

Man puts wife and child at risk for Mom's trip



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• dear abby

DEAR ABBY: I was so angry after reading the letter about the selfish idiot of a husband who took his mother shopping after his wife's water broke, I had to write. What kind of a spineless wuss is he? His mother should have been told, "My wife and baby are more important than a shopping trip."

to the hospital. It's dangerous for her not to. Mother should be sent home and not invited back. She put both mom and baby in danger, and as a mother she should know that. I can't believe a grown woman would be so selfish and manipulative. I hope for their sakes she lives far away. Thanks for letting me vent. — UPSET IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

here for. You're not alone in your sentiments. The responses to that letter were vehement. Read on: FROM WARRENVILLE, OHIO: The amniotic sac is the only protection an unborn child has from germs, viruses, etc. Even if the woman is not experiencing labor pains, when the water breaks, she should immediately go to the hospital. It was child abuse for "Dana's" husband to delay medical treatment so he could take his mother to the video store. His claim that his wife should have "insisted" is like saying, "You should have stopped me from beating you." He's blaming his wife for his own bad behavior.

FROM COLUMBIA, S.C.: That man is so into his mother I can't figure out how the pregnancy took place. That man needs a spinning drop-kick to the head. What kind of lunatic would act that way? No one wants to raise a child alone, but it would have served him right if his wife had called a cab, gotten herself to the hospital, and had him served with divorce papers right in the delivery room. And he's blaming her for not being assertive enough? You were too easy on him.

FROM FORT BRAGG, N.C.: That letter brought back memories. After we had our second child, my mother-in-law, "Dixie," talked my

husband into leaving me alone with our 2-year-old so they could take a two-day trip to visit his brother. I was invited, too, but having had a C-section less than three days before, I wasn't ready for a three-hour car ride. I was in tears when my mother arrived a few hours later.

A few weeks before the birth of our third child, I informed my husband that if he left me again, our marriage was over. He assured me his mother wouldn't ask. Sure enough, a couple of days later, she did. (This time he told her no.)

I was able to make my point clearly to her a few years later. Dixie had a hysterectomy. When I visited

her in the hospital, I invited her to accompany me to my brother-in-law's house three hours away. She wasn't amused, but she got the point.

FROM FORT WORTH, TEXAS: A man who would leave his wife home alone while she's in labor so Mommy can go on a shopping spree does not deserve to be called a man. I can tell you right now, my wife would divorce me over that one!

FROM RICHMOND, VA.: I'm one of your male readers. The first thing the wife should have done when she awoke was hit her husband over the head with a bedpan. Better yet, tell me where he lives and I'll do it. I have a feeling that new mom now has two children to raise.

TUESDAY EVENING		E-Eagle Cable S-S&T Telephone									
		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 (N) [G]	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Knievel's Wild Ride "New York City" [G]	Crossing Jordan "The Digger" [G]	Cold Case Files [G]			
4	6	ABC	Lost "Exodus" (Part 1 of 2) [G]	"Trump Unauthorized" (2005, Biography) Justin Louis, Kathryn Winnick. Premiere. [G]			News [G]	(:35) Nightline [G]	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Seether. (N) [G]		
26	48	ANPL	Dog Show Crufts sets the standard.				Dog Show Crufts sets the standard.				
63	54	BRAVO	The 100 Scariest Movie Moments [G]	The 100 Scariest Movie Moments [G]	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Kord S" [G]	The 100 Scariest Movie Moments [G]	The West Wing "Special Episode" [G]				
7	11	CBS	NCIS "Twilight" (Season Finale) (N) [G]	Rob and Amber Get Married Rob Mariano and Amber Brkich get married. (N) [G]	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Kord S" [G]	News [G]	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N) [G]	Late Late Show [G]			
24	50	DISC	Mob Scene "The Psychology of the Flip" [G]	Monster Garage "Miata/Jet Car" [G]	American Chopper "Dixie Chopper 2" [G]	Deadliest Catch "Man Overboard" [G]	Deadliest Catch "High Hopes" (N) [G]				
33	44	DISN	Braceface "Triangles" [G]	Kim Possible "Lizzie McGuire" [G]	Sister, Sister [G]	That's So Raven [G]	That's So Raven [G]	★ ★ "Jumping Ship" (2001, Adventure) Andy Lawrence, Joey Lawrence. [G]			
49	81	EITV	Nick Nicholson: The El True Hollywood Story [G]	True Hollywood Story [G]	Gastineau Showgirls [G]	Howard S. [G]	Howard S. [G]	Saturday Night Live [G]			
22	56	ESPN	NBA Draft Lot [G]	NBA Basketball: Western Conf. Final Game 1 -- Teams TBA [G]	SportsCenter (Live) [G]						
54	57	ESPN2	Boxing: Rodney Jones vs. Teddy Reid [G]		Today at the French Open (N) [G]	Gridiron Stars [G]	Schwab [G]				
32	46	FAM	★ ★ ★ "Hook" (1991, Fantasy) Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman. [G]	Enduring Extremes [G]	Extremists [G]	The 700 Club [G]	Videos [G]	Videos [G]			
59	-	FIT TV	Ultimate Goals [G]	Enduring Extremes [G]	Extremists [G]	Ultimate Goals [G]	Extremists [G]	Extremists [G]			
35	31	FMC	★ ★ ★ "Fourteen Hours" (1951, Drama) [G]	★ ★ ★ "The House on 92nd Street" (1945) [G]	★ ★ ★ "The House on 92nd Street" (1945) [G]	★ ★ ★ "The House on 92nd Street" (1945) [G]	★ ★ ★ "The House on 92nd Street" (1945) [G]	★ ★ ★ "The House on 92nd Street" (1945) [G]			
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Know Your Beef" [G]	AI Roker's BBQ Show-down [G]	Rachael Ray's Block Party [G]	Iron Chef "Battle Ray" Ray battle. [G]	Emeril Live "Know Your Beef" [G]				
13	7	FOX	American Idol (Live) [G]	House "Honeymoon" (Season Finale) (N) [G]	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [G]	Bob Newhart [G]	Bob Newhart [G]	Mary Tyler Moore [G]	Mary Tyler Moore [G]		
40	38	FX	King of Hill [G]	Fear Factor [G]	King of Hill [G]	★ ★ ★ "The Sum of All Fears" (2002, Suspense) Ben Affleck. [G]					
30	55	FXSP	MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Milwaukee Brewers. (Live) [G]		Rocky Mt. [G]	Rockies [G]	Sports List [G]	Best-Sports [G]			
5	14	HBO	★ ★ "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004, Science Fiction) Vin Diesel, Colm Feore. [G]	★ ★ "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003) Steve Martin. [G]	Cinderella Man: Look [G]	Deadwood "Boy-the-Earth-Talks-To" [G]					
62	67	HGTV	Designed Get Color [G]	Decorating Mission [G]	Designers' Designers' [G]	Design House [G]	Designed Get Color [G]				
58	52	HIST	Wild West Tech Western Civil War battles. (N) [G]	Andersonville Prison: Trial of Henry Wirz [G]	Modern Marvels "Logging Tech" [G]	History Hogs (N) [G]	Wild West Tech Western Civil War battles. (N) [G]				
25	35	IND	Friends [G]	Friends [G]	Sex and the City [G]	Sex and the City [G]	Friends [G]	Friends [G]	★ ★ ★ "The Others" (2001, Horror) Nicole Kidman, Christopher Eccleston. [G]		
18	63	LIFE	"A Killer Upstairs" [G]	★ ★ "The Art of Murder" (1999) (DVS) [G]	Challenge [G]	Direct Effect [G]	Golden [G]	Golden [G]	The Nanny [G]	The Nanny [G]	
23	77	MTV	TRL (iTV) [G]	Challenge [G]	Challenge [G]	Direct Effect [G]	Awards [G]	MTV Cribs [G]	MTV Cribs [G]	MTV Cribs [G]	
3	9	NBC	News [G]	Ent. Tonight [G]	The Contender [G]	The final two contestants go toe-to-toe in a seven-round fight at Caesars Palace. [G]	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Goliath" [G]	News [G]	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) [G]	Late Night [G]	
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34	43	NICK	SpongeBob [G]	School [G]	Full House [G]	Fatherhood [G]	Fresh Pr. [G]	Cosby [G]	Roseanne [G]	Fresh Pr. [G]	Fresh Pr. [G]
2	2	PBS	Kansas Legislature State issues. [G]	Colonial House "The Reckoning" (DVS) [G]	Frontline/World (N) [G]	BBC World News [G]	That's My Boy [G]	Charlie Rose (N) [G]			
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) ★ ★ ★ "Frailty" [G]	★ ★ "Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2" (2000) [G]	★ ★ ★ "The Exorcist" (1973) Ellen Burstyn. [G]						
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure [G]	Wildest Police Videos [G]	CSI: Crime Scn [G]	CSI: Crime Scn [G]	"Field of Dreams" [G]				
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [G]	Clean Sweep [G]	In a Fix Redecorating the basement. [G]	Rides Christopher Titus transforms an SUV. [G]	Overhaulin' Fixing up a 1952 GMC pickup. [G]				
28	37	TNT	Law & Order (DVS) [G]	Law & Order "Flight" [G]	Charmed [G]	Charmed [G]	The X-Files "Triangle" [G]				
51	86	TRAV	Food Crazy (N) [G]	Made [G]	Future City [G]	Food Crazy [G]	Made [G]	Made [G]			
21	82	TVLND	Highway to Heaven [G]	Griffith [G]	Sanford [G]	All-Family [G]	Top 10 [G]	Cheers [G]	Cheers [G]		
60	89	UNIV	Apuesta por un Amor [G]	La Madrastra [G]	Casos de la Vida Real [G]	Impacto [G]	Noticiero [G]	La Hora Derbez [G]			
20	34	USA	★ "The Foreigner" (2003) [G]	"Rapid Fire" (2005) Jason Gedrick. [G]	Law & Order: SVU [G]	The Dead Zone [G]					
12	3	WB	Friends "Pi-Everybody-Raymond" [G]	One Tree Hill Lucas and Brooke head to New York for an overnight stay with Haley. [G]	News [G]	Friends [G]	Will & Grace [G]				
99	36	WGN	MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Chicago Cubs. (Live) [G]		WGN News [G]	Becker [G]	Home Delivery [G]				

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4	6	ABC	Lost "Exodus" (Season Finale) Surprises the rafters. (N) [G]	Something at sea (Part 2 of 2) [G]	Alias "Before the Flood" (Season Finale) (N) [G]	News [G]	(:35) Nightline [G]	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) [G]			
26	48	ANPL	Animal Face-Off "Anaconda vs. Jaguar" [G]	The Most Extreme "Trouble Makers" (N) [G]	Miami Animal Police "Reach of Death" [G]	Animal Face-Off "Anaconda vs. Jaguar" [G]	The Most Extreme "Trouble Makers" [G]				
63	54	BRAVO	The 100 Scariest Movie Moments [G]	The 100 Scariest Movie Moments [G]	The 100 Scariest Movie Moments [G]	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Kord S" [G]	The West Wing "20 Hours in America" [G]				
7	11	CBS	60 Minutes Wednesday [G]	"Amber Frey: Witness for the Prosecution" (2005) Janel Moloney, Nora Dunn. Premiere. [G]	News [G]	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N) [G]	Late Late Show [G]				
24	50	DISC	The FBI Files "Deadly Business" [G]	Monster Garage Donut shop in a police car. [G]	American Chopper "Black Widow" [G]	Mega-Excavators: Reshape the World [G]	MythBusters Ping-pong balls lift boat. [G]				
33	44	DISN	Braceface [G]	Kim Possible [G]	Lizzie McGuire [G]	Sister, Sister [G]	That's So Raven [G]	That's So Raven [G]	★ "Inspector Gadget" (1999) Matthew Broderick. PG [G]	Phil of the Future [G]	
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54	57	ESPN2	2003 Poker [G]	Series-Poker [G]	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) [G]						
32	46	FAM	★ ★ ★ "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993, Comedy) Robin Williams, Sally Field. [G]	Ultimate Goals [G]	Extreme Survival "Heat" [G]	Extremists [G]	Extremists [G]	Extremists [G]			
59	-	FIT TV	Low Carb [G]	Low Carb [G]	Extreme Survival "Heat" [G]	Extremists [G]	Extremists [G]	Extremists [G]			
35	31	FMC	★ ★ ★ "State Fair" (1945) Jeanne Crain. [G]	★ ★ ★ "Down to the Sea in Ships" (1949) [G]	★ ★ ★ "Down to the Sea in Ships" (1949) [G]	★ ★ ★ "Down to the Sea in Ships" (1949) [G]	★ ★ ★ "Down to the Sea in Ships" (1949) [G]	★ ★ ★ "Down to the Sea in Ships" (1949) [G]			
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13	7	FOX	American Idol (Season Finale) votes determines who is the next "American Idol." [G]	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [G]	Bob Newhart [G]	Bob Newhart [G]	Mary Tyler Moore [G]	Mary Tyler Moore [G]			
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5	14	HBO	(5:00) "Men in Black" (45) ★ ★ ★ "Shattered Glass" (2003, Drama) Hayden Christensen. [G]	Madagascar [G]	★ ★ ★ "Shrek 2" (2004, Adventure) Voices of Mike Myers. [G]	★ ★ ★ "Shrek 2" (2004, Adventure) Voices of Mike Myers. [G]	★ ★ ★ "Shrek 2" (2004, Adventure) Voices of Mike Myers. [G]	★ ★ ★ "Shrek 2" (2004, Adventure) Voices of Mike Myers. [G]	★ ★ ★ "Shrek 2" (2004, Adventure) Voices of Mike Myers. [G]		
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18	63	LIFE	(5:00) ★ ★ "To Serve and Protect" (1999, Drama) Craig T. Nelson. [G]	TRL (iTV) [G]	Pimp Ride [G]	Pimp Ride [G]	Direct Effect [G]	Barkers [G]	Barkers [G]	Barkers [G]	Barkers [G]
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2	2	PBS	Roadshow Fly [G]	Cooking Under Fire [G]	American Masters "Cary Grant: A Class Apart" (N) [G]	Class Apart [G]	Loorena McKennitt [G]	BBC World News [G]	As Time Goes By [G]	Charlie Rose (N) [G]	
38	83	SCIFI	Ripley-Believe [G]	Ripley-Believe [G]	Ripley-Believe [G]	Ripley-Believe [G]	★ "Poltergeist III" (1988) Tom Skerritt. [G]				
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99	36	WGN	★ "Original Sin" (2001) Antonio Banderas. [G]	WGN News at Nine [G]	Becker [G]	Becker [G]	Home Delivery [G]				



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7	11	CBS	Cold Case "It's Raining Men" [G]	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Snakes" [G]	Without a Trace "Penitence" [G]	News [G]	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman [G]	Late Late Show [G]			
24	50	DISC									