

Sister creates problems in couple's life

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Don," and I have been married for five years. We have two beautiful children, and Don is a terrific father. For the most part, we have a good life together and get along well.

The problem is his sister, "Marsha." Marsha has major boundary issues, and she tries to undermine my role as both mother and wife. Their mother died young, and Marsha



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took on the role of mother. She still hasn't let go.

When Don and I first began dating, Marsha said some extremely nasty things in an effort to break us up. For example, she said I wasn't his type (right!), that he had been promiscuous in his past (not true), and that I would never know Don as well as she knows him. (She still says it on a regular basis.)

When Don and I have the rare quarrel, he goes running off to Marsha for advice. He also spends time with her on his days off, and they discuss very personal issues in our marriage. Marsha uses this personal information as fodder for gossip and pretends to be our "counselor." Because Don knows it upsets me, he now lies about visiting her or her coming over. I am on the brink of telling him I don't want to see his sister anymore.

Other than our issues with her, our life is wonderful. Any advice regarding a worse-than-mother-in-law sister-in-law? — SEEING RED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR SEEING RED: An effective counselor is someone who is un-

biased. A worse-than-mother-in-law should not be assuming the role of "counselor." Because of her dual role in your husband's life, she should (ethically) disqualify herself.

On some level, your husband must realize that when he runs to his sister, she'll automatically take his side. That's neither a fair nor healthy solution to your problems. Some sessions with a professional marriage counselor could help you resolve your differences. It could also lengthen — if not sever — his sibling umbilical cord, and I strongly recommend it.

DEAR ABBY: I have an ethics question for you.

The other night, my husband and I went to a movie — something we sel-

dom do. When we got into the theater and looked at our ticket stubs, we realized we'd been charged the senior rate rather than the one for adult admission.

I'm only 51, but I started turning gray in college and don't color my hair. My husband is a couple of years younger (I call him my "boy toy"), but I'm sure we looked "old" to the pink-cheeked high school student selling the tickets.

This has happened to me on a couple of other occasions, and I have said nothing. On the one hand, I feel like we are receiving a benefit under false pretenses. On the other hand, I still recall being 11 and tall for my age, and being ignored by adult

tickets from people who didn't believe I wasn't 12.

I would never claim to be a senior to get a discount, because I'm not — and we did buy popcorn that we might otherwise not have purchased. I think to have said something, especially after the fact, would have embarrassed us all. In your opinion, what's the right thing to do? — JANET IN PALM SPRINGS

DEAR JANET: The right thing to do is to inquire when you reach the ticket booth how old a person must be to get a senior discount. The age can vary among different establishments — including restaurants — and if you don't qualify for the discount, be honest enough to say so.

SATURDAY EVENING										E-S Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone										MAY 21, 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	City Confidential (N) (G)	Cold Case Files A Lover's Lane bandit guns down two police officers. (G)				American Justice: George Trepal		City Confidential (G)																								
4	6	ABC	Lost "The Journey" (G)	Desperate Housewives (G)		Desperate Housewives "Goodbye for Now" (G)		News (G)		(:35) Sein-feld (G)	(:(05) Entertainment Tonight Celebrity news. (N)																							
26	48	ANPL	Growing Up... "Giraffe" (N)	Growing Up... "Elephant" (G)		Wild Kingdom "Lost Elephants of Timbuktu" (G)		Growing Up... "Giraffe" (G)		Growing Up... "Elephant" (G)																								
63	54	BRAVO	★★★★ "Casino" (1995, R) er in 1970s Las Vegas. (G)				Drama Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone. A mob employee makes a play for power. (G)		★★★★ "Rain Man" (1988) Dustin Hoffman.																									
7	11	CBS	Without a Trace "Two Families" (G)	CSI: NY "Rain" (G)		48 Hours Mystery (N)		News (G)		Drew Carey (:05) Paid Program	(:(35) Paid Program																							
24	50	DISC	Science of Star Wars Artificial intelligence.	Science of Star Wars Transportation.		Science of Star Wars Weapons of the future.		Voyage to the Planets and Beyond Astronauts show it is possible to survive in space. (N)																										
33	44	DISN	American Drgn	Kim Possible (G)	Lizzie McGuire	Phil of the Future (G)	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven (G)	★★★ "Toothless" (1997) Kirstie Alley. A recently deceased dentist becomes the tooth fairy.																									
49	81	EITV	Saturday Night Live (G)	Saturday Night Live (G)		Saturday Night Live (G)		Dr. 90210		Howard S. Howard S.																								
22	56	ESPN	(5:00) ★★★ "Hoop Dreams" (1994)	Baseball Tonight (G)		SportsCenter (Live) (G)		Fastbreak Baseball																										
54	57	ESPN2	MISL Soccer	Auto Show		SportsCenter		NHRA Drag Racing: Pontiac Perf. Nationals Qual.																										
32	46	FAM	"Come On Get Happy-Partridge Family"				Who? Who?		Videos		Videos		Videos																					
59	-	FIT TV	Ultimate Goals (G)	No Opportunity Wasted		Lives of Contortionists		Ultimate Goals (G)		No Opportunity Wasted																								
35	31	FMC	★★★ "Man in the Attic" (1953)		★★★ "Hush... Hush, Sweet Charlotte" (1965) Bette Davis.		"Great White"																											
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Emeril's Grilling Contest"	Paula's Southern BBQ		The Great Steak Cook-Off		Iron Chef "Guinea Fowl" Fowl.		Emeril Live "Emeril's Grilling Contest"																								
13	7	FOX	Cops (N) (G)	Cops (N) (G)	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back		She Spies "Stranded" Plane crash. (G)		Mad TV Nicole Sullivan; Amber Tamblyn. (G)		LAPD: Life on the Beat (G)		LAPD: Life on the Beat (G)																					
40	38	FX	(5:30) NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series -- All-Star Challenge. (Live)				NASCAR Drivers 360		Pit Crew Challenge																									
30	55	FXSP	MLB Baseball: Rockies at Pirates				Rocky Mt. (G)		Arena Football Colorado Crush at New York Dragons.																									
5	14	HBO	★★★ "The Rundown" (2003, Adventure) The Rock. (G) "PG-13" (G)				(:45) Boxing		Lamon Brewster vs. Andrew Golota. (Live) (G)		(:(15) ★★ "The Whole Ten Yards" (2004) (G)																							
62	67	HGTV	Design	Decorating	Designer	reDesign	Design	Design	City Grdn	Trading Up	Design	Decorating																						
58	52	HIST	★★★ "Bat 21" (1988) Gene Hackman. A pilot attempts to rescue a downed Air Force colonel. (G)				★★★ "Flying Misfits" (1976) Robert Conrad. Aerial daredevils encounter adventures in the Pacific.				★★★★ "Bat 21" (1988) Gene Hackman. (G)																							
25	35	IND	(5:00) MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (Live) (G)				★★★ "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998) Mel Gibson. Detectives Riggs and Murtaugh battle Chinese mercenaries. (G) (DVS)				"The Negotiator"																							
18	63	LIFE	(5:00) "Perfect Crime"				★★★ "White Oleander"				(2002, Drama) Alison Lohman. (G)				Strong Medicine (G)				Division															
23	77	MTV	Pimp Ride	Pimp Ride	Pimp Ride	Pimp Ride	Challenge	Challenge	Famous	Newlywed	Newlywed	Newlywed																						
3	9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight Celebrity news. (N) (G)				Crossing Jordan "Blue Moon" (G)				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (G)				Law & Order "Dining Out" (G)				News (G)				Saturday Night Live											
8	8	NBC	Crossing Jordan "Blue Moon" (G)				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (G)				Law & Order "Dining Out" (G)				News				Saturday Night Live (Season Finale) Lindsay Lohan; Coldplay. (N) (G)															
34	43	NICK	School	Drake	All That (G)	Amanda	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne																						
2	2	PBS	Keeping Up As Time Goes By				The Lawrence Welk Show				Red Green				Austin City Limits Sheryl Crow performs. (G)				Great Performances (G)				Baxter Black											
38	83	SCIFI	(3:00) "The Abyss" (G)				"Descent" (2005) Luke Perry. Premiere. (G)				"20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" (1997) (G)																							
61	41	SPK	★★★ "Another 48 HRS." (1990) Eddie Murphy.				Most Amazing Videos				Carpocalypse (G)				Boom! (G)				MXC (G)															
39	51	TLC	In a Fix Fixing up a music jam room. (N)				While You Were Out				What Not to Wear "Ker-ryellen" (G)				Moving Up "Faux Finish Fiasco" (G)				Trading Spaces (N)															
28	37	TNT	★★★ "Drumline" (2002) Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana. (G)				★★★ "Drumline" (2002) Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana. (G)																											
51	86	TRAV	World Poker Tour (G)				Kings of the Road				World Poker Tour (G)																							
21	82	TVLND	Highway to Heaven (G)				Top 10				Sanford				All-Family				3's Co.				3's Co.				Cheers (G)				Cheers (G)			
60	89	UNIV	Sabado Gigante								Impacto				Noticiero				Otro Rollo															
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU				Law Order: CI				Kojak "All Bets Off"															
12	3	WB	Friends (G)	★★★★ "A Few Good Men" (1992) Tom Cruise. A Navy lawyer defends two Marines in a comrade's death. (G)				News (G)				News (G)				(:(45) Sports Replay				★★★★ "Delta Force 2" (1990) Chuck Norris.														
99	36	WGN	★★★★ "Field of Dreams" (1989) (G)				WGN News at Nine (G)				Becker (G)				★★ "The Man in the Iron Mask"																			

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MONDAY EVENING										EzEagle Cable S-S&T Telephone		MAY 23, 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	Airline "April Fool" 	Airline 	Growing Up Gotti 	Growing Up Gotti 	Growing Up Gotti 	Growing Up Gotti 	Crossing Jordan "The Digger" 	Airline "April Fool" 	Airline 	Airline 			
4	6	ABC	Extreme Makeover: How'd They Do That?	Nick & Jessica's Tour of Jessica Simpson entertain	Duty Nick Lachey and the troops overseas. (N)				News 	(:35) Night-line 	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) 	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) 			
26	48	ANPL	Who Gets the Dog? "Figaro" 	That's My Baby "Kalina & Betsey" Killer whale.	That's My Baby "Kalina & Betsey" Killer whale.				Who Gets the Dog? "Figaro" 	That's My Baby "Kalina & Betsey" Killer whale.	That's My Baby "Kalina & Betsey" Killer whale.	That's My Baby "Kalina & Betsey" Killer whale.			
63	54	BRAVO	The West Wing "Twenty-Five" 	The West Wing "Twenty-Five" 	The West Wing "7A WF 83429" 	The West Wing "7A WF 83429" 	The West Wing "The Dogs of War" 	The West Wing "The Dogs of War" 	The West Wing "Jefferson Lives" 	The West Wing "Jefferson Lives" 	The West Wing "Possessing Comatus" 	The West Wing "Possessing Comatus" 			
7	11	CBS	Still Standing (N) 	Still Standing (N) 	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	CSI: Miami "10-7" (TV Season Finale) (N) 	CSI: Miami "10-7" (TV Season Finale) (N) 	News 	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N) 	Late Show With David Letterman (N) 	Late Late Show			
24	50	DISC	Mob Scene "The Ghost of Sonny Black" 		Monster Garage 	Monster Garage 	American Chopper "Dixie Chopper 1" 	American Chopper "Dixie Chopper 1" 	American Hot Rod "63 Chevy Sting Ray" 	American Hot Rod "63 Chevy Sting Ray" 	Monster Garage "Open Road Racer" 	Monster Garage "Open Road Racer" 			
33	44	DISN	Braceface 	Kim Possible 	Lizzie McGuire 	Sister, Sister 	That's So Raven 	That's So Raven 	★★★ "Toy Story 2" (1999, Adventure) Voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen. 'G' 	★★★ "Toy Story 2" (1999, Adventure) Voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen. 'G' 	★★★ "Toy Story 2" (1999, Adventure) Voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen. 'G' 	★★★ "Toy Story 2" (1999, Adventure) Voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen. 'G' 			
49	81	EITV	Anna Nicole Smith: The E!	True Hollywood Story			Dr. 90210	Dr. 90210	Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live 	Saturday Night Live 			
22	56	ESPN	(5:00) MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.				Baseball Tonight 	Baseball Tonight 	SportsCenter (Live) 	SportsCenter (Live) 	Fastbreak	Baseball			
54	57	ESPN2	Blame 	Blame 	Who's Number 1? (N) 	Who's Number 1? (N) 	I'd Do Anything (N) 	I'd Do Anything (N) 	Today at the French Open (N) 	Today at the French Open (N) 	Today at the French Open (N) 	Today at the French Open (N) 			
32	46	FAM	Who's? 	Who's? 	Who's? 	Who's? 	Who's? 	Who's? 	The 700 Club 	The 700 Club 	Videos	Videos			
59	1	FIT TV	FitTV's Housecalls 	Enduring Extremes 	Enduring Extremes 	Enduring Extremes 	Extremists 	Extremists 	FitTV's Housecalls 	FitTV's Housecalls 	Enduring Extremes 	Enduring Extremes 			
35	31	FMC	★★★ "5 Fingers" (1952, Drama) James Mason.				★★★ "French Kiss" (1995) Meg Ryan.	★★★ "French Kiss" (1995) Meg Ryan.			★★★ "The Bravados" 	★★★ "The Bravados" 			
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Shrimp and pineapple skewers.	Unwrapped "BBQ" 	Unwrapped "BBQ" 	Unwrapped "BBQ" 	The Secret Life Of... 	The Secret Life Of... 	Iron Chef "Battle Sea Eel" Eel dishes.	Iron Chef "Battle Sea Eel" Eel dishes.	Emeril Live Shrimp and pineapple skewers.	Emeril Live Shrimp and pineapple skewers.			
13	7	FOX	24 Bauer and the CTU operatives do everything in their power to prevent an imminent terrorist attack.				The Fox Report With Shepard Smith 	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith 	Bob Newhart	Bob Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore			
40	38	FX	★★ "The Transporter" 	Fear Factor 	Fear Factor 	Fear Factor 	King of Hill	King of Hill	★★ "Commando" (1985)	★★ "Commando" (1985)	Rae Dawn Chong	Rae Dawn Chong			
30	55	FXSP	MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Milwaukee Brewers. (Live)				Rocky Mt. 	Rocky Mt. 	Rockies	Rockies	Sports List	Best-Sports			
5	14	HBO	(5:00) ★★★ "The Thing Called Love" 	(:15) ★★ "What a Girl Wants" (2003, Comedy) Amanda Bynes, Colin Firth. 'PG' 	(:15) ★★ "What a Girl Wants" (2003, Comedy) Amanda Bynes, Colin Firth. 'PG' 	(:15) ★★ "What a Girl Wants" (2003, Comedy) Amanda Bynes, Colin Firth. 'PG' 	Sex and the City 	Sex and the City 	Sex and the City 	Sex and the City 	Real Sports (N) 	Real Sports (N) 			
62	67	HGTV	Homes	Landscape	Renovation Designed	Renovation Designed	Debbie Travis' Facelift	Debbie Travis' Facelift	Design	House	Homes	Landscape			
58	52	HIST	Secret Missions of the Civil War 	Secret Missions of the Civil War 	Forgotten acts	Forgotten acts	Deep Sea Detectives Sinking off Scotland. (N) 	Deep Sea Detectives Sinking off Scotland. (N) 	The Mysteries of Devil's Triangles 	The Mysteries of Devil's Triangles 	Secret Missions of the Civil War 	Secret Missions of the Civil War 			
25	35	INF	(5:30) MLB Baseball New York Mets at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live) 				Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	★★★ "Air America" (1990) Mel Gibson. Two Vietnam War-era pilots run drugs for the CIA.	★★★ "Air America" (1990) Mel Gibson. Two Vietnam War-era pilots run drugs for the CIA.					
18	63	LIVE	"Deadly-Secrets" 	"Hush" (2005) Tori Spelling. Premiere. 			Princess	Princess	How Clean	How Clean	The Nanny	The Nanny			
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) 	Punk'd 	Translated	Translated	Direct Effect 	Direct Effect 	Famous	MTV Crips	Challenge	Challenge			
3	9	NBC	News 	Ent. Tonight	Fear Factor (Season Finale) (N) 	Fear Factor (Season Finale) (N) 	Las Vegas "Centennial" (Season Finale) (N) 	Las Vegas "Centennial" (Season Finale) (N) 	Medium "When Push Comes to Shove" 	Medium "When Push Comes to Shove" 	News 	Tonight Show			
8	8	NBC	Fear Factor (Season Finale) (N) 	Las Vegas "Centennial" (Season Finale) (N) 	Las Vegas "Centennial" (Season Finale) (N) 	Las Vegas "Centennial" (Season Finale) (N) 	Medium "When Push Comes to Shove" 	Medium "When Push Comes to Shove" 	News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) 	Late Night	Late Night			
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob	Drake	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.			
2	2	PBS	Antiques Roadshow 		American Experience "The Taking of Patty Hearst" (N) 	American Experience "The Taking of Patty Hearst" (N) 	Guerilla: The Taking of Patty Hearst" (N) 	Guerilla: The Taking of Patty Hearst" (N) 	BBC World News	May to December	Charlie Rose (N) 	Charlie Rose (N) 			
38	83	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 	Stargate SG-1 	Stargate SG-1 	Stargate SG-1 	Stargate SG-1 	Stargate SG-1 	★★ "Stigmata" (1999) Patricia Arquette. 	★★ "Stigmata" (1999) Patricia Arquette. 	Patricia Arquette. 	Patricia Arquette. 			
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure 	Wildest Police Videos	Wildest Police Videos	Wildest Police Videos	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	WWE Raw 	WWE Raw 			
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out 	Clean Sweep	Clean Sweep	Clean Sweep	In a Fix Living room disaster area.	In a Fix Living room disaster area.	Trauma: Life in the ER "Putting It Together" 	Trauma: Life in the ER "Putting It Together" 	Untold Stories of the E.R. (N) 	Untold Stories of the E.R. (N) 			
28	37	TRV	Law & Order 	Law & Order 	Law & Order 	Law & Order 	Law & Order "Harvest" 	Law & Order "Harvest" 	Without a Trace 	Without a Trace 	NYPD Blue 	NYPD Blue 			
51	86	TNT	Dreaming Big 	Homes	Homes	Homes	Home	Home	Dreaming Big 	Dreaming Big 	Homes	Homes			
21	82	TVLND	Highway to Heaven 	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Sanford	All-Family	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cheers 	Cheers 			
60	89	UNIV	Apuesta por un Amor	La Madrastra	La Madrastra	La Madrastra	Cristina	Cristina	Impacto	Noticiero	La Hora Derbez	La Hora Derbez			
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU	★★ "Blue Crush" (2002)	★★ "Blue Crush" (2002)	★★ "Blue Crush" (2002)	Kate Bosworth. 	Kate Bosworth. 	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Monk 	Monk 			
12	3	WB	Friends 	Everybody-Raymond	7th Heaven "Mi Familia" (Season Finale) (N) 	7th Heaven "Mi Familia" (Season Finale) (N) 	Everwood "Where the Heart Is" 	Everwood "Where the Heart Is" 	News 	News 	Friends 	Will & Grace 			
99	36	WGN	★ "Murphy's Law" (1996) Charles Bronson.				WGN News at Nine 	WGN News at Nine 	Becker 	Becker 	Home Delivery	Home Delivery			