

New name, new start

DEARABBY: "Confused in South Carolina" wrote you regarding changing her name from her abusive stepfather's back to her biological father's. That letter could have been written by me. I did change my name for the same reasons she wants to.



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• dear abby

I, too, was adopted at age 4 and abused throughout my adolescence by my stepfather. Changing my name didn't erase the painful memories, but it did end the association made by others to the monster who adopted me. The process wasn't expensive or burdensome. After I married, I kept my father's name and hyphenated it with my husband's. I am proud of my father's name and maintain it to this day. — DALEVILLE, IND., READER

DEAR READER: Thank you for sharing your personal experience. I heard from quite a few people who said that by reclaiming their true identity, they felt empowered. Read on.

DEARABBY: I say yes, she should do it. As a survivor of incest, I made the decision to legally fix something that had bothered me for a long time. It was easy and inexpensive, and I did it without an attorney. It felt good to take control. It was a freeing experience. And I'm sure the writer of that letter will agree. — K.C., AKRON, OHIO

DEARABBY: I was also abused by

my stepfather. Because I was only 4 when my mom met and married him, I was saddled with his name, though not formally adopted. When I was 13, my mom asked how I'd like for him to adopt me. I said, "Hell, no!" She said she understood, and not only told him he couldn't adopt me, but said I would no longer use his name. (I asked if it could be changed.)

My name was changed to her maiden name, and I can honestly say it has made all the difference in the world to me not to have been stuck with a name that would have brought back many horrible images and memories. — MICHELLE IN HASTINGS, NEB.

DEARABBY: If the writer's identity was modified or completely changed by court decree, it would be advisable to seek another court decree in resuming his or her hereditary surname, which can be the surname of either biological parent. It would be less troublesome, though, to resume the surname that appears on the official birth certificate.

If the decree is approved and duly ordered, a certified copy should be sent to the state registrar having custody of the official certificate of birth. The IRS will also need to be notified, ditto for credit card issuers (if applicable). Any lawyer who charges more than \$300 would not be my first choice. It pays to shop around, even in the matter of lawyer fees. — GOOD SAMARITAN, TUPELO, MISS.

DEARABBY: My mother was adopted by an abuser and carried his name for 40 years. When she did, finally, take the steps to have his name officially removed from her birth certificate, she found he would have to sign the documents waiving his rights to her. She was apprehensive about any contact with this man and worried he might refuse.

Luckily, her attorney was able to serve papers without them having to speak. And to move things quickly along, he informed her stepfather that if he didn't sign, my mother would have the rights to an inheritance from him. Needless to say, he signed immediately, and my mother has never looked so relieved as the day she had her birth father's name placed back on her birth certificate. — M.W., RICHLAND, WASH.

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TUESDAY EVENING

JUNE 20, 2006

E S	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30
36 47	A&E	Reports killers interviewed. (TVPG)	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	King Cars (TVPG)	King Cars (TVPG)	Crossing Jordan: 'Til Death Do Us Part (HD)	Reports killers interviewed. (TVPG)		
4 6	ABC	According Jim (R)	Rodney (R) (HD)	NBA Finals: Game 6: Heat at Mavericks (If Necessary)			KAKE News at 10	(:35) Nightline (N)	(:05) Kimmel Live	
26 54	ANPL	The Most Extreme: Living Dead (TV G)	The Most Extreme: Weird Weapons (TV G)	The Most Extreme: Weird Weapons (TV G)	The Crossing Kenya's Mara River. (TV G)	The Most Extreme: Living Dead (TV G)	The Most Extreme: Weird Weapons (TV G)			
63 67	BRAVO	Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List	Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List	Queer Eye: Ed M (Vegas) (TV14)	Queer Eye: Ed M (Vegas) (TV14)	Queer Eye: Ed M (Vegas) (TV14)	Queer Eye: Ed M (Vegas) (TV14)			
7 11	CBS	NCIS: Bait (TVPG) (R) (HD)	The Unit: Dedication (TVPG) (R) (HD)	The Unit: Dedication (TVPG) (R) (HD)	Book Club (TVPG) (N)	Eyewitness News	(:35) Late Show with David Letterman (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)		
55 42	DISC	Deadliest Catch: Heading Out to Sea	Dirty Jobs: Parade Float Dismantler (TV14)	Dirty Jobs: Parade Float Dismantler (TV14)	Loebstermen: Jeopardy at The Hunt Begins	Loebstermen: Jeopardy at The Hunt Begins	Dirty Jobs: Shrimper (TV14)	Deadliest Catch: Heading Out to Sea		
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Lizzie (TV G)	So Raven (TVY7)	Zack (TVY7)	Phil (TVY7)	So Raven (TVY7)	"Stuart Little 2" (:02) Stuart and Snowball search for Margalo. (PG)	American D (TVY)	
49 66	E!TV	Dazed and Confused			Sexiest Celebrity	Sexiest Celebrity	E! News	SNL (TV14)	The Daily	
22 28	ESPN	Poker (Taped)	Poker (Taped)		Baseball Tonight (Live) (HD)	Baseball Tonight (Live) (HD)	SportsCenter (Live) (HD)	SportsCenter (Live) (HD)		
23 29	ESPN2	SportsCenter (HD)	2006 NCAA College World Series: Game #10 from Omaha, Neb. (HD)	2006 NCAA College World Series: Game #10 from Omaha, Neb. (HD)	2006 NCAA College World Series: Game #10 from Omaha, Neb. (HD)	2006 NCAA College World Series: Game #10 from Omaha, Neb. (HD)	2006 NCAA College World Series: Game #10 from Omaha, Neb. (HD)	2006 NCAA College World Series: Game #10 from Omaha, Neb. (HD)	2006 NCAA College World Series: Game #10 from Omaha, Neb. (HD)	2006 NCAA College World Series: Game #10 from Omaha, Neb. (HD)
32 58	FAM	"Uptown Girls" (:03) ★★ Nanny grows up. (HD)	Nanny grows up. (HD)	Nanny grows up. (HD)	Line	Line	The 700 Club	Hazzard: High Octane		
35 -	FMC	"Six Pack" (:82) Kenny Rogers, Diane Lane.	"Six Pack" (:82) Kenny Rogers, Diane Lane.	"Six Pack" (:82) Kenny Rogers, Diane Lane.	"Toys" (:92, Comedy) ★★ Robin Williams.	"Toys" (:92, Comedy) ★★ Robin Williams.	"Six Pack" (:82)			
53 45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Saluting the Dairy Farmers	Titans of Taste: Supermarket Sensations	Titans of Taste: Supermarket Sensations	Rachael Ray's Block Party	Rachael Ray's Block Party	Good Eats (TV G)	\$40 a Day	Titans of Taste: Supermarket Sensations	
13 7	FOX	House: Daddy's Boy (TV14) (R) (HD)	House: Spin (TV14) (R) (HD)	House: Spin (TV14) (R) (HD)	Fox Report	Fox Report	Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TVPG)	
27 25	FX	70s	King	King	70s	70s	"Welcome to Mooseport" (:04) ★★ Heated mayoral race.	Heated mayoral race.		
30 27	FXSP	Dbl. Play	Rockies	MLB Baseball Athletics at Rockies (Live)			Rockies	BDSSP		
- 60	HALL	Walker (TVPG)	"Hidden Places" (:06, Drama) Shirley Jones.	"Hidden Places" (:06, Drama) Shirley Jones.	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH		
5 -	HBO	(:50) "Ray" (:04) ★★ Ray Charles rises to become a music industry icon.	"Napoleon Dynamite" (:04) ★★ Alienated teens band together. (HD)	"Napoleon Dynamite" (:04) ★★ Alienated teens band together. (HD)	(:15) HBO First	(:15) HBO First	"Madagascar" (:05) ★★ Zoo animals experience outside world. (PG)			
62 44	HGTV	Designed Bad Bath	Decorating	Curb Appl.	House Hunt Buy Me	House Hunt Buy Me	My Parents Designer	Designed Bad Bath		
58 48	HIST	Giganto: The Real King Kong (TVPG)	Mega Disasters: West Coast Tsunami	Mega Disasters: West Coast Tsunami	Mega Movers: Giant Structures (TVPG)	Mega Movers: Giant Structures (TVPG)	History Rocks Rock & jazz legends. (TVPG)	Giganto: The Real King Kong (TVPG)		
25 38	IND	Friends	Friends	Sex & City (TV14)	Sex & City (TV14)	Seinfeld: The Nap (TVPG)	Seinfeld (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	"Message in a Bottle" (:99) Woman finds a passionate love letter.	
18 63	LIFE	"All American Girl" ½	"Fatal Reunion" (:05) ★★ A dangerous affair.	"Fatal Reunion" (:05) ★★ A dangerous affair.	Will & Grace	Will (HD)	Frasier	Frasier		
54 74	MTV	MADE	NEXT	Parental	Room Raid	Sucker Free on MTV	Cheyenne	Cheyenne	Key West	Key West
3 9	NBC	9 News (N)	ET (TV G)	Fear Factor: Reality Stars (TVPG) (N)	Last Comic Standing (TV14) (N)	Last Comic Standing (TV14) (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R) (HD)	Special Victims Unit (R) (HD)	9 News (N)	(:35) Jay Leno (HD)
8 8	NBC	Fear Factor: Reality Stars (TVPG) (N)	Last Comic Standing (TV14) (N)	Last Comic Standing (TV14) (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R) (HD)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R) (HD)	KSN News at 10	Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14) (N) (HD)	Late Night (N) (HD)	
34 55	NICK	Sponge	Zoey 101	Full House	Hi-Jinks	Bel-Air	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby
2 2	PBS	Nova: Newton's Dark Secrets (R) (HD)	Texas Ranch House: Lord of the Plains	Texas Ranch House: Lord of the Plains	Frontline: The Dark Side (N)	Frontline: The Dark Side (N)	Python	Charlie Rose (N)		
38 71	SCIFI	"House of the Dead" (:03) ½ Ravens attacked.	ECW Wrestling (Live)	ECW Wrestling (Live)	"Scarecrow Slayer" (:04) ½ Killer scarecrow.	"Scarecrow Slayer" (:04) ½ Killer scarecrow.				
61 72	SPK	Trek: Next (TVPG)	Police (TV14)	Police (TV14)	CSI: Crime: Face Lift	CSI: Crime: Face Lift	CSI: Unbearable	"Die Another Day"		
39 43	TLC	Home Chef (TVPG)	Home Chef (TVPG)	White You: Minnetonka: Surfside Minnesota	Overhaul!: Neighborhood Watching (TV G)	Overhaul!: Neighborhood Watching (TV G)	Wrecks to Riches: Christine Camaro (TV G)	Overhaul!: 4		
28 40	TNT	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order: Cut (HD)	Law & Order: Cut (HD)	Cold Case: Fly Away	Closer: Mom Duty		
51 49	TRAV	Taste	Taste	Made	Made	Barbecue (TV G)	Taste	Made	Made	
21 59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)	Griffith	Sanford	Sanford	Times	Benson	All Family	Cheers	Court
60 79	UNIV	La fea más bella	Barrera de amor	Barrera de amor	¡Qué madre Vecinos	¡Qué madre Vecinos	Primer imp	Noticiero	La hora de (TVPG)	
20 37	USA	Law & Order (HD)	"Along Came Polly" (:04) Safety obsession.	"Along Came Polly" (:04) Safety obsession.	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)		
12 3	WB	Friends (TVPG)	Raymond (TV G)	Gilmore Girls: The Real Paul Anka (R) (HD)	Pepper Dennis (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Pepper Dennis (TVPG) (N) (HD)	WB2 News at Nine (N)	Raymond (TV G)	Will (TVPG)	
99 39	WGN	(:50) MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)			WGN News at Nine	WGN News at Nine	Sex & City	Becker	Home Videos	

THURSDAY EVENING

JUNE 22, 2006

E S	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30
36 47	A&E	The First 48: Point Blank; Shoot Out (TVPG)	The First 48: Inner Demons; Kids with Guns	First Person Killers: Ronald DeFeo	Crossing Jordan: Dead or Alive (TV14) (HD)	Crossing Jordan: Dead or Alive (TV14) (HD)	The First 48: Point Blank; Shoot Out (TVPG)			
4 6	ABC	Master of Champions (N)	NBA Finals: Game 7: Heat at Mavericks (If Necessary)		KAKE News at 10	KAKE News at 10	(:35) Nightline (N)	(:05) Kimmel Live		
26 54	ANPL	Get Out There!: Baja Ellis family trip. (TV G)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G)	Little Zoo That Could: Meet the Zookeepers	Get Out There!: Baja Ellis family trip. (TV G)	Get Out There!: Baja Ellis family trip. (TV G)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G)			
63 67	BRAVO	Queer Eye: Ed M (Vegas) (TV14)	Kathy Griffin Is ... Not Nicole Kidman	Last Comic Standing (TV14)	America's Got Talent	America's Got Talent	America's Got Talent			
7 11	CBS	Gameshow Marathon: Match Game (TVPG)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (R) (HD)	Without a Trace: Blood Out (TV14) (R) (HD)	Eyewitness News	(:35) Late Show with David Letterman (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)			
55 42	DISC	Building the Great Pyramid (TV G)	Egypt's New Tomb Revealed (TV G)	Tomb Builders: Secrets (TV G)	Mysterious Death of Cleopatra (TVPG)	Mysterious Death of Cleopatra (TVPG)	Building the Great Pyramid (TV G)			
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Lizzie (TV G)	So Raven: Skunk'd	Zack: Odd Couples	Phil: The Giggles	So Raven (TVY7)	"Wendy Wu: Homecoming Warrior" (:06, Action) An Asian-American teenage warrior.		
49 66	E!TV	The Girls	The Girls	The Girls	Child Star	Child Star	E! News	SNL (TV14)	The Daily	
22 28	ESPN	MLB Baseball: Teams TBA (Live) (HD)			SportsCenter (Live) (HD)	SportsCenter (Live) (HD)	Baseball			
23 29	ESPN2	College WS	Boxing	2006 NCAA College World Series from Omaha, Neb. (Live) (HD)			2006 NCAA College World Series from Omaha, Neb. (Live) (HD)	2006 NCAA College World Series from Omaha, Neb. (Live) (HD)	2006 NCAA College World Series from Omaha, Neb. (Live) (HD)	2006 NCAA College World Series from Omaha, Neb. (Live) (HD)
32 58	FAM	"Ever After: A Cinderella Story" (:98) Cinderella retold.	Line	Line	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	Hazzard (TVPG)			
35 -	FMC	"Young Frankenstein" (:74, Comedy) ★★	"High Anxiety" (:78, Comedy) Mel Brooks.	"High Anxiety" (:78, Comedy) Mel Brooks.	"Young Frank" (:74)	"Young Frank" (:74)				
53 45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Hot Licks (TV G)	Food Network Challenge: Seafood Cook-Off	Food Network Challenge: Seafood Cook-Off	Good Eats (TV G)	\$40 a Day	Food Network Challenge: Seafood Cook-Off			
13 7	FOX	That '70s Show (R)	That '70s Show (R)	So You Think You Can Dance (TVPG)	Fox Report	Fox Report	Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TVPG)	
27 25	FX	Married	Married	King	King	"Son" ★★	70s	Cops	Cops	Cops
30 27	FXSP	Poker: Pro Showdown			D. Costa	Poker				
- 60	HALL	Walker (TVPG)	"Love's Enduring Promise" (:04, Drama)	"Love's Enduring Promise" (:04, Drama)	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH		
5 -	HBO	(:15) "First Daughter" (:04, Comedy) ★★½ The President's daughter falls in love. (PG)	Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel	"Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith" (Anakin Skywalker becomes Darth Vader).						
62 44	HGTV	Open House	Challenge	Divine	Landscaper	House Hunt	House Hunt	Design	Big Style	Open House
58 48	HIST	Time Machine: The Ottoman Empire (TV G)	Lost Worlds Examining myths. (TVPG)	Declassified: Godfathers of Havana (TVPG)	Time Machine: The Ottoman Empire (TV G)	Time Machine: The Ottoman Empire (TV G)				
25 38	IND	(:50) MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Atlanta Braves from Turner Field (Live) (HD)	"The Bachelor" (:99, Comedy) ★★ Chris O'Donnell. Inheritance has marriage stipulation.	"The Bachelor" (:99, Comedy) ★★ Chris O'Donnell. Inheritance has marriage stipulation.	"Pay It Forward"	"Pay It Forward"				
18 63	LIFE	"Murder in House"	"A Crime of Passion" Daughter accused.	Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Fraser	Fraser	Fraser		
54 74	MTV	MADE	NEXT	Parental	Room Raid	Yo Momma Ride	Run House	The Band 3	Run House	Run House
3 9	NBC	9 News (N)	ET (TV G)	Name Is Earl (R)	The Office (R) (HD)	Name Is Earl (R)	The Office (R) (HD)	Windfall: There and Gone Again (TV14) (HD)	9 News (N)	(:35) Jay Leno (HD)
8 8	NBC	Name Is Earl (R)	The Office (R) (HD)	Name Is Earl (R)	The Office (R) (HD)	Windfall: There and Gone Again (TV14) (HD)	KSN News at 10	Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14) (N) (HD)	Late Night (N) (HD)	
34 55	NICK	Sponge	Romeo!	Full House	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Roseanne
2 2	PBS	Sunflow.	Spotlight.	Independent Lens: A Lion in the House Conclusion of the seventh-season ender (TVPG) (N)	BBC World News	Appearance	Charlie Rose (N)			
38 71	SCIFI	(:50) "Grim" (:95) ★★	"Miner's Massacre" (:03) ★ Tormented teens.	"Alien Fury: Countdown to Invasion" (:00)						
61 72	SPK	Trek: Next: Symbiosis	Police (TV14)	CSI: The X-Testers (TVPG)	CSI: Big Middle	CSI: Big Middle	Overhaul!: Search & Rescue (TV G)			
39 43	TLC	Home Chef (TVPG)	Home Chef: Paige	White You: Miami: Ready for My Close Up	99 Most Bizarre: Self-Inflicted Injuries	99 Most Bizarre: Self-Inflicted Injuries	Overhaul!: Search & Rescue (TV G)			
28 40	TNT	"Signs" (:02, Drama) ★★½ Alien paranoia. (HD)	(:15) "What Lies Beneath" (:00) ★★ Woman is haunted. (PG-13) (HD)	(:15) "What Lies Beneath" (:00) ★★ Woman is haunted. (PG-13) (HD)						
51 49	TRAV	Job's Trip: Comedian	World Cup	5 Takes: Hong Kong	Job's Trip: Comedian	World Cup				
21 59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)	Griffith	Sanford	Sanford	Times	Benson	All Family	Cheers	Court
60 79	UNIV	La fea más bella	Barrera de amor	Aquí y ahora (TVMA)	Primer imp	Noticiero	La hora de (TVPG)			
20 37	USA	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)		
12 3	WB	Friends (TVPG)	Raymond (TV G)	Smallville: Splitter (TV14) (R) (HD)	Supernatural: Skin (TV14) (R) (HD)	WB2 News at Nine (N)	Raymond (TVPG)	Will (TVPG)		
99 39	WGN	"Phantoms" (:98) ★★½ Monster eats people.			WGN News at Nine	WGN News at Nine	Sex & City	Becker	Home Videos	

WEDNESDAY EVENING

JUNE 21, 2006

E S	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30
36 47	A&E	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Inked (TVPG)	Inked (TVPG)	Criss Angel: Party (TVPG)	Mindfreak (TVPG)	Crossing Jordan (TV14)	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Dog Bounty (TVPG)
4 6	ABC	George Lopez (R) (HD)	Freddie (R) (HD)	Lost: Everybody Hates Hugo (TVPG) (R) (HD)	Lost: ...and Found (TVPG) (R) (HD)	KAKE News at 10	(:35) Nightline (N)	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)		
26 54	ANPL	Animal (TV G)	Animals (TV G)	Little Zoo That Could: A Thriving Little Zoo	Animal Cops - Detroit: Cat Catching (TVPG)	Animal (TV G)	Animals (TV G)	Little Zoo That Could: A Thriving Little Zoo		
63 67	BRAVO	(:50) Celebrity (TVPG)	Celebrity Poker: New Orleans; M. Cantone, J. Fischer, R. Dispirato, J. Peele, K. Key	Celebrity Poker: New Orleans; M. Cantone, J. Fischer, R. Dispirato, J. Peele, K. Key	CSI: NY: Cool Hunter (TV14) (R) (HD)	CSI: NY: Cool Hunter (TV14) (R) (HD)	Eyewitness News	(:35) Late Show with David Letterman (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)	
7 11	CBS	Big Brother All-Stars: America's Choice (N)	Criminal Minds: Unfinished Business (R) (HD)	Criminal Minds: Unfinished Business (R) (HD)	MythBusters: Boom Lift Football (TVPG)	MythBusters: Helium Football (TVPG)	MythBusters: Killer Tissue Box (TVPG)	MythBusters: Exploding Port-a-Potty (TVPG)	MythBusters: Boom Lift Catapult (TVPG)	
55 42	DISC	MythBusters: Boom Lift Football (TVPG)	MythBusters: Helium Football (TVPG)	MythBusters: Helium Football (TVPG)	MythBusters: Killer Tissue Box (TVPG)	MythBusters: Killer Tissue Box (TVPG)	MythBusters: Exploding Port-a-Potty (TVPG)	MythBusters: Boom Lift Catapult (TVPG)		
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)								