

Father sleeping with 4-year-old causes concern



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• dear abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Rick," and I have a 4-year-old daughter, "Carmelle." When I brought Carmelle home from the hospital, she slept in a crib in our bedroom and I'd bring her to bed with me for midnight breast feedings so I could sleep.

each night I'd tuck her in. But she would cry, so Rick would let her climb into ours. For the past year, she has slept between us. The situation is now bordering on the ridiculous. I often wonder why I bothered to have my tubes tied.

Carmelle has a room of her own that I recently furnished, but she refuses to use it. I now sleep alone in our king-sized bed. That's because I told

Rick I didn't want her wetting in my bed any longer. I thought a brand-new bedroom set with a twin-sized bed would encourage Carmelle to sleep in her room and Rick to sleep with me. Well, it backfired, and I continue to sleep alone, while my husband sleeps with our daughter in her bed. Have you any advice for me? — ABANDONED IN PALM BAY, FLA.

DEAR ABANDONED: Take your daughter to her pediatrician for an examination to determine why she's still wetting the bed. There are medications and devices that can help her — but first you must determine what's causing the problem.

Once that's done, it's time for you and your husband to have a heart-to-

heart about why he's sleeping with his daughter instead of his wife. If necessary, have it in a marriage counselor's office. In some cultures, a "family bed" is a tradition (in our culture it is much less so), but even then, the husband and wife find time to be alone with each other. For the sake of your marriage, you must resolve this important issue, so don't put it off any longer.

P.S. Some sessions with a child psychologist might also be helpful. Your little girl isn't going to like it when her routine is disrupted, so be prepared.

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Sheila" is going through a rough divorce. She called one night and told me she was

going to kill herself. When I tried to calm her and talk her out of it, she hung up on me. I tried calling her back for about 10 minutes. Then, fearing she had injured herself, I called the police.

When they went to Sheila's home and couldn't find her, they called me, and I suggested some other places she might be. They managed to locate her and took her to the hospital. She was released, and now she's mad at me. Sheila says I overreacted — she wasn't really going to do it — and that it's my fault she got bruised from the encounter. (It was storming and muddy, and they fell in the mud.)

I asked her for forgiveness. She said she wants nothing more to do

with me. I love Sheila like family. I did what I was always taught to do in a situation like that. Did I do something wrong? — NEEDS TO KNOW IN INDIANA

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: No, you did exactly the right thing. You did not owe Sheila an apology; she owes you one. By now, you must have realized that your friend is self-centered, overly dramatic and brought this episode upon herself. Divorces can make people hyperemotional and irrational. Once Sheila gets her feet back on the ground, I hope she realizes what a good friend you are. If she doesn't, the loss is hers.

SATURDAY EVENING											E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone				JULY 31, 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	American Justice "The Excedrin Killings"	Cold Case Files "The Zodiac killer taunts police."	City Confidential (N)	The First 48: Double Murder	American Justice "The Excedrin Killings"											
4	6	ABC	*** "October Sky" (1999, Drama) Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Cooper.	Who's Line? Who's Line? O'Shea's Big Adventure	The Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin's early crocodile captures.	The Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin's early crocodile captures.	The Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin's early crocodile captures.											
26	48	ANPL	*** "Working Girl" (1988, Comedy-Drama) An ambitious Staten Island secretary moves up the ranks. R'	*** "Office Space" (1999, Comedy) Ron Livingston, Jennifer Aniston. R'	Working Girl (1988)													
7	11	CBS	The Amazing Race 5	Big Brother 5 (N)	Cold Case "Love Conquerors" A	News	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey									
24	50	DISC	Rally Round the House "Tuscan Terrace"	Double Agents "He Said/She Said"	New Detectives: Forensic Science	New Detectives: Forensic Science	New Detectives: Forensic Science											
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible: The Proud Family	Tracey Ullman: The Lizzie McGuire	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	*** "The Princess Diaries" (2001, Comedy) Julie Andrews, Anne Hathaway. G											
49	81	EITV	Married... With Children: Hollywood Story	GameDay	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter (Live)	Baseball Tonight											
22	56	ESPN	ESPN2: The Headlines	NHRA Drag Racing	ATP Tennis: Tennis Masters Series -- Canada	2004 Hot Dog	X Games	X Games										
54	57	ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing	ATP Tennis: Tennis Masters Series -- Canada	2004 Hot Dog	X Games	X Games											
32	46	FAM	"Crimes of Fashion" (2004) Kate Cuoco.	"Crimes of Fashion" (2004) Kate Cuoco.	Funnies Home Videos													
59	-	FIT TV	Buff Brides: Challenge	Fitness Workout	In Shape Workout	Buff Brides: Challenge	Resort & Spa											
35	31	FMC	(:01) *** "A Hatful of Rain" (1957, Drama)	Hour of Stars	(:01) *** "Call Me Madam" (1953, Musical)	Unwrapped Top 5 "Chill Out"	Emeril Live "Pennsylvania Dutch Cooking"											
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Pennsylvania Dutch Cooking"	Great Chowder Cook-Off	Iron Chef "Bell Pepper" Culinary rematch.	Unwrapped Top 5 "Chill Out"	Emeril Live "Pennsylvania Dutch Cooking"											
13	7	FOX	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted	She Spies Bomb neck-lace on Cassie. (N)	Mad TV Cedric the Entertainer on Cassie. (N)	Blind Date (N)	Blind Date (N)									
40	38	FX	Fear Factor	*** "Double Impact" (1991) Geoffrey Lewis	*** "Commando" (1985) Rae Dawn Chong	Boxing	Rocky Mt. America											
30	55	FXSP	Gold Life America	Beyond the Glory	Championship Poker	*** "Dreamcatcher" (2003, Horror) Morgan Freeman, Thomas Jane. Premiere. (N) R'												
5	14	HBO	(5:00) *** "Antwone Fisher" (2002) Denzel Washington, Will Patton. PG	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton. PG														
62	67	HGTV	Sensible Decorating	Mission Designers	Design Design	Home Smart	Sensible Decorating											
58	52	HIST	World War I in Color "Killers of the Sea" (N)	World War I in Color (N)	World War I in Color "Victory and Despair"	Sex in World War I	World War I in Color "Killers of the Sea" (N)											
25	35	IND	(5:00) *** "Desperado" (1995) (PA) Antonio Banderas. Zorro's protege crosses swords with a returning tyrant.	*** "The Mask of Zorro" (1998) (PA) Antonio Banderas. Zorro's protege crosses swords with a returning tyrant.														
18	63	LIFE	"Deadly Vows" (1994) Gerald McRaney.	Missing "Resurrection"	What Should You Do? "Deadly Appearances"													
23	77	MTV	Road Rules/Assistant	Assistant True Life	Concerts	Room Rdr	Room Rdr	Come In	Come In									
3	9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight	*** "The Talented Mr. Ripley" (1999) Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow. A young man murders then impersonates a wealthy playboy. (N)	News	Saturday Night Live The Rev. Al Sharpton, Pink. (N)												
8	8	NBC	*** "The Talented Mr. Ripley" (1999) Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow. A young man murders then impersonates a wealthy playboy. (N)	News	Saturday Night Live The Rev. Al Sharpton, Pink. (N)													
34	43	NICK	Grown Up! "Romeo!"	All That	Amanda	Fatherhood	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby							
2	2	PBS	High School Football Shrine Bowl -- Kansas East vs. West.	Ks Shrine Bowl	Austin City Limits	Soundstage "Alanis Morissette"												
38	83	SCIFI	"Thirteen Ghosts" (N)	"Out for Blood" (2004) Kevin Dillon. Premiere. (N)	*** "The Breed" (2001) Adrian Paul. (N)													
61	41	SPK	(5:00) *** "Never Say Never Again" (1983)	WWE Velocity (N)	Wildest Police Videos	*** "Thunderball"												
39	51	TLC	To Be Announced	Trading Spaces: Family	While You Were Out Vermont Lodge. (N)	Clean Sweep "Live and Let Go" (N)	Trading Spaces "Utah: Mountain Berry Drive"											
28	37	TNT	Robbie Knieval	"Evel Knieval" (2004) George Eads. (N)	*** "Rocky IV" (1985) Sylvester Stallone. (N)													
51	86	TRAV	Kings of the Road	Great Outdoors	Ends of the Earth	Kings of the Road	Great Outdoors											
21	82	TVLND	Bonanza "The Ride"	Addams F. GreenAcre	Griffith	Leave	3's Co.	3's Co.	All-Family	Sanford								
60	89	UNIV	Sabado Gigante	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law Order CI	The 4400 "Becoming"										
12	3	WB	"The Fear Inside"	*** "Fatal Attraction" (1987) Michael Douglas. A husband comes to regret a fling with an unstable woman. (N)	News	*** "Telling Lies in America" (1997, Drama)												
99	36	WGN	MLB Baseball: White Sox at Tigers	WGN News at Nine	Fresh Pr.	"The Shawshank Redemption" (N)												

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36	53	A&E	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline							
4	6	ABC	America's Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	The Days "Day 1,385"	News	(:35) Seinfeld	Sports Machine	Diamond	Adventures								
26	48	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter	King of the Jungle	Awesome Pawsome	The Crocodile Hunter	King of the Jungle											
63	54	BRAVO	Inside the Actors Studio "Tom Cruise"	Celebrity Poker Showdown	Celebrities compete for charity. (N)	Things I Hate About You "Rob vs. Jeanette"												
7	11	CBS	Cold Case "Sherry Dahl"	*** "The Pilot's Wife" (2002, Drama) Christine Lahti, Campbell Scott. (N)	News	(:35) News	(:05) The Outer Limits "Tribunal" (N)											
24	50	DISC	Monster House "Shark House" Shark tank.	Tiger Shark Attack: Beyond Fear	Primal Scream Shark attack.	Dive to Bermuda Triangle	Disappearances remain a mystery. (N)											
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible: The Proud Family	Tracey Ullman: The Lizzie McGuire	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton. PG											
49	81	EITV	Chippendales: El THS	Tom Cruise (N)	Ult. Blonde	Anna Nicole	Tom Cruise											
22	56	ESPN	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at San Francisco Giants. (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	Baseball													
54	57	ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing	FRAM Autolite Nationals. (Same-day Tape)	Series-Poker	Series-Poker												
32	46	FAM	"Baby Geniuses" (1999) Kathleen Turner.	Who's? Who's?	Funnies Home Videos	J. Osteen	Feed											
59	-	FIT TV	Buff Brides: Challenge	Fitness Workout	In Shape Workout	Buff Brides: Challenge	Resort & Spa											
35	31	FMC	(:01) *** "Call Me Madam" (1953, Musical)	(:01) *** "The War of the Roses" (1989)	"Demetrius-Glad"													
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Shrimp and pineapple skewers.	BBQ Chili Challenge (N)	The BBQ Circuit	Unwrapped "BBQ"	Emeril Live Shrimp and pineapple skewers.											
13	7	FOX	The Simpsons	Arrested Dev.	The Simple Life 2	Quintuplets	Stargate SG-1 "Redemption"	The Outer Limits "Tribunal" (N)	*** "Shattered" (1991) Tom Berenger.									
40	38	FX	Fear Factor	*** "Commando" (1985) Rae Dawn Chong	*** "Marked for Death" (1990) Steven Seagal.													
30	55	FXSP	Darts	Boxing	Beyond the Glory (N)	Championship Poker	Rocky Mt. Sports List											
5	14	HBO	(5:30) *** "Ice Age" (2002) (N) PG	*** "Bend It Like Beckham" (2002, Comedy) Parminder Nagra, Keira Knightley. (N) PG-13	The Wire "Backwash" (N)	Six Feet Under "The Dare" (N)												
62	67	HGTV	Designed Curb	ReTV 2004	Knif Walls	Building House	Gardens	Designed Curb										
58	52	HIST	Isaac's Storm	The most lethal storm in American history. (N)	Mail Call (N)	Command Decisions	Decisive Battles	Vanishings!	Isaac's Storm									
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18	63	LIFE	"Student Seduction"	Strong Medicine (N)	Wild Card (N)	Missing	Wild Card											
23	77	MTV	Ashlee	Ashlee	Ashlee	MTV Cribs	True Life	Pimp Ride	Pimp Ride	Punk'd	Punk'd							
3	9	NBC	Dateline NBC	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "D.A.W." (N)	Crossing Jordan "He Said, She Said" (N)	News	(:35) The West Wing "Twenty-Five" (N)	Inside Edition										
8	8	NBC	(5:00) Dateline NBC	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "D.A.W." (N)	Crossing Jordan "He Said, She Said" (N)	News	(:35) The West Wing "Twenty-Five" (N)	Inside Edition										
34	43	NICK	Garcia	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Boss?	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby						
2	2	PBS	Nature "Big Red Roos" (N) (DVS)	Mystery! "Foyle's War II" A secretary plummets to her death in London. (N)	Back to the Floor	Globe Trekker "Iran" (N)	Mystery! "Hetty Wainthropp Investigates"											
38	83	SCIFI	(4:36) "Dante's Peak"	*** "Dragonfly" (2002) Kevin Costner. (N)	Scare	Scare	Code Name: Eternity (N)											
61	41	SPK	Hrsepower	Hrsepower	Wildest Police Videos	WWE Heat	Wildest Police Videos	"Major League" (1989)										
39	51	TLC	In a Fix "Arrested Development"	Trading Spaces: Raising the Roof	Trading Spaces: Family Layers of wallpaper. (N)	Rides Christopher Titus transforms an SUV.	"Monday Night"											
28	37	TNT	"Evel Knieval" (2004) George Eads. (N)	Wheel Fortune	Ultimate Thrill	Disney World												
51	86	TRAV	Ultimate Thrill	Disney World	Wheel Fortune	Ultimate Thrill	Disney World											
21	82	TVLND	Bonanza	Addams F. GreenAcre	Griffith	Leave	3's Co.	3's Co.	All-Family	Sanford								
60	89	UNIV	(5:00) La Parodia	La Hora Pico...Extra!	Ver Para Creer	Impacto	Noticiero	Cruz-Controver										
20	34	USA	"Collateral Damage"	The 4400 "Trial by Fire"	The Dead Zone (N)	Law & Order	The Dead Zone											
12	3	WB	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Charmed "I Dream of Phoebe" (N)	Studio 7	News	Friends	Will & Grace									
99	36	WGN	Andromeda	The X-Files "Dod Kalm"	WGN News	Replay	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night										

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