

Girl longs for more contact with family



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• dear abby

DEAR ABBY: I need help! My mother died when I was a little girl. Then Dad remarried. My grandma and aunt always ask if they can spend time with me. My dad always says no. And the only time I get to see them is at my birthday party. I miss them so much. What do I do? —SAD GIRL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SAD GIRL: You let your grandmother and aunt know that

you love them and think about them, even though you cannot see them as often as you would like. If they have computers, you can e-mail them. If they don't, you can create original greeting cards and send them. It's sad that your father feels the way he does, but you can still reach out to your maternal relatives during your time apart.

DEAR ABBY: We all hear that it's

hard work maintaining a good marriage or parenting an adolescent. However, really small but loving gestures often have the most impact. My college roommate's father is a wonderful example of that. Every night at the dinner table, he thanks his wife for the meal she just served. And every night at bedtime, he kisses the back of his daughter's hand and tells her that he loves her. Is it any wonder that their family doesn't complain of feeling unappreciated or unloved? I feel privileged to be a part of their "second family." —PRIVILEGED IN BALTIMORE

DEAR PRIVILEGED: The ges-

tures you have described are not "small." They are important messages that spouses and children need to hear. Yes, actions speak louder than words — and expressions of affection and gratitude do no one any good if they're hoarded. DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing "Ted" for a year. He was married for 33 years and has been divorced for four. Ted told me he loves me and wants to marry me, but because he's an honest man, he has also told me he still loves his ex-wife and would go back to her if she would have him. Ted has grown children, and when there are family celebrations

— birthdays, weddings, etc. — he expects me to attend with him. His ex comes to these affairs, and I feel like I'm being used as a buffer to help him handle the pain of being around her. I told Ted I'd feel far more comfortable at these family functions if his ex would bring an escort. His reply: "I don't think I could handle that." Other than that, we have an excellent relationship. Abby, I lived with an alcoholic for 25 years. I have had enough grief to last a lifetime. Besides, I'm really not interested in marriage. I have discussed this with my daughter. She said, "Write to Dear Abby, and see what she has to say." —HURTING IN OHIO

DEAR HURTING: If the relationship was "excellent," you would not have signed your letter "Hurting in Ohio." Ask yourself why you are allowing a man who is still in love with his ex-wife to put you in uncomfortable situations. Then ask yourself why you endure feeling used. Once you have the answers to those questions, you can decide whether you want more of the same, or would prefer to look for a man who is emotionally available. CONFIDENTIAL TO FRUSTRATED FUND-RAISER: Don't blame yourself; when it comes to giving to charity, some people stop at nothing — and others give nothing.

| TUESDAY EVENING | | | | | | | E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone | | | APR. 5, 2005 | | |
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| E | S | | 6 pm | 6:30 | 7 pm | 7:30 | 8 pm | 8:30 | 9 pm | 9:30 | 10 pm | 10:30 |
| 36 | 53 | A&E | Cold Case Files "Sex, Lies and Murder" (N) | | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Knievel's Wild Ride "New Jersey" (E) | | Intervention A gambler loses his family's home. | | Cold Case Files "Sex, Lies and Murder" (N) | |
| 4 | 6 | ABC | My Wife and Kids | George Lopez (E) | According to Jim (E) | Rodney (N) (E) | Blind Justice "Marlon's Brando" (N) (E) (DVS) | | News (E) (35) Nightline (E) | | (06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (E) | |
| 26 | 48 | ANPL | Austin Stevens: Snake-master (E) | | Animal X The sighting of a sea serpent. (N) | | Animal Cops Detroit "Territorial Dispute" | | Austin Stevens: Snake-master (E) | | Animal X The sighting of a sea serpent. | |
| 63 | 54 | BRAVO | Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Kord S" | | Queer Eye for the Straight Guy | | Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (N) (E) | | Showdog Moms & Dads | | The West Wing "Take This Sabbath Day" (E) | |
| 7 | 11 | CBS | NCIS "Chained" (E) | | The Amazing Race 7 (N) (E) | | Judging Amy "Sorry I Missed You" (N) | | News (E) | (35) Late Show With David Letterman (N) (E) | Late Late Show | |
| 24 | 50 | DISC | Great Biker Build-Off Father and son compete. | | Monster Garage (E) | | American Chopper (E) | | Biker Build-Off "The Ultimate Chop" The top three bikers are revealed. | | | |
| 33 | 44 | DISN | Click It to Pick It (E) | Click It to Pick It (E) | Lizzie McGuire | Sister, Sister | That's So Raven | That's So Raven (E) | "Now You See It..." (2005) Alyson Michalka. A teenager meets a magician whose powers are real. | | | |
| 49 | 81 | E!TV | El Hollywood Hold 'Em | | Trial | Life Great | Gastineau | Heir | Howard S. | Howard S. | Saturday Night Live (E) | |
| 22 | 56 | ESPN | NCAA | Women's College Basketball: NCAA Final -- Teams TBA | | | | | SportsCenter (Live) (E) | | Outside | Baseball |
| 54 | 57 | ESPN2 | Karate | Karate | Karate | Karate | NBA Nation (Live) (E) | | | | Streetball | Streetball |
| 32 | 46 | FAM | ★ ★ "The Man in the Iron Mask" (1998) Leonardo DiCaprio. | | | | Who? | | The 700 Club | | Videos | Videos |
| 59 | - | FIT TV | Ultimate Goals (E) | | Peak Performance (E) | | Extremeists | Extremeists | Ultimate Goals (E) (E) | | Peak Performance (E) | |
| 35 | 31 | FMC | ★ ★ ★ "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" (1952) | | | | ★ ★ ★ ★ "Gentleman's Agreement" (1947) | | | | "Hush Hush-Charlotte" | |
| 53 | 68 | FOOD | Emeril Live (N) | | Roker on the Road | Roker on the Road | Rachael Ray's Ballpark Cafe | | Iron Chef "Battle Sea Bass" Sea bass. | | Emeril Live "Creole Soups and Stews" | |
| 13 | 7 | FOX | American Idol (Live) (E) | | House "Fidelity" (E) (PA) | | The Fox Report With Shepard Smith | | Bob Newhart | Bob Newhart | Mary Tyler Moore | Mary Tyler Moore |
| 40 | 38 | FX | (5:30) ★ ★ ★ "X-Men" (2000) Hugh Jackman. | | | | ★ ★ ★ "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. | | | | | |
| 30 | 55 | FXSP | Sports List | Rocky Mt. | AFL | Sports List | Best Damn Sports Show | Rockies | Rocky Mt. | Sports List | Best-Sports | |
| 5 | 14 | HBO | ★ ★ ★ "Phenomenon" (1996, Drama) John Travolta, Kyra Sedgwick. (N) "PG-13" | | | | ★ ★ ★ "Who Am I?" (1998) Jackie Chan. A special agent with amnesia flees his former boss. (E) | | | | Deadwood "Complications" (E) | |
| 62 | 67 | HGTV | Designed | Get Color | Decorating | Mission | Designers' Designers' | | Design | House | Designed | Get Color |
| 58 | 52 | HIST | Tsunami 12/26/04 (N) (E) | | Breaking Vegas "Counterfeit King" (N) (E) | | Modern Marvels "Mackinac Bridge" (E) | | The Wrath of God "Tsunami: Killer Wave" | | Tsunami 12/26/04 (E) | |
| 25 | 35 | IND | Friends (E) | Friends (E) | Sex and the City (E) | Sex and the City (E) | (10) Seinfeld | (40) Seinfeld | Everybody-Raymond | Everybody-Raymond | (10) ★ ★ "Small Soldiers" (1998) (PA) (E) | |
| 18 | 63 | LIFE | "Deep in My Heart" | | ★ ★ ★ ★ "Miss Evers' Boys" (1997) Alfre Woodard. | | | Premiere. | Golden | | The Nanny | The Nanny |
| 23 | 77 | MTV | TRL (TV) (E) (E) | | Challenge | Challenge | Direct Effect (E) | | MTV Cribs | MTV Cribs | Famous | Famous |
| 3 | 9 | NBC | News | Ent. Tonight | Will & Grace (E) | Scrubs (E) | Scrubs (N) (E) | The Office (N) (E) | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Doubt" (E) | | News (E) | Tonight Show |
| 8 | 8 | NBC | Will & Grace (E) | Scrubs (E) | Scrubs (N) (E) | The Office (N) (E) | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Doubt" (E) | | News | (35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) (E) | Late Night | |
| 34 | 43 | NICK | SpongeBob | School | Full House | Fatherhood | Fresh Pr. | Cosby | Roseanne | Murphy | Fresh Pr. | Fresh Pr. |
| 2 | 2 | PBS | Nova "Great Escape" (E) (DVS) | | Land (and how it gets that way) (E) | | Frontline "Israel's Next War?" (N) (E) (E) | | BBC World News | That's My Boy | Charlie Rose (N) (E) | |
| 38 | 83 | SCIFI | "Thirteen Ghosts" (E) | | Rose Red (E) (Part 1 of 3) | | | Shining (E) (Part 1 of 3) (E) | | | | |
| 61 | 41 | SPK | Maximum Exposure (E) | | Wildest Police Videos | | | CSI: Crime Scn | | CSI: Crime Scn | | |
| 39 | 51 | TLC | While You Were Out "Pet Haven" | | Clean Sweep Functional rec room. (E) | | | In a Fix "Living Breathing Room" (E) | | American Hot Rod "42 Woodie 2" (E) | | |
| 28 | 37 | TNT | Law & Order "Vendetta" | | Law & Order "Entitled" | | | Charmed (E) (E) | | Law & Order (E) (DVS) | | |
| 51 | 86 | TRAV | Hot Dog Heavens (E) | | Made | | | Taste | | Hot Dog Heavens (E) | | |
| 21 | 82 | TVLND | Highway to Heaven (E) | | Griffith | | | Sanford | | 3's Co. Farrah | | |
| 60 | 89 | UNIV | Apuesta por un Amor | | La Madrastra | | | Casos de la Vida Real | | Impacto | | |
| 20 | 34 | USA | "Bring It On Again" (2004) Anne Judson-Yager. | | | | Nashville Star (E) | | Law & Order: SVU | | The Dead Zone "Scars" (E) | |
| 12 | 3 | WB | Friends (E) | Everybody-Raymond | Gilmore Girls "Come Home" (E) (E) | | The Starlet (Season Finale) (N) (E) | | News (E) (E) | | Friends (E) | Will & Grace (E) |

| WEDNESDAY EVENING | | | | | | | E-Eagle Cable S-S&T Telephone | | | APR. 6, 2005 | | | | | | | | |
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| E | S | | 6 pm | 6:30 | 7 pm | 7:30 | 8 pm | 8:30 | 9 pm | 9:30 | 10 pm | 10:30 | | | | | | |
| 36 | 53 | A&E | American Justice: Brit and Bodybuilder | | Knievel's Wild Ride "New Jersey" (N) | | Monster Hoax: Operation Loch Ness (N) (E) | | Crossing Jordan "Cruel & Unusual" (N) (E) | | American Justice: Brit and Bodybuilder | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 6 | ABC | Lost "Do No Harm" (N) (E) | | (01) Alias "Nightingale" (N) (N) (E) | | (02) Eyes "Whereabouts" (N) (N) (E) | | News (E) | (35) Nightline (E) | (06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (N) (E) | | | | | | | |
| 26 | 48 | ANPL | Animal Face-Off A shark hones in on a hippo. | | The Most Extreme "Tough Babies" (E) | | Animal Cops Detroit "Trapped in Trash" (E) | | Animal Face-Off A shark hones in on a hippo. | | The Most Extreme "Tough Babies" (E) | | | | | | | |
| 63 | 54 | BRAVO | Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (E) | | Showdog Moms & Dads (N) (E) | | Showdog Moms & Dads (N) (E) | | Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (E) | | The West Wing "Celestial Navigation" (N) (E) | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 11 | CBS | 60 Minutes Wednesday (E) | | The King of Yes, Dear Queens (N) (N) (N) (E) | | CSI: NY "Blood, Sweat and Tears" (N) (E) | | News (N) (E) | (35) Late Show With David Letterman (N) (E) | Late Late Show | | | | | | | |
| 24 | 50 | DISC | Great Biker Build-Off Old-style drag bike. (E) | | Monster Garage "Shark Cage/Pontoon Boat" | | Motorcycle Mania 3: Jesse James Rides Again Jesse tries to save his sanity and his soul. (E) | | | | MythBusters Favorite shopping locations. (N) | | | | | | | |
| 33 | 44 | DISN | Click It to Pick It (E) | Click It to Pick It (E) | Lizzie McGuire | Sister, Sister (N) (E) | That's So Raven | That's So Raven | ★ ★ ★ "My Date With the President's Daughter" (1998, Comedy) Dabney Coleman. (E) | | | | | | | | | |
| 49 | 81 | E!TV | Southern Stars | | Trial | Good to Be Crazy | Crazy Life | Gastineau | Howard S. | Howard S. | Saturday Night Live (N) (E) | | | | | | | |
| 22 | 56 | ESPN | NBA Basketball: Cavaliers at Pacers | | NBA Basketball | Utah Jazz at Minnesota Timberwolves. (E) | | | | | SportsCenter (Live) (E) | | | | | | | |
| 54 | 57 | ESPN2 | (5:00) MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. | | | | | | MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (E) | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | 46 | FAM | ★ ★ ★ "Blazing Saddles" (1974) Cleavon Little. | | | | | | Who? | Who? | The 700 Club | Videos | Videos | | | | | |
| 59 | - | FIT TV | Low Carb | Low Carb | Peak Performance | (N) (E) | Extremists | Extremists | Low Carb | Low Carb | Peak Performance | (N) (E) | | | | | | |
| 35 | 31 | FMC | ★ ★ ★ "Heaven Can Wait" (1943, Comedy) | | | | | | ★ ★ "Love Potion No. 9" (1992) Tate Donovan. | | | "It Happens" | | | | | | |
| 53 | 68 | FOOD | Emeril Live Restaurant classics. (N) | | BBQ With Bobby Flay | Foodnation | Good Eats | Good Eats | Iron Chef America Mario Batali battles Anita Lo. | | Emeril Live Pat Benatar joins Emeril. | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 7 | FOX | That '70s Show | Simple Life | American Idol | Life on a Stick (N) | The Fox Report With Shepard Smith | | Bob Newhart | Bob Newhart | Mary Tyler Moore | Mary Tyler Moore | | | | | | |
| 40 | 38 | FX | Independ | Fear Factor | "Couples" | King of Hill | King of Hill | ★ ★ "Life or Something Like It" (2002) Angelina Jolie. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | 55 | FXSP | Pregame | MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Colorado Rockies. (Subject to Blackout) | | | | | | Rocky Mt. | Sports List | Best-Sports | | | | | | |
| 5 | 14 | HBO | (5:30) ★ ★ ★ "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World" (2003) Russell Crowe. (N) | | | | | | ★ ★ ★ "Bend It Like Beckham" (2002, Comedy) Parminder Nagra, Keira Knightley. (N) "PG-13" | | | ★ ★ ★ "Taking Lives" (2004) Angelina Jolie. 'R' | | | | | | |
| 62 | 67 | HGTV | Renovation | Weekend | Want That Landscap | Curb | Curb | Design | House | Renovation | Weekend | | | | | | | |
| 58 | 52 | HIST | Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 15" | | Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 16" | | Modern Marvels Large machines. (E) | | Full Throttle "1969 Plymouth Fury" (E) | | Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 15" | | | | | | | |
| 25 | 35 | IND | Everybody-Raymond | Everybody-Raymond | Seinfeld (N) | Seinfeld (N) | Sex and the City | Sex and the City | (10) Friends | (40) Friends | (10) ★ ★ "Blue Streak" (1999) (PA) | | | | | | | |
| 18 | 63 | LIFE | (5:00) "Wicked Minds" | | | | | | (2001) Wendy Crewson. | | | Golden | Golden | The Nanny | The Nanny | | | |
| 23 | 77 | MTV | TRL (TV) (N) (E) | | Pimp Ride | Pimp Ride | Pimp Ride | Pimp Ride | Punk'd (N) | Punk'd (N) | Punk'd (N) | Punk'd (N) | | | | | | |
| 3 | 9 | NBC | News | Ent. Tonight | Dateline NBC (N) | | The West Wing "2162 Votes" (N) (E) | | Law & Order "Gov Love" (N) (E) | | News (E) | Tonight Show | | | | | | |
| 8 | 8 | NBC | Dateline NBC (N) (E) | | The West Wing "2162 Votes" (N) (E) | | Law & Order "Gov Love" (N) (E) | | News | (35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) (E) | Late Night | | | | | | | |
| 34 | 43 | NICK | SpongeBob | Unfabulous | Full House | Full House | Fresh Pr. | Cosby | Roseanne | Murphy | Fresh Pr. | Fresh Pr. | | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | PBS | Roadshow FYI | Scientific-Frontiers | Great Performances "The Little Prince" (N) (N) (E) | | | | | | BBC World News | Two's Company | Charlie Rose (N) (N) (E) | | | | | |
| 38 | 83 | SCIFI | (5:00) Rose Red (N) | | | | | | Rose Red (N) (Part 2 of 3) (E) | | | Shining (N) (Part 2 of 3) (E) | | | | | | |
| 61 | 41 | SPK | Maximum Exposure (N) | | | | | | Wildest Police Videos | | | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | ★ ★ ★ "Platoon" (N) | | | | |
| 39 | 51 | TLC | While You Were Out (E) | | | | | | Clean Sweep Clunky collectibles. (E) | | | In a Fix | Clean Sweep Designer Molly Luetkemeyer. | In a Fix "Project Child" (N) | | | | |
| 28 | 37 | TNT | Law & Order (E) (DVS) | | | | | | Law & Order (E) (DVS) | | | "14 Hours" (2005, Docudrama) JoBeth Williams. | | | "14 Hours" (2005) | | | |
| 51 | 86 | TRAV | Blackjack Tournament | | | | | | World Poker Tour (N) | | | | Blackjack Tournament | World Poker Tour | | | | |
| 21 | 82 | TVLND | Highway to Heaven (E) | | | | | | Griffith | Leave | | | | Cheers (N) | Cheers (N) | | | |
| 60 | 89 | UNIV | Apuesta por un Amor | | | | | | La Madrastra | | | Don Francisco Presenta | | | Impacto | Noticiero | La Hora Derbez | |
| 20 | 34 | USA | Law & Order: SVU | | | | | | Law & Order: SVU | | | Law & Order: SVU | | | Law Order: CI | | | Kojak "All That Glitters" |
| 12 | 3 | WB | Friends (N) (E) | Everybody-Raymond | Smallville "Pariah" (N) (E) | | | | | | Smallville "Jinx" (N) (E) | | | News (N) (E) | | | Friends (N) | Will & Grace "23" |