

Mother keeps daughter's leash too short

DEAR ABBY: I am 35 and the mother of a 10-year-old daughter, "Savannah," who is in the fourth grade.

Savannah claims that I am smothering her. She is not allowed to have sleepovers, and she may not attend any of the co-ed parties her friends throw. No sugar is allowed in our house unless it is a special occasion like a birthday. Whenever she goes



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• dear abby

to a friend's house, I call every hour to see how she is doing.

In the kitchen, Savannah is not allowed to use the stove, the oven, the blender, or any other appliance unless I am there to supervise.

My daughter attends an all-girls school because I don't want her exposed to some of the things boys do when they are her age. Savannah is not allowed to wear makeup, and I

shop for her. Every morning, before she leaves home, she must come to me so I can monitor what she is wearing.

Abby, I love my daughter very much, and I only want what is best for her. Do you think I am smothering her? — GOOD MOM IN HOUSTON

DEAR GOOD MOM: I believe you are a caring parent, but I also think you have gone off the deep end. In the name of being a conscientious parent you have placed your daughter under virtual house arrest. How is your daughter to learn to be independent and make intelligent decisions if you restrict her every

move?

Calling her every hour at a friend's house to "see how she's doing" is overkill. If it doesn't stop, it won't be long before she will rebel. I know you mean well, but please, talk with a counselor about this. In the name of being a "good mom," you are stunting her growth and doing your child a disservice.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a college sophomore, and my roommate, "Sal," is driving me crazy. She talks down to me when we're in a group. She'll hijack my conversations and answer for me, even though I'm standing right there.

I'm not the only person who feels

this way. Sal talks down to everyone. A large group of us went out to dinner and "Mike" was goofing off. She told him to sit still and use his indoor voice. She was completely serious!

She also tries to intimidate us physically. She shoves the guys around, and if the girls annoy her, she stands up as tall as she can, looks down her nose at us and announces, "I can EAT you!" At one point, she pinned me to my bed and tried to shove food in my mouth because she didn't believe I ate enough.

The few times we've tried to talk to Sal about this, she became defensive and stormed out, as she snarled that we are all immature and should

grow up. We've about had enough. Can you help? — LIVING WITH THE ALPHA DOG

DEAR LIVING: From your description, the girl has problems beyond what you and I can solve. Counseling could help her, but only if she's willing to face the fact that she needs help.

Since talking to the "alpha dog" hasn't worked, if you're living off campus, call a meeting of the housemates and inform her that you'd like her to leave. If you're staying in a dorm, request a change of rooms. And should she lay a hand on any of you in an effort to intimidate you, call the police and report the assault.

SATURDAY EVENING												E-Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone												JAN. 1, 2005											
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		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter															
4	6	ABC		Football		College Football Tostitos Fiesta Bowl -- Pittsburgh vs. Utah. From Tempe, Ariz. (Live) [E]																		News [E]		(-35) Seinfeld [E]									
26	48	ANPL		Animal Precinct "Body of Evidence" [E]				Animal Precinct A chow becomes aggressive.				Animal Precinct "Hard Lessons" [E]				Animal Precinct "Body of Evidence" [E]				Animal Precinct A chow becomes aggressive.															
63	54	BRAVO		★★★★ "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell. Premiere. Kevin Costner's Oscar-winning vision of the American West. 'PG-13'																															
7	11	CBS		Andy Griffith Show Reunion: Back...				NCIS "Minimum Security" [E]				48 Hours Mystery [E]		News [E]		Drew Carey		Drew Carey		Drew Carey															
24	50	DISC		American Hot Rod "Rat Rod Build-Off 2" [E]				American Hot Rod "Rat Rod Build-Off 3" [E]				American Hot Rod "Rat Rod Build-Off 4" [E]				American Chopper				American Chopper															
33	44	DISN		Phil of the Future [E]		Phil of the Future [E]		Phil of the Future [E]		Phil of the Future [E]		Phil of the Future [E]		Phil of the Future [E]		Phil of the Future [E]		Phil of the Future [E]		Phil of the Future [E]															
49	81	EITV		Mary-Kate & Ashley				Usher				Saturday Night Live [E]				Heir		Heir		Howard S. Howard S.															
22	56	ESPN		Figure Skating				Figure Skating Grand Prix Final. From Beijing. [E]																											
54	57	ESPN2		ESPN25: Who's No. 1				ESPN25: Silver Anniversary Special [E]				SportsCenter				College Basketball																			
32	46	FAM		7th Heaven [E]				7th Heaven [E]				7th Heaven [E]				Whose? [E]		Whose? [E]		3rd Rock [E]		3rd Rock [E]													
59	-	FIT TV		Buff Brides: Challenge				FitTV's Housecalls [E]				Superhuman Strength				Buff Brides: Challenge				FitTV's Housecalls [E]															
35	31	FMC		(01) ★★ "Working Girl" (1988) Harrison Ford				(01) ★★ "The French Connection" (1971)				Iron Chef America "Tag Team Finale"				Iron Chef America: Preview Special																			
53	68	FOOD		Iron Chef America: Preview Special				Iron Chef America "Flay vs. Sakai"				Iron Chef America "Puck vs. Morimoto"				Iron Chef America "Tag Team Finale"																			
13	7	FOX		Cops "Las Vegas" [E]		Cops [E]		America's Most Wanted: Fights Back				She Spies "Damsels in De-Stress" Assassin. [E]				Mad TV [E]		LAPD: Life on the Beat		LAPD: Life on the Beat															
40	38	FX		Cops [E]		Cops [E]		Cops [E]		Cops [E]		Cops [E]		Cops [E]		Cops [E]		Cops [E]		Cops [E]															
30	55	FXSP		Sports List		Sports List		College Hockey: Denver Cup -- Air Force at Denver										Sports List		Rocky Mt. Football															
5	14	HBO		(15) ★★ "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) Daniel Radcliffe. A malevolent force threatens the students at Hogwarts. [E] 'PG-13'																															
62	67	HGTV		Mission		Decorating [E]		Designer [E]		Designers' [E]		Design [E]		House [E]		House [E]		Mission [E]		Decorating [E]															
58	52	HIST		★★★ "Wyatt Earp" (1994, Western) Kevin Costner, Dennis Quaid. Premiere. The frontier marshal brings law and order to the Old West. [E]																															
25	35	IND		★★★ "Dumb & Dumber" (1994, Comedy) (PA) Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels. [E]				★★★ "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence. A thief poses as a cop to retrieve a hidden diamond.				★★★ "Beverly Hills Ninja" (1997) [E]																							
18	63	LIFE		"Someone to Love Me" [E]																															
23	77	MTV		Made [E]		MTV Cribs [E]		Real World-Road Rules [E]		Challenge [E]		Challenge [E]		Challenge [E]		Challenge [E]		Challenge [E]		Challenge [E]															
3	9	NBC		Entertainment Tonight Celebrities. (N) [E]				Law & Order "The Brotherhood" [E]				Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Consumed" [E]				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [E]				News [E]		Saturday Night Live													
8	8	NBC		Law & Order "The Brotherhood" [E]				Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Consumed" [E]				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [E]				News [E]		Saturday Night Live Liam Neeson; Modest Mouse. [E]																	
34	43	NICK		★★★ "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius" (2001) [E]				Full House [E]				Fresh Pr. [E]		Roseanne [E]		Boss? [E]		Roseanne [E]		Roseanne [E]															
2	2	PBS		Great Performances Annual New Year's Day concert. (N) [E]				The Lawrence Welk Show "New Year's"				Red Green [E]		Austin City Limits "Robert Plant" [E]		George Jones, 50 Years of Hits [E]																			
38	83	SCIFI		Twilight Z. [E]		Twilight Z. [E]		(12) The Twilight Zone [E]		Twilight Z. [E]		Twilight Z. [E]		Twilight Z. [E]		Twilight Z. [E]		Twilight Z. [E]		Twilight Z. [E]															
61	41	SPK		Hrsepower [E]		Hrsepower [E]		Hrsepower [E]		Hrsepower [E]		Most Amazing Videos [E]		★★ "A Force of One" (1979) Jennifer O'Neill.																					
39	51	TLC		10 Years Younger [E]		10 Years Younger [E]		10 Years Younger [E]		10 Years Younger [E]		What Not to Wear "Kim" [E]		Trading Spaces "Philadelphia: Bugle Lane" [E]				Trading Spaces "Georgia: Cook Road" (N)																	
28	37	TNT		★★★ "Runaway Bride" (1999, Comedy) Julia Roberts. [E]																															
51	86	TRAV		Kings of the Road [E]				Weird Travels [E]				Ends of the Earth [E]				Kings of the Road [E]				Weird Travels [E]															
21	82	TVLND		Munsters [E]		Addams F. [E]		Griffith [E]		Leave [E]		Sanford [E]		All-Family [E]		Cheers [E]		3's Co. [E]		Griffith [E]		Leave [E]													
60	89	UNIV		Sábado Gigante [E]																															
20	34	USA		Monk [E]				Monk [E]				Monk [E]				Monk [E]				Monk [E]															
12	3	WB		Friends [E]		Everybody-Raymond [E]		★★★ "Uncle Buck" (1989) John Candy. An easy-going relative takes care of three children.										News [E]		Sports Re-play [E]		★ "Captured" (1999) Nick Mancuso.													
99	36	WGN		Twilight [E]		Twilight [E]		Twilight [E]		Twilight [E]		WGN News [E]				Iceland [E]				Becker [E]		★★ "SpellBinder" (1988) [E]													

SUNDAY EVENING										E-Eagle Cable S-&T Telephone		JAN. 2, 2005			
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	★★★ "Midnight Run" (1988) Robert De Niro, Charles Grodin. Premiere. A bounty hunter and an accused embezzler must duck the mob. [E]						CSI: Miami "Bunk" [E] [E]		★★★ "Midnight Run" (1988) Robert De Niro.				
4	6	ABC	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition [E]		"Dynasty: The Making of a Guilty Pleasure" (2005) Pamela Reed. Premiere. [E] [E]				News [E] (:35) Seinfeld [E]		Lawyer on the Line [E] Diamond Adventures				
26	48	ANPL	Planet's Funniest Anniversary Special Celebrating five years of the series.				Giant Monsters [E]				Planet's Funniest Anniversary Special Celebrating five years of the series.				
63	54	BRAVO	Inside the Actors Studio Morgan Freeman. (N)		Project Runway [E]		Project Runway [E]		Project Runway [E]		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]				
7	11	CBS	Cold Case "The Bad-lads" [E] [E]		★★ "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001, Action) Owen Wilson, Gene Hackman. Premiere. [E] [E]				News [E] (:35) News [E]		(:05) The Twilight Zone [E] [E]				
24	50	DISC	(5:00) Bermuda Triangle		Mega-Tsunamis [E]		American Chopper "Mikey's Bike 2" [E]		Spy in The... The lives of [E]		Spy in The... "Elephants: Spy in the Herd" [E]				
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	The Proud Family [E]	Braceface [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	Phil of the Future [E]	That's So Raven [E]	★★★ "Johnny Tsunami" (1999, Drama) Brandon Baker, Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa. [E]						
49	81	E!TV	Mary Kay Letourneau		JonBenet Ramsey		Heir [E]		Life Great [E]		Mary Kay Letourneau [E] JonBenet Ramsey				
22	56	ESPN	NFL		NFL Football		Dallas Cowboys at New York Giants. (Live) [E]		SportsCenter (Live) [E]						
54	57	ESPN2	Series-Poker		Series-Poker		Series-Poker		Series-Poker		Fastbreak [E] Streetball [E]				
32	46	FAM	★★★ "Stuart Little 2" (2002) Geena Davis [E]		Who? [E] Who? [E]		Who? [E] Who? [E]		Who? [E] Who? [E]		J. Osteen [E] Feed [E]				
59	-	FIT TV	Low Carb [E]		Low Carb [E]		Ultimate Goals [E]		Extreme Survival "Heat" [E]		Low Carb [E] Low Carb [E] Ultimate Goals [E]				
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★★ "Can-Can" (1960) Frank Sinatra. [E]		(:15) ★★ "History of the World: Part I" (1981) [E]		(:15) ★★ "History of the World: Part I" (1981) [E]		(:15) ★★ "History of the World: Part I" (1981) [E]		(:15) ★★ "History of the World: Part I" (1981) [E]				
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Flank steak with mushroom ragout.		Take It Off (N)		The Low Carb Revolution [E]		Fat Saus Chef Challenge Chef tries to lose weight.		Emeril Live Flank steak with mushroom ragout.				
13	7	FOX	(5:00) ★★★ "True Lies" (1994) (PA) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis. [E]		Stargate SG-1 "Enemy Mine" (N) [E]		The Outer Limits "Dead Man's Switch" [E]		★ "National Lampoon's Movie Madness" [E]						
40	38	FX	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	"Smallpox" (2005, Drama) [E]		Premiere. [E]				
30	55	FXSP	Postgame [E]		College Basketball Clemson at Duke. [E]		Boxing: Sunday [E]		Poker Superstars [E]		Rocky Mt. [E] FSN Amer [E]				
5	14	HBO	(5:00) ★★ "Welcome to Mooseport" (2004) [E]		★★★ "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" (2003, Fantasy) Sean Connery. [E] PG-13 [E]		Sex and the City [E]		Sex and the City [E]		★★★ "Drumline" (2002) Nick Cannon. [E]				
62	67	HGTV	Designed [E] Home 2005 [E]		Motor Mansions [E]		Extreme Homes-Islands [E]		Renovation Kitchen [E]		Designed [E] Home 2005 [E]				
58	52	HIST	The True Story of Hannibal Hannibal brings the Roman Republic to the brink of ruin. (N) [E]				Conspiracy? "Jack Ruby" (N) [E]		Full Throttle VW Beetles become drag racers.		The True Story of Hannibal [E]				
25	35	IND	★★★ "Rush Hour" (1998) (PA) Jackie Chan. Two detectives join forces in a kidnapping case. [E]				★★★ "Money Talks" (1997) Chris Tucker. A fugitive con artist asks a TV newsmen for protection. [E]				★ "Money Train" (1995) Wesley Snipes. [E]				
18	63	LIFE	Strong Medicine [E]		Strong Medicine [E]		Strong Medicine [E]		Strong Medicine [E]		Wild Card [E]				
23	77	MTV	Room Rdr [E]	Room Rdr [E]	Room Rdr [E]	Room Rdr [E]	Room Rdr [E]	Room Rdr [E]	Bam [E] Bam [E]		Bam [E] Bam [E]				
3	9	NBC	Dateline NBC [E] [E]		American Dreams "Home Again" (N) [E]		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (N) [E]		Crossing Jordan "A Stranger Among Us" (N) [E]		News [E] Broncos' Huddle [E]				
8	8	NBC	American Dreams "Home Again" (N) [E]		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (N) [E]		Crossing Jordan "A Stranger Among Us" (N) [E]		News [E] (:35) The West Wing [E]		(:35) Inside Edition [E]				
34	43	NICK	Unfabulous [E] Romeo! [E]		Family Faceoff [E]		Fatherhood [E] Cosby [E]		Roseanne [E] Roseanne [E]		Fresh Pr. [E] Fresh Pr. [E]				
2	2	PBS	Nature "Land of the Falling Lakes" [E] (DVS) [E]		Prairie Crosses, Prairie Voices [E]		Masterpiece Theatre "Othello" A presentation of "Othello," set in a police department. [E] (DVS) [E]		One of the Missing [E]						
38	83	SCIFI	Fatal Error ★★★ "Dante's Peak" (1997, Adventure) [E] Pierce Brosnan. [E]				Scare [E] Scare [E]		Access Hlywd [E]						
61	41	SPK	Trucks! [E] Trucks! [E]		Trucks! [E] Trucks! [E]		WWE Heat [E]		Most Amazing Videos [E]		The Club [E]				
39	51	TLC	A Haunting in Georgia Long-dead neighbors haunt a suburban Atlanta family. [E]				Trading Spaces: Family [E]		David Blaine: Street Magic [E]		Jump London [E]				
28	37	TNT	Law & Order [E] (DVS) [E]		Law & Order "Asterisk" [E]		Law & Order [E] (DVS) [E]		Law & Order [E] (DVS) [E]		★★★ "Cape Fear" [E]				
51	86	TRAV	RV Crazy! [E]		Making Dream RVs [E]		Secrets of RVs [E]		RV Crazy! [E]		Making Dream RVs [E]				
21	82	TVLND	Munsters [E] GreenAcre [E]		Griffith [E] Leave [E]		Sanford [E] All-Family [E]		3's Co. [E] 3's Co. [E]		Cheers [E] Cheers [E]				
60	89	UNIV	(5:00) Premio Lo Nuestro [E]				Ver Para Creer [E]		Impacto [E] Noticiero [E]		Premio-Nuestro [E]				
20	34	USA	Coyote [E] ★★ "Kiss the Girls" (1997, Suspense) [E]		Morgan Freeman. [E]		Law & Order: SVU [E]		The Dead Zone [E]						
12	3	WB	Steve Harvey's Big Time Movie. [E]		Charmed "Charmed Noir" [E]		The Mountain "Great Expectations" (N) [E]		News [E] News Sports [E]		Everybody-Will & Raymond [E] Grace [E]				
99	36	WGN	★★★ "Vampire's Kiss" (1989) Nicolas Cage. [E]				WGN News [E] Replay [E]		Maximum Exposure [E]		The Twilight Zone [E]				