

Woman's gender change shocking

DEAR ABBY: I recently met a gorgeous woman I'll call "Giselle." After we had dated for a couple of months and became physically involved, she told me she had had gender reassignment surgery and used to be a man! I was, to say the least, shocked and deeply disturbed.

I did not punch out Giselle as I would have liked to — which brings me to my question. What is the etiquette regarding physically confronting someone like that? Is it the same as hitting a girl?

We're roughly the same size.

— DISTRESSED IN VIRGINIA

DEAR DISTRESSED: Because Giselle is now a female, it would, indeed, have been the same as hitting a girl, and I'm glad you restrained yourself. I have a feeling that she was probably more hurt that you stopped seeing her than any physical blow you might have inflicted. As to the "etiquette" regarding hitting her, if you hit someone of either gender, it is assault and battery — or possibly worse — and it's a crime that can land you in jail. Be glad you controlled your temper.

DEAR ABBY: My wife, to whom I was happily married for 20 years, has become infatuated and besotted with a certain North American poet, songwriter and entertainer. She talks about him constantly and sings his songs morning, noon and night. Every conversation somehow involves him.

She listens exclusively to his music both in the car and at home, and constantly remarks how sexy, attractive and "brilliant" he is.

She openly tells me she would have sex with him in a moment. She uses his picture as a screen-saver on her computer at work and is constantly surfing for information about him.

At first, I tried joking about it, then became somewhat angry, and have now given up and stopped objecting. I feel this man has taken over my marriage. My wife says she loves me and adores me, and that I'm being silly, immature and jealous and have to get over it. Please help.

— LOUIS IN HOLLYWOOD, FLA.

DEAR LOUIS: You may be jealous, but the person who is acting silly and immature is your wife. It is one thing to enjoy, admire and be curious about an entertainer. But your wife appears to have become so fixated on this man that she has emotionally abandoned you.

Her crack about "having sex with him in a moment" if she got the chance was uncalled for. As far as I'm concerned, your feelings are valid, and she has some fences to mend.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old girl who fell in love with a 19-year-old guy. I care about him very much — in fact, I love him. He said he cares about me, too, but doesn't want a relationship. I can understand that, but sometimes I feel as if he used me for his own needs. He's not the type of guy who does that, but it crosses my mind.

Now he has moved three states away, leaving me here to rot alone. Should I tell him how I feel, so maybe he will come back? Or do I move on and not find out what I mean to him?

— LOST IN MISSOURI

DEAR LOST: Tell the young man how you feel, but if he does not give you the answer you're looking for, please be fully prepared to move on. It would be a mistake to sit around waiting for the person you "think" might be Mr. Right when the REAL Mr. Right could be right in front of you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Hans," and I have decided not to allow our two children to visit their grandparents' home while my sister-in-law, "Becky," is living there. The reason for our decision is that Becky molested Hans for about four years while they were kids.

Becky has kids of her own now and has said some things that are questionable. We feel our children would be better off without her in their lives, just to be safe. Hans' parents do not know what happened. He simply told them he has "good reason" for not allowing his

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children over, and not much else was said.

My problem is, my in-laws are blaming ME for the children not going over there, and now refuse to visit with us at our house. Hans' mother barely speaks to him anymore.

They live only 15 minutes away and both are under 50 and in good health. Were we wrong in our decision? Do you think Hans should tell his parents why we don't visit? As with many cases of sexual abuse, Becky convinced Hans that no one would believe him if he "told," and unfortunately, that thought has stuck with him.

— DESPERATE TO MEND THE FAMILY

DEAR DESPERATE: You made the right decision in keeping your children away from Becky, but you made a mistake in not telling the grandparents exactly why.

They should immediately be told the truth — if only so they can make sure that the children under their roof now have not been molested.

And if you have any reason to believe they would turn a blind eye to it, you should share your concerns with Child Protective Services.

DEAR ABBY: One of my best friends, "Patty," just became engaged. I'm happy for her. Patty was one of my bridesmaids and even acted as unofficial maid of honor. She loaned me a small amount of money, which I haven't been able to pay back yet.

Patty called me the other day. When we spoke, she mentioned the money and asked when I would repay the loan. I told her I plan to pay her back as soon as I can. Then she told me her mother is having reser-

vations about me being one of her bridesmaids. She said her mom wanted to make sure I knew they couldn't afford to pay for my dress.

The thing is, I already knew I'd have to pay for it. I'm the only bridesmaid she has said that to, and I feel insulted.

I was already planning on buying my own dress. My husband now refuses to go to the wedding, and I'm having doubts about even being in it. The wedding is scheduled for next year, so I can't blame it on pre-wedding jitters.

What should I do? Should I suck up my pride, or should I refuse to be a bridesmaid? I'm really hurt by what she said.

— ALMOST-BROKE BRIDESMAID

DEAR ALMOST BROKE: Has it occurred to you that Patty's mother's concerns might be valid?

If you can't afford to repay the "small amount of money" your friend loaned you, how do you plan to pay for your dress?

I see no reason why you should be offended that she raised the subject. If you have owed the money for more than a month, the bride and her mother have every right to be concerned.

Rather than being offended, I think you should be apologetic, set up a repayment plan NOW, and if you can't afford to be a member of the wedding party, face that fact and admit it so it doesn't create a problem at the last minute.

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SUNDAY

JUNE 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 A Life-Changing Prayer		Good Morning America (CC)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Hour of Power (CC)		The Coral Ridge Hour Counterfeits		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	Jeopardy!	Golf
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Paid Program	Messiah Baptist	Lazy-Town	Go Diego	CBS News Sunday Morning (CC)		Face the Nation		Backyardigans	Dora the Explorer	Paid Program	Paid Program
K15CG 2 (2)	Euro. Journal	Wealth-Track	Jakers!-Winks	Big Big World	Ribert & Robert's	Cyber-chase	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Fetch! With	Business	Health Sense	To the Contrary
ESPN 28 (28)	Sports-Center	SportsCenter (CC)	NBA Matchup	Sports-Center	Sports-Center	Outside Lines	Sports Reports	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	SportsCenter (Live) Pinehurst, N.C. (CC)	Baseball Tonight		
USA 37 (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	The 4400	The New World (CC)		PGA Tour Sunday (Live) (CC)		Monk Mr. Monk and the Big Reward (CC)		
TBS 38 (38)	(5:00) Movie: Changing	Movie: Down to Earth ★½ (2001, Comedy) Chris Rock, Regina King. (CC)			Movie: Kate & Leopold ★★★ (2001) A time-traveling nobleman finds love in the 21st century. Meg Ryan. (CC)					Movie: Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit		
WGN 39 (39)	Chang-ing	Paid Program	Key of David	Paid Program	Feed the Children	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Hillbilities	Hillbilities	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
TNT 40 (40)	(5:00) Movie: The Rookie ★½ (1990) Clint Eastwood.				Movie: Space Cowboys ★★★ (2000) NASA reunites four aging flyboys for an urgent mission. (CC)				Movie: Lethal Weapon 2 (1989) Riggs and Murtaugh battle drug-smuggling diplomats.			
DSC 42 (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Dirty Jobs Garbage man. (CC)		Dirty Jobs Marble quarry. (CC)		Dirty Jobs Hot Tar Roofers (CC)		Dirty Jobs Ostrich farmer. (CC)	
A&E 47 (47)	Murder, She Wrote Final Curtain (CC)		Breakfast With the Arts (CC)				24 Day 3: 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon (CC)	24 Day 3: 12 Noon - 1:00PM (CC)	Alaska: Big America (CC)			
HIST 48 (48)	Henry VIII (Part 2 of 3) (CC)		History's Bus	HistoryCTR	Jefferson's Other Revolution (N) (CC)		Band of Brothers (CC)		Tales of the Gun		A History of God (CC)	
NICK 55 (55)	Grown Up	OddPar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddPar-ents	OddPar-ents	The X's (CC)	Danny Phantom	Danny Phantom	Cats-cratch
DISN 56 (56)	JoJo's Circus	Higgly-town	Ein-steins	Ein-steins	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Doodle-bops	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	Koala Brothers	Lilo & Stitch	Emperor New
FAM 58 (58)	Digimon-Digital	Dragon Booster	NASCAR Racers	A.T.O.M. Racers	Get Ed (CC)	Kong-Series	Power Rangers	Star-Racers	Power Rangers	W.I.T.C.H. (CC)	Full House	Full House
HALL 60 (60)	The World of Faith and Values		Movie: Forget Me Never (1999, Drama) Mia Farrow, Martin Sheen. (CC)				Naomi's New Morning (N)		Mass From Notre Dame		Columbo Lady in Waiting	

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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)	World Cup Soccer: Australia vs. Brazil		Paid Program		World Cup Soccer: Leipzig, Germany. (Live) (CC)				NBA Access	Paid Program	ABC Wild News	News (CC)
KSNK/NBC 8 (8)	(11:30) Golf: U.S. Open Championship -- Final Round. From Mamaroneck, N.Y. (Live) (CC)											
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Paid Program	Body by Jake	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Champ Car World Series Racing: Prix of Portland. Portland, Ore. (Live) (CC)			G.I. Joe's Grand		CBS News	News (CC)
K15CG 2 (2)	On the Record	McLaugh-hlin	McLaugh-hlin	Religion-Ethics	Classic Gospel (CC)	Healthy Body	Doctors on Call		Sewing-Nancy	Beads, Baubles	Ances-tors (CC)	Boom-ers!-Life
ESPN 28 (28)	PBA Bowling: Motel 6 Roll to Riches		College Baseball: NCAA World Series Game 5 -- Teams TBA. Omaha, Neb. (Live) (CC)					SportsCenter: Inspiration			SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	
USA 37 (37)	Movie: Kindergarten Cop ★★ (1990, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (CC)				Movie: National Lampoon's European Vacation ★★ (1985) Chevy Chase. (CC)				Movie: Meet the Parents ★★★ (2000, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. (CC)			
TBS 38 (38)	(11:00) Movie: Sister Act 2: Back		Movie: Fools Rush In ★★ (1997, Comedy) Matthew Perry, Salma Hayek. (CC)			Movie: Home Alone (1990) A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house.			Movie: Old School ★★ (2003) (CC)			
WGN 39 (39)	HomeTeam (CC)		MLB Baseball: Detroit Tigers at Chicago Cubs. Wrigley Field. (Live) (CC)				Tenth Inning	Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)			
TNT 40 (40)	(10:00) Movie: Dirty Jobs Micro Algae Man (CC)	Movie: The Mummy ★★★ (1999) A mummy seeks revenge for a 3,000-year-old curse. Brendan Fraser. (CC)				Movie: Jumanji (1995) A sinister board game puts its players in mortal jeopardy.			Movie: Jurassic Park III ★★½ (2001)			
DSC 42 (42)	Dirty Jobs Vexcon (CC)		Dirty Jobs Shrimper (CC)		Dirty Jobs Shrimp season. (CC)		Dirty Jobs Plumber (CC)		Dirty Jobs Mushroom farming.		Dirty Jobs Chimney sweep techniques.	
A&E 47 (47)	(11:00) Alaska: Big America (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		The First 48 A serial killer calls 911. (CC)		Dallas SWAT (CC)		Dallas SWAT (CC)		Dallas SWAT (CC)	
HIST 48 (48)	(11:00) A History of God (CC)		Punishment The evolution of criminal punishment. (CC)			Bloodlines: Dracula Family		Sons of Saddam (CC)	Hitler's Family (CC)			
NICK 55 (55)	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	The X's (CC)	The X's (CC)	The X's (CC)	Told by Ginger	Drake & Josh	Ned's School
DISN 56 (56)	Movie: Mulan (1998) Animated. A Chinese maiden disguises herself as a man.		Zack & Cody		That's-Raven	Lizzie McGuire	Phil of Future	Even Stevens	Natural-Sadie	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	
FAM 58 (58)	Movie: Big Fat Liar ★★ (2002, Comedy) Frankie Muniz, Paul Giamatti. (CC)				Movie: Karate Dog (2004, Comedy) Jon Voight, Voice of Chevy Chase. (CC)				Movie: Scooby-Doo (2002) Scooby and the gang hunt spooks at a haunted resort.			
HALL 60 (60)	(11:00) Columbo	Columbo Short Fuse			Movie: Matlock: The Don ★★½ (1986, Mystery) Andy Griffith, Jose Ferrer. (CC)				Movie: McBride: Anybody Here Murder Marty (2005, Mystery) John Larroquette.			

SUNDAY

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	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)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition Teas Family (CC)		NBA Nation		NBA Basketball: Finals Game 5 -- Dallas Mavericks at Miami Heat. (Live) (CC)				News (CC)	KAKE Sports	Lawyer on Line	
KSNK/NBC 8 (8)	Dateline NBC (CC)		Treasure Hunters (Series Premiere) (N)			Crossing Jordan Death Goes On (CC)		News	24 Day 2: 9:00 - 10:00PM (CC)	Ebert & Roeper		
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	60 Minutes (CC)		Cold Case Dog Day Afternoons (CC)		Movie: What Women Want (2000) A chauvinistic ad executive can suddenly read women's minds.			News (CC)	News (CC)	Alias (CC)		
K15CG 2 (2)	The 2006 National Geographic Bee		Nature From Orphan to King		Mystery! (N) (Part 1 of 2) (DVS)		Great Performances (CC)		Globe Trekker Midwest USA	Mystery! (Part 1 of 2) (CC) (DVS)		
ESPN 28 (28)	Baseball Tonight (Live)		MLB Baseball: Teams to Be Announced. (Live) (CC)					SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		World Cup Live		
USA 37 (37)	Movie: Bruce Almighty ★★½ (2003, Comedy) Jim Carrey. (CC)				The 4400 Being Tom Baldwin (Live) (CC)		The Dead Zone Forbidden Fruit (CC)		House (CC)		The 4400 Being Tom Baldwin (CC)	
TBS 38 (38)	(5:00) Movie: Old School ★★ (2003)		Movie: Cheaper by the Dozen ★★½ (2003, Comedy) Steve Martin.			Movie: Cheaper by the Dozen ★★½ (2003, Comedy) Steve Martin.			Movie: Grumpy Old Men ★★½ (1993)			
WGN 39 (39)	Maximum Exposure (CC)		24 Day 4: 9:00AM-10:00AM (CC)		24 Day 4: 10:00AM-11:00AM (CC)		WGN News	Instant Replay	Sex and the City (CC)	Becker (CC)	Maximum Exposure (CC)	
TNT 40 (40)	(5:00) Movie: Jurassic Park III		Movie: Signs ★★★ (2002) A widower investigates huge circles in his crop fields.				Movie: Signs ★★★ (2002, Suspense) A widower investigates huge circles in his crop fields. Mel Gibson.			Movie: Lethal 2		
DSC 42 (42)	Dirty Jobs Turkey and potatoes. (CC)		Dirty Jobs Sugar mill; alligator farm. (CC)		Dirty Jobs Casino Food Recycler (CC)		Dirty Jobs (CC)		Dirty Jobs Turkey and potatoes. (CC)		Dirty Jobs Sugar mill; alligator farm. (CC)	
A&E 47 (47)	Dallas SWAT (CC)		Movie: Touch the Top of the World (2006, Docudrama) Peter Facinelli. (CC)				Movie: Touch the Top of the World (2006, Docudrama) Peter Facinelli. (CC)			Movie: Touch the Top of the World		
HIST 48 (48)	The Revolution Bunker Hill. (CC)		Modern Marvels Walt Disney World Behind the scenes at the Magic Kingdom.				The Revolution Challenges. (CC)		Mega Disasters: Earthquake		Modern Marvels Walt Disney World	
NICK 55 (55)	Romeo! (N) (CC)		Zoe 101 Unfabu-lous		Just for Kicks (N)	Full House	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	
DISN 56 (56)	Hannah Montana		That's-Raven		Movie: Wendy Wu: Homecoming Warrior (2006, Adventure) Brenda Song.		Phil of Future	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Hannah Montana	Emperor New
FAM 58 (58)	Movie: Home Alone 2: Lost in New York ★★½ (1992, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. (CC)				Movie: Home Alone 2: Lost in New York ★★½ (1992, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. (CC)				Joel Osteen		Feed the Children	
HALL 60 (60)	Diagnosis Murder Deja Vous (CC)				Movie: Diagnosis Murder: Town Without Pity ★★ (2002, Mystery) Dick Van Dyke.				Movie: Matlock: The Don ★★½ (1986, Mystery) Andy Griffith, Jose Ferrer. (CC)			

MONDAY

JUNE 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)	News (CC)	Entertainment	Wife Swap Stonerock/Finley		Supernanny Facente Family (CC)		How to Get the Guy (N) (CC)		News	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 8 (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Final Game 7 -- Edmonton Oilers at Carolina Hurricanes. If necessary. From the RBC Center. (Live)						News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night	
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News	Inside Edition	King of Queens	How I Met	Two-Half Men	Old Christine	CSI: Miami Marisol witnesses a robbery.		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	
K15CG 2 (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Antiques Roadshow (CC)		History Detectives (Season Premiere)		Free Speech: Jim Lehrer		BBC World	My Family (CC)	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN 28 (28)	MLB Baseball: New York Yankees at Philadelphia Phillies. Citizens Bank Park. (Live) (CC)						Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	World Cup Live	Baseball Tonight	
USA 37 (37)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU				WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS 38 (38)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Movie: Scary Movie 3 ★★ (2003, Comedy) Anna Farris.		Movie:	
WGN 39 (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)				WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)	Becker (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
TNT 40 (40)	Without a Trace The Friendly Skies		Law & Order Ill-Conceived		The Closer Mom Duty (N) (CC)		Saved The Lady and the Tiger (N) (CC)		The Closer Mom Duty (CC)		The X-Files Anasazi (Part 1 of 3) (CC)	
DSC 42 (42)	Billy Lane Project		Biker Build-Off Zero Engineering.		American Chopper Sunoco Bike 1 (N)		American Chopper Sunoco Bike 2 (CC)		American Chopper POW/MIA 3 (CC)		Biker Build-Off Zero Engineering.	
A&E 47 (47)	Cold Case Files (CC)		The First 48 Love to Death; Unmasked		American Justice Mail Order Murder		American Justice Blood Relations		Crossing Jordan Slam Dunk (CC)		The First 48 Love to Death; Unmasked	
HIST 48 (48)	Modern Marvels (CC)		UFO Files UFO sightings in Mexico.		Digging for the Truth (CC)		Deep Sea Detectives (CC)		Modern Marvels Money (N) (CC)		UFO Files UFO sightings in Mexico.	
NICK 55 (55)	OddPar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Unfabu-lous	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
DISN 56 (56)	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Movie				Natural-Sadie	American Drgn	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible