Woman asks for help in dealing with husband's mooching friend

friend, "Kevin," has been coming to our house once a week for the past

DEAR ABBY: My husband's

He is always broke and looking for a handout, even though he has a

In the beginning, I tried to help him by inviting him to stay for dinner once in a while.

Now he has started to complain: The steak isn't cooked the way he likes it, or I don't toss the salad the way his mom does.

(By the way, Kevin is 35 and still lives at home.)

The reason he always needs money is that he spends every paycheck on drugs.

I recently gave birth to my first child and I don't want him to be around someone like Kevin, but my husband refuses to stop his friend from coming to our house.

How can I — politely — get this moocher out of my home without causing trouble between my husband and myself?

- NEW MOM **DEAR NEW MOM: That's** easy. Stop feeding that moocher steak, go vegetarian, and toss the salads YOUR way. I predict he'll be out of your hair as soon as the gravy train stops rolling.

P.S. You don't mention what kind of drugs this man is addicted to, but he should not be around your baby while he is under the

If your husband continues to object, explain to him that it could be considered child endanger-

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Dear Abby

daughter was molested by her halfbrother for almost a year before she found the courage to tell us.

When we found out, we did everything we could to help her overcome this. We even moved out of state to give her a fresh start.

has contacted my husband again. is understood that showers are all He wants to visit us.

I do not want him in this house and my daughter feels the same way. Some family members say I am denying my husband a relationship with his son. I'm not trying to invitees RSVP. keep them apart; I'm trying to protect my daughter.

I have reached the point that I will leave and take my kids with me before I'll expose them to this again. Am I wrong?

- STRONGLY AGAINST

DEAR STRONGLY: No, you are not wrong. You are a concerned and protective mother, and your first obligation is to protect your daughter from her predator.

Tell the "family members" that your husband can visit his son, but not vice versa. And make no apologies.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are anticipating the arrival of our DEAR ABBY: My 13-year-old first child in two months. We have

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items we will need.

A close friend has graciously offered to give me a baby shower, but she refuses to add where we are registered to the invitation. She says it's poor etiquette.

Isn't the whole point of a baby shower to receive gifts? Is pointing people in the right direction so wrong?

The invitations go out in less than is a form of cheating and that it's a week. Help, ASAP!

BAFFLED IN ORANGE,

DEAR BAFFLED: Sorry, but The trouble is, her half-brother **I agree with your friend. While it** about getting gifts, a more refined way to get the message across is for the hostess to verbally communicate where the guest of honor is registered at the time the

> DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend has posted his profile on a dating Web site in the hope of finding some new friends

. I am frequently out of town on business, and he has decided that he would like to converse with "artsy" people during the week while I am

He claims this Web site is the only way to meet like-minded people. While I don't mind his wanting to

registered at a local store for the meet people, I feel that using a dating Web site is inappropriate. I read his profile; in it he indicates that he is "single." (He promises he will tell the woman he meets that he is not single "when and if the topic comes

> I think it's wrong to meet people based on a lie. He swears he would never cheat on me.

How can I convince him that this

disrespectful to me? — FRUSTRATED IN NEW

YORK **DEAR FRUSTRATED: If you** can't see that your boyfriend is "fishing," then you are angling for trouble.

Since he has shown that he is willing to misrepresent himself to the women he meets on the Web site, what makes you think he would hesitate to lie to you?

If I were you, I'd find another boyfriend.

This one is setting you up for a whale of a heartbreak.

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, my stepdaughter got married and asked

my daughter to be in her wedding. The wedding was in North Carolina and we live in Pennsylvania. Since my daughter couldn't travel there to be fitted for her gown, it was

shipped to us.

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tional chain store and get the same gown here to make sure the size was

The bride refused.

When the gown arrived, it was the wrong size. We had to pay for the extensive alterations, as well as the

Now my other stepdaughter is getting married, and she wants my daughter in her wedding.

If the gown she selects doesn't fit, would it be wrong to ask that the

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We asked if we could go to a na- alterations be paid for by the bride? She knows the trouble we had with the last gown, but insists on picking out the gown at a store in her area.

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DEAR RE-FIT: You're all family. As long as the dress is identical, it shouldn't matter where the garment is purchased. However, if she insists on ordering a gown from a store in her area, she should be prepared to pay for the

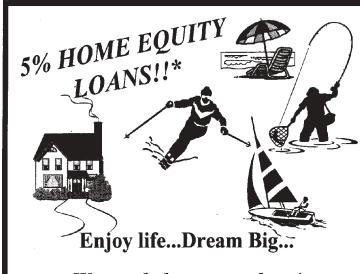
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WGN 13	Creflo A. Dollar Jr.	Singsa- tion!	Key of David	Ronnie Floyd	Hillbil- lies	Happy Days	Home Improve.	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	BeastMas Terrible Si	ter A ence (CC)
NICK 29	Rocket Power	Rocket Power	Rugrats (CC)	Chalk- Zone	Spon- geBob	Spon- geBob	Oddpar- ents	Oddpar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	Barbie in Nutcracke	
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ESPN 49	Sports- Center	SportsCei	nter (CC)	NBA Matchup	Sports- Center	Outside Lines	Sports Reportrs	SportsCe	nter (Live) (CC)		PBA Bowling
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SUNDAY MARCH 21

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WGN 13		ver Twist 7 reyfuss, Elija				Preseason Baseball: San Diego Padres at Mesa, Ariz. (Live) (CC)				at Chicago Cubs.		It Came of the Sky	
NICK 29		Thorn- berrys	Grown Up	Romeo!	All That	Amanda	Nick- toons TV	Nick- toons TV	Nick- toons TV	Nick- toons TV	Told by Ginger	Real Access	
FAM 30	Movie: Rookie of the Year *** (1993, Comedy) Thomas Ian Nicholas. Movie: Moms on Strike *** (2002, Comedy) Faith Ford, Tim Matheson. (CC)								Movie: Picking Up and Dropping Off ** (2003) Two single parents long for love.				
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TBS 37	(10:45) Mo Wildcats				(1995) A tra subway rob			Movie: Money Talks (1997) A fugitive con artist asks a TV newsman for protection. Movie: Rush Hour 2 ★★ (2001) (CC)					
TNT 38		nen Harry N nedy-Dram					ster ** (19 meet and f			Movie: Yo (1998, Cor	u've Got M nedy) Tom		
DSC 42	More Thar (CC)	n Human	Old School Chevy	ol '54		oman House The Repossessors (CC)			Mafia Wor	nen (CC)	Mob Scene		
A&E 47	(11:00) Po	irot (CC)	House of (CC)	Dreams	Old House	Old House		Ask This Old	Ask This Old	Sell This House	Movie: Co Bird in the		
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HBO 7		(11:00) Movie: Movie: A Mighty Beautician-Bst. (2003, Comedy)				d ★★★ Balaban. Movie: Life or Something Like It ★½ (2002) Angelina Jolie.					atch Me if You Can 2) Leonardo DiCaprio.		
DISN 17		Kim Possible	That's- Raven	Lizzie McGuire	Even Stevens	Proud Family		Recess (CC)	Kim Possible	Barbar- ian	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	
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KBSL/CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		to Hate (CC) Cold Case A Time to Hate (CC) Movie: Proof of Life ★ terrorists kidnap an Am							News	Outer Limits	
K15CG 3	Quilting With	Our Town	Ellsworth C	County.				Globe Trekker Turkey (CC)		Mystery! T Bradley My		
WGN 13	Mutant X E twin brothe				News (CC)	Instant Matlock T Replay (CC)		he Umpire		In the Heat of the Night (CC)		
NICK 29		Drake & Josh	Brothers Garcia	Sabrina- Witch	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
FAM 30		Life- Sitcom	Movie: Girls Just Want to Have Fun ★★ (1985, Comedy) Sarah Jessica Parker.				Movie: The Flintstones ★★½ (1 Comedy) John Goodman.			994,	Lake. Church	Feed the Children
USA 31					e mployee makes a Touching Evil Y Me (CC)		Special Victims		Touching Evil Y Me (CC)			
TBS (37)	(5:00) Mov Hour 2 ★★				orst That C artin Lawrer		Movie: What's the Worst That Could Happen? ★ (2001) Martin Lawrence. (C				Movie: The Rookie ★★½ (1990) (CC)	
TNT 38	(4:30) Mov You've Go										1998, Comedy) Two online love affair.	
DSC (42)	Mob Scen	е	MythBusters Best Animal Myths		Animal Face-Off (N) Animal Face-Off Elephant vs. Rhino		MythBusters Best Animal Myths		Animal Face-Off			
A&E (47)	(5:00) Mov Columbo:		Movie: The Last King (2004, Historical Drama reclaims England's throne. Rufus Sewell, Diana				na) Charles II returns from exile a ana Rigg. (Premiere) (CC)			and Movie: Th King (200		
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KBSL/CBS	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Yes, Dear (N)	Still Standing					News (CC)	Late Show Tom Hanks; N.E.R.D. (N)		Late Late	
K15CG 3	The News With Jim		Antiques Roadshov	v (CC)	American Experience		Great Campaign of 1960 (CC)		BBC World	May- Dec.	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
WGN (13)	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: F.I succumbs	. S.T. (1978 to power a			News (CC)		Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Elimi- date (N)	The 5th Wheel	
NICK 29	Rugrats (CC)	Spon- geBob	Oddpar- ents	All That	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	
FAM 30	7th Heave	en (CC)	Movie: Autumn in Ne Romance) Richard Ge			² (2000,	Whose Whose Line?		The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos	
USA 31	JAG Valor	JAG Valor (CC) Law & Order: Special Victims					$\star^{1/2}$ (2001) A a captive. F					Nash- ville Star	
TBS (37)	Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC)			s: The Spy Who 199) Mike Myers. Super Chef Cook- Off			Movie: Ferris Bueller's Day Off ★ (1986, Comedy) Matthew Broderick					
TNT 38	Law & Ord Castoff (C		Law & Ord Sheltered	der	Law & Ord Pro Quo (0			Law & Order Second Opinion		The X-Files Essence (CC)			
DSC (42)	MythBust in Concret	ers Buried e (CC)	Monster F Vegas Hou		Thunder I road racer		American Tool Bike	Chopper 1 (CC)	Monster H Vegas Ho		Thunder Races Off- road racer.		
A&E (47)	American George Tr					ret Life of a Airline Airline (N) (CC) (CC)		House of Dreams A winner is chosen.		Biography: Charlie Sheen			
ESPN (49)	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Second Round Teams TBA						asketball: N		SportsCei (CC)	nter (Live)	Outside- Lines	Baseball Tonight	
HBO	(5:30) Movie: Mom Movie: Executive De Suspense) Kurt Russe						cape From Kurt Russ	L.A. ** (1 ell. (CC)	996,	Movie: Road to Perdition (2002)			
DISN (17)	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire	Movie: You Wish! (2003, Fantasy) A.J. Trauth, Spencer Breslin. (CC)			Sister, Sister	Boy Mts. World	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister		
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