

Man cannot see woman without her past

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Tina," and I have been dating for six months. For the most part, things are pretty good. However, she has been more promiscuous in the past than I would like in a partner.

I understand people can change and that we should live in the present rather than dwell on the past. However, I can't forget Tina's past sex life, and at times I find



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myself consumed by it. I don't want this to affect our relationship, but it does. Can you offer some advice? — RUMINATING IN SOUTH-EARN CALIFORNIA

DEAR RUMINATING: Only this: If your girlfriend's past is always going to be an issue for you, it's only fair that you go your separate ways before you waste any more time with each other. No one

can change the past, and Tina has the right to be with a man who does not dwell on hers.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to address the concerns of "Soldier's Wife in Colorado." She's the woman who said her husband refused to accept a stateside job and "can't wait" to go into combat and leave behind her and their three young children.

Abby, I am a colonel in the U.S. Army with 25 years of service. I don't think her husband wishes to go into combat. I expect that he recognizes that it's his duty to go when called. He, like all others, has fears about going, but works to overcome

them. He signed the contract and took the Oath of Enlistment, swearing to defend our nation. Our nation depends on us to go when ordered.

Most military families are suffering the same stresses that she is. She must be strong for her family's sake. They could benefit from some marriage counseling, too. I wish them well. — COLONEL IN THE U.S. ARMY

DEAR COLONEL: I, too, wish them well. My heart goes heavy when I listen to the nightly news reports of military casualties. I can only imagine how the loved ones of deployed military members must feel. One effective coping mecha-

nism is to band together for mutual support. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for making your readers aware of the fears and heartaches that soldiers and family members experience. Most soldiers want to make the country safe for their families and strive for peace.

Rapid mobilization, deployment, or even simple temporary duty doesn't have to create unnecessary hardship. There is strength in numbers. Please inform families of U.S. Army members about the Army Family Team Building (AFTB) at their local military installation or online at www.armyfamily-

teambuilding.org.

There are many members to share with, and help for spouses and members of the military in dealing with the emotions they are experiencing. AFTB was created to help answer questions about the Army and military service, and to give support to families and other interested parties. — CARING HEART IN MONMOUTH, N.J.

DEAR CARING HEART: Bless you for reaching out to help families facing the stress of separation. I hope my readers will avail themselves of the resource you have recommended.

TUESDAY EVENING											OCT. 21, 2003										
E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30									
2	2	PBS	Nova "The Perfect Pearl" (N) (G)		Einstein's Wife (N) (G)		Forgotten Expedition (N) (G)		As Time Goes By	That's My Boy	Charlie Rose (N) (G) (G)										
3	35	IND	★★★ "Tango & Cash" (1989, Drama) (PA) Sylvester Stallone, Kurt Russell.				(10) ★★★ "The Specialist" (1994, Drama) (PA) Sylvester Stallone, Sharon Stone.				(15) ★★★ "Tango & Cash" (PA), Kurt Russell										
4	6	ABC	According to Jim (N) (G)	I'm With Her (N) (G)	According to Jim (N) (G)	Less Than Perfect (N) (G)	NYPD Blue "Keeping Abreast" (N) (G)		News (N) (G)	(35) Nightline (N) (G)	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (G) (G)										
5	14	HBO	(5:30) ★★★ "Spider-Man" (2002) Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe.				(45) ★ "Glitter" (2001) Mariah Carey, Max Beesley. A dulcet-toned diva hits the big time. (N)			★★★ "Unfaithful" (2002) Richard Gere, Diane Lane. (N) (R) (G)											
7	11	CBS	Navy NCIS "The Curse" (N) (G)		Guardian "Shame" (N) (G)		Judging Amy "The Wrong Man" (N) (G) (G)		News (N) (G)	(35) Late Show (N) (G) (G)	(37) Late Late Show (N) (G)										
8	8	NBC	Whoopi (N) (G)	Happy Family (N) (G)	Frasier (N) (G)	Good Morning (N) (G)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) (G) (G)		News (N) (G)	(35) Tonight Show (N) (G) (G)	(37) Late Night (N) (G)										
11	82	TVLND	Leave	Leave	Sanford	Bewitched	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Jeannie	MacGyver "Slow Death" (N) (G)										
12	56	ESPN	Playmakers		Playmakers		Playmakers		Lines	SportsCenter (Live) (G)	Baseball										
13	7	FOX	MLB Baseball World Series Game 3 -- New York Yankees at Florida Marlins. From Pro Player Stadium in Miami. (Live) (N) (G)						Fox Report With Shepard Smith (G)		LAPD: Life on the Beat (N) (G)										
15	29	MAX	"God-father2"	(45) ★★★ "A Walk to Remember" (2002, Romance) Shane West, Mandy Moore. (N) (PG) (G)			★★★ "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986, Drama) Clint Eastwood, Marsha Mason. (N) (R) (G)		GG Men of the Year Awards (Same-day Tape) (N)		Minority Report (N) (G)										
16	41	SPK	Real TV (N) (G)	Real TV (N) (G)	Blind Date (N) (G)	Blind Date (N) (G)	Highlander (N) (G)		GG Men of the Year Awards (Same-day Tape) (N)												
17	44	DISN	Kim Possible (N) (G)	Proud Family (N) (G)	Sister, Sister (N) (G)	Even Stevens (N) (G)	Sister, Sister (N) (G)	Lizzie McGuire (N) (G)	★★★ "Hocus Pocus" (1993, Comedy) Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker. (PG)												
18	63	LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries (N) (G)		"Trial by Fire" (1995), Keith Carradine (N) (G)		Golden (N) (G)	Golden (N) (G)	Nanny (N) (G)	Nanny (N) (G)											
20	34	USA	Law & Order		"DC Sniper: 23 Days of Fear", Jay O. Sanders (N) (G)		Law & Order		Law & Order		Karen Sisco (N) (G)										
21	24	SHOW	(5:05) ★★★ "A Shot at Glory", Michael Keaton		★★★ "Foul Play" (1978, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Goldie Hawn. (TV) (PG)		★★★ "Heartbreakers" (2001, Comedy) Sigourney Weaver, Jennifer Love Hewitt. (PG-13) (N) (G)														
22	26	TMC	"Bananas", Louise Latham (N) (G)	(45) ★★ "The Stray" (2000, Drama) Michael Madigan, Angie Everhart. (N) (G)			★★★ "The Curve" (1998) Matthew Lillard, Michael Vartan. (N) (G)		"Sidewalks of New York", Rosario Dawson (N) (G)												
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) (N) (G)		Real World (N) (G)	Real World (N) (G)	Direct Effect (N) (G)		Newlyweds (N) (G)	Newlyweds (N) (G)	Newlyweds (N) (G)										
24	50	DISC	Second Opinion With Doctor Oz Depression.		Sharks of the Deep Blue (N) (G)		FBI Files "Shattered Shield" (N) (G)		New Detectives: Forensic Science (N) (G)		Poisonous Women (N) (G)										
28	37	TNT	Law & Order (N) (G)		Law & Order "Carrier" (N) (G)		Charmed (N) (G)		Angel (N) (G)		X-Files (N) (G)										
30	55	FXSP	NASCAR	Avalanche	NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Colorado Avalanche. (Live)				Rocky Mt. (N) (G)		Rocky Mt. (N) (G)										
32	46	FAM	★★★ "At First Sight" (1999) Val Kilmer, Mira Sorvino. (N) (G)				Who's? (N) (G)		700 Club (N) (G)		GrowPains (N) (G)										
33	9	NBC	News (N) (G)	Ent. Tonight (N) (G)	Whoopi (N) (G)	Happy Family (N) (G)	Frasier (N) (G)	Good Morning (N) (G)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) (G) (G)		News (N) (G)	(35) Tonight Show (N) (G)									
34	43	NICK	Oddparents (N) (G)	Sabrina (N) (G)	Full House (N) (G)	Full House (N) (G)	Cosby (N) (G)	Cosby (N) (G)	Roseanne (N) (G)	Roseanne (N) (G)	Cosby (N) (G)										
36	53	A&E	Biography: Ivana Trump (N) (G)		Cold Case Files (N) (G)		MI-5 "Military Strikes" (N) (G)		Third Watch "Crime and Punishment" (N) (G)		Biography: Ivana Trump (N) (G)										
38	83	SCIFI	Collision Course Earth (N) (G)		Extraordinary (N) (G)		Extraordinary (N) (G)		"Gremlins 2: The New Batch", Phoebe Cates (N) (G)												
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out (N) (G)		Clean Sweep Child-friendly home office. (N) (G)		Scene of the Crime "The Hunter" (N) (G)		What Were You Thinking? (N) (G)		Mostly True Stories Urban legends. (N) (G)										
40	38	FX	Buffy Vampire (N) (G)		Married... (N) (G)	Married... (N) (G)			Cops (N) (G)	★★★ "Vertical Limit" (2000) Chris O'Donnell, Bill Paxton. (N) (G)											
45	31	FMC	"Night in Life of Jimmy", Demi Moore: The El True Hollywood Story (N) (G)		Ann Magnuson (N) (G)		(01) "The Norliss Tapes", Angie Dickinson (N) (G)		Beauty Secrets (N) (G)	Howard S. (N) (G)	Howard S. (N) (G)	Wild On... (N) (G)									
49	81	EITV	Secrets (N) (G)		American Icons (N) (G)		Kings of the Road (N) (G)		Secrets (N) (G)		American Icons (N) (G)										
51	86	TRAV	Friends (N) (G)	Everybody-Raymond (N) (G)	Gilmore Girls (N) (G)	"The Fundamental Things Apply" (N) (G)	One Tree Hill (N) (G) (G)		News (N) (G)		Friends (N) (G)	Will & Grace (N) (G)									
53	3	WB	NFL's Greatest Game (N) (G)		NFL's Greatest Moments (N) (G)				Playmakers (N) (G)		Playmakers (N) (G)										
54	57	ESPN2	Deep Sea Detectives (N) (G)		Tactical to Practical (N) (G)		Modern Marvels Technological breakdowns. (N) (G)		Come Home Alive (N) (G)		Deep Sea Detectives (N) (G)										
58	52	HIST	Doctors Diaries (N) (G)		Diary (N) (G)	Diary (N) (G)	Health Specials (N) (G)		Doctors Diaries (N) (G)		Diary (N) (G)										
59	-	HLTH	Velo de Novia (N) (G)		Niña... Amada Mia (N) (G)		Casos de la Vida Real (N) (G)		P. Impacto (N) (G)	Noticiero (N) (G)	En las Mejores Familias (N) (G)										
60	89	UNIV	Outer (N) (G)	Decorating (N) (G)	Sensible (N) (G)		Designers' (N) (G)	Designers' (N) (G)	Design (N) (G)	Design (N) (G)	Outer (N) (G)	Decorating (N) (G)									
62	67	HGTV	★★★ "Maid to Order" (1987), Beverly D'Angelo (N) (G)						News (N) (G)		Becker (N) (G)	Will-Grace (N) (G)									
99	36	WGN																			

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E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	
2	2	PBS	National Geographic "Inside Mecca" (N) (G)		Lawrence of Arabia: The Battle for the Arab World (N) (G) (G)				As Time Goes By	Two's Company	Charlie Rose (N) (G) (G)		
3	35	IND	Seinfeld (G) (G)	Seinfeld (N) (G)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!		★ "See Spot Run" (2001, Comedy) (PA) David Arquette, Michael Clarke Duncan. (G)				Ripley's Believe It or Not!		
4	6	ABC	My Wife and Kids	It's All Relative (N)	Bachelor (N) (G) (G)		Karen Sisco "Justice" (N) (G)		News (G) (G)	(35) Nightline (G) (G)	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (G) (G)		
5	14	HBO	"Life or Something Like It", Edward Burns (G) (G)		White Oleander	★★ "Trojan War" (1997) Will Friedle, Jennifer Love Hewitt. (N) (PG-13)			Legendary Nights (G) (G)	K Street (G) (G)	Carnivale (G) (G)		
7	11	CBS	60 Minutes II (G) (G)		King of Queens (N)	Becker (N)	Brotherhood of Poland, New Hampshire (N) (G) (G)		News (G) (G)	(35) Late Show Ben Stiller, Elvis Costello. (N) (G)	(37) Late Late Show		
8	8	NBC	Ed A young man is being sued by his father.		West Wing "Red Haven's on Fire" (G) (G)	"Red Haven's on Fire" (G) (G)	Law & Order "Couples" (N) (G)		News	(35) Tonight Show (G) (G)	(37) Late Night (G) (G)		
11	82	TVLND	Leave	Leave	Sanford	Bewitched	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Jeannie	MacGyver (G) (G)		
12	56	ESPN	(5:30) College Football Virginia Tech at West Virginia. (G) (G)				2003 Poker			SportsCenter (Live) (G) (G)	Outside		
13	7	FOX	MLB Baseball World Series Game 4 -- New York Yankees at Florida Marlins. From Pro Player Stadium in Miami. (Live) (N) (G)						Fox Report With Shepard Smith (G) (G)	LAPD: Life on the Beat	LAPD: Life on the Beat		
15	29	MAX	(5:30) ★★★ "Pale Rider" (1985) Clint Eastwood, Michael Moriarty. (R) (G)		★★★ "Navy SEALs" (1990, Adventure) Charlie Sheen, Michael Biehn. (N) (R) (G)					"Don't Be a Menace to South Central While Drinking", Marlon Wayans			
16	41	SPK	Real TV (G) (G)	Real TV (G) (G)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Highlander (G) (G)		Star Trek: Next Gener.	"DeathWr", Robert Guil			
17	44	DISN	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire	★★ "The Little Vampire" (2000, Fantasy) Jonathan Lipnicki, Richard E. Grant. (PG) (G)				
18	63	LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries (G) (G)		"In the Name of the People", Richard Thomas				Golden	Golden	Nanny (G) (G)	Nanny (G) (G)	
20	34	USA	Law & Order		★★ "Metro" (1997), Michael Rapaport				Law & Order		JAG "Need to Know"		
21	24	SHOW	(15) ★★★ "Bang Bang You're Dead" (2002, Drama) Tom Cavanaugh, Ben Foster. (TV) (G) (G)		★★ "In the Army Now" (1994) Pauly Shore, Andy Dick. (PG) (G)				★★★ "Orange County" (2002) Colin Hanks, Jack Black. (PG-13)				
22	26	TMC	(15) ★★★ "Mandela" (1996) A chronicle of the life of South Africa's Nelson Mandela. (G) (G)		(15) ★★ "Far North" (1988, Comedy-Drama) Jessica Lange, Charles Durning. (G) (G)				★★★ "Chasing Holden", Rachel Blanchard				
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) (G) (G)		Sun Night Punk'D (G) (G)		Direct Effect (G) (G)		Hard Rock	Made (G) (G)		Sorority	
24	50	DIST	Second Opinion With Doctor Oz (N)		Arctic Survival: Nowhere to Hide (G) (G)		Now See This! (G) (G)		High Priestess (N) (G)		Unsolved History "Salem Witch Trials" (N)		
28	37	TNT	Law & Order (G) (DVS)		"Wildier Days" (2003) Peter Falk, Tim Daly. (G) (G)				"Wildier Days" (2003) Peter Falk, Tim Daly. (G) (G)				
30	55	FXSP	NASCAR Rocky Mt.		Nuggets 54321		Best Damn Sports Show Period (Live) (G) (G)		Period (Live) (G) (G)		Rocky Mt. Best-Sports		
32	46	FAM	★★ "Down Periscope" (1996), Lauren Holly				Whose? Whose?		700 Club (G) (G)		GrowPains	GrowPains	
33	9	NBC	News (G) (G)	Ent. Tonight	Ed A young man is being sued by his father.		West Wing "Red Haven's on Fire" (G) (G)		Law & Order "Couples" (N) (G)		News (G) (G)	(35) Tonight Show	
34	43	NICK	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House Full House		Cosby Cosby		Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby	
36	53	A&E	Biography: Christina Onassis: Everything		American Justice "Mother on Death Row"		American Justice: Barbara Stager		Third Watch "Crime and Punishment" (G) (G)		Biography: Christina Onassis: Everything		
38	83	SCIFI	"Rage", Jason London		★★★ "Beetlejuice" (1988), Geena Davis (G) (G)				★★★ "The Dark Backward" (1991), Bill Paxton				
39	51	FLX	While You Were Out (G) (G)		Clean Sweep "Teachers Learn a Lesson"		Clean Sweep Collectibles collection. (G) (G)		Clean Sweep "Micro-Brewery, Macro-Mess"		Junkyard Wars Bomb disposal machine.		
40	38	FX	Cops (G) (G)	★★★ "Vertical Limit" (2000) Chris O'Donnell, Bill Paxton.					★★★ "Predator" (1987), Carl Weathers				
45	31	FMC	(01) ★★★★★ "M*A*S*H" (1970), Elliott Gould		(01) ★★ "Damien: Omen II", Lee Grant						"Scrm-Wolf", Clint		
49	81	EITV	Janet Jackson: THS		Beauty Secrets		Celebrities Uncensored		Howard S.	Howard S.	Wild On...		
51	86	TRAV	Secrets (G) (G)		World Poker Tour "Casinos Europa: Costa Rica"				Secrets (G) (G)		World Poker Tour		
53	3	WB	Friends (G) (G)	Everybody-Raymond	Smallville "Slumber" (N) (G)		Angel "Hellbound" (N) (G)		News (G) (G)		Friends (G) (G)	Will & Grace (G) (G)	
54	57	ESPN2	Women's Soccer: Italy vs. U.S.				Playmakers		Billiards	Interruption	NFL Live	Baseball	
58	52	HIST	Modern Marvels German tanks roll over Europe.		Modern Marvels "The Luftwaffe" (G) (G)		Modern Marvels "T-34: Russian Victory" (G) (G)		Big House "Oklahoma State Penitentiary" (G) (G)		Modern Marvels German tanks roll over Europe.		
59	-	HLTH	Doctors Diaries (G) (G)		Diary	Diary	Health Specials (G) (G)		Doctors Diaries (G) (G)		Diary	Diary	
60	89	UNIV	Velo de Novia		Niña... Amada Mia		Don Francisco Presenta		P. Impacto	Noticiero	En las Mejores Familias		
62	67	HGTV	House	Spaces	Weekend Mission		Curb Curb		Restore	If Walls	House	Spaces	
66	36	WGN	★★★ "Dutch" (1991) Ed O'Neill, Ethan Randall.				News (G) (G)		Becker (G) (G)	Will-Grace	Osbourne Show		