

Unsupervised pool time can be trouble



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• dear abby

DEAR ABBY: My daughter has a 3-foot-deep swimming pool in her yard. My two granddaughters, ages 5 and 9, have been playing in it all summer with friends their ages.

I am deeply concerned because they are out there alone for hours. They are not supervised by an adult or competent teenager. I'm worried because I know a horrible accident can happen very quickly. Do you

think I am being overly protective? — **DISTRESSED NANA IN NEBRASKA**

DEAR DISTRESSED NANA: No, I do not. Even adults should not swim alone. If something were to "go wrong" with one of the children in the pool, someone who knows how to react in an emergency — or recognize that it IS an emergency — should be present in a supervisory capacity. To

do otherwise is child endangerment. DEAR ABBY: "Graciela in Brazil" said she has been dating a young man for only a month, and that he is pushing so hard for an exclusive relationship that she "sometimes feels suffocated." You advised that his behavior is one of the warning signs of an abuser.

About 10 years ago, I met a woman who is now my ex-wife. I "overlooked" the fact that she initially lied to me about the fact she was married. She left her "controlling" husband, and we entered into an immediate sexual and exclusive relationship (I slept with her the night we met). On a scale of one to 10, our passion level was about a 12.

After three months, she pushed for marriage and I went along. She said, "Let's set a wedding date," even though she didn't know when her divorce would be final. The next time we were shopping, she suggested buying our wedding bands so we would have them when the time came. In spite of the fact I felt things were moving too quickly, I went along with everything because I didn't want to be perceived as non-committal — and our passion was boundless.

We were married five days after her divorce was final, even though we'd had some heavy-duty arguments during the 10 months we dated. Those arguments stemmed from one issue:

She felt threatened by my past relationships. I couldn't convince her that I had absolutely no contact with any of my former girlfriends. If there was a hang-up on my answering machine, she suspected an old girlfriend was trying to contact me.

I believe, in retrospect, if her first husband was controlling, she saw in me someone SHE could control. I had sent her that message loud and clear when I let slide her lying to me about her marital status when we met.

I know all of this is water over the dam, but I'm curious. Am I off base in believing she was a controlling person herself? — **NEVER AGAIN**

IN VIRGINIA

DEAR NEVER AGAIN: What a story! I'd say you are right on target with your assessment. I suspect your former wife was terrified of being alone and on her own — and you were the safety net she grabbed onto. Of course, there were warning signs all over the place, all of which are visible with hindsight.

It's time to pinpoint what need in yourself was filled by allowing her to lie to you and lead you around by the nose. Counseling would be helpful to you in closing this chapter of your life. If you haven't done so already, I recommend you get a referral.

| TUESDAY EVENING | | | | | | | | | | | AUG. 5, 2003 | | | |
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| | 6 pm | 6:30 | 7 pm | 7:30 | 8 pm | 8:30 | 9 pm | 9:30 | 10 pm | 10:30 | | | | |
| 2 | PBS | Nova "Fire Wars" (N) (DVS) | | | | | P.O.V. "American Alpha: Hula Beyond Hawaii" | News | Being Served | Business Rpt. | BBC World News | | | |
| 3 | IND | MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers. From Miller Park in Milwaukee. (Live) (DVS) | | | | | ★ ★ "Medicine Man" (1992, Drama) Sean Connery, Lorraine Bracco, Jose Wilker. (DVS) | | (:35) Nightline (N) (DVS) | (:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (DVS) | | | | |
| 4 | ABC | 8 Simple Rules (N) (DVS) | Life With Bonnie (N) (DVS) | According to Jim (N) (DVS) | Less Than Perfect (N) (DVS) | NYPD Blue "Less Is More" (N) (PA) (DVS) | News (N) (DVS) | | | | | | | |
| 5 | HBO | (5:15) ★ ★ "Weekend Update" (1989) (DVS) | (:15) ★ ★ "Showtime" (2002, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Eddie Murphy. (N) (DVS) | | | | ★ ★ "Men in Black II" (2002) Tommy Lee Jones. (N) (DVS) | | | | "Thirteen Ghosts" (R) | | | |
| 7 | CBS | Big Brother 4 (TV) (N) (DVS) | Cupid One of Lisa's suitors is voted off. (N) (DVS) | | | Judging Amy "Looking for Quarters" (N) (DVS) | News (N) (DVS) | (:35) Late Show (N) (DVS) | | | (:37) Late Show (N) (DVS) | | | |
| 8 | NBC | Last Comic Standing (Series Finale) The winner is announced. (N) (DVS) | | | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Soulless" (N) (DVS) | News (N) (DVS) | (:35) Tonight Show (N) (DVS) | | | (:37) Late Night (N) (DVS) | | | |
| 11 | TVLND | Fantasy Island (N) (DVS) | | Sanford | Bewitched | Griffith | Leave | I Love Lucy | Jeannie | MacGyver (N) (DVS) | | | | |
| 12 | ESPN | 2003 Poker | | 2003 Poker | | Baseball Tonight (N) (DVS) | SportsCenter (Live) (DVS) | Beg, Borrow & Deal 2 (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 13 | FOX | American Juniors (ITV) (N) (DVS) | | The O.C. "Pilot" (Series Premiere) (N) (DVS) | | Fox Report With Shepard Smith (N) (DVS) | Blind Date (N) (DVS) | Blind Date (N) (DVS) | Paid Program (N) (DVS) | Paid Program (N) (DVS) | | | | |
| 15 | MAX | "Sweetest Thing" (N) (DVS) | ★ ★ ★ "A Beautiful Mind" (2001, Drama) Russell Crowe. A brilliant mathematician battles schizophrenia. (N) (DVS) | | | | ★ ★ "Kiss of the Dragon" (2001, Action) Jet Li. (N) (DVS) | | | | (:45) Big Headache (N) (DVS) | | | |
| 16 | TNN | Real TV (N) (DVS) | Real TV (N) (DVS) | Real TV (N) (DVS) | Real TV (N) (DVS) | Blind Date (N) (DVS) | Blind Date (N) (DVS) | Star Trek: Next Gener. (N) (DVS) | | | "The Usual Suspects" (N) (DVS) | | | |
| 17 | DISN | Boy Meets World (N) (DVS) | Smart Guy (N) (DVS) | Sister, Sister (N) (DVS) | Even Stevens (N) (DVS) | Sister, Sister (N) (DVS) | Lizzie McGuire (N) (DVS) | "Phantom of the Megaplex" (2000, Adventure) Taylor Handley, Jacob Smith, Caitlin Wachs. (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 18 | LIFE | "Verdict in Blood" (N) (DVS) | "Broken Silence" (1998, Drama) Ariana Richards. (N) (DVS) | | | Golden (N) (DVS) | Golden (N) (DVS) | Nanny (N) (DVS) | Nanny (N) (DVS) | | | | | |
| 20 | USA | JAG "Code of Conduct" (N) (DVS) | ★ ★ "Mr. Baseball" (1992) Tom Selleck. (N) (DVS) | | | Dead Zone (N) (DVS) | | Nash Bridges (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 21 | SHOW | (:15) ★ ★ ★ "Ghost World" (2001, Comedy-Drama) Thora Birch. (ITV) (N) (DVS) | (:25) ★ ★ "Power of Attorney" (1995) Danny Aiello, Elias Koteas. (N) (DVS) | | | (:15) ★ ★ "Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles" (2001, Comedy) Paul Hogan. (ITV) (N) (DVS) | | ★ ★ "Crossroads" (2002) Britney Spears. (N) (DVS) | | | (:35) "I Love Trouble" (1994) (N) (DVS) | | | |
| 22 | TMC | "Morgan Stewart" (N) (DVS) | (:25) ★ ★ "Power of Attorney" (1995) Danny Aiello, Elias Koteas. (N) (DVS) | | | (:05) ★ ★ "Taking Care of Business" (1990, Comedy) James Belushi, Charles Grodin. (N) (DVS) | | (:35) "I Love Trouble" (1994) (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 23 | MTV | Direct Effect (N) (DVS) | Osbourne's Osbournes (N) (DVS) | Osbourne's Osbournes (N) (DVS) | Osbourne's Osbournes (N) (DVS) | Osbourne's Osbournes (N) (DVS) | Osbourne's Osbournes (N) (DVS) | Osbourne's Osbournes (N) (DVS) | Osbourne's Osbournes (N) (DVS) | Osbourne's Osbournes (N) (DVS) | Osbourne's Osbournes (N) (DVS) | Osbourne's Osbournes (N) (DVS) | Osbourne's Osbournes (N) (DVS) | |
| 24 | DISC | Africa's Mountain Paradise Mountain wildlife. (N) (DVS) | Wild Africa Dynamic, energy-rich savannahs. (N) (DVS) | | | FBI Files "Silent Strike" (N) (DVS) | New Detectives: Forensic Science (N) (DVS) | New Detectives: Forensic Science (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 28 | TNT | Law & Order (DVS) | Homicide: Life (N) (DVS) | Charmed (N) (DVS) | Law & Order (DVS) | X-Files (N) (DVS) | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | FXSP | NASCAR Pregame | MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Colorado Rockies. (Live) | | | Rocky Mt. (N) (DVS) | Rocky Mt. (N) (DVS) | | | | | | | |
| 32 | FAM | ★ ★ ★ "The Natural" (1984, Drama) Robert Redford, Robert Duvall. (N) (DVS) | | | | 700 Club (N) (DVS) | | Caroline Rhea Show (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 33 | NBC | News (N) (DVS) | Ent. Tonight (N) (DVS) | Last Comic Standing (Series Finale) The winner is announced. (N) (DVS) | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Soulless" (N) (DVS) | | News (N) (DVS) | | (:45) Tonight Show (N) (DVS) | | | | |
| 34 | NICK | Oddparents (N) (DVS) | Amanda (N) (DVS) | Cosby (N) (DVS) | Cosby (N) (DVS) | Cheers (N) (DVS) | Cheers (N) (DVS) | Cheers (N) (DVS) | Cheers (N) (DVS) | Cheers (N) (DVS) | Cheers (N) (DVS) | Cheers (N) (DVS) | Cheers (N) (DVS) | |
| 36 | A&E | Biography: Richard Speck: Natural (N) (DVS) | Cold Case Files The Zodiac killer taunts police. (N) (DVS) | MI-5 Terrorists seize the Turkish embassy. (N) (DVS) | | Third Watch "Unleashed" (N) (DVS) | | Biography: Jonathan Winters: Without a Net (N) (DVS) | | | Biography: Richard Speck: Natural (N) (DVS) | | | |
| 38 | SCIFI | Ghost Stories II (N) (DVS) | Real Ghosts (N) (DVS) | Real Ghosts (N) (DVS) | | ★ "Groom Lake" (2002) Dan Gauthier. (N) (DVS) | | | | | | | | |
| 39 | TLC | While You Were Out (N) (DVS) | Home Savvy (N) (DVS) | Home Savvy (N) (DVS) | | Beware! Bad Drivers "Road Warriors" (N) (DVS) | | Mysteries of Noah's Flood (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 40 | FX | Married... Married... (N) (DVS) | Buff Vampire (N) (DVS) | Married... Married... (N) (DVS) | | ★ ★ "Eraser" (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Caan. (N) (DVS) | | | | | | | | |
| 45 | FMC | (:01) ★ ★ ★ "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" (1953) (N) (DVS) | | (:01) ★ ★ "Butch and Sundance: The Early Days" (1999) (N) (DVS) | | (:01) ★ ★ "Man in Gray" (1999) (N) (DVS) | | | | | | | | |
| 49 | EITV | Pee-wee Herman: THS (N) (DVS) | Star Dates (N) (DVS) | Star Dates (N) (DVS) | | Wild On... (N) (DVS) | | Howard S. (N) (DVS) | | Howard S. (N) (DVS) | | Wild On... (N) (DVS) | | |
| 51 | TRAV | World's Best (N) (DVS) | Secrets (N) (DVS) | Secrets "Boq Bodies" (N) (DVS) | | World's Best (N) (DVS) | | Secrets (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 53 | WB | Friends (N) (DVS) | Everybody-Raymond (N) (DVS) | Gilmore Girls "The Road Trip to Harvard; Let the Games Begin" (N) (DVS) | | News (N) (DVS) | | Friends (N) (DVS) | | Will & Grace (N) (DVS) | | | | |
| 54 | ESPN2 | Boxing: Tuesday Night Fights (N) (DVS) | | ATP Tennis: Masters Series Canada (N) (DVS) | | Baseball (N) (DVS) | | Interruption (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 58 | HIST | Deep Sea Detectives (N) (DVS) | Nature Tech "Tornadoes" (N) (DVS) | Terror Tech "Military" (N) (DVS) | | Infamous Murders (N) (DVS) | | Infamous Murders (N) (DVS) | | | Deep Sea Detectives (N) (DVS) | | | |
| 59 | HLTH | Doctors Diaries (N) (DVS) | Workout (N) (DVS) | Bodies (N) (DVS) | | Health Specials (N) (DVS) | | Doctors Diaries (N) (DVS) | | Workout (N) (DVS) | | Bodies (N) (DVS) | | |
| 60 | UNIV | Rebeca (N) (DVS) | Niña... Amada Mia (N) (DVS) | Ver Para Creer (N) (DVS) | | P. Impacto (N) (DVS) | | Noticiero (N) (DVS) | | En las Mejores Familias (N) (DVS) | | | | |
| 62 | HGTV | Ground (N) (DVS) | Landscap (N) (DVS) | Room (N) (DVS) | | Decorating (N) (DVS) | | House (N) (DVS) | | Curb (N) (DVS) | | Ground (N) (DVS) | | |
| 99 | WGN | ★ ★ "Christine Cromwell: In Vino Veritas" (N) (DVS) | | MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at San Diego Padres. (Live) (N) (DVS) | | | | | | | | | | |

| WEDNESDAY EVENING | | | | | | | | | | | AUG. 6, 2003 | | | |
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| | 6 pm | 6:30 | 7 pm | 7:30 | 8 pm | 8:30 | 9 pm | 9:30 | 10 pm | 10:30 | | | | |
| 2 | PBS | Spartans The birth of the Spartan social system; the rivalry between Sparta and Athens. (N) (DVS) | | | | | News | Bless Me, Father | Business Rpt. | BBC World News | | | | |
| 3 | IND | Seinfeld (N) (DVS) | Seinfeld (N) (DVS) | Ripley's Believe It or Not! (N) (DVS) | | ★ ★ "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery" (1997, Comedy) Mike Myers. (N) (DVS) | | | | | Ripley's Believe It or Not! (N) (DVS) | | | |
| 4 | ABC | My Wife and Kids (N) (DVS) | George Lopez (N) (DVS) | Real Roseanne Show (Series Premiere) (N) (DVS) | | Family (N) (DVS) | | News (N) (DVS) | (:35) Nightline (N) (DVS) | (:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (DVS) | | | | |
| 5 | HBO | (:15) ★ ★ ★ "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" (1988, Fantasy) Bob Hoskins. (N) (DVS) | | ★ "The Glass House" (2001, Suspense) Leellee Sobieski, Diane Lane. (N) (DVS) | | Sex and the City (N) (DVS) | | | | Project Greenlight (N) (DVS) | | | | |
| 7 | CBS | 60 Minutes II (N) (DVS) | Big Brother 4 (ITV) (Live) (N) (DVS) | 48 Hours Mystery "Murder in the Fast Lane" (N) (DVS) | | News (N) (DVS) | (:35) Late Show (N) (DVS) | (:37) Late Show (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 8 | NBC | Race to the Altar (N) (DVS) | West Wing "Inauguration" (N) (DVS) | Law & Order "Seer" (N) (DVS) | | News (N) (DVS) | (:35) Tonight Show (N) (DVS) | (:37) Late Night (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 11 | TVLND | Fantasy Island (N) (DVS) | | Sanford | Bewitched | Griffith | Leave | I Love Lucy | Jeannie | MacGyver "Runners" (N) (DVS) | | | | |
| 12 | ESPN | (5:00) MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (N) (DVS) | | Baseball Tonight (N) (DVS) | | SportsCenter (Live) (DVS) | Outside (N) (DVS) | Baseball (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 13 | FOX | The 2003 Teen Choice Awards The event honors celebrities chosen by teens. (N) (DVS) | | Fox Report With Shepard Smith (N) (DVS) | | Blind Date (N) (DVS) | Blind Date (N) (DVS) | Paid Program (N) (DVS) | Paid Program (N) (DVS) | | | | | |
| 15 | MAX | (5:30) ★ ★ "Super Troopers" (2001) (N) (DVS) | (:15) ★ ★ "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001, Action) Owen Wilson, Gene Hackman. (N) (DVS) | | | ★ ★ "Rock Star" (2001) Mark Wahlberg. A singer lands a gig with his heavy-metal heroes. (N) (DVS) | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | TNN | Real TV (N) (DVS) | Real TV (N) (DVS) | Real TV (N) (DVS) | Real TV (N) (DVS) | Blind Date (N) (DVS) | Blind Date (N) (DVS) | Star Trek: Next Gener. (N) (DVS) | | | ★ ★ "Boiling Point" (N) (DVS) | | | |
| 17 | DISN | Boy Meets World (N) (DVS) | Smart Guy (N) (DVS) | Sister, Sister (N) (DVS) | Even Stevens (N) (DVS) | Sister, Sister (N) (DVS) | Lizzie McGuire (N) (DVS) | "Right on Track" (2003) Beverley Mitchell. The Enders sisters enter the world of drag racing. (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 18 | LIFE | "Fight-Daughter" (N) (DVS) | "A Mother's Justice" (1991) Meredith Baxter. (N) (DVS) | | | Golden (N) (DVS) | Golden (N) (DVS) | Nanny (N) (DVS) | Nanny (N) (DVS) | | | | | |
| 20 | USA | (5:30) ★ ★ ★ "Con Air" (1997) Nicolas Cage. (N) (DVS) | | Peacemakers (N) (DVS) | | Law & Order (N) (DVS) | | Dragnet (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 21 | SHOW | (:15) ★ ★ ★ "Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey" (1989, Comedy) Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter. (ITV) (N) (DVS) | (:15) ★ ★ "Man Loves a Woman" (N) (DVS) | | | ★ ★ ★ "The Distinguished Gentleman" (1992, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. (ITV) (N) (DVS) | | ★ ★ "Thunderheart" (1992) Val Kilmer. (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 22 | TMC | "Lulu on the Bridge" (N) (DVS) | (:40) ★ ★ "Beach Red" (1967, Adventure) Cornel Wilde, Rip Torn, Jean Wallace. (N) (DVS) | (:25) ★ ★ "100 Girls" (2000) Jonathan Tucker, Larisa Oleynik. (N) (DVS) | | ★ ★ "Warlock" (1989) Julian Sands. (N) (DVS) | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | MTV | Direct Effect (N) (DVS) | Made (N) (DVS) | Tom Green (N) (DVS) | | Hard Rock (N) (DVS) | Players (N) (DVS) | Band II (N) (DVS) | Band II (N) (DVS) | | | | | |
| 24 | DISC | Queen of the Killers Role of the lioness. (N) (DVS) | Wild Africa Animals survive in the desert. (N) (DVS) | | | Now See This! (N) (DVS) | | Unsolved History (N) (DVS) | | Moments in Time (N) (DVS) | | | | |
| 28 | TNT | ★ ★ "G.I. Jane" (1997) Demi Moore, Viggo Mortensen. (N) (DVS) | | ★ ★ ★ "G.I. Jane" (1997) Demi Moore, Viggo Mortensen. (N) (DVS) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | FXSP | NASCAR Pregame | MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Colorado Rockies. (Live) | | | Rocky Mt. (N) (DVS) | Rocky Mt. (N) (DVS) | | | | | | | |
| 32 | FAM | ★ ★ ★ "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (1987) (N) (DVS) | | Whose? (N) (DVS) | Whose? (N) (DVS) | 700 Club (N) (DVS) | | Caroline Rhea Show (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 33 | NBC | News (N) (DVS) | Ent. Tonight (N) (DVS) | Race to the Altar (N) (DVS) | | West Wing "Inauguration" (N) (DVS) | | Law & Order "Seer" (N) (DVS) | | News (N) (DVS) | (:45) Tonight Show (N) (DVS) | | | |
| 34 | NICK | Oddparents (N) (DVS) | Robot (N) (DVS) | Cosby (N) (DVS) | Cosby (N) (DVS) | All-Family (N) (DVS) | All-Family (N) (DVS) | All-Family (N) (DVS) | All-Family (N) (DVS) | All-Family (N) (DVS) | All-Family (N) (DVS) | All-Family (N) (DVS) | All-Family (N) (DVS) | |
| 36 | A&E | Biography "Jonathan Winters: Without a Net" (N) (DVS) | American Justice: San Fran. Dog Mauling (N) (DVS) | Take This Job... Bounty hunters. (N) (DVS) | | Third Watch (N) (DVS) | | Biography "Jonathan Winters: Without a Net" (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 38 | SCIFI | Tracker (N) (DVS) | ★ "Village of the Damned" (1995) (N) (DVS) | | | ★ "Warlock" (1989) Julian Sands. (N) (DVS) | | | | | | | | |
| 39 | TLC | While You Were Out "Illinois: Prairie Mist Drive" (N) (DVS) | Home Savvy (N) (DVS) | Home Savvy (N) (DVS) | | Secrets of Forensic Science "Splinter of Guilt" (N) (DVS) | | High Speed Pursuit: Justice on the Road (N) (DVS) | | Junkyard Wars "Gliders" (N) (DVS) | | | | |
| 40 | FX | Married... Married... (N) (DVS) | Buff Vampire (N) (DVS) | Married... Married... (N) (DVS) | | ★ ★ "Eraser" (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Caan. (N) (DVS) | | ★ ★ "Big Momma's House" (2000) Nia Long (N) (DVS) | | | | | | |
| 45 | FMC | (:01) ★ ★ ★ "The Crazy World of Julius Roeder" (1974) (N) (DVS) | | (:01) Hour of Stars (N) (DVS) | | (:01) ★ ★ "The Culpepper Cattle Company" (1993) (N) (DVS) | | | | | | | | |
| 49 | EITV | Hilton Sisters (N) (DVS) | Love Chain (N) (DVS) | Fame (N) (DVS) | | Celebrities Uncensored (N) (DVS) | | Howard S. (N) (DVS) | | Howard S. (N) (DVS) | | Wild On... "Panama" (N) (DVS) | | |
| 51 | TRAV | World's Best (N) (DVS) | World Poker Tour Foxwoods, Conn. (N) (DVS) | World's Best (N) (DVS) | | World's Best (N) (DVS) | | World's Best (N) (DVS) | | World's Best (N) (DVS) | | World's Best (N) (DVS) | | |
| 53 | WB | Friends (N) (DVS) | Everybody-Raymond (N) (DVS) | Pepsi Smash (N) (DVS) | | News (N) (DVS) | | Friends (N) (DVS) | | Will | | | | |