

Husband not able to stop his mother's abuse



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• dear abby

DEAR ABBY: I married the love of my life, "Simon," a year ago. At the time, I was five months' pregnant. While Simon and I stood taking our vows at the altar, his mother, "Bernice," felt the need to stand up and announce that the only reason we were being married was because I was pregnant — and that I'd done it on purpose to tie him down. I was devastated hearing this at my wed-

ding, and I let Simon know it. I tried to forgive her. A few months later, Bernice arrived at the hospital as I was giving birth. Again, she started in on how I got pregnant on purpose to tie her son down and began telling everyone in my family how horrible I was. Again, I tried to forgive her. The final straw came when plans were being made to celebrate

Simon's college graduation. Bernice made dinner reservations for everyone in the family and excluded my son and me. I told Simon how hurt I was. His response, "I can't control my mother." Abby, I was so fed up with having to swallow her abuse with no support from my husband that I kicked him out. I desperately wish he would confront his mother about her abusive behavior, but he's scared of her. I have tried talking to her about it, but when I do she just gets worse. I want to save my marriage, but I don't want Bernice around me or my son anymore. What should I do? — HAD ENOUGH IN GRAPEVINE,

TEXAS DEAR HAD ENOUGH: Whether or not your marriage is salvageable is up to your husband. You married a man with an impossible, domineering and hostile mother. Forget that it takes "two to tango." Because Simon hasn't accepted his own responsibility in the conception of this child, he has allowed his mother to portray you as the tramp who tricked him into fatherhood. There is nothing you can do. It's up to Simon to deal with his mother. Unless he's willing to confront the problem, get marriage counseling with you and ACT on it, nothing will change. DEAR ABBY: I am a 27-year-old

stay-at-home mom with three kids. Two are my fiancé "Sean's"; the littlest is ours together. Sean and I have been together almost seven years. I need help. I am a very depressed person and have been for many years. I shop excessively and spend way too much — sometimes all of our money — and I don't know how to stop. Shopping makes me feel happy, and when I'm depressed (which is often), I go out shopping for stuff I don't even need. I have even started shopping online for stuff. I feel horrible about this. Sean and I have tried separate bank accounts, but when I'd run low I would

just zap right into his. Please help me. I don't know what to do. — SPEND-A-HOLIC IN VENTURA, CALIF. DEAR SPEND-A-HOLIC: It is time to stop and take inventory of what you have and what you don't. You are substituting "things" for something important that's missing in your life. (Could it be a wedding ring?) Trying to self-medicate long-term depression by going on a spending spree is putting a Band-Aid on an infected wound. Please contact your physician for a referral to a doctor who can give you medication to lift the depression, as well as counseling for your underlying problem. It's the only way to fix what's ailing you.

SATURDAY EVENING		E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone										JUNE 18, 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 DNA technologists help collar one of the deadliest serial killers in U.S. history. [G]		American Justice "Driven to Kill" (N) [G]			City Confidential [G]			
4	6	ABC	*** "Lilo & Stitch" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Daveigh Chase. (N) [DVS]		America's Funniest Home Videos (N) [G]		News [G]	(.35) Seinfeld [G]	(.05) Entertainment Tonight Celebrity news. (N)				
26	48	ANPL	Jane Goodall's When Animals Talk Exploring ways animals and humans communicate.		Profiles of Nature "Wild Superpowers" (N)		Jane Goodall's When Animals Talk Exploring ways animals and humans communicate.						
63	54	BRAVO	** "The Jackal" (1997) Bruce Willis. Premiere. An imprisoned Irishman accepts an offer to nab an assassin. R		** "The Jackal" (1997, Suspense) Bruce Willis. An imprisoned Irishman accepts an offer to nab an assassin. R								
7	11	CBS	NCIS "UnSEALed" (N) [G]		NCIS "Split Decision" (N) [G]		48 Hours Mystery "Who Killed the Rock Star?" [G]		News [G]	(.35) Paid Program [G]	(.05) Paid Program [G]	(.35) Paid Program [G]	
24	50	DISC	American Hot Rod "65 Mustang 2" [G]		Biker Build-Off "Hank Young v. Cole Foster" [G]		American Chopper "Mikey gets sent home." [G]		Killer Bees: Taming the Swarm [G]		Killer Ants [G]		
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible "Buzz on Maggie" [G]		Lizzie McGuire "Phil of the Future" [G]		Zack & Cody "That's So Raven" [G]		Click It to Pick It Viewers choose their favorite programs.				
49	81	EITV	Star Slitdown		Meg Ryan: The E! THS		Saturday Night Live [G]		Palms	Total High	Howard S.	Howard S.	
22	56	ESPN	College Baseball: NCAA World Series		World Series		Baseball Tonight [G]		SportsCenter (Live) [G]		Golf: U.S. Open		
54	57	ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing: K&N Filters SuperNationals		Filters SuperNationals		NHRA Drag Racing		SportsCenter (Live) [G]		Baseball Tonight [G]		
32	46	FAM	** "The Sandlot" (1993) Tom Guiry.		Who? / Whose? [G]		Who? / Whose? [G]		Videos	Videos	Videos	Videos	
59	-	FIT TV	Ultimate Goals [G]		FitNation [G]		Peak Performance [G]		Ultimate Goals [G]		FitNation [G]		
35	31	FMC	*** "Call Me Madam" (1953, Musical) Ethel Merman.		*** "There's No Business Like Show Business" (1954)								
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Ice Cream Parlor" [G]		Ice Cream Unwrapped [G]		Food Finds: Frosty Treats [G]		Iron Chef Challenger Takashi Mera.		Emeril Live "Ice Cream Parlor" [G]		
13	7	FOX	Cops (N) [G]		Cops (N) [G]		America's Most Wanted: Fights Back [G]		She Spies Shane suffers acute memory loss. [G]		Mad TV Arlie Lange: Jeff Probst. (N) [G]		LAPD: Life on the Beat [G]
40	38	FX	NASCAR Racing Busch Series -- Meijer 300. (Live)		NASCAR Drivers 360 [G]		*** "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998)						
30	55	FXSP	High School Baseball [G]		Rockies [G]		MLS Soccer Real Salt Lake at San Jose Earthquakes. (Live)		Boxing Glen Johnson vs. Antonio Tarver. (Live) [G]		FSN Amer	Myers	
5	14	HBO	(3:00) "Empire Falls" [G]		** "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. (N) [G]								
62	67	HGTV	Design Decorating [G]		Designer [G]		reDesign [G]		Design	Design	City Grdn	Trading Up [G]	Design
58	52	HIST	*** "Apocalypse Now" (1979, Drama) Marlon Brando, Martin Sheen. Premiere. Francis Ford Coppola's surreal drama of the Vietnam War. [G]										
25	35	IND	*** "Spider-Man" (2002, Action) (PA) Tobey Maguire. A bite from a mutant spider gives a teen unusual powers. [G]		** "I Spy" (2002) (PA) Eddie Murphy. A spy recruits a boxer to help him retrieve a stolen plane. [G]								
18	63	LIFE	(5:00) "Unwed Father" [G]		"Abducted: A Father's Love" (1996) Chris Noth. [G]		Wild Card [G]						
23	77	MTV	Challenge [G]		Challenge [G]		Challenge [G]		Challenge [G]		Challenge [G]		Challenge [G]
3	9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight [G]		9 Who Care [G]		** "The Bone Collector" (1999) (PA) Denzel Washington. A paralyzed detective guides the hunt for a serial killer. [G]		News [G]		Saturday Night Live [G]		
8	8	NBC	Dateline NBC [G]		** "The Bone Collector" (1999) (PA) Denzel Washington. A paralyzed detective guides the hunt for a serial killer. [G]		News [G]		Saturday Night Live Liam Neeson; Modest Mouse. (N) [G]				
34	43	NICK	Jimmy Neutron: Gen. All That (N) [G]		Drake [G]		Full House [G]		Fresh Pr. [G]		Fresh Pr. [G]		Cosby [G]
2	2	PBS	Keeping Up With the Kardashians [G]		As Time Goes By [G]		The Lawrence Walk Show "Father's Day" [G]		Red Green [G]		Austin City Limits "Ben Harper" (N) [G]		Soundstage "Ronald Isley and Burt Bacharach" [G]
38	83	SCIFI	"Shark 3" [G]		"Hammerhead: Shark Frenzy" (2005) Premiere. [G]		"Dark Waters" (2004, Horror) Lorenzo Lamas. [G]						
61	41	SPK	(3:00) "The Godfather" [G]		Wildcat Police Videos [G]		Most Amazing Videos [G]		** "Mortal Kombat Annihilation" (1997) (N) [G]		Trading Spaces "Oklahoma: Route 1" (N) [G]		
39	51	TLC	In a Fix Patio room. (N)		While You Were Out [G]		What Not to Wear "Will" Ditching hillbilly fashions. [G]		Moving Up [G]		Trading Spaces "Oklahoma: Route 1" (N) [G]		
28	37	TNT	Into the West [G]				*** "Dances With Wolves" (1990) Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell. [G]		Outrageous Trucks [G]		World Poker Tour [G]		
51	86	TRAV	World Poker Tour [G]										
21	82	TVLND	Top 10 [G]		Top 10 [G]		Top 10 [G]		Top 10 [G]		3's Co. [G]		3's Co. [G]
60	89	UNIV	Sábado Gigante [G]				Impacto [G]		Noticiero [G]		Otro Rollo [G]		
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU [G]		Law & Order: SVU [G]		Law & Order: SVU [G]		Law & Order: SVU [G]		Law Order: CI [G]		The 4400 [G]
12	3	WB	Bewitched [G]		Bewitched [G]		Bewitched [G]		Bewitched [G]		Friends [G]		Everybody-Raymond [G]
99	36	WGN	MLB Baseball: Dodgers at White Sox [G]				WGN News at Nine [G]		Becker [G]		* "Murphy's Law" (1986) [G]		

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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	The First 48 "Devil's Candy" (N) [G]		Family Plots (N) [G]		Family Plots [G]		Intervention [G]		CSI: Miami "Blood Moon" (N) [G]		The First 48 "Devil's Candy" (N) [G]
4	6	ABC	Makeover: Home [G]		(.31) NBA Game Time [G]		NBA Basketball Finals Game 5 -- San Antonio Spurs at Detroit Pistons. (Live) [G]		News [G]		(.05) Seinfeld [G]		Lawyer on the Line [G]
26	48	ANPL	Dragons: A Fantasy Made Real Mythical dragons. [G]				Animal X Alien cat reports in Australia. [G]		Dragons: A Fantasy Made Real Mythical dragons. [G]				
63	54	BRAVO	Inside the Actors Studio "Everybody Loves Raymond." [G]		Eagles Farewell I Tour [G]		The band performs. [G]						Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Paul P." [G]
7	11	CBS	Cold Case "Sleepover" [G]		"Twelve Mile Road" (2003, Drama) Tom Selleck, Wendy Crewson. (DVS) [G]		News [G]		(.35) News [G]		(.05) The Twilight Zone [G]		
24	50	DISC	American Chopper "Gillette Bike 2" [G]		American Chopper "NAPA Drag Bike 1" [G]		American Chopper "NAPA Drag Bike 2" [G]		JFK Conspiracy Kennedy assassination. [G]		Greatest American "The Great Debate" (TV) (N) [G]		
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible "Buzz on Maggie" [G]		Lizzie McGuire "Phil of the Future" [G]		Zack & Cody "That's So Raven" [G]		** "Max Keeble's Big Move" (2001, Comedy) Alex D. Linz, Larry Miller. [G]				
49	81	EITV	Jennifer Aniston [G]		Saturday Night Live [G]		Fight for Fame (N) [G]						
22	56	ESPN	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago White Sox. (Live) [G]				SportsCenter (Live) [G]						
54	57	ESPN2	College Baseball: NCAA World Series		Series-Poker [G]		SportsCenter (Live) [G]						
32	46	FAM	(5:00) *** "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) [G]				Videos [G]		Videos [G]		J. Osteen [G]		Feed [G]
59	-	FIT TV	Low Carb [G]		Low Carb [G]		FitTV's Housecalls [G]		Peak Performance [G]		Low Carb [G]		Low Carb [G]
35	31	FMC	*** "The King and I" (1956, Musical) Yul Brynner, Deborah Kerr.				Hour of Stars [G]						"Father-Fullback" [G]
53	68	FOOD	The Next Food Network Star "Part 3" [G]		The Next Food Network Star "Part 4" (N) [G]		Build a Better Burger (N) [G]		Unwrapped [G]		Unwrapped [G]		The Next Food Network Star "Part 3" [G]
13	7	FOX	The Simpsons [G]		The Simpsons [G]		Family Guy "Petarded" [G]		American Dad (N) [G]		Stargate SG-1 "Heroes" (Part 1 of 2) [G]		The Outer Limits "Re-vival" (N) [G]
40	38	FX	*** "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover.		*** "High Crimes" (2002) Ashley Judd, Morgan Freeman. [G]								
30	55	FXSP	Boxing: Sunday [G]		Poker Superstars [G]		Poker Superstars [G]		Beyond the Glory [G]		Rockies [G]		Track [G]
5	14	HBO	(4:30) *** "Seabiscuit" (2003) "PG-13" [G]		*** "Stuck on You" (2003) Matt Damon, Conjoined twins star on a TV show with Cher. "PG-13" [G]				The Sopranos "Christopher" (N) [G]		Entourage (N) [G]		The Comeback (N) [G]
62	67	HGTV	Designed [G]		Want That [G]		Great Outdoor Kitchens [G]		Home-Housew [G]		Renovation [G]		Kitchen [G]
58	52	HIST	The Boneyard Following the afterlife of modern machinery through salvage operations. (N) [G]		Conquerors "Napoleon's Greatest Victory" (N) [G]		Automaniac: Super Cars Ultimate sports cars. [G]						
25	35	IND	*** "What Women Want" (2000) Mel Gibson. A chauvinistic ad executive can suddenly read women's minds. [G]		*** "What Women Want" (2000) Mel Gibson. A chauvinistic ad executive can suddenly read women's minds. [G]								
18	63	LIFE	(5:00) "Love Lessons" [G]		Strong Medicine (N) [G]		Missing (N) [G]		Missing "Puzzle Box" [G]		Wild Card [G]		
23	77	MTV	Pimp Ride [G]		Pimp Ride [G]		Flavorite [G]		Bam [G]		Viva Bam [G]		Bam [G]
3	9	NBC	Dateline NBC [G]				Law & Order: Criminal Intent [G]		Crossing Jordan "It Happened One Night" [G]		News [G]		(.35) The West Wing "7A WF 83429" [G]
8	8	NBC	(5:00) Dateline NBC [G]		Law & Order: Criminal Intent [G]		Crossing Jordan "It Happened One Night" [G]		News [G]		(.35) The West Wing "7A WF 83429" [G]		(.35) Inside Edition [G]
34	43	NICK	Zoey 101 [G]		The Team [G]		Fatherhood [G]		Fatherhood [G]		Fatherhood [G]		Fatherhood [G]
2	2	PBS	Forces of the Wild (Part 3 of 5) (DVS) [G]		Mystery! "Dead Gorgeous" A chance meeting between two old friends results in murder. (N) [G]				Globe Trekker Tibetan lama monastery. (N) [G]		Mystery! "Miss Marple: Murder at the Vicarage" [G]		
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) *** "Pythons 2" [G]		"Boa vs. Python" (2004, Horror) David Hewlett. [G]				Scare [G]		Scare [G]		The Outer Limits [G]
61	41	SPK	(3:00) "The Godfather, Part II" (1974) [G]		Real TV [G]		WWE Heat [G]		*** "Another 48 HRS." (1990) Eddie Murphy. [G]				
39	51	TLC	Drydock: A Cruise Ship Reborn [G]		Drydock: A Cruise Ship Reborn "The Reveal" [G]		Trading Spaces: Family Rooms (N) [G]		Rocket Rigs "Truck vs. Truck" (N) [G]		Rocket Rigs "Truck vs. Truck" (N) [G]		
28	37	TNT	Into the West [G]				Into the West [G]						
51	86	TRAV	National Parks [G]		Alaska's Arctic Wildlife [G]		Alaska Wide Open [G]		National Parks [G]		Alaska's Arctic Wildlife [G]		
21	82	TVLND	Bonanza [G]		Bonanza "The Gift" [G]		Bonanza [G]		Bonanza "The Legacy" [G]		Cheers [G]		Cheers [G]
60	89	UNIV	(5:00) La Parodia [G]		Hora Pico [G]		La Jaula [G]		Ver Para Creer [G]		Impacto [G]		Noticiero [G]
20	34	USA	(5:00) "Big Daddy" [G]		The 4400 (N) [G]		The Dead Zone (N) [G]		Law & Order: SVU [G]		The 4400 [G]		
12	3	WB	Charmed "Little Box of Horrors" [G]		Charmed "Freaky Phoebe" [G]		Steve Harvey's Big Time Challenge [G]		News [G]		News [G]		Everybody-Raymond [G]
99	36	WGN	* "Tarzan and the Lost City" (1998) [G]		WGN News [G]		WGN News [G]		Maximum Exposure [G]		The Twilight Zone [G]		

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36	53	A&E	Airline (N) [G]		Airline [G]		Growing Up Gotti [G]		Growing Up Gotti [G]		Crossing Jordan "Secrets & Lies" [G]		Airline [G]
4	6	ABC	The Scholar (N) [G]		*** "Patch Adams" (1999, Comedy-Drama) Robin Williams, Daniel London. (N) [DVS]		News [G]		(.35) Nightline [G]		(.06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Ying Yang Twins. [G]		
26	48	ANPL	Who Gets the Dog? Shi Tzu mix.		That's My Baby Sassy the camel is expecting. [G]		Animal Cops Houston "Survivors" [G]		Who Gets the Dog? Shi Tzu mix. [G]				
63	54	BRAVO	The West Wing "Slow News Day" (N) [G]		The West Wing [G]		The West Wing "An Khe" (N) [G]		The West Wing "Full Disclosure" (N) [G]		The West Wing "Inauguration" [G]		