

Marriage plans upset daughter

DEAR ABBY: What should I have said to my new 24-year-old stepdaughter who started bawling when her father and I told her that we had eloped? She wasn’t crying out of happiness, or even disappointment that she hadn’t been invited. In fact, the first thing out of her mouth was to ask her father, “Did you make her sign a pre-nup?”

Abby, I have never in my life felt so humiliated and offended by someone else’s rude behavior. If we hadn’t been out to dinner, I would have left immediately. She was sobbing uncontrollably at the table. But I held my head high and forced a smile for the rest of the meal.

Now I’m not really sure how I should act toward her. Before her father and I married, I thought we had a very friendly relationship. I never imagined a reaction like the one she had. I feel it was rude, tacky, inappropriate and cruel. Part of me never wants to see her again.

— CRUSHED
DEAR CRUSHED: I don’t blame you for feeling her behavior was rude, tacky, inappropriate and cruel. But you are all “family” now, and face it, you will be seeing her again. So my recommendation is to recognize that she was shocked, and forgive her candor and loss of control. But don’t forget it.

DEAR ABBY: My son, “Ian,” has a girlfriend, “Patty,” who is 5 1/2 months pregnant. Patty is bipolar, but she is not being treated for it and will not take medication. She has gotten mad at Ian and literally beaten him up. The last time it happened, Ian ended up with scratches on his face and a large bite on his upper arm. Patty was arrested and had to spend four days in jail.

In the meantime, her mother, “Liz,” came over to Ian’s house and proceeded to tell me about Patty’s life.

Before this all happened, Patty told me she didn’t want me to meet Liz because she was “crazy.” While Patty was in jail, Liz told her that I had said Patty needed to be institutionalized. What I did say was that Patty needs to be ANALYZED. Her mother also said that Ian’s house has “bad spirits” in it. Now Patty refuses to move back home with my son.

Abby, this girl needs a lot of understanding and help, but how can I help her if she thinks I said all these bad things about her? A horrible thing happened while Patty was in jail. Her mother killed herself. I know and understand her special needs. I want to be there for her and the baby.

— CARING
DEAR CARING: Remind Patty that she told you how mentally ill her mother was, which was proven to be true by the fact she committed suicide while Patty was in jail. Explain that her mother may have thought you said she (Patty) needed institutionalization, but that she was “confused.” What you really said was that Patty should be evaluated to determine the cause of her mood swings, and to determine if there was medication she could take to calm them.

Frankly, I, too, am concerned for the baby’s welfare. Because Patty becomes violent when she “loses it,” it might be safer if your son has legal custody of the child until his girlfriend becomes more stable. I recommend that you and Ian explore that option with a lawyer NOW.

DEAR ABBY: I am currently pregnant with a child I cannot keep. I have chosen adoption, and the par-



Abigail Van Buren

- Dear Abby

ents will be a childhood friend of mine and her husband, with whom I am living. My question is, I know there should be a baby shower. But should I attend?

— “VI” IN NEW JERSEY
DEAR “VI”: I see no reason why you should not attend the shower if you wish. However, no gift should be necessary. You are already bringing the most important gift of all.

DEAR ABBY: My 3-year-old son has been attending a day-care center that is run by my best friend, “Annika.” While Annika was out of town attending a funeral, one of her staff members kicked my son in the head because he was “in her way.” When I questioned the teacher, she smirked about it and didn’t deny it. I wanted the matter addressed immediately. I called our state licensing division to have the matter investigated. The following week, when Annika returned, she advised me that child care for my son would be terminated in two days. The teacher received a simple write-up.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You and each of you are hereby notified that the Colby/Thomas County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 585 North Franklin, Colby, Kansas, at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, March 16, 2006, to:

- Hear a proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 1257, dated April 15, 1997. The proposed amendment will include the addition of Sidewalk Regulations to Section 21-109 – C-1, Commercial District; Section 21-110 – C-2, Neighborhood Commercial District; Section 21-111 – CM, Commercial/Mixed Use District; Section 21-111.5 – C-3, Heavy Commercial District.
- Hear a proposed amendment to the City of Colby Subdivision Regulations adopted by Ordinance No. 1258, dated April 15, 1997. The proposed amendment will include the addition of Sidewalk Regulations to Section I. Definitions.

The public is invited to attend.

Beverly J. Stieber
Beverly J. Stieber, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REZONING IN THE CITY OF COLBY, KANSAS

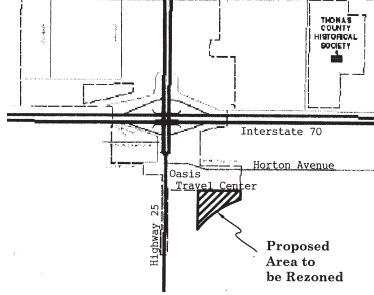
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You and each of you are hereby notified that the Colby/Thomas County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 585 N. Franklin, Colby, Kansas, at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, March 16, 2006, to hear a request for zoning change from WWWW, Inc., owner, from R-1 (Single Family Dwelling District) to I-1 (Light Industrial District), more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Eight (8) South, Range Thirty-three (33) West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Thomas County, Kansas, and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 18, Township 8 South, Range 33 West; Thence on an assumed bearing of South 02 degrees 21 minutes 16 seconds West along the West line of said Section 18 a distance of 1418.69 feet; Thence South 87 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East a distance of 45.57 feet; Thence South 87 degrees 59 minutes 18 seconds East a distance of 529.85 feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence continuing along the last described course a distance of 747.14 feet; Thence South 02 degrees 38 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 150.00 feet; Thence on a non-tangent curve to the left having an arc length of 938.00 feet, a radius of 1556.88 feet, a delta angle of 34 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds, a chord bearing of South 56 degrees 11 minutes 19 seconds West, and a chord distance of 923.88 feet; Thence North 02 degrees 18 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 690.73 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract contains 6.207 acres and is subject to any easements or right-of-ways of record.

According to Statutes, all property owners in a radius of 200 feet will be notified of this request.



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Annika said I didn’t give her the chance to correct the problem with the teacher before calling the state. I am livid that she took it personally when I tried to protect my child. I didn’t do it to get her in trouble.

Annika was to be my maid of honor next September, and the thought of it makes me ill. I have no desire to see my former best friend, and she lives across the street from me. This all happened last week. Should I give it time, or stand my ground? Am I overreacting about this or should I reconcile?

— OVERWHELMED
DEAR OVERWHELMED: Your call to the state licensing board was premature. Although I understand your outrage as a protective parent, everyone might have been better served had you withdrawn your child from the day-care center until Annika returned, and not jumped the gun. Frankly, you are lucky to have your son out of there. The teacher, who appears poorly suited for her job, should have been dismissed instead of reprimanded.

Only you can decide whether or not to reconcile with your best friend. Because Annika lives across the street, I see no point in trying to avoid her. However, you both might be happier if you asked someone else to be your maid of honor.

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TV LISTINGS

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WEEKDAYS			FEBRUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 27										
	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC 4 6	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America				Martha		The View		Millionaire	News	
KSNK/NBC 3 8	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		Ellen Show	Varied	
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News Cont'd		News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		
K15CG 2	BBC World	Body Electric	Caillou	Mister Rogers	Beren. Bears	Cliff Pup	Big Big World	Dragon Tales	Sesame Street		Teletubies	Barney-Friends	
ESPN 28	Sports-Center	Sports-Center	Varied	Sports-Center	Varied	Sports-Center	Varied	Sports-Center	Varied	Sports-Center	Varied	Game-night	
USA 37	Varied Programs		JAG		The District		Nash Bridges		Varied Programs				
TBS 38	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Dawson's Creek		Movie				Becker	Becker	
WGN 39	Chang-ing	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbil-lies	Hillbil-lies	Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.		
TNT 40	Angel		Charmed		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy		
DSC 42	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	American Chopper		American Chopper		Varied Programs				
A&E 47	Classroom		Varied Programs						City Confidential		American Justice		
HIST 48	Varied Programs												
NICK 55	Oddpar-ents	Oddpar-ents	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	Backyar-digans	Dora the Explorer	Lazy-Town	Max & Ruby	Dora the Explorer	
DISN 56	Break-fast Bear	Higgly-town	Ein-steins	JoJo's Circus	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Koala Brothers	Rolie Polie	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	Rolie Polie	
FAM 58	Kong-Series	Spider-Man	Mighty Morphin	Power Rangers	The 700 Club		Living the Life		Gilmore Girls		Step by Step	Full House	
HALL 60	New Morning		The Waltons		The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Diagnosis Murder		

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	12 PM		12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM		2:30	3 PM		3:30	4 PM		4:30	5 PM		5:30										
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	All My Children			One Life to Live			General Hospital			Judge-Brown	Judge-Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News		ABC Wid News											
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News	Inside Edition		Days of our Lives			Passions			The Insider	Jeopardy!	XX Olympic Winter Games			News	NBC News											
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful		As the World Turns			Guiding Light			Dr. Phil			Oprah Winfrey			News	CBS News										
K15CG (2)	Reading Rainbow		Lions	Varied Programs				Clifford-Red	Cyber-chase	Arthur		Maya & Miguel		Post-cards	Zoom	Business											
ESPN (28)	Outside-Lines	Sports-Center	PGA Golf	Varied Programs										SportsCenter													
USA (37)	XX Olympic Winter Games Cont'd			Varied Programs										Olympic Ice													
TBS (38)	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld															
WGN (39)	News			Magnum, P.I.			Da Vinci's Inquest		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Moesha	Moesha	Home Improve.	Home Improve.													
TNT (40)	Judging Amy			NYPD Blue			Law & Order		Law & Order		Charmed		Charmed														
DSC (42)	Varied Programs			The New Detectives			The FBI Files		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		It Takes a Thief			Cash Cab	Cash Cab												
A&E (47)	Cold Case Files			Varied Programs							City Confidential			American Justice													
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels			Varied Programs																							
NICK (55)	Go Diego	Lazy-Town	Rugrats	Teenage Robot	Varied Programs				6teen		SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Grown Up	Danny Phantom													
DISN (56)	Higglytown	JoJo's Circus	Lilo & Stitch	Brandy & Mr.	Varied Programs				Kim Possible		That's-Raven	Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody														
FAM (58)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	Gilmore Girls			7th Heaven															
HALL (60)	Matlock			Matlock			Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H													

THURSDAY													FEBRUARY 23	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Dancing With the Stars (Live) (CC)			Crumbs (N) (CC)	Primetime (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)			
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	XX Olympic Winter Games (iTV) From Turin, Italy. Figure skating; freestyle skiing; snowboarding. (CC)						News		Olym Tonight			
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Survivor: Panama -- Exile Island (iTV)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Without a Trace Viuda Negra (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late			
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Tony	In Our Prime	The This Old House Hour (CC)		Antiques Roadshow (CC)		BBC World	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)			
ESPN (28)	College Basketball: Georgia. (Live) (CC)		South Carolina at		College Basketball: Cincinnati. (Live) (CC)		Villanova at		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Game- night		Baseball Tonight	
USA (37)	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		PGA Golf: Chrysler Classic of Tucson -- First Round. From Tucson, Ariz.					
TBS (38)	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Exit Wounds ★ (2001, Action) (PA) Steven Seagal, DMX. (CC)				Movie: Lethal Weapon ★★★ (1987, Action) (PA) Mel Gibson. (CC)					
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: Dangerous Beauty ★★½ (1998, Drama) Catherine McCormack. (CC)			WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City		Becker (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)			
TNT (40)	Law & Order Denial (CC) (DVS)		NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Detroit Palace of Auburn Hills. (Live) (CC)			Pistons.		NBA Basketball: Sacramento Kings at Los Angeles Lakers. Staples Center. (Live) (CC)						
DSC (42)	Extreme Engineering (CC)		Tank School Marine Corps. (CC)		Anatomy Of... Anatomy of a Stryker		Stealth Secrets (CC)		Extreme Engineering (CC)		Tank School Marine Corps. (CC)			
A&E (47)	Murder on the Tracks (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		Dallas SWAT (CC)		Crossing Jordan A Stranger Among Us		The First 48 (CC)			
HIST (48)	Ship of Gold (CC)		Meteors: Fire in the Sky (Part 2 of 2)		Giganto: The Real King Kong (CC)		Declassified (N) (CC)		Zero Hour (CC)		Meteors: Fire in the Sky (Part 2 of 2)			
NICK (55)	Oddpar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	Romeo! (CC)	Full House	Fresh Prince	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince		
DISN (56)	Phil of Future	That's- Raven	Movie: The Color of Friendship ★★½ (2000) (CC)			Emper- or New	The Emper- or	Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody	That's- Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible		
FAM (58)	Smallville Gone (CC)		Movie: The Adventures of Pluto Nash ★ (2002, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. (CC)			Whose Line?		Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos		
HALL (60)	Walker, Texas Ranger (Part 1 of 2)		Walker, Texas Ranger (Part 2 of 2)		Movie: Skywalkr ★★½ (1993, Drama) The adventures of a mail-order bride. (CC)				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)		