

Mother scared to let daughter take driving

DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old daughter, "Michelle," wants to take driver's education next year when she's in the 10th grade. Most of her friends will be taking the class. I explained to her that I'm so afraid something will happen while she's behind the wheel, I don't want to sign for the class or her permit.



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• dear abby

she's responsible and would never drive without my consent. She says I should trust her. She's a great child — a straight-A student and very trustworthy. I do trust her, but I can't get over my fear of losing her. She says she understands, but I see the hurt in her eyes whenever she tries to talk to me about it.

Yesterday a boy in a nearby city, driving with only his permit, was

in an accident that killed seven children — ages 15 and under. I'm sure the boy's parents trusted their son or they wouldn't have signed for his permit. Now they have to live with this. I don't think I could handle the guilt. I'm afraid if I sign, Michelle may drive the way that boy did and wind up in a fatal accident. Children aren't perfect. Sometimes they do things they shouldn't.

Am I doing the right thing? Please help me, Abby. — PROTECTIVE MOM, GLEN, MISS.
DEAR PROTECTIVE MOM: Much as you might wish to, you cannot "protect" a child by keep-

ing her ignorant. In her driver's education class she will learn basic rules of the road, including how to safely operate an automobile under strict supervision. After that, some states, including your own, place significant restrictions on teenage drivers. Only at age 18 is a person entitled to apply in Mississippi for a full, unrestricted one-year license.

If you wish to add restrictions of your own, the option is yours, particularly if the car is yours. I suggest making a contract with her that stipulates what grade average she must maintain to keep her driving

privileges, limiting the number of passengers she can transport, and also setting distance limits. A version of the following contract has appeared in my column before:

DRIVING CONTRACT

I (), agree to the stipulations stated below granting me the privilege of driving. If, at any time, I violate this agreement, my driving privileges will be forfeited.

(1) Should I get a traffic ticket, I agree to pay for the ticket, as well as the difference in the insurance premium for as long as the premium is in effect.

(2) I agree to pay for damages

that I incur not covered by insurance.

(3) At no time will I ever drink alcoholic beverages and drive, nor will there ever be any in the car.

(4) I will not drive the car until I and all passengers have buckled up.

(5) I will keep the car I drive clean, inside and out, be aware of its needs for gas, oil, etc., and wax it as needed.

I have read the above agreement and sign it in accordance with the rules.

Signed,
() Child
() Parent
Date:

TUESDAY EVENING										E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone										APR. 20, 2004			
E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30		9 pm	9:30		10 pm	10:30									
36	53	A&E	Biography "Stars of Reality TV" (N) [E]		Cold Case Files "Blood Money; Precious Doe & Operation Jambalaya; Footprints in Snow" (N)					Third Watch "This Band of Brothers" [E]		Biography "Stars of Reality TV" [E]											
4	6	ABC	8 Simple Rules (N) [E]	I'm With Her (N) [E]	According to Jim [E]	According to Jim [E]	NYPD Blue "Peeler? I Hardly Knew Her" (N)			News [E]	(:35) Night-line [E]	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live [E]											
26	48	ANPL	Subtle as a Serpent [E]		Venom ER (N)		Animal Cops Houston "Graveyard Farm" [E]			Subtle as a Serpent [E]		Venom ER											
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]		Showbiz Moms & Dads (N) [E]		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Mark Fi" (N)			The West Wing "The Drop-In" [E]		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Mark Fi" (N)											
7	11	CBS	Navy NCIS "My Other Left Foot" [E]		The Guardian "The Father-Daughter Dance"		Judging Amy "The Long Good-Bye" [E]			News [E]	(:35) Late Show [E]	The Late Late Show											
24	50	DISC	The Awesome Oposum (N)		Casino Diaries II Casino boss tempts masses.		The FBI Files "Deadly Heist" [E]			The FBI Files "The Price of Greed" [E]		Animal Face-Off "Wolf vs. Cougar"											
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	The Proud Family [E]	Even Stevens [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]		"Halloweentown" (1998) Debbie Reynolds, Judith Hoag, [E]		(:45) Re-cess [E]											
49	81	E!TV	Uma Thurman		Tipping Point		Infamous (N)			Howard S. [E]	Howard S. [E]	Celebrities Uncensored											
22	56	ESPN	NHL Hockey: Conference Quarterfinal Game 7		Baseball Tonight [E]		SportsCenter (Live) [E]			SportsCenter (Live) [E]		Outside Baseball											
54	57	ESPN2	NHL Hockey: Conf. Quarter.		NHL 2Night		Karate [E]	Karate [E]		Kickboxing [E]	Kickboxing [E]	Fastbreak [E]	Streetball [E]										
32	46	FAM	★★ "Summer Catch" (2001) Freddie Prinze Jr.		Whoze? [E]		Whoze? [E]			The 700 Club [E]		Funniest Home Videos											
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies [E]	In Shape [E]	Workout [E]	Fitness [E]	Peak Performance [E]			Bodies [E]	In Shape [E]	Workout [E]	Fitness [E]										
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★ "Toys" (1992) Fantasy Robin Williams.		(:06) ★★ ★★ "Alien" (1979) Tom Skerritt.		(:03) ★★ ★★ "Aliens" [E]																
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Mussel soup; linguine.		Roker on the Road [E]		Foodnation [E]		Food Finds "Amer. Festivals" [E]		Iron Chef "Potato" Mori-moto vs. Michael Noble.		Emeril Live Mussel soup; linguine.										
13	7	FOX	American Idol (TV) Season compete. [E]		24 "Day 3: 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM" (N) [E]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]			Cagney & Lacey [E]		Kojak "The Only Way Out" [E]											
40	38	FX	Buffy Vampire		Cops [E]	Cops [E]	★★★ "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995) Bruce Willis, Jeremy Irons.																
30	55	FXSP	NASCAR	Rockies	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Colorado Rockies. (Live)							Rocky Mt. [E]	Late Poker [E]										
5	14	HBO	Looking for Fidel [E]	★★★ "Solaris" (2002) George Clooney. [E]	PG-13 [E]		(:15) ★★ "Black Knight" (2001, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Marsha Thomason. [E]	PG-13 [E]				★★★ "Head of State" (2003) Chris Rock. [E]											
62	67	HGTV	Outer	Sensible	Decorating [E]	Design [E]	Designers' [E]	Designers' [E]	Home [E]	Design [E]	Outer [E]	Sensible [E]											
58	52	HIST	Deep Sea Detectives (N) [E]		Tactical to Practical (N) [E]		Wild West Tech "Hunting Tech" (N) [E]			The Real Spartacus [E]		Deep Sea Detectives [E]											
25	35	IND	(5:00) MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Cincinnati Reds. (Live)				★★★ "L.A. Confidential" (1997, Mystery) (PA) Kevin Spacey, Russell Crowe. A young police officer searches for justice in 1950s L.A. [E]					DVS [E]											
18	63	LIFE	Golden [E]	Golden [E]	"Sex and the Single Mom" (2003) Gail O'Grady.		Golden [E]	Golden [E]	The Nanny [E]		The Nanny [E]												
23	77	MTV	TRL (iTV) [E]		MTV's Marital Blitz [E]		Direct Effect [E]		MTV Special [E]		Real World [E]	Real World [E]											
3	9	NBC	News [E]	Ent. Tonight [E]	Whoopi [E]	Happy Family [E]	Frasier (N) [E]	Scrubs (N) [E]	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Criminal" [E]		News [E]	The Tonight Show [E]											
8	8	NBC	Whoopi [E]	Happy Family [E]	Frasier (N) [E]	Scrubs (N) [E]	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Criminal" [E]			News [E]	(:35) The Tonight Show (N) [E]	(:37) Late Night [E]											
34	43	NICK	Oddparents [E]	Sabrina [E]	Full House [E]	Full House [E]	Cosby [E]	Cosby [E]	Roseanne [E]	Roseanne [E]	Cosby [E]	Cosby [E]											
2	2	PBS	Nova Baby boom in the developing world and decrease in birth rates in western nations. (N) [E]				Now With Bill Moyers [E]		BBC World News [E]	That's My Boy [E]	Charlie Rose (N) [E]												
38	83	SCIFI	"Deep Core" (2000) Craig Sheffer. [E]		Stargate SG-1 [E]		Storm of the Century [E]	(Part 2 of 3) [E]															
61	41	SPK	Oblivious [E]	Oblivious [E]	Oblivious [E]	Oblivious [E]	Deep Space 9 [E]		Star Trek: Next Gener. [E]		Oblivious [E]	Oblivious [E]											
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [E]		Clean Sweep Toy and uniform collections. [E]		In a Fix "Medieval Kitchen" [E]		Rides "Codename: Daisy" [E]		Overhaul'n' [E]	The team gets their hands dirty.											
28	37	TNT	NBA Basketball First Round -- Teams to Be Announced. [E]		NBA Basketball First Round -- Teams to Be Announced. [E]																		
51	86	TRAV	National Parks [E]		Made [E]	Made [E]	Road Trip (N) [E]		National Parks [E]		Made [E]	Made [E]											
21	82	TVLND	Griffith [E]	Munsters [E]	Bewitched [E]	GreenAcre [E]	Griffith [E]	Leave [E]	Family Ties [E]	Cheers [E]	Sanford [E]	All-Family [E]											
60	89	UNIV	Mariana de la Noche [E]		Bajo la Misma Piel [E]		Casos de la Vida Real [E]		Impacto [E]	Noticiero [E]	En las Mejores Familias [E]												
20	34	USA	Law & Order [E]		★★★ "Clueless" (1995) Alicia Silverstone. [E]		Law & Order [E]		Law & Order [E]		Karen Sisco [E]												
12	3	WB	Friends [E]	Everybody-Raymond [E]	Gilmore Girls "Tick, Tick, Tick Boom" (N) [E]		One Tree Hill "How Can You Be Sure" (N) [E]		News [E]		Friends [E]	Will & Grace [E]											
99	36	WGN	(5:30) ★★ "Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story" [E]		WGN News at Nine [E]		Becker [E]	Becker [E]	Eliminate [E]		5th Wheel [E]												

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THURSDAY EVENING										E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone		APR. 22, 2004			
E	S	6 pm		6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30			
36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files DNA evidence from a cigarette butt helps solve a track star's slaying. [E]				Elizabeth Smart: The Long Way Home [E]		Third Watch "Officer Involved" [E]		Cold Case Files [E]				
4	6	ABC	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition [E]		Stephen King's Kingdom Hospital (N) [E]		Primetime Thursday [E]		News [E]	(:35) Night-line [E]	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live [E]				
26	48	ANPL	The Jeff Corwin Experience [E]		Most Extreme: Speed [E]		Animal Cops Houston "Cruel Neglect" [E]		The Jeff Corwin Experience [E]		Most Extreme: Speed [E]				
63	54	BRAVO	★★★ "Silverado" (1985, Western) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn. The paths of four cowboys converge en route to a showdown. PG-13 [E]						The West Wing "The War at Home" [E]		★★★ "Silverado" (1985) Kevin Kline. [E]				
7	11	CBS	Survivor: All-Stars (N) [E]		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Suckers" [E]		Without a Trace "Moving On" [E]		News [E]	(:35) Late Show [E]	The Late Late Show [E]				
24	50	DISC	Living in Extremes [E]		U.S. Navy SEALs III -- Direct Action [E]		New Detectives: Forensic Science [E]		ND-Struticle A timed, team competition. [E]		Building the Impossible [E]				
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	The Proud Family [E]	Even Stevens [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	★ "A Ring of Endless Light" (2002, Drama) Mischa Barton. [E]		(:45) Re-cess [E]				
49	81	E!TV	Daryl Hannah				Demi Moore: The E! True Hollywood Story [E]		Howard S. [E]	Howard S. [E]	Celebrities Uncensored [E]				
22	56	ESPN	NHL Hockey: Conference Semifinal				Baseball Tonight [E]		SportsCenter (Live) [E]		Outside [E]	Baseball [E]			
54	57	ESPN2	NHL Hockey: Conference Semifinal				NHL Hockey: Conference Semifinal Game 1 -- Teams TBA					NHL 2Night [E]			
32	46	FAM	★★★ "Anywhere but Here" (1999) Susan Sarandon. [E]						Whose? [E]	The 700 Club [E]		Funniest Home Videos [E]			
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies [E]	In Shape [E]	Workout [E]	Fitness [E]	Navy SEALs Training [E]		Bodies [E]	In Shape [E]	Workout [E]	Fitness [E]			
35	31	FMC	(:01) "Everything Happens at Night" [E]				(:31) ★★★ "Hoffa" (1992) Jack Nicholson, Danny DeVito. [E]			(:01) "Man Trouble" [E]					
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Sparkling wine cocktail.		Food Finds [E]		Recipe for Success [E]		Amer. Festivals "The Best Of (N) [E]		Emeril Live Sparkling wine cocktail.				
13	7	FOX	Tru Calling "Rear Window" (N) [E]		The Swan Two women are transformed. [E]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]		Cagney & Lacey "Open and Shut Case" [E]		Kojak "The Chinatown Murders" (Part 2 of 2) [E]				
40	38	FX	Buffy Vampire		Married... Married... [E]		Cops [E]	Cops [E]	★★★ "Romancing the Stone" (1984, Adventure) [E]						
30	55	FXSP	NASCAR		Rockies		America [E]	NASCAR [E]	FOX One [E]	The Best Damn Sports Show Period [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]			
5	14	HBO	"Code Name" [E]		(:45) ★★★ "Batman Forever" (1995) Val Kilmer. Batman faces the Riddler and Harvey Two-Face. PG-13 [E]			★★★ "Identity" (2003, Suspense) John Cusack, Ray Liotta. [E]		Chris Rock [E]					
62	67	HGTV	Weekend Landscap [E]		Design [E]		Designers' [E]	House [E]	Home [E]	Design [E]	Weekend Landscap [E]				
58	52	HIST	American Steel: Built to Last [E]		World's Biggest Machines [E]		Modern Marvels [E]		Modern Marvels "Machine Tools" [E]		American Steel: Built to Last [E]				
25	35	IND	★★★ "Payback" (1999, Suspense) (PA) Mel Gibson, Gregg Henry. [E]						(:10) ★★ "Payback" (1999, Suspense) (PA) Mel Gibson, Gregg Henry. [E]		(:10) ★★ "Cliffhanger" (1993) (PA) [E]				
18	63	LIFE	Golden [E]		Golden [E]		"The Other Woman" (1995) Jill Eikenberry. [E]		What Should You Do? [E]		The Nanny [E]				
23	77	MTV	TRL (iTV) [E]		Diary (N) [E]		Pimp Ride [E]		Direct Effect [E]		MTV Special [E]				
3	9	NBC	News [E]		Ent. Tonight [E]	Friends (N) [E]	(:32) Friends [E]	Will & Grace (N) [E]	Scrubs "My Fault" [E]	(8:59) ER "Just a Touch" (N) [E]	News [E]				
8	8	NBC	Friends (N) [E]	(:32) Friends [E]	Will & Grace (N) [E]	Scrubs "My Fault" [E]	(7:59) ER "Just a Touch" (N) [E]	News [E]		(:35) The Tonight Show (N) [E]	(:37) Late Night [E]				
34	43	NICK	Oddparents [E]		Sabrina [E]	Full House [E]	Full House [E]	Cosby [E]	Cosby [E]	Roseanne [E]	Roseanne [E]	Cosby [E]			
2	2	PBS	Sunflower Journeys [E]		Art Auction Preview [E]	The New This Old House Hour [E]		Frontline "Son of al-Qaida" (N) [E]		BBC World News [E]		Keeping Up [E]			
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) "Vampires" [E]		Mad Mad House (N) [E]		Scare [E]		Tripping [E]		Mad Mad House [E]				
61	41	SPK	Extreme [E]		Extreme [E]	Extreme [E]	Extreme [E]	Extreme [E]	Extreme [E]	Extreme [E]	Extreme [E]	Extreme [E]			
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [E]		Clean Sweep Craft materials pile up. [E]		In a Fix Marriage proposals and improvements. [E]		Spymaster "Covert Operations" [E]		Area 51: Fact or Fiction? [E]				
28	37	TNT	NBA Basketball First Round -- Teams to Be Announced. [E]						NBA Basketball First Round -- Teams to Be Announced. [E]						
51	86	TRAV	Colorado: River [E]		Orient Express [E]		RV Crazy! [E]		Colorado: River [E]		Orient Express [E]				
21	82	TVLND	Griffith [E]	Munsters [E]	Bewitched [E]	GreenAcre [E]	Griffith [E]	Leave [E]	Family Ties [E]	Cheers [E]	Sanford [E]	All-Family [E]			
60	89	UNIV	Mariana de la Noche [E]		Bajo la Misma Piel [E]		Aqui y Ahora [E]		Impacto [E]		Noticiero [E]				
20	34	USA	Law & Order [E]		★ "Big Daddy" (1999, Comedy) Adam Sandler. [E]		DVS [E]		★ "Screwed" (2000, Comedy) [E]						
12	3	WB	Friends [E]	Everybody-Raymond [E]	Steve Harvey [E]	Like Family (N) [E]	Jamie Kennedy [E]	Jamie Kennedy [E]	News [E]		Friends [E]	Will & Grace [E]			
99	36	WGN	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Chicago White Sox (Live) [E]						WGN News [E]		Becker [E]	Filmmate [E]			
												5th Wheel [E]			