

Husband's prejudice scares wife about getting pregnant

DEARABBY: I am a 26-year-old woman, married just over 19 months. My husband, "Troy," is caring and supportive — but he's prejudiced against people who are overweight. He makes obscene jokes when he sees large people in public and generally has a bad attitude about people with weight issues.

We have recently discussed starting a family. Frankly, I'm scared to death of becoming pregnant because of Troy's feelings about weight. I admit to being vain — I'm 5-foot-10, a size 6, and I work hard to stay that way. Troy loves the fact that I'm built this way, and he never fails to compliment me or make me feel sexy.

I am terrified about how he will react to me during and after the pregnancy. Troy says he'll love me just the way I am, no matter what that is, but 10 minutes later he'll make a comment about how glad he is he didn't marry a fat woman. I have tried talking to him about weight gain during pregnancy. He says pregnancy is "different," and I'll lose all the weight after the baby is born.

We both want children and can support a child financially, but I'm very concerned about what the pregnancy could do to our marriage. Have you any advice?

— BABY BLUES IN CHARLESTON, S.C.

DEAR BABY BLUES: Your concern is justified. Your husband's bias against large people has you between a rock and a hard place. How nice to hear that he will love you "just the way you are, no matter what that is" — but what if you aren't able to "lose all the weight" after the baby is born?

You and your husband should schedule an appointment with your ob/gyn to discuss pregnancy and all of its ramifications, with an emphasis on the changes it brings about during and after gestation. It takes a man to be a husband and father — and frankly, it appears your mate has some growing up to do before he becomes a father.

DEAR ABBY: I am engaged to a wonderful man, "Evan," who has two children ages 4 and 6. I love Evan dearly and we get along well in every area except one — his younger child, "Melissa." She is very badly behaved, and I suspect she has ADHD — but Evan and his ex-wife refuse to take her to a doctor.

After we are married, Melissa will be sharing a bedroom with my daughter, "Sasha." Melissa is very destructive, and I know Sasha will not be happy when Melissa trashes her toys and belongings.

The main reason Evan and I have not gone forward with our plans is Melissa. I don't know what to do. I'm losing patience with my fiancé and his unwillingness to address his daughter's problems. There are problems in every situation with Melissa — home, school, baby sitters, family functions, outings. I dread taking her anywhere. A 4-year-old is controlling my future, Abby. Please help me.

— STEPMOM-TO-BE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR STEPMOM-TO-BE:

Military News

Colbyte graduates basic military training
Army National Guard Pvt. Timothy J. Towey has graduated from basic military training at Fort Knox, Ky., under the Split Option Training Program.

The program allows high school students between their junior and senior year to attend and complete the Army National Guard or Reserve six-week basic training program during the summer of their junior year.

During basic training, the recruit receives instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, values and tradition.

The student attends weekend drills during the senior year of high school until graduation.

Following graduation from high school, the recruit serves as a member of the national guard or reserve and attends advanced individual training (AIT) to acquire job skills necessary in a military career specialty.

Towey attends Golden Plains High School in Rexford and is the son of Mike and Joyce Towey, Gem.



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby


One way to prevent Melissa from controlling your future is to take back control for yourself. The child clearly has issues that need to be addressed, and your fiancé appears to be stuck in denial. Think again how this will affect your daughter if Melissa doesn't get the help she's crying out for. If I were in your shoes, I'd give my fiancé an ultimatum: Have his daughter medically and psychologically evaluated, or no wedding. (In your case that would be a win-win situation.)

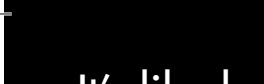
DEAR ABBY: An old friend of mine, "Marla," moved away six years ago. Imagine my surprise when she showed up on my doorstep last Easter. I had just started a new job and was bogged down with work. Marla had always said I was welcome to come and stay at her new home "any time." So, when she mentioned she was going to try to find a hotel, I said, "Of course not! Stay with me!"

Abby, Marla knew I had to put my best foot forward at work and that I had no vacation time coming. But she insisted that I go out with her to bars and stay until they closed. When I reminded her I had to take it easy and get to bed early, she loaded on the guilt. It was clear she was only concerned with her good time and how much her plane fare had cost her. I was relieved to see her go.

Last night, Marla called and announced that she's coming back next month, so I should "mark my calendar." She did not ask if it was convenient for her to visit me. She met a guy while she was here, and I suspect that's the reason for her visit. I'm afraid she's assuming my spare room is hers again. I don't want to offer it to her. She'll drive me nuts. On the other hand, we've been friends a long time. I don't want to hurt her feelings. Please give me some advice — and hurry!

— NOT MRS. HILTON

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18

	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)	In Touch Extraordinary life.		Good Morning America (CC)		This Week-George Stephanopoulos		Hour of Power (CC)		The Coral Ridge Hour (CC)		First United Methodist Church	
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	Rebecca Gdn	Paid Program	Today (CC)		Meet the Press (CC)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Your Bible	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	Paid Program	Messiah Baptist	John- ston	Believer Voice	CBS News Sunday (CC)	Morning	Face the Nation		Paid Program	Paid Program	NFL Today Host Greg Gumbel. (Live)	
K15CG (2)	Euro. Journal	On the Money	Sesame Street (EI) (CC)		Eyes of Nye	Maya & Miguel	Arthur (EI)	Post- cards	Cyber- chase	Busi- ness	Health Sense	To the Contrary
ESPN (28)	Sports- Center	College Gameday Final (CC)	NFL Matchup		Sports- Center	Outside Lines	Sports Reports	Sports- Center	Sunday NFL Countdown (Live) (CC)			
USA (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: Drop Zone (1994) A U.S. marshal pursues a gang of sky-diving criminals.				PGA Tour Sunday (Live) (CC)	Made in the USA Casting Inventions.		
TBS (38)	Intersti- tial	Movie: Stepmom ★★ (1998) A woman tries hard to make her lover's children accept her. <i>Julia Roberts.</i>						Movie: The Negotiator ★★★ (1998, Action) negotiator is accused of committing murder.		(PA) A top police officer is accused of committing murder. <i>Samuel L. Jackson.</i>		
WGN (39)	Chang- ing	Bill Winston	Key of David	Ronnie Floyd	Hillbil- lies	Hillbil- lies	Mutant X Traveling death camp. (CC)		The X-Files (CC)	Andromeda The Heart of the Journey		
TNT (40)	Law & Order Privileged		Movie: Tomorrow Never Dies ★★★ (1997) James Bond tries to short-circuit a communications tycoon.					Movie: Payback ★★½ (1999, Suspense) <i>Mel Gibson, Gregg Henry.</i> (CC)		Ctdwn- Green		
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Pataparu: Monkeys Without Thumbs		Lion: Spy in the Den Lions. (CC)		Lion Battlefield (CC)		Expedition: Bismarck	
A&E (47)	Old House	Old House	Breakfast With the Arts (N)					Biography The Bee Gees: This Is Where I Came In (CC)		Biography The Brady Bunch (CC)		
HIST (48)	Ancient Discoveries		Hard- cover	Histo- ryCTR	Conquerors Fremont (CC)		Infams Murder	Infams Murder	Digging for the Truth (CC)		Vietnam: On the Frontlines (CC)	
NICK (55)	Rocket Power	Rugrats (CC)	Grown Up	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	Cats- cratch	Oddpar- ents	Danny Phantom	Avatar- Last Air	Grown Up	Barbie and the Magic of Pegasus	
DISN (56)	Koala Brothers	Higgly- town	Higgly- town	JoJo's Circus	Doodle- boops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Whis- kers	Ameri- can Drgn	Buzz on Maggie
FAM (58)	Battle B- Daman	Shinzo	Dragon Booster	Digimon- Digital	W.I.T.C.- H. (CC)	Super Robot	Power Rangers	Spider- Man	The Tick (CC)	Power Rangers	Full House	Full House
HALL (60)	Movie: Brothers of the Frontier (1996, Adventure) <i>Joey Lawrence.</i> (CC)				America at Worship				Mass From Notre Dame		The World of Faith and Values	

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KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Inside Stuff	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Cardio Cruiser	Paid Program	WNBA Basketball: Finals Game 3 -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)				ABC Wild News	News (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Bull Riding: PBR Johnsonville Brats Invitational. Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (CC)				News	NBC News	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	NFL Football: New England Patriots at Carolina Panthers. Bank of America Stadium. (Live) (CC)						NFL Football: Cleveland Browns at Green Bay Packers. Lambeau Field. (Live) (CC)						
K15CG (2)	On the Record	McLaugh- lin	Tommy Fleming: A Voice of Hope (CC)			Dr. Wayne Dyer: The Power of Intention Dr. Wayne Dyer explores the power of intention. (CC)							
ESPN (28)	Billiards: Midwest Classic		Billiards: Midwest Classic		PGA Golf: 84 Lumber Classic -- Final Round. Farmington, Pa. (Live) (CC)						Billiards: Midwest Classic		
USA (37)	Movie: The Beast ★★ (1996, Horror) A sea creature plunges a coastal community into terror. <i>William Petersen, Karen Sillas.</i> (CC)						Movie: Creature ★★ (1998) An amphibious monster threatens a scientist and his family. <i>Craig T. Nelson.</i>						
TBS (38)	MLB Baseball: Atlanta Braves at New York Mets. Shea Stadium. (Live) (CC)						Movie: The Patriot ★★ (1998, Action) (PA) <i>Steven Seagal, Gailard Sartain.</i> (CC)				Movie: Snake Eyes ★½ (1998) (CC)		
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		MLB Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs. Wrigley Field. (Live)						Cosby Show		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		
TNT (40)	NASCAR Racing: Nextel Cup Series -- Sylvania 300. From Loudon, N.H. (Live) (CC)						Movie: Demolition Man ★★½ (1993, Adventure) A frozen cop is thawed out to capture an old nemesis.						
DSC (42)	Expedition: Bismarck		Shipwrecks and Salvage (CC)		MythBusters (CC)		Inside Pro Wrestling School		World's Strongest Boy		Supersize She		
A&E (47)	(11:00) Biography The Brady Bunch		Movie: This Boy's Life (1993) A rebellious boy looks horns with his stepfather. (CC)				Find & Design		Find & Design		Sell This House! Sell This House!		
HIST (48)	Vietnam: On the Frontlines (CC)		Vietnam: On the Frontlines (CC)		Vietnam: On the Frontlines (CC)		Movie: Faith of My Fathers ★★ (2005, Docudrama) <i>Shawn Hatosy.</i> (CC)				Modern Marvels Tunnels of Vietnam		
NICK (55)	Rock Star	Cats- cratch	Nick- toons TV	Nick- toons TV	Nick- toons TV	Nick- toons TV	Nick- toons TV	Nick- toons TV	Nick- toons TV	Nick- toons TV	Amanda	Drake & Josh	
DISN (56)	Movie: Beethoven's 3rd ★★½ (2000, Comedy) <i>Judge Reinhold.</i> (CC)				Zack & Cody		That's- Raven		Lizzie McGuire	Even Stevens	Phil of Future	Naturally Sadie (N)	Life With Derek
FAM (58)	Dancing With the Stars (CC)		Dancing With the Stars (CC)		Dancing With the Stars (CC)		Dancing With the Stars (CC)		Dancing With the Stars (CC)		Dancing With the Stars (CC)		
HALL (60)	Movie: Matlock: The Scam (1995, Mystery) <i>Andy Griffith.</i> (CC)				Columbo Columbo tries to outwit a military academy commandant planning a murder.				Movie: Diary of a Perfect Murder ★★½ (1986, Drama) <i>Andy Griffith.</i> (CC)				

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KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Movie: Pearl Harbor ** (2001, Drama) Two lifelong friends are caught up in the Japanese attack. <i>Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett.</i>								News (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Lawyer on Line	Diamond Adv.	
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	Dateline NBC (CC)		The West Wing 2162 Votes (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Crossing Jordan Jump Push Fall (CC)		News	The West Wing An Khe (CC)	Inside Edition		
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	60 Minutes (CC)		The 57th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards Ceremonies honoring TV excellence. (Live) (CC)								News (CC)	Paid Program	Paid Program
K15CG (2)	Wayne Dyer	The Glenn Miller Spectacular (CC)			Andre Rieu: The Flying Dutchman (CC)				Globe Trekker Mozambique (CC)		Mystery: Hetty Wainthropp		
ESPN (28)	Sports-Center	NFL Primetime (Live) (CC)		NFL Football: Kansas City Chiefs at Oakland Raiders. McAfee Coliseum. (Live) (CC)						SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			
USA (37)	(3:30) Movie: Creature ** (1998)		Movie: The Mummy Returns **½ (2001, Adventure) Imhotep's minions kidnap the O'Connells' precocious son. <i>Brendan Fraser.</i>					Law & Order: SVU		The 4400 A returnee seeks helps. (CC)			
TBS (38)	(5:00) Movie: Snake Eyes *½ (1998)		Movie: Exit Wounds * (2001, Action) (PA) <i>Steven Seagal, DMX.</i> (CC)				Movie: Shaft **½ (2000) A former cop vows to bring a murderous racist to justice.			Movie: Snake Eyes *½ (1998) (CC)			
WGN (39)	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: RoboCop 3 *½ (1993, Science Fiction) <i>Robert John Burke.</i> (CC)				Maximum Exposure		WGN News	Instant Replay	The Twilight Zone (CC)		
TNT (40)	Law & Order Admissions		Law & Order American Jihad		Law & Order Turnstile Justice		Wanted Ronin (N)		Law & Order Ego (CC) (DVS)		Movie: Demolition Man **½ (1993)		
DSC (42)	Going Tribal		Dirty Jobs Chick Sexer (CC)		Dirty Jobs Sludge Cleaner		Dirty Jobs Vexcon (CC)		Dirty Jobs Chick Sexer (CC)		Dirty Jobs Sludge Cleaner		
A&E (47)	Crossing Jordan Fire From the Sky		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	CSI: Miami Losing Face (CC)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	
HIST (48)	The Horrors of Hussein (CC)		High Hitler (CC)		Saddam's Doctor: An Insider's Story		Band of Brothers (CC)		Shootout! D-Day: Fallujah (CC)		High Hitler (CC)		
NICK (55)	Ned's School	Unfabu-lous	Zoey 101 Webcam	Romeo! (CC)	Full House	Fresh Prince	Hi-Jinks (CC)	Cosby Show	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	
DISN (56)	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Movie: Beethoven ** (1992, Comedy) <i>Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt.</i> (Premiere)				Zack & Cody	Naturally Sadie	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Life With Derek	Buzz on Maggie	
FAM (58)	Movie: The Sandlot **½ (1993, Comedy-Drama) <i>Tom Guiry, Mike Vitar.</i>				Movie: The Sandlot 2 (2005) Baseball-playing friends must outwit a fearsome dog.				Home Videos	Home Videos	Joel Osteen	Feed the Children	
HALL (60)	Movie: Jane Doe: 'Til Death Do Us Part (2005, Mystery) <i>Lea Thompson.</i> (CC)				Movie: Mystery Woman: Vision of Murder (2005, Mystery) <i>Kellie Martin.</i> (CC)				Movie: Matlock: The Scam (1995, Mystery) <i>Andy Griffith.</i> (CC)				

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19

	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)	(5:59) News	NFL Football: New Orleans Saints vs. New York Giants.			NFL Football: Washington Redskins at Dallas Cowboys. Texas Stadium. (Live) (CC)				News		Nightline (CC)		
KSNK/NBC (8) (3)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Surface (Series Premiere) (N) (CC)		Las Vegas Viva Las Vegas (N) (CC)			Medium (Season Premiere) (N) (CC)	News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night		
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	King of Queens (CC)	How I Met	Two/Half Men	Out of Practice	CSI: Miami From the Grave (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late		
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Antiques Roadshow (CC)		History Detectives (N) (CC)		Bio In the Balance BioAttack (N) (CC)		BBC World	May-Dec. (CC)	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
ESPN (28)	Sports-Center	Monday Night Countdown (Live) (CC)		NFL Football: New York Giants. Giants		Orleans Saints vs. New Stadium. (CC)		2005 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			
USA (37)	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent One		Movie: Jurassic Park ★★½ (1993, Science Fiction) Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island amusement park. Sam Neill.						Law & Order: SVU		
TBS (38)	Ray-mond	Ray-mond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Movie: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective ★★ (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey. (CC)				
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: A Kiss So Deadly (1996, Drama) Dedee Pfeiffer. (CC)			WGN News at Nine (CC)			Sex and the City	Becker (CC)	Da Vinci's Inquest This Shit Is Evil (CC)		
TNT (40)	Law & Order Killerz (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order Attorney Client		Law & Order House Calls (CC) (DVS)		Wanted Ronin (CC)		Without a Trace Between the Cracks		NYPD Blue Roll Out the Barrel (CC)		
DSC (42)	American Chopper Firebike 2 (CC)		Monster House Sixties House (N)		Monster Garage Logsplitter (CC)		American Chopper Yankees Bike 1 (CC)		Monster House Sixties House		Monster Garage Logsplitter (CC)		
A&E (47)	Cold Case Files (CC)		Growing Up Gotti		Growing Up Gotti		Growing Up Gotti		Airline (N) (CC)	Airline April Fool	Crossing Jordan Blue Moon (CC)		
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels (CC)		UFO Files Britain's X-Files (N)		Decoding the Past (CC)		Weird U.S. Fact or Fiction (N) (CC)		Breaking Vegas Slot Buster (CC)		UFO Files Britain's X-Files (N)		
NICK (55)	Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Zoey 101 Jet X	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	
DISN (56)	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Movie: Pixel Perfect ★★ (2004, Comedy) A hologram sings for a struggling band.				Naturally Sadie	Sister, Sister	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible	
FAM (58)	Smallville Vortex (CC)		Beautiful People F-Stop (CC)		Beautiful People Blow Up (N) (CC)		Whose Fear? Whose Line?		The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos		
HALL (60)	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Movie: What the Deaf Man Heard ★★ (1997, Comedy-Drama) Matthew Modine.				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	