

On-and-off romance hits slump

DEAR ABBY: I am a college sophomore who is very confused. My boyfriend, "Graham," and I broke up about four months ago, but we still talk. We became a couple when we were freshmen in high school.

I treated Graham like a king and did everything I was supposed to do. But every year he would find another stupid excuse to break up. I thought he loved me, but now I'm not so sure.

I recently met a guy who would do anything for me, "Logan." Logan is the son of some family friends and a real sweetheart.

Should I stop talking to Graham and start over? I'm not sure what to do. It seems like Graham just doesn't want to grow up and treat me the way I treat him.

—DEPRESSED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR DEPRESSED: By all means stop talking to Graham and branch out. And when you do, take the initiative and tell him it's over. As soon as you stop clinging to the fantasy of what you wanted that relationship to be, you will begin to feel better. Just treating a man like a king isn't enough to make a relationship work. The respect and affection have to be mutual. And please don't commit to one person so quickly in the future. Lasting relationships take time to develop, and you need some time to look around.

DEAR ABBY: I live in a small apartment complex and often hear screaming parents and children — mostly children. I also hear lots of physical and verbal abuse toward the children, which leaves me upset because I'm not able to do anything about it, and I'm not a "bleeding heart" person.

Sometimes in the middle of the night I am awakened by the commotion. I hate hearing a young child scream out, "No, Daddy!" or a 1-year-old crying from being physically abused. It's not just coming from one apartment, either. Who can I call or report this to without retribution? Thanks for your help.

—AFRAID FOR THE CHILDREN, ANYWHERE, U.S.A.

DEAR AFRAID: Pick up the phone and call the Childhelp USA National Child Abuse Hotline. The toll-free number is 800-422-4453. It's completely confidential, and someone there will direct you to Child Protective Services in your state.

Childhelp USA is a nonprofit organization that has worked for many years for the safety of children through the treatment and prevention of child abuse. Their Web site is www.childhelpusa.org. It goes without saying that donations are always welcome to help support the hot line.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a delicate position. My nephew is the head of a very large church in Delaware. One of his church members is an



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

acquaintance of his mother's. (His mother is my sister.) I have met this woman only a couple of times.

I recently received an announcement in the mail stating that her daughter and son-in-law are moving into their second home. (The house is being blessed in a few weeks.) At the bottom of the announcement it says, "Monetary gifts are welcome."

Abby, I have never even met this woman's daughter! Am I obligated to send a gift? I live almost 2,000 miles away.

—CONFUSED IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR CONFUSED: You are in no way obligated to send a gift. What you received wasn't an announcement; it was a solicitation. I hope you will treat it as such, and dispose of it as you would any other piece of junk mail.

DEAR ABBY: When my beloved Mama died early this year, she left behind hundreds — if not thousands — of dollars worth of various medicines.

My sister and I called every hospital, shelter, clinic and aid agency we could think of, but not one could give medicine to people unless it had come directly from a pharmacy. Finally, someone suggested that we call our veterinarian.

Voila! It turned out that many of the gauzes, tapes, antibiotic and antihistamine creams, pain patches, pills, inhalers, glucose regulators, collection pans, gloves and other miscellaneous items could be used on animals!

Mama would be so pleased to know that we found a good use for her old meds.

—IN MEMORY OF MAMA

DEAR "MEMORY": I loved your idea, so I ran it by the California Veterinary Medical Board, which also thought it was terrific. They explained that certain medical supplies such as gauze tape, collection pans and

gloves are welcome donations.

However, numerous state and federal laws prohibit the transfer of prescription or controlled drugs. So antibiotics, antihistamine creams, pain patches, pills and inhalers must be disposed of in compliance with whatever laws and regulations are in place in each state, because they can vary.

DEAR ABBY: When I go out to dinner with men, they usually pick up the check. On occasion, I will insist on reciprocating by buying their meal.

When I go to lunch or dinner with girlfriends, I typically like to pay. I am by no means wealthy, but I'm not struggling with finances either. My problem is one girlfriend in particular who insists on splitting the check. I have always thought that was tacky.

I know the obvious solution would be to let her pay every other time, but she isn't in a position to treat at some of the restaurants we go to. Am I being overbearing? Or is my girlfriend too old-fashioned? (I'm 24 and she's 62.)

—PICKING UP THE CHECK IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PICKING: Splitting the check isn't tacky; it's common practice. Sometimes the "burden of gratitude" can grow heavy, so instead of arm-wrestling your friend, eat at a less-expensive restaurant, let her pull her own weight, keep her dignity and pay her half of the bill.

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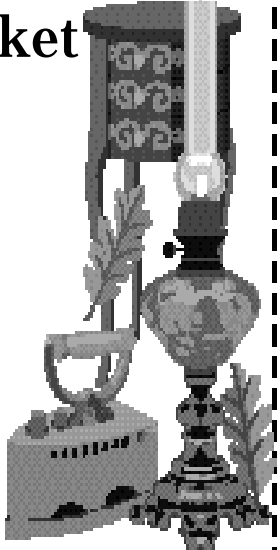
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	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	In Touch with God (CC)	Daily walk	Good Morning America (CC)	Meet the Press (CC)	This Week-George Stephanopoulos	Hour of Power (CC)	The Coral Ridge Hour (CC)	First United Methodist Church				
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	Rebecca Gdn	Paid Program	Today (CC)	Meet the Press (CC)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Your Bible	Paid Program	Paid Program	Ctdwn-Green		
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Paid Program	Messiah Baptist	Johnston	Believer Voice	CBS News Sunday Morning	Face the Nation	Paid Program	Paid Program	NFL Today Host Greg Gumbel. (Live)			
K15CG 2 (2)	Euro. Journal	On the Money	Sesame Street (EI) (CC) (DVS)	Eyes of Nye	Maya & Miguel	Arthur (EI)	Post-cards	Cyber-chase	Busi-ness	Health Sense	To the Contrary	
ESPN 28 (28)	Sports-Center	College Final (CC)	Gameday	NFL Matchup	Sports-Center	Outside Lines	Sports Reports	Sports-Center	Sunday NFL Countdown (Live)	(CC)		
USA 37 (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: The Hitcher II: I've Been Waiting ★½ (2003, Suspense) C. Thomas Howell.	PGA Tour Sunday (Live) (CC)	Coach (CC)	Movie: Cherry				
TBS 38 (38)	(4:45) Movie: Striking Distance ★★ (1993, Drama) (PA) Bruce Willis. (CC)	Movie: Passenger 57 (1992) An airline security expert goes up against skyjackers.	Movie: The Art of War ★★ (2000, Action) Wesley Snipes.									
WGN 39 (39)	Chang-ing	Bill Winston	Key of David	Ronnie Floyd	Hillbilities	Hillbilities	Happy Days	Cosby Show	Moesha (CC)	Home Improve.	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
TNT 40 (40)	(5:00) Movie: Moonstruck (1987)	Movie: The Pelican Brief ★★★ (1993, Suspense) An inquisitive law student becomes the target of assassins. Julia Roberts.							Movie: Fools Rush In ★★ (1997, Comedy) Matthew Perry, Salma Hayek. (CC)			
DSC 42 (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Wild Lives of Cats (CC)	Canine Conspiracy (CC)	A Dog's Life	Colosseum: A Gladiator's Story				
A&E 47 (47)	Murder, She Wrote	Breakfast With the Arts					Kniefel's Wild Ride Sky City, NM (CC)	Growing Up Gotti	Growing Up Gotti	Inked (CC)	Inked (CC)	
HIST 48 (48)	Klondike: Quest for Gold (Part 1 of 4)	History's Bus	Histo-ryCTR	Vanish-ings!	Vanish-ings!	Movie: Escape From Alcatraz ★★★ (1979) A convict plots to escape from the notorious island prison. (CC)	Breakout From					
NICK 55 (55)	Rocket Power	Rugrats (CC)	Grown Up	Jimmy Neutron	Spon-geBob	Cats-cratch	Oddpar-ents	Danny Phantom	Avatar-Last Air	Grown Up	Teenage Robot	Chalk-Zone
DISN 56 (56)	Koala Brothers	Higgly-town	Ein-steins	JoJo's Circus	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Whis-kers	Ameri-can Drgn	Buzz on Maggie
FAM 58 (58)	Digimon-Digital	Battle B-Daman	Fantas-tic Four	Fantas-tic Four	Fantas-tic Four	Fantas-tic Four	Spider-Man	Spider-Man	Spider-Man	Dragon Booster	Full House	Full House
HALL 60 (60)	Movie: Summer's End ★★½ (1999, Drama) James Earl Jones. (CC)				America at Worship				Mass From Notre Dame		The World of Faith and Values	

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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)	Figure Skating: Smart Ones Skate America. Atlantic City, N.J. (CC)	PGA Golf: Funai Classic -- Final Round. From Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (Live) (CC)									ABC Wild News	News (CC)
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	NASCAR Racing: Nextel Cup Series -- Subway 500. From Martinsville, Va. (Live) (CC)	Motorcycle Racing: U.S. Open of Supercross. Las Vegas. (CC)									News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	NFL Football: Kansas City Chiefs at Miami Dolphins. Dolphins Stadium. (Live) (CC)	NFL Football: Denver Broncos at New York Giants. Giants Stadium. (Live) (CC)										
K15CG 2 (2)	On the Record	McLaughlin	Religion-Ethics	Classic Gospel (CC)	Healthy Body	Stevens Europe	Sewing-Nancy	Kaye's Quilting	NOW (CC)	Busi-ness		
ESPN 28 (28)	Bull Riding: PRCA Xtreme. (CC)	Bull Riding: PRCA Xtreme. (CC)	PBA Bowling: Motel 6 Roll to Riches.	PBA Bowling: Motel 6 Roll to Riches.	PBA Bowling: Motel 6 Roll to Riches.	PBA Bowling: Motel 6 Roll to Riches.	Movie: Four Minutes (2005, Biography) Jamie MacLachlan. (CC)					
USA 37 (37)	(11:30) Movie: Cherry Falls ★½ (2000) Michael Biehn. (CC)	Movie: Jeepers Creepers ★★½ (2001, Horror) Gina Phillips, Justin Long. (CC)	Movie: Red Dragon ★★★ (2002, Suspense) An FBI agent asks Hannibal Lecter to help him nail a killer.									
TBS 38 (38)	(10:30) Movie: The Art of War (2000)	Movie: I Spy ★★ (2002) (PA) A spy recruits a boxer to help him retrieve a stolen plane.	Movie: Money Train (1995) A transit cop's foster brother plans a subway robbery.	Movie: Rush Hour 2 ★★ (2001) (CC)								
WGN 39 (39)	Movie: The Jungle Book: Mowgli's Story (1998, Adventure) Brandon Baker. (CC)	Movie: Mystic Pizza ★★★ (1988, Comedy-Drama) Annabeth Gish, Julia Roberts. (CC)	HomeTeam (N) (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)								
TNT 40 (40)	Movie: Only You ★★ (1994) A bride-to-be flies to Italy to find her destined love. (CC)	Movie: Sleepless in Seattle ★★½ (1993) A grieving widower captures the heart of an engaged woman.	Movie: Pretty Woman ★★ (1990) Richard Gere.									
DSC 42 (42)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters Human projectiles.	Extreme Engineering (CC)	I Survived: 200 Lb. Tumor	DIY Surgery							
A&E 47 (47)	Movie: This Boy's Life (1993) A rebellious boy looks horns with his stepfather. (CC)	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Move House	Find & Design	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Flip This House (CC)				
HIST 48 (48)	Breakout From	Mail Call (CC)	Secret Allied Aircraft of WWII	Luftwaffe Aircraft of World War II	Secret Russian Aircraft of WWII	Secret Japanese Aircraft of WWII	Secret Superpower Aircraft (N) (CC)					
NICK 55 (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 (56)	Movie: Phantom of the Megaplex (2000, Adventure) Taylor Handley. (CC)	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Lizzie McGuire	Even Stevens	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Naturally Sadie	Life With Derek			
FAM 58 (58)	Full House	Full House	Scariest Places on Earth (N) (CC)	Scariest Places on Earth (N) (CC)	Scariest Places on Earth (CC)	Scariest Places on Earth (CC)	Scariest Places on Earth (CC)	Scariest Places on Earth (CC)	Scariest Places on Earth (CC)			
HALL 60 (60)	Movie: Matlock: The Hunting Party ★★ (1989, Mystery) Andy Griffith. (CC)	Columbo Lt. Columbo's prime suspect in a homicide case is found murdered.	Movie: Matlock: The Prisoner ★★½ (1989, Mystery) Andy Griffith. (CC)									

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KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (CC)	Desperate Housewives (CC)	Grey's Anatomy Bring the Pain (CC)	News (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Lawyer on Line	Diamond Adv.				
KSNK/NBC (8) (3)	Dateline NBC (CC)	The West Wing Here Today (N) (CC)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (N)	Crossing Jordan Enlightenment (CC)	News	24 3:00 AM - 4:00 AM (CC)	Inside Edition					
KBSL/CBS (12) (1)	60 Minutes (CC)	Cold Case Committed (N) (CC)	Movie: Enough (2002) A woman takes her daughter and flees her abusive husband.	Masterpiece Theatre Sherlock Holmes: The Case of the Silk Stocking (CC) (DVS)	Globe Trekker Arctic Canada (CC)	Mystery: Hetty Wainthropp						
K15CG (2)	Destination America (N) (CC)	Nature (CC) (DVS)										
ESPN (28)	Sports-Center	NFL Primetime (Live) (CC)	2005 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.	2005 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	NFL						
USA (37)	Movie: Final Destination (2000) Death stalks the survivors of a doomed airliner.	Movie: Final Destination 2 ★★½ (2003, Horror) Ali Larter, A.J. Cook. (Premiere)			Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU						
TBS (38)	(5:00) Movie: Rush Hour 2 ★★ (2001)	Movie: Gone in Sixty Seconds ★ (2000, Action) (PA) A retired thief must steal 50 cars to save his brother.	Movie: Gone in Sixty Seconds ★ (2000, Action) (PA) A retired thief must steal 50 cars to save his brother.	Movie: Gone in Sixty Seconds ★ (2000, Action) (PA) A retired thief must steal 50 cars to save his brother.								
WGN (39)	Maximum Exposure	24 6:00AM - 7:00AM (CC)	24 7:00AM - 8:00AM (CC)	WGN News	Instant Replay	Sex and the City	Becker (CC)	Maximum Exposure				
TNT (40)	(4:30) Movie: Pretty Woman ★★★ (1990)	Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. (CC)	Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. (CC)	Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. (CC)	Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. (CC)	Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. (CC)	Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. (CC)	Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. (CC)	Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. (CC)	Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. (CC)	Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. (CC)	Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. (CC)
DSC (42)	SOS: Coast Guard Rescue	Genghis Khan: Rise Conqueror	Pol Pot: Inside Evil Cambodian ruler. (N) (CC)	Hitler: Inside Evil (N) (CC)	Kublai Khan: Mongol Hordes	Genghis Khan: Rise Conqueror						
A&E (47)	Cold Case Files (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	Family Plots	Family Plots	Intervention: Cristine and Kelly P.	CSI: Miami Lost Son (CC)	The First 48 (CC)					
HIST (48)	Secret Superpower Aircraft (N) (CC)	Secret Superpower Aircraft (N) (CC)	Secret Superpower Aircraft (N) (CC)	Secret Superpower Aircraft (N) (CC)	Band of Brothers (CC)	Secrets of Soviet Space Disasters	Secret Superpower Aircraft (N) (CC)					
NICK (55)	Ned's School	Unfabulous (N)	Zoey 101 (CC)	News Special	Full House	Fresh Prince	Father-hood	Cosby Show	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
DISN (56)	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Movie: Phantom of the Megaplex (2000, Adventure) Taylor Handley. (CC)	Movie: Phantom of the Megaplex (2000, Adventure) Taylor Handley. (CC)	Zack & Cody	Naturally Sadie	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Life With Derek	Buzz on Maggie		
FAM (58)	Scariest Places on Earth (CC)	Scariest Places on Earth (N) (CC)	Movie: Urban Legend ★★ (1998) A killer knocks off coeds on a college campus.	Movie: Urban Legend ★★ (1998) A killer knocks off coeds on a college campus.	Scariest Places on Earth (CC)	Scariest Places on Earth (CC)	Joel Osteen	Feed the Children				
HALL (60)	Movie: McBride: It's Murder, Madam (2005, Mystery) John Larroquette. (CC)	Movie: Mystery Woman: Mystery Weekend (2005, Mystery) Kellie Martin	Movie: Mystery Woman: Mystery Weekend (2005, Mystery) Kellie Martin	Movie: Mystery Woman: Mystery Weekend (2005, Mystery) Kellie Martin	Movie: Mystery Woman: Mystery Weekend (2005, Mystery) Kellie Martin	Movie: Mystery Woman: Mystery Weekend (2005, Mystery) Kellie Martin	Movie: Mystery Woman: Mystery Weekend (2005, Mystery) Kellie Martin	Movie: Mystery Woman: Mystery Weekend (2005, Mystery) Kellie Martin	Movie: Mystery Woman: Mystery Weekend (2005, Mystery) Kellie Martin	Movie: Mystery Woman: Mystery Weekend (2005, Mystery) Kellie Martin	Movie: Mystery Woman: Mystery Weekend (2005, Mystery) Kellie Martin	Movie: Mystery Woman: Mystery Weekend (2005, Mystery) Kellie Martin