

Stuck with nickname

DEAR ABBY: I am a 48-year-old woman who was known by my nickname, "Pudge," while I was in high school because so many other girls had the same common name.

After high school, I went back to my given name, and I have carefully told all my old friends that, while my nickname was cute for a 15-year-old, it no longer suited me. Most of them have made the change out of respect for me.

What should I tell my doctor's receptionist, who did not know me before, but insists on using my nickname? I have told her I prefer my given name, but she refuses to use it. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but I think she should address me as I introduced myself. I see this doctor four times a year, so I see her often. She also uses the nickname on mail sent to my home. The best she has ever done is to preface it with "Mrs." What should I do? — NO NICKNAME, PLEASE

DEAR N.N.P.: Because you have already spoken to the receptionist, and your request has been ignored, your next step should be to address your complaint to the doctor. Tell him how annoying it is that she continues to address you by a nickname you'd prefer to forget, and



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even puts it on your mail. And be sure to let him know that you expect him to put astop to it, because if he doesn't, you will take your business elsewhere. That should "cure" the problem.

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married for five years to a wonderful man I met on the Internet. He moved here to Idaho after our marriage. (He's from Minnesota).

We have traveled by road or by plane four or five times over the last five years to Minnesota to visit his relatives. However, my in-laws have made only one attempt to come to visit us. My father-in-law has since passed away. We flew to Minnesota for his funeral.

We have attempted many times to coax my mother-in-law to come to Idaho to visit us and the four grandkids we have had over the last five years, but she claims she's afraid of flying. When we suggested taking a bus, she came up with an-

other excuse.

We invited his mother to Idaho for Christmas and again she refused, saying e-mail, Internet photos and phone calls are enough for her. She is very involved with her friends, card games, weight-loss programs, Red Hat Society, etc. She is only 72 and healthy and wealthy.

I am very hurt that she makes no effort at all to see us. We can't afford to fly six of us there even once a year to visit. Have you any suggestions? I think she is being selfish, but don't know how to fix the problem, and my husband is very hurt by it. — FORGOTTEN IDAHO

DEAR FORGOTTEN: You can't change another person; you can only change the way you react to that person. Your mother-in-law appears to be selfish and self-centered, but much as you would like to, you can't change her. Continue to send her cards, photos and updates on her grandchildren's progress. However, you and your husband will be less hurt and disappointed if you accept the fact that his mother is flawed, do not personalize it any further and go on with your lives. Trust me on that!

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FRIDAY EVENING

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| E | S | E = Eagle Cable | | | | S = S&T Telephone | | | | | | | |
| 36 | 47 | A&E | Biography: Tommy Lee (TV G) | | Biography: Howard Stern: Exposed (TV G) | | Biography: Ozzy Osbourne (TV G) | | Random 1: Taking the Weight Off | | Biography: Tommy Lee (TV G) | | |
| 4 | 6 | ABC | Dancing (TVPG) (N) | Hope & Faith (HD) | In Justice: Pilot (TV14) (N) (HD) | | 20/20 (N) | | KAKE News at 10 | (.35) Nightline (N) | (.05) Jimmy Kimmel (TV14) (N) | | |
| 26 | 54 | ANPL | The Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G) | | Animal (TV G) | N.Shore (TV G) | Miami Animal Police: Super Snakes Princess | | The Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G) | | Animal (TV G) N.Shore (TV G) | | |
| 33 | 67 | BRAVO | "Backdraft" ('91, Action) ★★★ Kurt Russell, William Baldwin. Two brothers, who lose their father to a fire, become firefighters together. (R) | | | | | | | | | "Apollo 13" An explosion aboard the spacecraft causes concerns about the crew's return. | |
| 7 | 11 | CBS | Ghost Whisperer (N) (HD) | | Close to Home: The Good Doctor (N) (HD) | | Numbers: The O.G. (TVPG) (N) (HD) | | Eyewitness News | The Late Show with David Letterman (HD) | Ferguson (TV14) (N) | | |
| 35 | 42 | DISC | The Sphinx Unmasked (TVPG) | | Egypt Untold: The Curse of King Tut Howard Carter discovered Tut's tomb. (TVPG) | | The Suite (TVY7) | | Mysterious Death of Cleopatra (TVPG) | | The Sphinx Unmasked (TVPG) | | |
| 33 | 56 | DISN | Kim: The New Ron (TVY) | Proud (TVY) | Sister: My Guy (TVY) | Phil (TVY7) | The Suite (TVY7) | So Raven (TVY7) | "Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams" ('02) ★★½ The kids face a nefarious scientist. | | | | |
| 49 | 66 | E!TV | Sexiest Bodies | | E! Entertainment Specials: Christina Aguilera | | | | | | SNL (TV14) | Sexiest Bodies | |
| 22 | 28 | ESPN | ⚾ (5:00) PGA Tournament from Kapalua, Hawaii (Live) | | | | ⚾ NBA Basketball (Live) (HD) | | | | | | |
| 23 | 29 | ESPN2 | ⚾ NBA Basketball (Live) (HD) | | | | ⚾ SportsCenter (Live) (HD) | | | | | NFL Live | Outside |
| 32 | 58 | FAM | "Annie" ('82, Musical) The Depression's most famous orphan. (HD) | | | | | The 700 Club | | | Home Video | Home Video | |
| 35 | - | FMC | "The Gods Must Be Crazy" ('81, Comedy) | | | | | "Working Girl" ('88, Filmed on location) ★★★ | | | "Working Girl" ('88) | | |
| 33 | 45 | FOOD | Emeril Live: Vietnamese Cuisine (TV G) | | \$40 a Day (TV G) | Tasty: Anchorage (TV G) | Roker n Rd (TV G) | FoodNation (TV G) | Iron Chef: Spiny Lobster Battle (TV G) | | Emeril Live: Emeril's Restaurant Book | | |
| 13 | 7 | FOX | Bernie Mac (N) (HD) | Malcolm (N) (HD) | Trading Spouses: Dexter/Burgess (TVPG) | | Fox Report | | Blind Date (TVPG) | Blind Date (TVPG) | Mauzy: Paternity Part 2 (TVPG) (R) | | |
| 27 | 25 | FX | 70s | | 70s | King | King | 70s | 70s | 70s | 70s | | |
| 30 | 27 | FXSP | Total Ftbl | | Broncos | Playbook | Barber. | List | Best Sports | Broncos | Total Ftbl | | |
| - | 60 | HALL | Walker: Countdown | | "Out of the Woods" ('05) | | Visiting grandfather | | MASH | MASH | MASH | | |
| 5 | - | HBO | "Days of Thunder" ('91, Action) A brash but talented auto racer tries to balance love and career. (HD) | | | | | Inside the NFL: '05-'06 #17 (TVPG) | | "The Peacemaker" ('97, Thriller) ★★½ Pair seeks cache of doomsday bombs. (R) (HD) | | | |
| 32 | 44 | HGTV | Behind | Remix | Double | FreeStyle | Designer | House Hunt | Facelift | | Behind | | |
| 38 | 48 | HIST | Godfathers | | | Infamous godfathers of the Cosa Nostra. (TVPG) | | Heroes Under Fire: Urgent Fury (TVPG) | | Battlefield Detectives: The Civil War: Shiloh | | Godfathers Cosa Nostra. (TVPG) | |
| 25 | 38 | IND | Friends (TVPG) | Friends (TVPG) | "Sister Act" ('92) ★★ A Reno lounge singer targeted by the mob hides out in a convent. (PG) | | | (:05) "Corrina, Corrina" ('94, Drama) ★★ ★★ Widow hires a black housekeeper. (PG) | | | | | |
| 18 | 63 | LIFE | "Forever Love" ('98) | | "A Test of Love" ('99) A husband's secrets. | | | | | Will (HD) | Will (HD) | How Clean | |
| 34 | 74 | MTV | MADE | NEXT | My Own | Room Raid | True Life | | ET on MTV | Barkers | Gauntlet | | |
| 3 | 9 | NBC | 9 News (N) (HD) | ET (TV G) | Outrageous (TV14) | Outrageous (TV14) | Book of Daniel: Temptation and Forgiveness (TV14) (N) (HD) | | | | 9 News (N) (HD) | (.35) Jay Leno (HD) | |
| 8 | 8 | NBC | Outrageous (TV14) | Outrageous (TV14) | Book of Daniel: Temptation and Forgiveness (TV14) (N) (HD) | | | | KSN News at 10 | | (.35) The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (HD) | Conan O'Brien (HD) | |
| 34 | 55 | NICK | "Drake & Josh Go" | | Danny: Reign Storm | | Full House | Bel-Air | Bel-Air | Cosby | Roseanne | Roseanne | |
| 2 | 2 | PBS | Washington Week | Kansas Week | Market to Market | HeartInd (TV G) | Ballykissangel: Trying to Connect to You | | BBC World (TVPG) | RedGreen (TVPG) | Charlie Rose (N) | | |
| 38 | 71 | SCIFI | Stargate (TVPG) | | Stargate: The Hive | | Galactica | | Stargate (TVPG) | | Stargate: The Hive | | |
| 31 | 72 | SPK | Exposure: Going for It | | Police (TV14) | | CSI (TVPG) | | CSI: Mea Culpa | | CSI (TVPG) | | |
| 39 | 43 | TLC | While You: St. Charles: Cypriot Serenity | | Martha: Larry King (TV G) | | What Not to Wear: Best of 2005 | | What Not to Wear: Marcy (TVPG) | | What Not to Wear: Robin (TVPG) | | |
| 28 | 40 | TNT | "Remember the Titans" ('00) ★★★ Coach fights racism. | | | | | "Remember the Titans" ('00) ★★★ Coach fights racism. | | | | | |
| 51 | 49 | TRAV | City Atlantis (TV G) | | Haunted (TVPG) | | Weird: Bigfoot (TVPG) | | City Atlantis (TV G) | | Haunted (TVPG) | | |
| 21 | 59 | TVLND | Prairie (TV G) | | Griffith | Sanford | Times | Times | What's Hap | Cheers | Court | Sanford | |
| 30 | 79 | UNIV | Contra viento y | | Alborada | | Así es...G.G. | | Primer imp | | Noticiero | | |
| 20 | 37 | USA | Law & Order (HD) | | Law & Order (HD) | | Monk (TVPG) | | House: Pilot (HD) | | Law & Order (HD) | | |
| 12 | 3 | WB | Friends (TVPG) | Raymond (TV G) | Beauty and the Geek (TVPG) (R) | | Beauty and the Geek (TVPG) (R) | | WB2 News at Nine (N) | | Sex & City (TV14) | Will (TV14) | |
| 39 | 39 | WGN | "Fast Break" ('79, Comedy) | | Gabriel Kaplan. | | WGN News at Nine | | Sex & City | Becker | Home Videos | | |

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| 36 | 47 | A&E | "Jaws" ('75, Horror) ★★ ★★ ½ Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. A New England beach community is terrorized by a giant great white shark. (PG) | | | | | Dallas SWAT Capturing suspect. (TV14) | | "Jaws" ('75, Horror) ★★ ★★ ½ Shark attack. (PG) | | | |
| 4 | 6 | ABC |  NFL Playoff Wild Card game (Live) (HD) | | | | | KAKE News at 10 | Seinfeld (TVPG) | Seinfeld (TVPG) | Enterprise (TVPG) | | |
| 26 | 54 | ANPL | Road to the National Championships 2006 | | The Planet's Funniest (TV G) | | Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G) | | Road to the National Championships 2006 | | The Planet's Funniest (TV G) | | |
| 33 | 67 | BRAVO | "Apollo 13" ('95) ★★ ★★ ½ Spacecraft explosion | | Moving Image Salutes Ron Howard Film career honored. | | Moving Image Salutes Ron Howard Film career honored. | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (HD) | | | | |
| 7 | 11 | CBS | "Enough" ('02, Suspense/Thriller) A battered wife on the run decides to fight back. (R) (HD) | | | | | 48 Hours Mystery: Cold Case Alameda (N) | Eyewitness News | (:35) Drew Carey | (:05) Alias: The Prophecy | | |
| 35 | 42 | DISC | Blue Planet: Seas of Life: Ocean World | | Blue Planet: Seas of Life: Deep Ocean | | Blue Planet: Seas of Life: Frozen Seas | | Blue Planet: Seas of Life: Seasonal Seas | | A Haunting: Hell House (TVPG) | | |
| 33 | 56 | DISN | The Buzz (TVY7) | The Buzz (TVY7) | Naturally (TV G) | Life Derek (TV G) | The Suite (TVY7) | So Raven (TVY7) | "Recess: School's Out" ('01, Animated) The eternal winter laser beam plot. (G) | | | | |
| 49 | 66 | E!TV | Gastineau | | Gastineau | | The Girls | | The Girls | | Dr. 90210 (TV14) | | |
| 22 | 28 | ESPN |  (5:00) PGA Tournament from Kapalua, Hawaii (Live) | | | | |  SportsCenter (Live) (HD) | | Dr. 90210 (TV14) | | | |
| 23 | 29 | ESPN2 | Strong Man | | Strong Man | | Strong Man (Replay) | | Strong Man | | NFL Prime. Gamenight | | |
| 32 | 58 | FAM | "Au Pair" ('99, Comedy) ★★ Surprise job offer. | | | | | "Au Pair II" ('01) ★ ½ Marriage hampered. (NR) | | "Pop Rocks" ('04) | | | |
| 35 | - | FMC | "The Man with One Red Shoe" ('85) ★★ (PG) | | | | | "Zardoz" ('73, Sci-fi) ★★ Sean Connery. (R) | | "Frankenstein" ('90) | | | |
| 33 | 45 | FOOD | Emeril Live Culinary fun. (TV G) | | Foodnetwork Goes to Hollywood | | Paula Goes to Hollywood | | Iron Chef America: Morimoto vs. Feenie | | Emeril Live Culinary fun. (TV G) | | |
| 13 | 7 | FOX | Cops (TVPG) (N) | | Cops (TVPG) (R) | | America's Most Wanted (TVPG) | | St. Elsewhere: Lost Weekend | | Mad TV (TV14) (N) | | |
| 27 | 25 | FX | "Alien 4" | | | | | "Bedazzled" ('00) ★★ ½ Nerd sells his soul to the devil. | | "Dumb and Dumberer" Harry & Lloyd meet. | | | |
| 30 | 27 | FXSP | College Basketball Oregon State at California | | | | | College Bball Louisiana (Lafayette) at Denver | | FSN Live Poker | | | |
| - | 60 | HALL | Matlock (TVPG) | | "Murder 101" ('06, Mystery) Dick Van Dyke. | | | | | "Murder 101" ('91) ★★ Deadly assignment. | | | |
| 5 | - | HBO | "The Grudge" ('04) ★★ Deadly curse. (HD) | | (:15) "Batman & Robin" ('97, Action) ★ Mr. Freeze and the evil Poison Ivy plague Gotham City. (PG-13) (HD) | | | | | "Million Dollar Baby" Trainer takes on female boxing pupil. (HD) | | | |
| 32 | 44 | HGTV | Double | | Divine | | 1st Place | | reDesign | | Design Design | | |
| 38 | 48 | HIST | The Man who Predicted 9/11 (TVPG) | | Grounded on 9/11 Re-routed planes. | | Wild West Tech: Vices Legal vices. (TV G) | | Wild West Tech: Brothel Tech. (TV G) | | The Man who Predicted 9/11 (TVPG) | | |
| 25 | 38 | IND | "Save the Last Dance" ('01, Drama) ★★ Julia Stiles. Two teens share a love of dance. | | | | | "Sleepless in Seattle" ('93, Romance) ★★ ½ Tom Hanks. Boy plays cupid for widowed father. | | | | | |
| 18 | 63 | LIFE | "Rendering" ('02) ★★ | | "The Promise" ('99, Drama) ★★ Abuse victim. | | | | | "Mr. Jones" ('93, Drama) | | Love with patient. | |
| 34 | 74 | MTV | True Life | | True Life | | True Life | | True Life | | True Life | | |
| 3 | 9 | NBC | Miracles II: All Things Are Possible | | Book of Daniel: Temptation and Forgiveness (TV14) (N) (HD) | | | | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R) (HD) | | 9 News (N) (HD) | |
| 8 | 8 | NBC | Book of Daniel: Temptation and Forgiveness (TV14) (N) (HD) | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R) (HD) | | | | | KSN News at 10 | | Saturday Night Live: Eva Longoria; Korn (TV14) (R) (HD) | |
| 34 | 55 | NICK | "Drake & Josh Go" | | All That | | Amanda | | Full House | | Bel-Air | | |
| 2 | 2 | PBS | (4:30) HS Fball (Taped) | | Lawrence Welk: Big Bands (TV G) | | RedGreen (TVPG) | | Austin City Limits: Coldplay (TV G) (R) | | Bel-Air | | |
| 38 | 71 | SCIFI | "Manticore" ('05) ★ ½ | | "Caved In: Prehistoric Terror" | | | | | "Dinocroc" ('04) ★ ½ Half croc, half dino (R) | | | |
| 31 | 72 | SPK | "Volcano" ('97) ★★ ★★ Volcano erupts under LA. | | | | | Amazing (TV14) | | "New Jack City" ('91, Action) Drug overload. | | | |
| 39 | 43 | TLC | Clean Sweep: Messy Baby, Messy! (TV G) | | While You: Tolleason: WWYO Flight 411 | | | | | Property Ladder: Texas Tear-Down Turmoil | | Moving Up: Brothers' Rest To Lovers' Nest | |
| 28 | 40 | TNT | "Along Came a Spider" ('01) Kidnapped girl. | | | | | "Along Came a Spider" ('01) Kidnapped girl. | | | | | "Heat" ('95, Drama) |
| 51 | 49 | TRAV | World Poker Tour: Grand Prix de Paris | | | | | Casino (TVPG) | | | | | World Poker Tour: Grand Prix de Paris |
| 21 | 59 | TVLND | Sit Down | | Griffith | | Griffith | | Sanford | | Times | Times | |
| 30 | 79 | UNIV | Sábado gigante (TVPG) | | | | | Law & Order (HD) | | Law & Order (HD) | | Law & Order (HD) | |
| 20 | 37 | USA | Law & Order (HD) | | Law & Order (HD) | | Law & Order (HD) | | Law & Order (HD) | | Law & Order (HD) | Law & Order (HD) | |
| 12 | 3 | WB | Star Trek: Enterprise: Storm Front (TVPG) | | Smallville: Skinwalker (TVPG) | | 24: 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (TV14) | | WB2 News at Nine (N) | | Sex & City (TV14) | Will (TV14) | |
| 39 | 39 | WGN | Bulls Eye | |  NBA Basketball (Live) (HD) | | | | | WGN News | | An Evening of Stars (TV G) | |