

# Mom turns to alcohol

DEAR ABBY: My mother is in her early 40s. She has four children, including me. I am married and have two children of my own. Still living at home are my brother, 17, a sister, 14, and the 1-year-old baby, "Michelle." Michelle is from another guy.



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• dear abby

Mom purposely got pregnant, knowing that "Tom" didn't want a child. Needless to say, they are no longer together, and Tom has nothing to do with Michelle. Mom is having problems with my brother and sister. They choose not to listen and have been in trouble with the law.

My mom is no longer working. She spends her days with the baby. She recently let slip that she wishes she could just die. She wants to commit suicide because she is just so depressed. No work, no child care, the kids don't listen, and she just isn't getting anywhere.

She said the only reason she won't do it is because she doesn't want to leave me with the burden of caring for her baby. I'm attending college, my husband works, and my girls are in school. I didn't know what to say, and Mom has now turned to alcohol. She's a great mother; she just has her hands full. I don't know if she knows she has a drinking problem, and I don't want to say it because I know she'll take offense. My little sister is not in any danger, but what can I do to help my mom? Oh, yes,

I support my little sister already — diapers, clothing and love. Please help me. — DAUGHTER INSANTAMARIA, CALIF.

DEAR DAUGHTER: When people start talking about ending their lives, that's the time to see they get medical and psychological attention. I don't know your mother, but she could be suffering from post-partum depression. (She could also simply be overwhelmed right now.) The first step in getting help for your mother is to get her to an internist or family practitioner. If she doesn't have one, then her OB/GYN would be a good place to start.

If she can't handle your brother, then perhaps he should stay with his father for a while, or some other older male in the family. If that's not feasible because he's already in trouble with the law, he may need to be made a ward of the court. Not pleasant — but better than a life of crime begun as a teenager.

Once your mother's depression is under control, she may be less inclined to drink her troubles away. But if she continues drowning her sorrows, then Al-

coholics Anonymous could help her. But only when she's ready to admit she has a problem. (They're in the phone book.)

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a wonderful woman for the last two years. We are trying to make it permanent, but we have one sticking point. She has several men friends, some from past relationships, that she still sees casually. She insists on spending weekends alone with them, either at their home or at her summer house in the country.

I feel this is inappropriate for someone in a serious relationship. She says I "don't trust her," and we cannot have a relationship unless I get over this attitude. Is she right? Am I being unreasonable? — CONFUSED IN FLORIDA

DEAR CONFUSED: Not in my opinion. And I wonder how this "wonderful woman" would feel if the shoe was on the other foot.

While I see nothing wrong with old friends — and even people who were once romantic — sharing a meal together once in a while, I draw the line at weekends alone together. But then again, I'm not in favor of "open" relationships, either. My advice to you is to rethink making this relationship permanent.

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### TUESDAY EVENING

JULY 25, 2006

E S	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30
		E = Eagle Cable			S = S&T Telephone					
36 47	A&E	Bullied to Death Infamous events.	Dog Bounty	Dog Bounty	King Cars (TVPG)	King Cars (TVPG)	Crossing Jordan: Pilot (TV14) (HD)		Bullied to Death Infamous events.	
4 6	ABC	According Jim (R)	George Lopez (R)	The One: Making a Music Star (HD)	Star Ten contestants perform.		KAKE News at 10 (N)	(35) Nightline (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)	
26 54	ANPL	The Most Extreme: Hissy Fits (TV G)	Stealth Hunters		Animal Planet Heroes: The Dog House		The Most Extreme: Hissy Fits (TV G)		Stealth Hunters	
63 67	BRAVO	Work Out	Work Out		Queer Eye: Anne Marie & Michael G.		Work Out		Project Runway (TV14)	
7 11	CBS	Big Brother 7: All-Stars (N)	Rock Star: Supernova (N)		48 Hours Mystery (N)		News (N)	(35) Late Show with David Letterman (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)	
55 42	DISC	Season: Alaskan Crab Fishing, Part 3	Dirty Jobs: Fuel Tank Cleaner (TV14)		Dirty Jobs: Plumber Catfish noodler (TV14)		Oil, Sweat: The Witch Queen & The Abyss		Season: Alaskan Crab Fishing, Part 3	
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Lizzie: Magic Train	So Raven (TVY7)	Zack: Ask Zack	Phil (TVY7)	So Raven (TVY7)	"102 Dalmatians" (00. Family) (G)	Glenn Close. Fur-lover sponsors animal shelter. (G)	
49 66	E!TV	E! Story (TVPG)	E! True Story: Pink		E! Story (TVPG)		E! News	The Daily	SNL (TV14)	
22 28	ESPN	Poker (Taped)	Poker (Taped)		Contender (TVPG) (N)		SportsCenter (HD)		Baseball	NFL Live
23 29	ESPN2	(5:30) NBA Game (Live)	(5:30) NBA Game (Live)		WNBA Game (Live)		Quite from New York		Streetball	
32 58	FAM	"The Waterboy" (98) ★★½ "Football" hero.			Line	Line	The 700 Club		Hazzard (TVPG)	
35 -	FMC	"Bad Girls" (94, Western)	Madeleine Stowe.		"Mischief" (85, Comedy) ★★ Doug McKeon.		"Porky's" (82) ★ (R)			
53 45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Emeril's Hot and Spicy Contest	\$40 a Day	Tasty: Portland	Road Tasted	Sugar Rush	Good Eats (TV G)	\$40 a Day	\$40 a Day	Tasty: Portland
13 7	FOX	House: Skin Deep (TV14) (R) (HD)	House: Sex Kills (TV14) (R) (HD)		Fox Report		Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TVPG)	
27 25	FX	King	King	'70s	'70s		"Enemy of the State" (98) A framed man races to expose the truth.			
30 27	FXSP	Dbl. Play	Rockies	MLB Baseball Cardinals at Rockies (Live)			Rockies	Poker		
- 60	HALL	Walker (TVPG)	"McLintock!" (63) A cattle baron's wife wants a divorce.		MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH		
5 -	HBO	"The Chronicles of Riddick" (04) ★★½ (HD)	(15) "Catwoman" (04, Action) ★★½ Halle Berry. Fine line between criminal and hero. (HD)		"War of the Worlds" (05, Science Fiction) ★★½ Father protects kids as aliens attack.					
62 44	HGTV	Designed	Bad Bath	Decorating	Curb Appl.	Buy Me	My Parents	Designer	Designed	Bad Bath
58 48	HIST	Decoding the Past: Heaven and Hell	Mega Disasters: San Francisco Earthquake		Mega Movers: Oil Machines (TVPG)		Wild West Tech: Freak Show Tech (TVPG)		Decoding the Past: Heaven and Hell	
25 38	IND	Friends	Friends	Sex & City (TVMA)	Sex & City (TVMA)	Seinfeld (TVPG)	Seinfeld (TVPG)	(05) Friends (35) Friends	(05) "The Mothman Prophecies" (02) ★★	
18 63	LIFE	"Past Sins" (06) (NR)	"A Face to Kill For" (99)		Will plots revenge.		Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Frasier	Frasier
54 74	MTV	NEXT	NEXT	I Be You	Room Raid	Sucker Free on MTV	MADE		Key West	Key West
3 9	NBC	9 News (N)	ET (TV G)	Fear Factor: Fire Fear Factor (TVPG) (N)	Last Comic Standing (TV14) (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R) (HD)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R) (HD)	9 News (N)	(35) Jay Leno (HD)	
8 8	NBC	Fear Factor: Fire Fear Factor (TVPG) (N)	Last Comic Standing (TV14) (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R) (HD)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R) (HD)	KSN News at 10 (N)	Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14) (N) (HD)	Late Night (R) (HD)		
34 55	NICK	Sponge	Zoey 101	Full House	Hi-Jinks	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
2 2	PBS	Nova (R) (HD)	American Masters (TVPG) (R)		Wide Angle: Class of 2006 (N)	BBC World News	(29) Python News	Charlie Rose (N)		
38 71	SCIFI	Dead Like	Eureka		ECW Wrestling	(05) Eureka	(05) Dead Like			
61 72	SPK	Trek: Next (TVPG)	Police (TV14)		CSI: Chasing the Bus		CSI: Evaluation Day	"Out for Justice" ★★		
39 43	TLC	Home Chef (TVPG)	Dinner: Drake (N)	While You Bright living room. (TV G)	Overhaulin': Le Mama's Boy (TV G)		Overhaulin': Junk in the Trunk (TV G)			
28 40	TNT	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Cold Case (HD)	The Closer (HD)			
51 49	TRAV	Taste	Taste	Made	Made	Outdoors (TV G)	Taste	Made	Made	
21 59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)	Griffith	Sanford	Sanford	Times	3's Co.	3's Co.	Sanford	Sanford
60 79	UNIV	La fea más bella	Barrera de amor	¡Qué madre	Vecinos	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)			
12 3	WB	Friends (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Gilmore Girls (TVPG) (R) (HD)	Gilmore Girls (TVPG) (R) (HD)	WB2 News at Nine (N)	Raymond (TV G)	Will-Grace (TV14)		
99 39	WGN	(5:00) MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)			WGN News at Nine	Sex & City	Becker	Home Videos		

### THURSDAY EVENING

JULY 27, 2006

E S	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30
		E = Eagle Cable			S = S&T Telephone					
36 47	A&E	The First 48: Loved to Death; Unmasked	The First 48 (TVPG) (N)		Dallas SWAT Suicidal man. (TV14)		Crossing Jordan Mass murder. (TV14) (HD)		The First 48: Loved to Death; Unmasked	
4 6	ABC	Master of Champions (TVPG) (N)	Grey's Anatomy (TV14) (R) (HD)		Primetime (N)		KAKE News at 10 (N)	(35) Nightline (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)	
26 54	ANPL	All New Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G)	All New Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G)		Animal Cops: Super-Sized Seizures (TVPG)		All New Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G)		All New Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G)	
63 67	BRAVO	Queer Eye: Anne Marie & Michael G.	Project Runway		Last Comic Standing (TV14)		America's Got Talent		Actor's (TVPG)	
7 11	CBS	Big Brother 7: All-Stars (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (R) (HD)		Without a Trace: From the Ashes (R) (HD)		News (N)	(35) Late Show with David Letterman (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)	
55 42	DISC	Real Miami Cops: Cops in the Shadows	Supermax: The SHU (TVPG)		Most Evil: Murderous Women Vanished		48 Hours: Hard Evidence: Vanished		Real Miami Cops: Cops in the Shadows	
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Lizzie (TV G)	So Raven (TVY7)	Zack (TVY7)	Phil (TVY7)	So Raven (TVY7)	"Motocrossed" (01, Family) Alana Austin. Girl poses as brother to win race.		
49 66	E!TV	Forbes Celebrity 100: Who Made Bank			E! Story (TVPG)		E! News	The Daily	SNL: Kristen Dunst	
22 28	ESPN	(5:30) MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)			SportsCenter (HD)		Baseball	NFL Live		
23 29	ESPN2	Darts: Uncasville, CT	Darts: Uncasville, CT		Baseball Tonight (HD)		Quite from New York		Darts: Uncasville, CT	
32 58	FAM	"Fallen" (06) Paul Wesley. Half-angel man.			Line	Line	The 700 Club		Hazzard (TVPG)	
35 -	FMC	"Unfaithfully Yours" (84, Comedy) ★★ (PG)			"Dutch" (91) ★★ Ed O'Neill, Ethan Randall.		"Weekend Bernie"			
53 45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Slow Cooking (TV G)	Iron Chef America: Morimoto vs. Douglas		Throwdown	Ham on St.	Good Eats (TV G)	\$40 a Day	\$40 a Day	Tasty
13 7	FOX	That '70s Show (R)	That '70s Show (R)	You Can Dance: 2 of 8 Voted Off (TVPG)		Fox Report	Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TVPG)	
27 25	FX	Married	Married	King	King	'70s	'70s		"The Rundown" (03) ★★½ Mob son sought.	
30 27	FXSP	Dbl. Play	Rockies	MLB Baseball Padres at Rockies (Live)			Rockies	BDSSP		
- 60	HALL	Walker: Branded	"Rose Hill" ★★ Orphan boys raise a baby girl.		MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH		
5 -	HBO	"Shrek 2" (04) Shrek meets in-laws. (HD)	(15) "White Noise" (05, Suspense) ★★ Man uses electronics to speak the dead. (PG-13)		Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel		"Rebound" (05) ★★ Man regains respect. (PG)			
62 44	HGTV	Design: Challenge #1	Divine	Landscaper	House Hunt	House Hunt	Remix	Big Style	Design: Challenge #1	
58 48	HIST	Marvels: The World's Biggest Machines	Decoding Past: Secrets of the Dollar Bill		American Eats: Ice Cream Elite treat.		Wild West Tech: Brothel Tech (TV14)		Marvels: The World's Biggest Machines	
25 38	IND	Friends	Friends	"Scary Movie 3" A roving reporter investigates crop circles and a murderous videotape.		(55) "Scram 3" (00) ★★½ Neve Campbell. Woman is terrorized by a masked killer. (R)		Frasier	Frasier	
18 63	LIFE	"Touched" (05) (NR)	"Obsessed" (02, Drama) ★★½ Illicit affair. (NR)		Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Frasier	Frasier		
54 74	MTV	The Hills	NEXT	I Be You	Room Raid	Key West	Key West	The Band 3	The Band 3	Run House
3 9	NBC	9 News (N)	ET (TV G)	Name Is Earl (R)	The Office (R) (HD)	Talent (TVPG) (N)	Windfall: Answered Prayers (TV14) (N) (HD)	9 News (N)	(35) Jay Leno (HD)	
8 8	NBC	Name Is Earl (R) (HD)	The Office (R) (HD)	Talent (TVPG)	Windfall: Answered Prayers (TV14) (N) (HD)		KSN News at 10 (N)	Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14) (N) (HD)	Late Night (R) (HD)	
34 55	NICK	Sponge	Romeo!	Full House	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air
2 2	PBS	Debate	This Old House Hour (TV G)		Antiques Roadshow: Houston, Texas		BBC World News	Appearance	Charlie Rose (N)	
38 71	SCIFI	(4:00) "Hulk" (03) ★★½ Superhero			Darkplace	Screw-On	"The Phantom" (96) ★★ Hero defends world.			
61 72	SPK	Star Trek: Next (TVPG)	Police (TV14)		CSI: TVPG		CSI: Crime: Burked		Women of Spike (N)	
39 43	TLC	Home Chef (TVPG)	Dinner: Deb-Mary	While You Kitchen surprise. (TV G)		Miami Ink: Never Forget (TVPG)	Miami Ink: Growing Up (TVPG)		Miami Ink: Saver vs. Spender (TVPG)	
28 40	TNT	Without a Trace (HD)	"Half Light" (06) ★★½ A mother's loss. (R) (HD)		Nightmares (HD)		Nightmares (HD)			
51 49	TRAV	Passport	Passport	America's (TV G)	America's (TV G)	Passport	Passport	America's (TV G)		
21 59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)	Griffith	Sanford	Sanford	Times	3's Co.	3's Co.	All Family	All Family
60 79	UNIV	La fea más bella	Barrera de amor	Aquí y ahora (TVMA)	Monk (TVPG)	Monk (TVPG)	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)			
12 3	WB	Friends (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Smallville: Tomb (TV14) (R) (HD)	Supernatural: Nightmare (TV14) (R) (HD)		WB2 News at Nine (N)	Raymond (TV G)	Will-Grace (TV14)	
99 39	WGN	(5:00) MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)			News	Becker	Home Videos			

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

JULY 26, 2006

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		E = Eagle Cable			S = S&T Telephone					
36 47	A&E	Dog Bounty	Dog Bounty	Inked (TVPG) (N)	Inked (TVPG)	Mindfreak (TVPG)	Criss Angel: In Two	Crossing Jordan: Necessary Risks (HD)	Dog Bounty	Dog Bounty
4 6	ABC	The One: Making a Music Star (HD)	Lost: The Long Con (TV14) (R) (HD)		Primetime: Medical Mysteries (N)		KAKE News at 10 (N)	(35) Nightline (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)	
26 54	ANPL	Leave It to the Real Beavers (TV G)	The Secret Life of Otters (TV G)		Animal Cops - Detroit: Incredible Rescues		Leave It to the Real Beavers (TV G)		The Secret Life of Otters (TV G)	
63 67	BRAVO	Work Out	Project Runway (TV14)		Project Runway		Project Runway		Work Out	
7 11	CBS	Rock Star: Supernova (N)	Criminal Minds: Natural Bom Killer (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: Confederate Rocket (TVPG)	MythBusters: Killer Whirlpool (TVPG)		MythBusters: Cooling a Six-Pack (TVPG)		Future Weapons: Smart Weapons (TVPG)		MythBusters: Confederate Rocket (TVPG)	
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Lizzie (TV G)	So Raven (TVY7)	Zack (TVY7)	Phil: Happy Nirday (TVY7)	So Raven (TVY7)	"Read It and Weep" (06, Comedy) Marquise Brown. (NR)	Chad Broskey.	
49 66	E!TV	Dazed and Confused			Simple	Simple	E! News	The Daily	SNL: Katie Holmes	
22 28	ESPN	(5:30) MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)			SportsCenter (HD)		Baseball	NFL Live		
23 29	ESPN2	(5:30) MLS Soccer (Live)	Wednesday Night Fights from New York, NY		Quite from New York		Contender (TVPG)		Hazzard (TVPG)	
32 58	FAM	"The Jewel of the Nile" (85) ★★ (PG)			"The Other Side of Midnight" (77) Marie-France Pisier, John Beck.					
53 45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Stuff It Stuffing (TV G)	Food Challenge: Celebration Cakes		Good Eats (TV G)	Good Eats (TV G)	Good Eats (TV G)	Tasty: Anchorage	Food Challenge: Celebration Cakes	
13 7	FOX	Bones: The Man on the Fairway (R) (HD)	You Think You Can Dance: Top 8 Perform		Fox Report					