

# Mom in the middle, can not bring daughter and husband together

DEAR ABBY: I was recently married. I have a daughter, "Courtney," from a previous relationship. Things were great before the wedding. We even included Courtney in the planning. Afterward, however, things turned sour.

Courtney kept causing problems with my husband, and they both looked to me to work it out. I felt like I was being torn in two. No matter what I said to either of them, or if I just left the room to force them to work it out without me, things only got worse.

I left my husband over this. I was stressed out. Everyone was telling me I should not let my daughter dictate what was going on in my life. But I'm not going to force my child to live in a home where she does not feel love and does not want to be. Did I make the right decision? I still love my husband, but I must look out for what is best for my daughter. — SECOND THOUGHTS IN BLUE SPRINGS, MO.

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: Of course you have to look out for what is best for your child. Although you may have done the right thing in leaving, however, I think you left too soon.

Courtney had never had to share her mother's love and attention with anyone before. She was fighting for total possession of her parent, which



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wasn't healthy for either of you. Before leaving your husband, it would have been better to try family counseling to determine if a licensed professional could improve the level of communication, tolerance and understanding between the "combatants."

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old female who lives in a large family. There are two brothers, two sisters, three cousins, one aunt, two uncles, my parents and both my grandparents living here — so things are very open.

When I was 5, one of my uncles started molesting me. It lasted for eight years. After I was 6 or 7, the other uncle began raping me almost daily, and it went on for the next eight years.

I told my parents about the molestation, and we went to the police. But because they didn't do anything about the molestation, I didn't tell them about the everyday rape.

It has been three years since it stopped happening, and my uncle has told me he is sorry. I feel I need someone to talk to about this, but I don't

want to tell them who did it. I really need some advice. — HURTING IN HAYWARD, CALIF.

DEAR HURTING: Pick up the phone and call the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN). The toll-free number is (800) 656-4673. Counselors there will guide you to specialized services that can help you.

Their entire focus is on helping the victims of sexual assault. No one will "force" you to reveal anything you don't want to.

However, after counseling, you may decide to tell the authorities what was done to you in order to prevent your uncle from raping and assaulting other vulnerable family members or neighbors. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that you will.

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine is a single father with a 12-year-old daughter. The mother is no longer involved in their lives.

I am concerned because the 12-year-old sleeps in the same bed as her father. Although he claims nothing is going on, I believe — and have stated — that it is not a good idea. What do you think? I think it would help him to hear someone else's opinion. — JANE IN BURLINGAME, CALIF.

DEAR JANE: I agree the girl is too old to be sleeping with her dad. A 12-year-old girl is well on her way to be-

coming a young woman, and sharing a bed with her father could be too stimulating, for both of them. If he has further doubts about this, he should consult his daughter's pediatrician.

DEAR ABBY: About a month ago, I was shocked out of my shoes. My longtime friend, "Orville," told me he had bought \$280 worth of women's clothes. He went on to describe how "great" it feels to wear them. He says he has been a cross-dresser since boyhood when he started wearing his sister's clothes. When she found out, she continued dressing him up and he loved it.

Orville says he's a woman trapped in a man's body — something about brain lobes. I saw it once in the newspaper, but didn't read it because I wasn't interested.

Orville has told a lot of his friends and now he is isolated. I don't go over there either, because I don't want to hear it. (He even said I should try it.) We are in our 60s, and I think Orville is headed for trouble. I just can't believe he is gay. I am heterosexual (when I get the chance). Does he need a shrink? Please advise. — SHOCKED IN OKEECHOBEE, FLA.

DEAR SHOCKED: Feeling that one is trapped in the body of someone of the opposite sex does not make the person "gay." It means he or she is a

transsexual. Your friend needs understanding, not isolation.

By all means he should see a psychiatrist — one who specializes in gender disorders. He should have counseling if he wants to take this where it is heading, and also to cope with the loss of his friends. It would be a kindness to tell him that.

DEAR ABBY: We always have a large birthday party for my 8-year-old daughter every year. We hold the party later in the evening when we know people can come if it falls on a weekday because of work.

My sister returned to college this year, and I knew she could not come because she had a class that evening. So I asked my husband if we should have the party on another day or on the weekend. He said, "No, we're having it on her birthday in the evening, and if they can't come, they can see her at a later date." He said, what if they can't come on the weekend either? So the party stayed the same.

Football started that night for my other sister and her son, and my husband's sister had to work late. I feel like a heel! I agree that I don't want my daughter's party to be a week or two after her birthday, and I don't want to combine mine with hers, since they are two days apart. What do you think about this? Couldn't they miss one event to come to a party? —

BRENDIA IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

DEAR BRENDA: The type of parties you have described are more for adults than for children. It is more important that your little girl be able to enjoy her birthday with some of HER friends than it be a command performance for your sisters. Please consider this next year, because I don't think you are being fair to your daughter.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem. I have been having this recurring dream that I am getting married to my boyfriend of four years, and every time I have the dream, I end up backing out of the wedding. In other words, I always panic and run away. What does this dream mean? — DREAMER IN BIRCHLEAF, VA.

DEAR DREAMER: I'm no expert in dreams, but to me, your dream means that on some level you're not fully committed to marrying your boyfriend. Pay attention to it because that's something that you should examine with both eyes open, in the clear light of day.

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## SATURDAY 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	Cold Case Files: Crimes of the Klan (R)		"The Riverman" ('04, Drama) Bruce Greenwood. Serial killer solves crimes on death row		Cold Case Files: The Green River Killer (R)		Cold Case Files: Crimes of the Klan (R)			
4 6	ABC	College Football Notre Dame at Georgia Tech (Live) (HD)				Postgame Report		KAKE News at 10			
26 54	ANPL	Tsunami: Animal Instincts (TVPG)		How Animals Tell Time Animals tell time.		Kingdom: Elephant Family: Bonds of Life		Tsunami: Animal Instincts (TVPG)			
63 67	BRAVO	Project Runway (R)		"Back to the Future" ('85, Comedy) ★★½ A time traveling accidentally stops his own parents from meeting.				"Back to the Future" ('85) A teen accidentally changes the past.			
7 11	CBS	A Day in the Life of Television/Television & Radio (N)		Fall Preview (N)		48 Hours Mystery: The Girl Next Door (R)		News (N)			
55 42	DISC	What Really Killed the Dinosaurs (TV G)		Dirty Jobs: Hoot Cleaner (TV14) (R)		Dirty Jobs: Monkey Caretaker (TV14) (R)		What Really Killed the Dinosaurs (TV G)			
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)		Naturally: Election		Life Derek (TV G)		Zack & Cody (R)			
49 66	EITV	Police		Glamour's 50		Saturday Night (HD)		Chelsea H.			
22 28	ESPN	Coll. Ftbl		College Football (Live) (HD)				College SportsCenter (HD)			
23 29	ESPN2	College Football (Live) (HD)				Scoreboard		Baseball Tonight (HD)			
32 58	FAM	"Mrs. Doubtfire" ('93) ★★ Disguised dad applies for housekeeper.				Home Video		Kyle XY (R) (HD)			
35 -	FMC	"Connection II" ('75)		"Alien Resurrection" ('97, Sci-Fi) ★★ (R)				"Die Hard with a Vengeance" ('95) ★★ (R)			
53 45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Burgers and Fries (TV G) (R)		Food Network Challenge Ten finalists. (R)		Unwrapped (R)		Iron Chef America: Cora vs. Frasier (R)			
13 7	FOX	Cops (TVPG) (R)		America's Most Wanted (TVPG)		St. Elsewhere: Curtains		Blind Date (TVPG)			
27 25	FX	70s		"Mona Lisa Smile" Free-spirited teacher in the 1950s.				"Ice Age" ('02) Mammals rescue an infant.			
30 27	FXSP	College Football Utah at UCLA (Live)		F. Score		Aussie Millions Poker		Poker Superstars			
- 60	HALL	"Merlin's Apprentice" ('06) ★★ Merlin and apprentice search for grail.				"Merlin's Apprentice" ('06) Holy grail sought.					
5 -	HBO	(1:00) Lucky Louie: Kim Moves Out (TVMA) (R) (HD)		"Robots" ('05, Family) ★★½ Robot dreams of impressing tycoon. (HD)				"Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit" ('05) (G) (HD)			
62 44	HGTV	reDesign Challenge		Design Challenge		Facelift		reDesign			
58 48	HIST	"Pale Rider" ('85, Western) ★★½ Clint Eastwood, Michael Moriarty. A stranger in town tangles with a corrupt banker.				Wild West (TV G)		"Pale Rider" ('85) ★★½ Stranger aids town.			
25 38	IND	College Ftbl Alabama-Birmingham Blazers at Oklahoma Sooners from Memorial Stadium				(1:15) College Football Brigham Young Cougars at Arizona Wildcats from Arizona Stadium (Live)					
18 63	LIFE	"Defending" ('03) ★★½		"Eight Days to Live" Teen boy gets lost.		Housewives (HD)		"My Daughter" ('91)			
54 74	MTV	Two-a-Days		Two-a-Days		Laguna		2006 VMA Pre-show			
3 9	NBC	Connect		Paid Programming		NBC Fall Preview		Dateline NBC (N)			
8 8	NBC	NBC Fall Preview		Outrageous (R)		Dateline NBC (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (R) (HD)			
34 55	NICK	Danny Phantom (R)		Nicktoons		Nicktoons		Roseanne			
2 2	PBS	Appearance		As Time Goes L. Welk: Salute to the Working People		RedGreen (TVPG)		Austin City Limits: Wilco; Bright Eyes (R)			
38 71	SCIFI	"Manticore" ('05) ★½		"King of the Lost World"		Fantastical land.		"Sabretooth" ('02) ★½ Tiger hunts humans. (R)			
61 72	SPK	(1:00) CSI: Crime (HD)		Disorderly Con (R)		Caught on Tape2		Amazing (TV14) (N)			
39 43	TLC	Flip House: Gary		Flip House (TV G)		Kindness: Mississippi Southern Hospitality		Property Audience votes. (TV G)			
28 40	TNT	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		★ NASCAR Auto Racing (Live)					
51 49	TRAV	World Poker Tour: Aruba Poker Classic				Dream RVs (TV G)		World Poker Tour: Aruba Poker Classic			
21 59	TVLND	Jefferson		Jefferson		Jefferson		Jefferson			
60 79	UNIV	Sábado gigante (TVPG)				Primer imp		Noticiero			
20 37	USA	U.S. Open (Live)		U.S. Open from Flushing Meadows, NY (Live)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)			
12 3	WB	Star Trek: Enterprise: Carbon Creek		Friends (TVPG)		Friends (TVPG)		Will (TVPG)			
99 39	WGN	College Baseball (Live) (HD)				WGN News at Nine		Sex & City			

## MONDAY 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	CSI: Miami: Slow Burn (TV14) (HD)		"Firestorm: Last Stand at Yellowstone" ('06) Firefighters try to battle a wildfire. (HD)		CSI: Miami: Forced Entry (TV14) (HD)		CSI: Miami: Slow Burn (TV14) (HD)			
4 6	ABC	Wife Swap: Ast/Green (TVPG) (R)		Wife Swap: Stamper/Haggerty (R)		Supernanny: Silva Family (TVPG) (R)		KAKE News at 10 (35) Nightline (N)		(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)	
26 54	ANPL	Croc Hunt: Whale Sharks of the Wild West		Caught in the Moment: Cocos Islands (R)		Animal Cops - Houston (TVPG) (R)		Croc Hunt: Whale Sharks of the Wild West		Caught in the Moment: Cocos Islands (R)	
63 67	BRAVO	Project Runway: Designer's Best Friend (R)		Project Runway: Reap What You Sew (R)		Project Runway: Iconic Statement (R)		Project Runway: Waste Not, Want Not (R)		Project Runway (R)	
7 11	CBS	Two & 12 (R) (HD)		How I Met Your (R)		Two & 12 (R) (HD)		New Adv. (R) (HD)		CSI: Miami: Rampage (TV14) (R) (HD)	
55 42	DISC	American Hot Rod (TVPG) (R)		Biker Build-Off Fastest bike. (TVPG) (R)		American Chopper: Mikey's Bike (TVPG) (R)		American Chopper: Mikey's Bike 2 (R)		American Hot Rod (TVPG) (R)	
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)		Lizzie (TV G)		So Raven (R)		Zack & Cody (R)		Phil (TVY7)	
49 66	EITV	The El! True Hollywood Story: Michael J. Fox				Chelsea H.		The Soup		E! News	
22 28	ESPN	College Football (Live) (HD)				SportsCenter (HD)		Baseball		NFL Live	
23 29	ESPN2	College Football (Live) (HD)				Poker (Taped)		Darts: Uncasville, CT			
32 58	FAM	"Relative Chaos" ('06) Competitive family.				"Relative Chaos" ('06) Competitive family.				Home Video	
35 -	FMC	"That Thing You Do!" ('96, Comedy) ★★				"A Walk in the Clouds" ('95, Drama) ★★				After Film	
53 45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Quick & Easy (TV G) (R)		Unwrapped (R)		Unwrapped (R)		Good Eats (R)		\$40 a Day (R)	
13 7	FOX	Prison Break: Scan (TV14) (N) (HD)		Vanished: Drop (TV14) (N) (HD)		Fox Report		Blind Date (TVPG)		Blind Date (TVPG)	
27 25	FX	Married		King		King		70s		70s	
30 27	FXSP	Total Ftbl		Rockies		MLB Baseball Rockies at Padres (Live)		Rockies		BDSSP	
- 60	HALL	MASH		MASH		MASH		MASH		MASH	
5 -	HBO	"King" ('05) (HD)		(45) "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" ('05, Action) Brad Pitt. Married couple hired to kill each other. (HD)		HBO First Look (R)		Real Time with Bill Maher (TVMA)		Dane Cook: Vicious Circle (TVMA) (N)	
62 44	HGTV	Cash Attic		Ext. Homes		House Hunt		House Hunt		Open House	
58 48	HIST	UFO Files: The Pacific Bermuda Triangle		Lost Worlds: The Real Dracula (TVPG)		Digging: Stonehenge Secrets Revealed		Mysteries of Freemasons: The Beginning		UFO Files: The Pacific Bermuda Triangle	
25 38	IND	(5:00) MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Mets from Shea Stadium (Live)		Family (TV14)		Family (TV14)		Raymond (TVPG)		Raymond (TVPG)	
18 63	LIFE	"How to Deal" ('03)		"Amber's Story" ('06) The Amber alert. (NR)		Lovespring		Will (HD)		Will (HD)	
54 74	MTV	NEXT		NEXT		NEXT		N. Cannon		N. Cannon	
3 9	NBC	9 News (N) ET (TV G) (HD)		"Behind the Camera: The Unauthorized Story of 'Diff'rent Strokes'" ('06, Drama) (NR)		Medium: Death Takes a Policy (R) (HD)		KSN News at 10 (35) Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14)		Late Night (R) (HD)	
34 55	NICK	J. Neutron (TVY7)		Different		Bel-Air		Bel-Air		Cosby	
2 2	PBS	Antiques Roadshow: Albuquerque (R)		History (TV G)		Frank Lloyd Wright's Buffalo (TV G) (N) (HD)		BBC World News		(29) Python	
38 71	SCIFI	Dark Angel (TVPG)		Dark Angel: Brainiac		Dark Angel (TVPG)		"Voodoo Moon" ('05, Horror)		Demon hunt.	
61 72	SPK	CSI: Crime (N) (HD)		CSI: Crime (N) (HD)		CSI: Crime (N) (HD)		CSI: Crime (N) (HD)		Raising	
39 43	TLG	Little People (R)		Little People (R)		Little People (R)		Little People (R)		Raising 16 Children and Moving In (TV G)	
28 40	TNT	The Closer (R) (HD)		The Closer (N) (HD)		Saved (N) (HD)		The Closer (R) (HD)		The X-Files (HD)	
51 49	TRAV	Trekker (TV14)		Tribal Wolani (TVPG)		Bourdain: India (R)		Trekker (TV14)		Tribal Wolani (TVPG)	
21 59	TVLND	Jefferson		Jefferson		Jefferson		Jefferson		Jefferson	
60 79	UNIV	La fea más bella		Barrera de amor		Cristina (TV14)		Primer imp		Noticiero	
20 37	USA	U.S. Open (Live)		WWE Monday		WWE Monday		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)	
12 3	WB	Friends (TV14)		Raymond (TVPG)		7th Heaven: Highway to Cell (TV G) (R)		7th Heaven: Invitation to Disaster (TV G) (R)		News2 @ Nine (N)	
99 39	WGN	Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Sex & City		Becker	