings Vikings. (CC)	Barbarians Vikings Vikings. (CC)	Barbarians Vikings Vikings. (CC)	Barbarians Vikings Vikings. (CC)
NICK (55)	Rock Star	Cats-cratch	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV
DISN (56)	Movie: The Mighty Ducks	★★ (1992, Comedy) Emilio Estevez. (CC)	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Lizzie McGuire	Even Stevens	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Naturally Sadie	Life With Derek		
FAM (58)	Full House	Movie: A Little Princess	★★★ (1995, Drama) Eleanor Bron, Liam Cunningham.	Movie: The Karate Kid	★★½ (1984) A Japanese handyman teaches a teenager to defend himself.	Movie: Rookie of the Year	(1993)					
HALL (60)	Movie: Matlock: The Secret	★★½ (1990, Mystery) Andy Griffith, Ron Taylor. (CC)	Columbo: An arms smuggler uses his Irish wit and charm against Columbo.	Movie: Matlock: The Trial	★★½ (1991, Mystery) Andy Griffith, Mike Farrell. (CC)							

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KLBY/ABC (4, 6)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (CC)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (CC)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (CC)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (CC)	Desperate Housewives (CC)	Grey's Anatomy (N) (CC)	News (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Lawyer on Line	Diamond Adv.		
KSNK/NBC (8, 8)	Dateline NBC (CC)	The West Wing Live Debate Episode	Law & Order: Criminal Intent in the Wee Small Hours (N) (CC)	Movie: Category 7: The End of the World	★★½ (2005, Suspense) Randy Quaid. (CC)	News (CC)	News	Alias Time Will Tell (CC)				
KBSL/CBS (12, 11)	60 Minutes (CC)	Cold Case Saving Patrick Bubley (CC)	Nature Killers in Eden (CC) (DVS)	Masterpiece Theatre Kidnapped	Broadway's Best at Pops (CC)	Globe Trekker (CC)	Mystery: Hetty Wainthrop					
K15CG (2)	Destination America (CC) (DVS)	Nature Killers in Eden (CC) (DVS)	Masterpiece Theatre Kidnapped	Broadway's Best at Pops (CC)	Globe Trekker (CC)	Mystery: Hetty Wainthrop						
ESPN (28)	Sports-Center	NFL Primetime	NFL Football: Philadelphia Eagles at Washington Redskins.	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)								
USA (37)	(5:00) Movie: Training Day	★★★ (2001, Crime Drama) (CC)	Movie: Red Dragon	★★★ (2002, Suspense) An FBI agent asks Hannibal Lecter to help him nail a killer.	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU						
TBS (38)	(4:15) Movie: The Matrix	★★★ (1999)	Movie: The Matrix Reloaded	★★★ (2003, Science Fiction) (PA) Freedom fighters revolt against machines. Keanu Reeves. (CC)	Movie: The Matrix Reloaded	★★★ (2003) Freedom fighters revolt against machines.						
WGN (39)	Maximum Exposure	24 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CC)	WGN News	Instant Replay	Sex and the City (CC)	Becker	Maximum Exposure					
TNT (40)	Law & Order: The Collar (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order: City Hall (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order: Cut (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order: Fortune	Movie: Domestic Disturbance	Movie: Malice						
DSC (42)	Iceman: Cold Case Solved	Forensic evidence provides clues. (N)	Ice Age Columbus: Who Were the First Americans	New archaeological evidence.	Iceman: Cold Case Solved	Forensic evidence provides clues.						
A&E (47)	Cold Case Files	Soft Kill: Unsolved	The First 48 (CC)	Family Plots	Family Plots	Intervention (N) (CC)	CSI: Miami Under the Influence (CC)	The First 48 (CC)				
HIST (48)	Shootout! D-Day: Fallujah (CC)	Shootout! Hunt for bin Laden (N) (CC)	The Crusades: Crescent & the Cross (N) (Part 1 of 2) (CC)	Heroes Under Fire	The White Tigers (N)	Shootout! Hunt for bin Laden (CC)						
NICK (55)	Ned's School	Unfabulous (N)	Zoey 101	Romeo! (CC)	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fatherhood	Cosby Show	Rose-anna	Rose-anna	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
DISN (56)	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Movie: The Mighty Ducks	★★ (1992, Comedy) Emilio Estevez. (CC)	Zack & Cody	Naturally Sadie	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Life With Derek	Life With Derek	Buzz-Maggie	
FAM (58)	(5:00) Movie: Rookie of the Year	Movie: Agent Cody Banks	★★ (2003, Adventure) Frankie Munier. (Premiere) (CC)	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Home Videos	Home Videos	Joel Osteen	Feed the Children			
HALL (60)	Movie: Jane Doe: 'Til Death Do Us Part	(2005, Mystery) Lea Thompson. (CC)	Movie: McBride: Tune In for Murder	(2005, Mystery) John Larroquette. (CC)	Movie: Matlock: The Secret	★★½ (1990, Mystery) Andy Griffith, Ron Taylor. (CC)						

MONDAY NOVEMBER 7

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4, 6)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Wife Swap Heiss/Kestrel (N) (CC)	NFL Football: Indianapolis Colts at New England Patriots. Gillette Stadium. (Live) (CC)	Las Vegas (N) (CC)	Medium Judge, Jry & Executioner (CC)	News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night			
KSNK/NBC (8, 8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Surface Episode 7 (N) (CC)	Las Vegas (N) (CC)	Medium Judge, Jry & Executioner (CC)	News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night				
KBSL/CBS (12, 11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	King of Queens	How I Met	Two/Half Men	Out of Practice	CSI: Miami Felony Flight (N) (CC)	News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late		
K15CG												