

# “Blanky” will stay

DEAR ABBY: I am a 24-year-old woman who has been married for four months to an amazing man. We have a wonderful marriage and are looking forward to growing old together. However, I have a slight problem:

I have a baby blanket I have had since I was a baby and have slept with it since before I could walk. When I turned 16, I told myself I'd get rid of it. Sixteen turned to 18, 18 turned into getting rid of it when I graduated from college, which turned into getting rid of it when I married.

I am now married and have no intention of getting rid of it. I guess I've held onto it because it's familiar. (We moved far from home after our wedding.) My husband says he doesn't mind, and I'm sure he's not lying, but it's a little embarrassing. I can't fall asleep without it. I even watch TV with it in my lap or read with it behind my head.

Do you think it's ridiculous for me to have a baby blanket at 24 with a new, wonderful husband, or should I just keep it and not worry? — K.T., IN KENTUCKY

DEAR K.T.: Your “problem” may be unusual, but it's not unheard of. Your “blanky” is familiar and soothing, and since your husband doesn't mind, I see no reason why you should



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be concerned about keeping it. Enjoy!

DEAR ABBY: I have finally been reunited with my 30-year-old son, who was in the Marines as a sergeant in Iraq. He decided he wanted to get in touch with his dad after 15 years. I welcomed him with open arms.

I love my son very much. Is it wrong for me to want to hug him?

He is married, and I have just met his wife. She's a great person and a wonderful daughter-in-law. She met me at the door with a hug. I told them both that I love them, always have and always will, and it wasn't my choice that we were separated. I don't ever want us to be separated again.

He told me, “Dad, I love you, too,” but he's not too keen about the hugs all of a sudden. (It was OK the first couple of visits.) I just want him to know I really love him. Do you think my son is too old to be hugged? — DEMONSTRATIVE DAD IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR DEMONSTRATIVE DAD: No, I do not. Hugging is a com-

mon expression of affection in many families. However, you must remember that you have been separated from your son for half his life. And for hugging to be OK, it needs to be mutual. So before you do it again, talk to your son about it and be sure the gesture is welcomed. And if it makes him uncomfortable, respect his feelings.

DEAR ABBY: My father recently died. My co-workers took up a collection to give to me. It has always been my understanding that gifts such as this should be used for the funeral expenses. Therefore, I passed the money on to my mother.

When I mentioned it to a couple of my co-workers and friends, they said I should have kept the money for myself — that was the intent. Was I wrong to pass it on to my mother? She is the one paying for the funeral and needs the money for a headstone, etc. — LINDA IN EDINBURG, ILL.

DEAR LINDA: Your friends are well-intentioned but mistaken. My understanding is the same as yours — and you did the right thing in giving the money to your mother to help with the expenses surrounding your father's funeral.

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## TUESDAY EVENING

		6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30
E	S	E = Eagle Cable				S = S&T Telephone					
36	47	A&E	Drugs at the Border	Border searches.	Dog Bounty	Dog Bounty	King Cars (TVPG)	Force	Dog Bounty	Force	Drugs at the Border
4	6	ABC	According Jim (R)	George Lopez (R)	The One: Making a Music Star (HD)				KAKE News at 10	(35) Nightline (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)
26	54	ANPL	The Most Extreme: Transformers (TV G)		Weird Nature (TV G)				The Most Extreme: Transformers (TV G)		
63	67	BRAVO	Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List		Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List				Project Runway		
7	11	CBS	Big Brother 7: All-Stars (N)		Rock Star: Supernova (N)				News (N)	(35) Late Show with David Letterman (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)
55	42	DISC	Season: Alaskan Crab Fishing, Part 2		Dirty Jobs: Geoduck Farmer (TV14)				Oil, Sweat and Rigs: The Road to Recovery		
33	56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Lizzie (TV G)	So Raven (TVY7)	Zack: Odd Couples	Phil (TVY7)	So Raven (TVY7)	“Wendy Wu: Homecoming Warrior” (‘06, Action)		
49	66	E!TV	E! Ent. Special: Beyonce Revealed (TVPG)					The Girls	The Girls	E! News	The Daily
22	28	ESPN	Poker (Taped)		Poker (Taped)				The Contender Boxers seek stardom. (TVPG)		
29	ESPN2		WNBA Game (Live)		WNBA Game (Live)				Quite from New York		
32	58	FAM	“The Sandlot” (‘93) ★★½	New kid joins team.				Line	Line	The 700 Club	Falcon: Local Heroes
35	-	FMC	“Shooting Elizabeth” (‘92)		(45) “Draw!” (‘84, Made for Cable) ★★				After Film		
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live: One Pot Wonders (TV G)		\$40 a Day	Tasty: Cleveland	Road Tasted	Sugar Rush	Good Eats (TV G)	\$40 a Day	\$40 a Day
13	7	FOX	House: Need to Know (TV14) (R) (HD)		House: Distractions (TV14) (R) (HD)				Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TV14) (R)
27	25	FX	‘70s	‘70s	King	King	‘70s	‘70s	“Secret Window” (‘04) ★★½		
30	27	FXSP	MLB Baseball Rockies at Pirates (Live)					Rockies	Best Sports	Undr Light	BDSSP
-	60	HALL	Walker (TVPG)		“Little House on Prairie”				MASH	MASH	MASH
5	-	HBO	“The Love Letter” (‘99) Love note mystery.		“Independence Day” (‘96) Will Smith. An alien invasion fleet descends upon the Earth on a mission of genocide.				“Rebound” (‘05, Comedy) ★		
62	44	HGTV	Designed	Bad Bath	Decorating	Curb Appl.	House Hunt	Buy Me	My Parents	Designer	Designed
58	48	HIST	Mega Disasters: West Coast Tsunami		Mega Disasters: East Coast Tsunami				American Eats: Salty Snacks		
25	38	IND	Friends	Friends	Sex & City (TVMA)	Sex & City (TVMA)	Seinfeld (TVPG)	Seinfeld (TVPG)	(05) “Turner & Hooch” (‘89) ★★		
18	63	LIFE	“The Last Dance”		“Just the Ticket” (‘99) A scalper schemes.				Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Frasier
54	74	MTV	The Hills	NEXT	I Be You	Room Raid	Sucker Free on MTV				Key West
3	9	NBC	9 News (N)	ET (TV G)	Fear Factor: Military Fear Factor (TVPG) (N)				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R) (HD)	9 News (N)	(35) Jay Leno (HD)
8	8	NBC	Fear Factor: Military Fear Factor (TVPG) (N)		Last Comic Standing (TV14) (N)				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	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
2	2	PBS	Nova: String's the Thing (TV G) (R) (HD)		Living History				Wide Angle: Mixed Blessings (N)	BBC World News	(27) Python
38	71	SCIFI	Dead Like Me: Pilot		Eureka: Pilot, Part 1				ECW Wrestling		
61	72	SPK	Trek: Next (TVPG)		Police (TV14)				CSI: Identity Crisis		
39	43	TLC	Home Chef (TVPG)	Dinner: Kyanna (N)	While You a writer's home. (TV G)				Overhaul'n: The Mad Kidney Donor (TV G)		
28	40	TNT	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)				Cold Case: Glued		
51	49	TRAV	Taste	Taste	Made	Made	W. Disney (TV G)				Closer: Out of Focus
21	59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)		Griffith	Sanford	Sanford	Times	3's Co.	Benson	Sanford
60	79	UNIV	La fea más bella		Barrera de amor				Primer imp	Noticiero	La hora de (TVPG)
20	37	USA	Law & Order (HD)		“American Pie 2” (‘01) ★★				“American Wedding” (‘03) Wacky wedding.		
12	3	WB	Friends (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Gilmore Girls (TVPG) (R) (HD)				Gilmore Girls (TVPG) (R) (HD)	WB2 News at Nine (N)	Raymond (TVPG)
99	39	WGN	“The Prime Gig” (‘00, Drama)		Vince Vaughn.				WGN News at Nine	Sex & City	Becker

## THURSDAY EVENING

		6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30
E	S	E = Eagle Cable				S = S&T Telephone					
36	47	A&E	The First 48: Point Blank; Shoot Out		The First 48 (TVPG) (N)	Dallas SWAT Team	MoviefReal (TVPG)	Cold Case (TVPG)	The First 48: Point Blank; Shoot Out		
4	6	ABC	Master of Champions (TVPG) (N)		Grey's Anatomy: No Man's Land (TV G)	Primetime (N)	KAKE News at 10	(35) Nightline (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)		
26	54	ANPL	Corwin's Quest: Realm of the Invisible Snowman in Nepal. (TV G)		Animal Cops - Houston: Grandma Grendy				Corwin's Quest: Realm of the Yeti Search for Abominable Snowman in Nepal. (TV G)		
63	67	BRAVO	Queer Eye: Eric Z. (Medical Proposal)		Project Runway				News (N)	(35) Late Show with David Letterman (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)
7	11	CBS	Big Brother 7: All-Stars (N)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (R) (HD)				Most Evil: Cold Blooded Killers		
55	42	DISC	A Haunting: Gateway to Hell (TVPG)		Supermax: The Drug Bust (TVPG)				A Haunting: Darkness Follows (TVPG)		
33	56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Lizzie: Just Friends	So Raven (TVY7)	Suite Life: Bowling	Phil: Neander-Phil	So Raven (TVY7)	“Movie”		
49	66	E!TV	50 Most Shocking Celebrity Confessions					The Girls	The Girls	E! News	The Daily
22	28	ESPN	MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)					Baseball Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Baseball	NFL Live
29	ESPN2		WPFL (Taped)					Darts: Uncasville, CT			
32	58	FAM	“National Lampoon's European Vacation”					Line	Line	The 700 Club	Hazzard (TVPG)
35	-	FMC	“Bye Bye, Love” (‘95, Comedy) ★★	(PG-13)	“Oscar and Lucinda” (‘97, Drama) ★★				“May Wine”		
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Homemade Deli (TV G)		Iron Chef America: Cora vs. Scheib (TV G)	Throwdown	Ham on St.	Good Eats (TV G)	\$40 a Day	Iron Chef America: Cora vs. Scheib (TV G)	
13	7	FOX	That '70s Show (R)	That '70s Show (R)	You Can Dance: 2 of 10 Voted Off (TVPG)				Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TVPG) (R)
27	25	FX	Married	Married	King	King	‘70s	‘70s	“The Hot Chick” (‘02) ★★		
30	27	FXSP	In Focus	Undr Light	Rodeo (Taped)				Rockies	D. Costa	BDSSP
-	60	HALL	Walker (TVPG)		“Love Comes Softly”				MASH	MASH	MASH
5	-	HBO	“Shark Tale” (‘04, Family) credit for shark's death. (HD)		Fish takes “Taxi” (‘04, Comedy) ★½				“The 40-Year-Old Virgin”		
62	44	HGTV	Open House	reDesign	Divine	Landscaper	House Hunt	House Hunt	Remix	Big Style	Open House
58	48	HIST	Discovery: Galen, Doctor to the Gladiators		Atlantic Intracoastal Highway (TVPG)				American Eats: Soda Pop (TVPG)		
25	38	IND	Friends	Friends	“My Best Friend's Wedding” (‘97, Comedy) ★★½				“Straight Talk” (‘92) A receptionist is mistaken for the new radio psychologist and is a hit.		
18	63	LIFE	“Baby for Sale” (‘04)		“Down Will Come Baby” (‘99, Thriller) (NR)				Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Frasier
54	74	MTV	Sweet 16	NEXT	I Be You	Room Raid	Sucker Free on MTV				Run House
3	9	NBC	9 News (N)	ET (TV G)	Name Is Earl (R)	The Office (R) (HD)	The Office (R) (HD)	Talent (TVPG)	Windfall: Changing Partners (TV14) (N) (HD)	9 News (N)	(35) Jay Leno (HD)
8	8	NBC	Name Is Earl (R) (HD)	The Office (R) (HD)	The Office (R) (HD)	Talent (TVPG)	Windfall: Changing Partners (TV14) (N) (HD)				Late Night (N) (HD)
34	55	NICK	Sponge	Romeo!	Full House	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air
2	2	PBS	Sunflow.	Spotlight.	This Old House Hour (TV G) (R)				Antiques Roadshow: Tampa, Florida (TV G)		
38	71	SCIFI	“Frequency” (‘00) ★★½		“Dragonfly” (‘02) ★★				“Fairy Tale: A True Story” (‘97, Family) ★★½		
61	72	SPK	Trek: Next (TVPG)		Police (TV14)				CSI: Burden of Proof		
39	43	TLC	Home Chef (TVPG)	Dinner: Rick (N)	While You ALL TELL room. (TV G)				Crop Cycles: Mysteries in the Fields (TV G)		
28	40	TNT	Without a Trace: Bait		“Blade II” (‘02) ★★½				Nightmares (TV14)		
51	49	TRAV	Passport	Passport	Alaskan Wild (TV G)				Passport	Passport	Alaskan Wild (TV G)
21	59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)		Griffith	Sanford	Sanford	Times	3's Co.	Benson	All Family
60	79	UNIV	La fea más bella		Barrera de amor				Aquí y ahora (TVMA)		
20	37	USA	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)				Law & Order (HD)		
12	3	WB	Friends (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Smallville: Vengeance (R) (HD)				Supernatural: Faith (TVPG)	WB2 News at Nine (N)	Raymond: Fi-Will (TV14) nale
99	39	WGN	“Dirty Dancing” (‘87) ★★½		Teen finds love.				WGN News at Nine	Sex & City	Becker

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## WEDNESDAY EVENING

		6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	
E	S	E = Eagle Cable				S = S&T Telephone						
36	47	A&E	Dog Bounty	Dog Bounty	Inked (TVPG)	Inked (TVPG)	Mindfreak: Sucker	Force	Force	Dog Bounty	Dog Bounty	Dog Bounty
4	6	ABC	The One: Making a Music Star (HD)		Lost: The Hunting Party (TVPG) (R) (HD)		Lost: Fire & Water (TV14) (R) (HD)		KAKE News at 10	(35) Nightline (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)	
26	54	ANPL	Swamp Cats Cub's life in Delta. (TV G)		Alligators American alligator		Animal Cops: Hurricane Rita Response		Swamp Cats Cub's life in Delta. (TV G)		Alligators American alligator	
63	67	BRAVO	Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List		Project Runway		Project Runway		Work Out		Project Runway	
7	11	CBS	Rock Star: Supernova (N)		Criminal Minds: Machismo (TVPG) (R) (HD)		CSI: NY: Run Silent, Run Deep (R) (HD)		News (N)	(35) Late Show with David Letterman (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)	
55	42	DISC	MythBusters: Scuba Diver, Car Capers		MythBust Math theories. (TVPG)		MythBusters: Son of a Gun (TVPG)		Future Weapons: Future Shock (TVPG)		MythBusters: Scuba Diver, Car Capers	
33	56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Lizzie (TV G)	So Raven (TVY7)	Zack (TVY7)	Phil (TVY7)	So Raven (TVY7)	"The Parent Trap" ('98, Comedy) Twins conspire to reunite their parents.			Lindsay Lohan.
49	66	E!TV	Forbes Celebrity 100: Who Made Bank				The Simple	The Simple	E! News	The Daily	SNL: Lindsay Lohan	
22	28	ESPN	Ⓢ (5:00) MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)				Baseball Tonight (HD)		SportsCenter (HD)		Baseball	NFL Live
23	29	ESPN2	Contender (TVPG)		Ⓢ Wednesday Night Fights from Ontario, Canada (Live)				Quite		Contender (TVPG)	
32	58	FAM	"The Sandlot 2" New gang of baseball kids.				Line	Line	The 700 Club		Hazzard (TVPG)	
35	-	FMC	"The Chosen" ('81, Drama) Robby Benson.				"Monsignor" ('82) ★★ Christopher Reeve. (R)				"The Chosen" ('81)	
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Red Hot Kitchen (TV G)		Challenge: \$100,000 Chicken Challenge		Good Eats (TV G)	Good Eats: My Pod	Good Eats (TV G)	Tasty: Vancouver	Challenge: \$100,000 Chicken Challenge	
13	7	FOX	Bones: The Woman in the Garden (R) (HD)		You Think You Can Dance: Top 10 Perform		Fox Report		Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Mauri (TV14) (R)	
27	25	FX	'70s	'70s	King	King	'70s	'70s	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
30	27	FXSP	In Focus	List	Fball		Best Sports		Aussie Millions	Poker	BDSSP	
-	60	HALL	Walker (TVPG)		"The Outsider" ('02, Western) ★★ Widow and gunslinger				MASH		MASH	MASH
5	-	HBO	"AVP" ('04) ★★ (HD)	"Elektra" ('05, Action) ★★ Resurrected assassin protects girl. (HD)			(15) "Shrek 2" ('04) ★★½ Newlywed Shrek visits his in-laws. (PG) (HD)				Deadwood: A Rich Find (TVMA)	
62	44	HGTV	Landscape	Want That!	Baths	Outsiders	House Hunt	You Get	Junk	House?	Landscape	Want That!
58	48	HIST	Alaska: Dangerous Territory through snow. (TVPG)			Alaskan truckers haul	Alaska: Big America The history of the 49th state, Alaska. (TVPG)				Alaska: Dangerous Territory (TVPG)	
25	38	IND	Raymond (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Sex & City (TVMA)	Sex & City (TVMA)	(05) "Dumb & Dumber" ('94) ★★½ Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels. Two idiots drive cross-country.			
18	63	LIFE	"Wishcraft" ('02) ★½		"Ultimate Deception" Couple wants a baby.				Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Frasier	Frasier
54	74	MTV	NEXT	NEXT	I Be You	Room Raid	Room Raid	Room Raid	MADE: Rugby Player		The Hills	The Hills
3	9	NBC	9 News (N)	ET (TV G)	Outrageous (R)	Outrageous (R)	America's Got Talent (TVPG) (N)		Law & Order: Heart of Darkness (R) (HD)		9 News (N) (HD)	(35) Jay Leno (HD)
8	8	NBC	Outrageous (R)	Outrageous (R)	America's Got Talent (TVPG) (N)		Law & Order: Heart of Darkness (R) (HD)		KSN News at 10	Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14) (N) (HD)	Late Night (N) (HD)	
34	55	NICK	Sponge	Just Kicks	Full House	Bel-Air	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different
2	2	PBS	Doctors	Opinion: Asthma	Jean-Mi Cousteau (TV G) (N) (HD)		American Master: Marilyn Monroe: Still Life		BBC World News	As Time Go	Charlie Rose	
38	71	SCIFI	"The Fear" ('95)		"Carnivore" ('00, Horror)		½ Killer monster.		"Project V.I.P.E.R." ★ Mars creature loose!			
61	72	SPK	Trek: Next (TVPG)		Police: Teen Chases		CSI		CSI (TVPG)		Unleashed (TVPG)	
39	43	TLC	Home Chef (TVPG)	Dinner: Gretel (N)	While You Art company office. (TV G)		The Man Whose Arms Exploded (TVPG)		Untold E.R.: Mountain Lion Attack (TV14)		Untold Stories of the E.R.: Hidden Dangers	
28	40	TNT	Without a Trace: 4.0		Nightmares (TV14)		Nightmares (TV14)		Saved		Las Vegas (HD)	
51	49	TRAV	Vegas Do's (TVPG)		Poker Tour: Foxwoods 3rd		Quarter Action		Vegas Do's (TVPG)		Poker Tour	
21	59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)		Griffith	Sanford	First Time	Times	3's Co.	Benson	First Time	Times
60	79	UNIV	La fea más bella		Barrera de amor		Francisco (TVPG)		Primer impo		Noticiero	
20	37	USA	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)	
12	3	WB	Friends (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Blue Collar TV	Blue Collar TV (R)	One Tree Hill (R) (HD)		WB2 News at Nine (N)		Raymond (TVPG)	Will: A Chorus Lie
99	39	WGN	Ⓢ MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)							News (N)	Becker	Home Videos