

Brother-in-laws' actions makes Mom uneasy

DEAR ABBY: My 44-year-old brother-in-law, "Bryce," still lives at home. He has never dated, nor has he had any kind of adult relationship in his life. He is extremely affectionate toward children, especially males. He buys gifts for the neighborhood kids, and they all think the world of him. My in-laws say Bryce is just a big kid and harmless. I think his behavior is abnormal.



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• dear abby

Last week, I came home early from work. When I came through the door, I surprised Bryce saying goodbye to my 10-year-old son. Bryce was rubbing his hands up and down my son's arms and saying, "Goodbye, sweetheart. I love you." When he saw me, Bryce immediately stopped. He seemed caught off guard and embarrassed, and left quickly.

My husband was in another part of the house and didn't see or hear his brother and our son by the back door. I expressed my concern to my husband later, after our son had gone to bed. I told him I was uncomfortable about the idea of his brother being alone with our son. My husband dismissed the whole thing, saying Bryce is harmless. My gut tells me otherwise. What should I do? — WORRIED MOM IN NEW YORK
DEAR WORRIED: Listen to your gut and talk to your child about what is appropriate behavior — and "touch" — and what isn't. Sometimes children who have been molested keep it a secret because they

feel they are responsible for it and are afraid they'll be punished.
Tell your son that no matter what, he can always come to you and tell you anything because you love him and you're on his side. Let him know that if he has any questions about anything, you will make the time to hear them and answer them honestly. Repeat that message often. It's one way to protect your child, and will reap many dividends.
DEAR ABBY: I have known a certain 14-year-old girl, "Haley," since she was 7. I help take care of her now and then because her mother is a drug addict and is rarely around. Haley lives at her friend's house, and she is starting to become sexually active.

She goes very far, but hasn't gone all the way yet.
Would it be wrong of me to take Haley to a birth control clinic and have the counselors speak with her and get her on birth control? The woman she lives with doesn't seem to care what the girl does and figures she shouldn't have to because it isn't her kid. This young lady needs to be steered in the right direction and I want to help. — WORRIED IN BRIDGEVIEW, ILL.
DEAR WORRIED: You are caring and intelligent. With no adult supervision, your young friend is on a collision course with disaster. You are in a position to prevent it from happening. By all means take her to

a clinic where she can not only get birth control, but also learn how to prevent a sexually transmitted disease that could damage her health and/or fertility. It would be a tremendous kindness.
DEAR ABBY: I have six sisters. We all share the same mother, but only one sister has the same father as I do. This is my only "real" sister, right? The others are my stepsisters, right? Please answer this. — NEEDS TO KNOW, ROCHESTER, N.Y.
DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: The sister who shares the same father with you is your full-blooded sister. The other five are your half-sisters. Stepsisters are related by marriage only.

SATURDAY EVENING										E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone		JULY 30, 2005			
E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30			
36	47	A&E	City Confidential [E]		Cold Case Files "Mistaken for a Killer; A Woman Scorned; Kidnapped" Child is shot. [E]				American Justice "The Wrath of Mrs. Jones"		City Confidential [E]				
4	6	ABC	★★★ "K-PAX" (2001, Drama) Kevin Spacey, Jeff Bridges. Premiere. A therapist's new patient claims to be an extraterrestrial. [E]				News [E]		(:35) Seinfeld [E]		(:05) Entertainment Tonight (N) [E]				
6	54	ANPL	The Planet's Funniest Animals [E]		Amazing Animal Videos		Amazing Animal Videos Talented animals. [E]		The Planet's Funniest Animals [E]		Amazing Animal Videos [E]				
3	67	BRAVO	★★★ "Pulp Fiction" (1994, Drama) John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson. Criminals cross paths in three interlocked tales of mayhem. 'R' [E]				Bobby Brown		Bobby Brown		Bobby Brown				
7	11	CBS	Big Brother 6 (N) [E]		Without a Trace "Lost and Found" [E]		48 Hours Mystery "Secrets of the Well" [E]		News [E]		Drew Carey				
55	42	DISC	American Hot Rod '59 Chevy Low Rider 4"		Stealth Secrets [E]		American Chopper "Dixie Chopper 1" [E]		Titanic: Birth of the Legend		Last Mysteries of the Titanic				
3	56	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	Buzz on Maggie	Naturally Sadie [E]	Phil of the Future [E]	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven [E]	Click It to Pick It "American Dragon: Jake Long" "American Dragon: Jake Long."						
49	66	EITV	THS Investigates: Mind of a Serial Killer				Saturday Night Live [E]		Dr. 90210		Howard S. [E]				
22	28	ESPN	Comp. Eating				City Slam (N)		Baseball Tonight [E]		SportsCenter (Live) [E]				
23	29	ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing: Fram Autolite - Qualifying				Muscle		WTA Tennis: Bank of the West Classic		Semifinal				
32	58	FAM	"Pizza My Heart" (2005) Shiri Appleby. [E]				Who's? [E]		Venus [E]		Videos [E]				
35	-	FMC	★★★ "The Hot Rock" (1972) Robert Redford. [E]				★★★ "The Dolly Sisters" (1946) Betty Grable. [E]		"Only Game"						
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live Cream of leek and potato soup.				Julia Child: A Tribute		TV's Greatest Food Moments		Iron Chef America "Flay vs. Lang"				
13	7	FOX	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back				She Spies "Love Kills" Search for assassins. [E]		Mad TV [E]				
40	41	FX	★★★ "Speed" (1994, Suspense) Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper. [E]				★★ "Swimfan" (2002) Jesse Bradford. [E]		Rocky Mt. Rockies						
30	27	FXSP	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Colorado Rockies. (Live)				M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Track				
-	60	HALL	(5:00) "Hang 'Em High" [E]				"Hard Ground" (2003) Burt Reynolds. [E]		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H				
5	-	HBO	"Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" [E]				(:15) ★★★ "Big Fish" (2003, Drama) Ewan McGregor. A young man investigates his father's tall tales. [E]		★★ "Paparazzi" (2004) Cole Hauser. Premiere. [E]		PG-13 [E]				
62	44	HGTV	Design [E]	Decorating [E]	Designer [E]	reDesign [E]	Design [E]	Design [E]	City Grdn [E]	Trading Up [E]	Design [E]	Decorating [E]			
48	48	HIST	Deep Sea Detectives "Damn the Torpedoes!" [E]				Punishment The evolution of criminal punishment. [E]		Mysterious Disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa [E]		Deep Sea Detectives "Damn the Torpedoes!" [E]				
58	38	IND	(5:00) MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live) [E]				★★★ "Jerry Maguire" (1996, Comedy-Drama) Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr. A crisis of conscience costs a sports agent his job. [E]		Strong Medicine [E]		"Colder-Death" [E]				
25	63	LIFE	"Verdict in Blood" (2002) [E]				"A Killing Spring" (2002) Wendy Crewson. [E]		Real World Real World		Laguna Beach				
18	74	MTV	Sweet 16 [E]		Sweet 16 [E]		Diary [E]		Punk'd [E]		Real World Real World				
3	9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight (N) [E]				The West Wing "Impact Winter" [E]		The West Wing "Faith-Based Initiative" [E]		Revelations (Part 2 of 6) [E]				
8	8	NBC	The West Wing "Impact Winter" [E]				The West Wing "Faith-Based Initiative" [E]		Revelations (Part 2 of 6) [E]		News [E]				
54	55	NICK	Danny Phantom [E]				All That [E]		Drake [E]		Foxworthy [E]				
2	2	PBS	High School Football From Manhattan, Kan. (Live)				Foxworthy [E]		Foxworthy [E]		Foxworthy [E]				
38	71	SCIFI	"John Carpenter" [E]				"Bloodsuckers" (2005) Joe Lando. Premiere. [E]		★★★ "Dagon" (2001) Ezra Godden. [E]		★★★ "Road House" (1989) Patrick Swayze. [E]				
61	72	SPK	(5:00) ★★★ "Live and Let Die" (1973) [E]				Most Amazing Videos [E]		★★★ "Road House" (1989) Patrick Swayze. [E]		Moving Up Apartment looks too masculine. [E]				
39	43	TLC	Clean Sweep "Where the Toys Are" [E]				While You Were Out [E]		What Not to Wear Radio host gets a new look. [E]		Trading Spaces (N) [E]				
28	40	TNT	NASCAR Racing Busch Series -- Wallace Family Tribute 250. (Live) [E]				Five Takes (Europe) (N) [E]		World Poker Tour [E]		World Poker Tour [E]				
51	49	TRAV	World Poker Tour [E]				Five Takes (Europe) (N) [E]		World Poker Tour [E]		World Poker Tour [E]				
21	59	TVLND	Bonanza "The Colonel" [E]				Griffith [E]		Sanford [E]		GoodTime [E]				
60	79	UNIV	Sábado Gigante [E]				Griffith [E]		Sanford [E]		GoodTime [E]				
37	37	USA	Law & Order: SVU [E]				Law & Order: SVU [E]		Law & Order: SVU [E]		Law Order: CI [E]				
12	3	WB	Friends [E]		Everybody-Raymond [E]		★★★ "Wide Awake" (1998, Drama) Joseph Cross, Timothy Reitsnyder. [E]		News [E]		(:45) Sports Replay [E]				
99	39	WGN	(5:30) ★★ "Extreme Measures" (1996) [E]				WGN News at Nine [E]		Becker [E]		★★★ "Almost Dead" (1994) Shannen Doherty. [E]				

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