

# 'Thin' hubby has her leery of pregnancy



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• dear abby

ing a family. Frankly, I'm scared to death of becoming pregnant because of Troy's feelings about weight. I admit to being vain—I'm 5-foot-10, a size 6, and I work hard to stay that way. Troy loves the fact that I'm built this way, and he never fails to compliment me or make me feel sexy. I am terrified about how he will react to me during and after the pregnancy. Troy says he'll love me just the way I am, no matter what that is,

but 10 minutes later he'll make a comment about how glad he is he didn't marry a fat woman. I have tried talking to him about weight gain during pregnancy. He says pregnancy is "different," and I'll lose all the weight after the baby is born.

We both want children and can support a child financially, but I'm very concerned about what the pregnancy could do to our marriage. Have you any advice? —**BABY BLUES IN CHARLESTON, S.C.**

**DEAR BABY BLUES:** Your concern is justified. Your husband's bias against large people has you between a rock and a hard place. How nice to hear that he will love

you "just the way you are, no matter what that is" — but what if you aren't able to "lose all the weight" after the baby is born?

You and your husband should schedule an appointment with your ob/gyn to discuss pregnancy and all of its ramifications, with an emphasis on the changes it brings about during and after gestation. It takes a man to be a husband and father — and frankly, it appears your mate has some growing up to do before he becomes a father.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am engaged to a wonderful man, "Evan," who has two children ages 4 and 6. I love Evan dearly and we get along well in every area except one — his younger

child, "Melissa." She is very badly behaved, and I suspect she has ADHD — but Evan and his ex-wife refuse to take her to a doctor.

After we are married, Melissa will be sharing a bedroom with my daughter, "Sasha." Melissa is very destructive, and I know Sasha will not be happy when Melissa trashes her toys and belongings.

The main reason Evan and I have not gone forward with our plans is Melissa. I don't know what to do. I'm losing patience with my fiancé and his unwillingness to address his daughter's problems. There are problems in every situation with Melissa — home, school, baby sitters, family functions, outings. I

dread taking her anywhere. A 4-year-old is controlling my future, Abby. Please help me. —**STEP-MOM-TO-BE IN ILLINOIS**

**DEAR STEP-MOM-TO-BE:** One way to prevent Melissa from controlling your future is to take back control for yourself. The child clearly has issues that need to be addressed, and your fiancé appears to be stuck in denial. Think again how this will affect your daughter if Melissa doesn't get the help she's crying out for. If I were in your shoes, I'd give my fiancé an ultimatum: Have his daughter medically and psychologically evaluated, or no wedding. (In your case that would be a win-win situation.)

SATURDAY EVENING				E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone							SEP. 17, 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	Cold Case Files Actor Bob Crane; Barry Scheck.			The First 48		American Justice "A Warrant to Kill"		Cold Case Files				
4	6	ABC	★ "Armageddon" (1998, Action) Bruce Willis, Billy Driggers must destroy an earthbound asteroid.			Bob Thornton. Misfit oil		News	(:35) Seinfeld	(:05) Seinfeld	Star Trek: Enterprise			
26	54	ANPL	The Planet's Best Animal Commercials			Funnies Animals: Viewer's Choice		The Planet's Best Animal Commercials		Funnies Animals: Viewer's Choice				
63	67	BRAVO	AFI's 100 Years... 100 Movie Quotes The institute's top-100 movie quotes.			Plants Funnies Animals		AFI's 100 Years... 100 Movie Quotes The institute's top-100 movie quotes.		Plants Funnies Animals				
7	11	CBS	College Football Tennessee at Florida.					News	(:35) Paid Program	(:05) Paid Program	(:35) Paid Program			
55	42	DISC	It Takes a Thief Fraterni-ty robbery.			American Plumber		Inside Pro Wrestling School		World's Strongest Boy				
33	56	DISN	Buzz on Maggie			Naturally Sadie		★★ "Max Keeble's Big Move" (2001, Comedy) Alex D. Linz, Larry Miller. PG						
49	66	EITV	The 2005 Creative Arts Awards (N)			Zack & Cody		Taradise		Taradise				
22	28	ESPN	(5:45) College Football Florida State at Boston College.			Zack & Cody		Howard S.		Howard S.				
23	29	ESPN2	College Football Wisconsin at North Carolina.			Gameday		Arm Wrest		Arm Wrest				
32	58	FAM	★★ "View From the Top" (2003, Comedy)			★★★★ "Rent Control" (2002) Melissa Joan Hart.		Arm Wrest		Arm Wrest				
35	-	FMC	★★★ "Silver Streak" (1976) Gene Wilder.			★★★ "French Kiss" (1995) Meg Ryan.		Videos		Videos				
53	45	FOOD	Next Food Star			Home Cooking		Paula's Cooking Class (N)		Cooking Clubs (N)				
13	7	FOX	Cops (N)			Cops		America's Most Wanted-Fights Back		She Spies "Stranded" Plane crash.				
40	41	FX	(5:00) ★★ "Hush"			★★★ "Sleeping With the Enemy" (1991)		★★★ "Maid in Manhattan" (2002) Jennifer Lopez.						
30	27	FXSP	(5:00) College Football Rice at Texas.			(:15) College Football Arkansas at USC.		★★★★ "Jules Verne's Mysterious Island" (2005) Kyle MacLachlan, Patrick Stewart.						
-	60	HALL	"Jules Verne's Mysterious Island" (2005) Kyle MacLachlan, Patrick Stewart.					★★★★ "Resident Evil: Apocalypse" (2004, Horror) Milla Jovovich. R		(:45) Rome				
5	-	HBO	★★★ "The Medallion" (2003, Action) Jackie Chan. PG-13			★★★ "Breakin' All the Rules" (2004) Jamie Foxx. PG-13		★★★★ "Resident Evil: Apocalypse" (2004, Horror) Milla Jovovich. R		(:45) Rome				
62	44	HGTV	Design			Decorating Designer		reDesign		Design				
58	48	HIST	★★★ "Battle of the Bulge" (1965, Adventure) Henry Fonda, Robert Shaw. Weather-beaten American GIs face a massive German assault.					Digging for the Truth		★★★ "Battle of the Bulge" (1965)				
25	38	IND	(5:00) College Football Fresno State at Oregon.					★ "Exit Wounds" (2001, Action) Steven Seagal, DMX.		College Football				
18	63	LIFE	(5:00) "Snap Decision"			"Living in Fear" (2001) William R. Moses.		Strong Medicine		"Formula for Death"				
54	74	MTV	Reality			Top Videos of the Week		Real World		Punk'd				
3	9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight			Headlines; premieres.		★★★ "The Terminator" (1984, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton.		9News on Assignment: HD Wildlife Special				
8	8	NBC	Outrageous TV			Unforgettable Moments in Television Entertainment		Law & Order "The Sixth Man"		News	Saturday Night Live Paul Giamatti; Ludacris.			
34	55	NICK	School			Drake		All That		Amanda				
2	2	PBS	Daniel O'Donnell: Branson Encore			Daniel O'Donnell and guests perform.		My Music Number 104: love and protest.		The 60s Experience				
38	71	SCIFI	"Thirteen Ghosts"			★ "Dracula 3000: Infinite Darkness" (2004)		★ "Jason X" (2002) Lexa Doig, Lisa Ryder.						
61	72	SPK	S.I. Swimsuit			★★ "Die Another Day" (2002, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry.				Most Irresistible Women				
39	43	TLC	Clean Sweep			Extra clothes. (N)		While You Were Out		What Not to Wear				
28	40	TNT	★★ "U.S. Marshals" (1998, Suspense) Tommy Lee Jones.			★★ "U.S. Marshals" (1998, Suspense) Tommy Lee Jones.								
51	49	TRAV	World Poker Tour					Anthony Bourdain		World Poker Tour				
21	59	TVLND	Little House			TV Land		Sanford		GoodTime				
60	79	UNIV	Sábado Gigante					Impacto		Noticiero				
20	37	UNV	Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI				
12	3	WB	Star Trek: Enterprise "Broken Bow"			★★ "The Mighty Quinn" (1989, Drama) Denzel Washington, Robert Townsend.		News	(:45) Sports Replay	Everybody-Raymond	Will & Grace			
99	39	WGN	★★★ "RoboCop 2" (1990) Peter Weller.			WGN News at Nine		Becker		Becker	Hidden			

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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	47	A&E	Bounty Hunter			Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		CSI: Miami "Losing Face"	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter
4	6	ABC	(5:00) ★★ "Pearl Harbor" (2001, Drama) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett. Two life-long friends are caught up in the Japanese attack.			News		(:35) Seinfeld		Lawyer on the Line		Diamond	Adventures	
26	54	ANPL	Pet Star "Pet Star's Greatest Moments 2" Highlights of strange, funny and amazing acts.			The Planet's Best Animal Commercials		Pet Star "Pet Star's Greatest Moments 2" Highlights of strange, funny and amazing acts.						
63	67	BRAVO	Inside the Actors Studio			★★ "The Jackal" (1997, Suspense) Bruce Willis. An imprisoned Angelina Jolie. Irishman accepts an offer to nab an assassin. R		Battle of the Network Reality Stars				Actors Studio		
7	11	CBS	The 57th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards			Ceremonies honor TV excel-lence.		News		(:35) News		(:05) Paid Program	(:35) Paid Program	
55	42	DISC	World's Strongest Boy			Supersize She		Going Tribal		Dirty Jobs "Chick Sexer"		Dirty Jobs	Surfboard Shaping	
33	56	DISN	Phil of the Future			That's So Raven		Naturally Sadie (N)		Life With Derek		Zack & Cody	That's So Raven (N)	
49	66	EITV	Fashion Dos and Don'ts			Girls		Filthy Rich: Cattle Drive		El's Live 2005 Emmy Awards Post Show (N)				
22	28	ESPN	NFL			NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Oakland Raiders.				SportsCenter				
23	29	ESPN2	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Florida Marlins. (Subject to Blackout)					Series of Poker		Poker		Baseball		
32	58	FAM	(5:00) ★★ "The Sandlot"			★★★ "The Sandlot" (2005) James Earl Jones.		Videos		Videos		J. Osteen	Feed	
35	-	FMC	★★★ "9 to 5" (1980) Jane Fonda, Dolly Parton.			★★★ "Prelude to a Kiss" (1992) Alec Baldwin.		★ "Folks!" (1992)						
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live "Luscious Legs" (N)			Iron Chef America Cat Cora vs. Kerry Simon.		Great Chowder Cook-Off		Unwrapped "Snacks"		Unwrapped	Emeril Live "Luscious Legs"	
13	7	FOX	The Simpsons (N)			The War at Home (N)		Family Guy		American Dad (N)		Stargate SG-1: O'Neill processes information.	Kojak "The Trade-Off"	★ "Taffin" (1988, Drama) Pierce Brosnan.
40	41	FX	(5:00) ★★ "Bad Company" (2002) Chris Rock			★★★ "Black Hawk Down" (2001, Drama) Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor.								
30	27	FXSP	Beyond the Glory			Poker Superstars		Poker Superstars		PRIDE Fighting		Rockies	Track	
-	60	HALL	"Jan Doe: 'Til"			"Mystery Woman: Vision of Murder" (2005)		"Matlock: The Scam" (1995) Andy Griffith.						
5	-	HBO	(5:00) ★★ "Last Action Hero" (1993) Arnold Schwarzenegger.			(:15) ★ "Fathers Day" (1997, Comedy) Robin Williams, Billy Crystal. PG-13		Rome "An Owl in a Thornbush"		Rome "Stealing From Saturn" (N)				
62	44	HGTV	Designed			Want That		Guess Who Lived Here? Design		reDesign		Buy Me	Kitchen	
58	48	HIST	High Hitler Adolf Hitler's drug dependence.			Saddam's Doctor: An Insider's Story (N)		Band of Brothers		(:10) Shootout! "D-Day: Fallujah"		High Hitler Adolf Hitler's drug dependence.		
25	38	IND	★ "Exit Wounds" (2001, Action) Steven Seagal, DMX.			★★★ "Shaft" (2000, Action) Samuel L. Jackson, Vanessa Williams.		★ "Snake Eyes" (1998) Nicolas Cage.						
18	63	LIFE	"Deadly Betrayal"			Strong Medicine (N)		Missing "Try Again"		Wacky Wedding Videos		Wild Card		
54	74	MTV	Reality			Wild & Out		Wild & Out		King		Room Rdr	Room Rdr	
3	9	NBC	Dateline NBC			The West Wing "2162 Votes"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Great Barrier"		Crossing Jordan "Jump Push Fall"		News	(:35) Denver Huddle	
8	8	NBC	The West Wing "2162 Votes"			Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Great Barrier"		Crossing Jordan "Jump Push Fall"		News		(:35) The West Wing "An Knee"	(:35) Inside Edition (N)	
34	55	NICK	Zoey 101			Romeo!		Full House		Fresh Pr.		Hi-Jinks	Cosby	
2	2	PBS	(5:30) The Glenn Miller Spectacular			Andre Rieu: The Flying Dutchman		Andre Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra perform.		Globe Trekker "Mozambique"		Mystery! "Hetty Wainthropp Investigates"		
38	71	SCIFI	(5:10) ★★ "The Abyss" (1989) Ed Harris, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio.			Tripping		Scare		The Outer Limits				
61	72	SPK	SI Swimsuit			Most Irresistible Women		WWE Heat		★★★ "8MM" (1999, Drama) Nicolas Cage.				
39	43	TLC	Rides Jay Leno finds a treasure.			Rides "Impressions"		Trading Spaces: Family "Denver: Iroquois Drive"		Wild Child: The Story of Feral Children		David Blaine: Magic Man		
28	40	TNT	Law & Order			Law & Order		Wanted "Ronin" (N)		Law & Order "Ego"		"Demolition Man"		
51	49	TRAV	Drydock: Ship Reborn			Drydock: Ship Reborn		Drydock: Ship Reborn		Drydock: Ship Reborn		Drydock: Ship Reborn		
21	59	TVLND	Little House			Griffith		Sanford		GoodTime		All-Family		
60	79	UNIV	"Que No Corre"			La Hora Pico		Terremoto: 20		Impacto		Noticiero	Tras la Verdad	
20	37	USA	★★★ "The Mummy Returns" (2001) Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz.			Law & Order: SVU							The 400	
12	3	WB	★★★ "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (2002, Fantasy) Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Gollum becomes Frodo and Sam's guide to Mordor.									News	WB2 News	
99	39	WGN	★★★ "RoboCop 3" (1993) Robert John Burke.			Maximum Exposure		WGN News   Replay				The Twilight Zone		



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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	47	A&E	Growing Up Gotti			Growing Up Gotti (N)		Airline (N)		Airline "April Fool Moon"		Crossing Jordan "Blue Moon"	Growing Up Gotti	Growing Up Gotti
4	6	ABC	NFL Football: Saints vs. Giants			NFL Football Washington Redskins at Dallas Cowboys. From Texas Stadium in Irving, Texas.				News		(:35) Night-line		
26	54	ANPL	The Planet's Funniest Animals			Animal Precinct Dog shows signs of neglect.		Miami Animal Police A tiger visits the vet.		The Planet's Funniest Animals		Animal Precinct Dog shows signs of neglect.		
63	67	BRAVO	The West Wing "The War at Home"			The West Wing "Ellie"		The West Wing		The West Wing "The Stackhouse Filibuster"		The West Wing "Let Bartlet Be Bartlet"		
7	11	CBS	The King of Queens			How I Met Queens		Two and a Half Men		Out of Practice		CSI: Miami "From the Grave"	News	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N)
55	42	DISC	It Takes a Thief "Cops and Robbers"			Monster Garage "Ford Bronco/Rock Crawler"		American Chopper "Firebike 2"		Monster House "Sixties House" (N)		Monster Garage Zimmer becomes a log splitter.		
33	56	DISN	Kim Possible			The Proud Family		Sister, Sister		Phil of the Future (N)		That's So Raven	That's So Raven	★★ "Pixel Perfect" (2004) Ricky Ullman. A hologram sings for a struggling band. "NR"
49	66	EITV	Fashion-Emmy			Fashion-Dos and Don'ts		Fashion-Emmy		Fashion Dos and Don'ts		The Soup	Big Hair	
22	28	ESPN	Golf			NFL Football: Saints vs. Giants		Baseball Tonight				SportsCenter		
23	29	ESPN2	Shark Tour.			Billiards: WPBA		Billiards: WPBA		Billiards: WPBA		Hollywood	Poker	
32	58	FAM	Beautiful People			Who? Who?		Who? Who?		The 700 Club		Videos	Videos	
35	-	FMC	★★★ "Tony Rome" (1967) Frank Sinatra.			★★★ "White Men Can't Jump" (1992)		★★★ "Working Girl"						
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live Cooking for college students. (N)			Unwrapped		Unwrapped		The Secret Life Of...		The Secret Life Of...	Iron Chef Freshwater shrimp battle.	Emeril Live Bacon biscuits; country pork ribs.
13	7	FOX	Arrested Dev.			Kitchen Confid.		Prison Break "English Fitz or Percy" (N)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		Blind Date	Blind Date	Maury
40	41	FX	"Black Hawk Down"			King of Hill		King of Hill		70s Show		70s Show	★ "The One" (2001) Jet Li, Carla Gugino.	
30	27	FXSP	Pregame			MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Colorado Rockies. (Subject to Blackout)		Rocky Mt.		All-Access		Best-Sports		
-	60	HALL	Walker, Texas Ranger			★★★ "What the Deaf Man Heard" (1997)		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	
5	-	HBO	(4:30) ★★ "Contact" (1997) Jodie Foster. PG			★★★ "Napoleon Dynamite" (2004, Comedy) Jon Heder. PG		(:45) ★★ "Batman & Robin" (1997) Arnold Schwarzenegger. The dynamic duo returns to take on an icy villain. "PG-13"						
62	44	HGTV	In Attic			National Open House		Designed		House		Buy Me	Design	Painted
58	48	HIST	UFO Files "Britain's X-Files"			Decoding the Past Predicting future events.		Weird U.S. Tales from the grave.		Breaking Vegas Nearly undetectable scams.		UFO Files "Britain's X-Files"		
25	38	IND	Friends			Friends		Friends		Family Guy		Family Guy	★★★ "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Courteney Cox.	
18	63	LIFE	Will & Grace			"Partners" (2005, Comedy) Jay Harrington.		Will & Grace		How Clean		How Clean		
54	74	MTV	TRL (iTV)			Wild & Out		Wild & Out		Direct Effect		Sweet 16	Sweet 16	Laguna
3	9	NBC	News			Ent. Tonight		Surface (Series Premiere) (N)		Las Vegas "Viva Las Vegas"		Medium (Season Premiere) (N)	News	Tonight Show
8	8	NBC	Surface (Series Premiere) (N)			Las Vegas "Viva Las Vegas"		Medium (Season Premiere) (N)		News		(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)	Late Night	
34	55	NICK	SpongeBob/Zoey 101			Full House		Fresh Pr.		Cosby		Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Pr.
2	2	PBS	Antiques Roadshow "Memphis"			History Detectives (N)		In the Balance "BioAttack" (N)		BBC News		May to December	Charlie Rose (N)	
38	71													