

# Upper classmates annoy girl

DEARABBY: I am a 12-year-old girl in the sixth grade. At my school, the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders all have classes together.

Lately, I've noticed the eighth-graders seem to think they are better than us sixth-graders. They make a point of letting us know that they are bigger, cooler and more grown-up than we are.

I am fed up. They were sixth-graders once, too. How do I handle them? They are only two years older, but they seem to think they're practically adults and that we're only about 4. Please help.

— ANNOYED IN ASHLAND, ORE.

DEARANNOYED: My advice is to be patient and bide your time. Two catchphrases come to mind. They are, "Big fish in a small pond," and "Time wounds all heels."

Next fall, those snobbish eighth-graders will be headed for high school. No longer will they be the "most grown-up" students in school. On the contrary, they will be insignificant minnows in a much larger pool. They'll receive from the sophomores, juniors and seniors the same treatment they are giving you. Remember that when you're in the eighth grade and interacting with students in the lower grades. It's a lesson in humility.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were married in a small, intimate ceremony and reception in 2004. We were living in a condominium complex and had become close friends with one of our neighbors and her boyfriend, so we invited them to our wedding. Afterward, I opened their card. It read: "We are happy to share your day with you, but we are strapped for money right now and can't afford a gift at this time. As soon as we're back on our feet, we'll make sure you get your wedding gift."

We are now invited to their wedding. We never did receive a gift from them, nor has it ever been mentioned. These neighbors have a history of being "cheap," so it's not the first time.

My husband and I are at odds. I think we should attend the wedding and buy them a nice gift. He says we should just give them a card with no gift. Or should we simply not attend at all? I know that wedding gifts are just that — gifts. But I'd feel strange



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### • Dear Abby

not giving them anything. I would also feel strange giving them anything under the circumstances. How should we handle this?

— MIFFED IN MONTANA

DEAR MIFFED: The rule of etiquette is: When someone attends a wedding, a gift is in order. Your former neighbors broke that rule, and it has affected the relationship. Please don't stoop to retaliation. The real question is whether you plan to attend or send your regrets — and only you can answer that.

DEARABBY: When does a step-parent stop being a stepparent? My father passed away a few years ago, and I have been wondering ever since if my stepmother is still my stepmother. What happens if she remarries?

We do not have a warm relationship, but we do make contact on birthdays and holidays. We live in different states.

— JUST WONDERING IN GEORGIA

DEAR JUST WONDERING: I have always believed that what binds people together has more to do with what is in their hearts than official titles. If you are not close to the woman, it really doesn't matter if she's your "stepmother" or not. She's your dad's widow. Period.

DEAR ABBY: Yesterday, while I was moving my husband's treasured antique automobile, I got into a fender-bender. He is so upset he won't talk to me. He says he wants a divorce and I should move out of the house.

When I asked him why, he said, "You ruin everything. You make my life miserable, and I don't enjoy anything because of you."

He never said anything like this before, and I am devastated. When I try to apologize, he says, "I don't want to talk about it, just get out." Help me, please.

— DEVASTATED IN LITTLE ROCK

DEAR DEVASTATED: I hope

that by the time this appears in print, your husband will have regained his sense of priorities and is acting like an adult again. I don't blame him for being upset that his favorite toy was damaged. However, he should be thanking his lucky stars that YOU weren't injured. It's far easier to replace a fender and a paint job than replace a life partner, which is what you are supposed to be.

Under no circumstances should you move out. If he wants to end the marriage, let HIM move. And the minute he is out the door, call a lawyer. There's an old saying, "He who moves first, loses." The lawyer will explain it to you.

DEAR ABBY: My partner, "Tim," and I have been together almost two years. He's an accountant — a buttoned-down type of person who always has to make sure the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed, if you know what I mean. I, on the other hand, am an artist who prefers to live my life in broad brush strokes. My problem is that Tim cannot stop nit-picking and second-guessing everything I do. I love him, but it is really getting to me.

Is there a solution to this? I have reached the point that the next time he does it, I'm afraid we're going to come to blows.

— MR. "J" IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR MR. "J": Your "buttoned-down" partner behaves the way he does because he needs to feel he's in control. The nit-picking and second-guessing give him the upper hand, especially if it makes you redo whatever it was he criticized. It's an obnoxious trait, and I'm sure it is difficult to live with.

Before you "come to blows," however, the answer is for the two of you to get couples counseling, and the place to start is the nearest gay and lesbian center. Do it now — before you say or do something you'll regret.

For assistance locating the play, ask for Jody Engel.

Anyone high school age or older is welcome to audition.

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## SUNDAY

JANUARY 15

	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 Meeting others needs. (CC)		Good Morning America (CC)		This Week-George Stephanopoulos (CC)		Hour of Power (CC)		Coral Ridge Hour (CC)		Methodist Stuff	Inside Stuff
KSNK/NBC 8 (8)	Rebecca Gdn	Paid Program	Today (CC)		Meet the Press (CC)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Your Bible	Paid Program	Paid Program	Dog Chalk
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Paid Program	Messiah Baptist	Johnston	Believer Voice	CBS News Sunday Morning		Face the Nation		Paid Program	Paid Program	NFL Today Tentative. (Live) (CC)	
K15CG 2 (2)	Euro. Journal	Wealth-Track	Jakers!-Winks	Big Big World	Ribert & Robert's	Cyber-chase	Arthur (E)	Maya & Miguel	Post-cards	Business	Health Sense	To the Contrary
ESPN 28 (28)	SportsCenter (CC)	NFL	NFL Matchup		SportsCenter	Outside Lines	Sports Reports	SportsCenter	Sunday NFL Countdown (Live) (CC)			
USA 37 (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: Hollow Man (2000) An experiment in invisibility goes horribly wrong. (CC)				PGA Tour Sunday (Live) (CC)		Monk (CC)	
TBS 38 (38)	Movie: Sweet November ★½ (2001) A kooky gamine changes a selfish ad man's outlook on life. (CC)				Movie: Only You ★★ (1994, Comedy) A bride-to-be flies to Italy to find her destined love. <i>Marisa Tomei.</i>						Movie: Down to Earth ★½ (2001)	
WGN 39 (39)	Changing	Paid Program	Key of David	Ronnie Floyd	Feed the Children	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Hillbilities	Hillbilities	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
TNT 40 (40)	Movie: Interview With the Vampire ★★ (1994, Horror) <i>Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt.</i> (CC)				Movie: Blade ★★ (1998) A vampire hunter does battle with a vicious bloodsucker. (CC)				Movie: Salem's Lot (2004, Horror) <i>Rob Lowe, Andre Braugher.</i> (CC)			
DSC 42 (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Sharks in a Desert Sea		10 Deadliest Sharks (CC)				Shark Hunter: Great White	
A&E 47 (47)	Murder, She Wrote (CC)		Breakfast With the Arts (CC)				24 Day 2: 10:00 - 11:00 AM (CC)		24 Day 2: 11:00AM - 12:00PM (CC)		Fight Like a Girl (CC)	
HIST 48 (48)	Eastern Philosophy Part 1 (CC)		History's Bus	Histo-ryCTR	Decoding the Past Secret Societies				Movie: The Siege ★★½ (1998) The FBI attempts to hunt down terrorists in New York. <i>Denzel Washington.</i>		Towers Fell	
NICK 55 (55)	Rugrats (CC)	Oddparents	The X's (CC)	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Catscratch	Danny Phantom	Avatar-Last Air	Teenage Robot	ChalkZone
DISN 56 (56)	Koala Brothers	Higglytown	Einsteins	JoJo's Circus	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Whiskers	American Drgn	BuzzMaggie
FAM 58 (58)	Digimon-Digital	X-Men (CC)	Spider-Man	Dragon Booster	Get Ed (CC)	Kong-Series	Power Rangers	Super Robot	Spider-Man	W.I.T.C.-H. (CC)	Wife Swap Pyke/Smith (CC)	
HALL 60 (60)	The World of Faith and Values		Movie: In the Presence of Mine Enemies ★★½ (1997) <i>Armin Mueller-Stahl.</i>				Naomi's New Morning Faith.		Mass From Notre Dame		Columbo Death Lends a Hand (N)	

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KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	ABC Wild News	News (CC)
KSNK/NBC 8 (8)	(11:30) Incredible Dog Challenge (N)		Snowboarding: U.S. Open Preview		World Cup Skiing: Freestyle World Cup		Hilton Skating & Gymnastics Spectacular From Duluth, Ga. (N) (CC)				News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	NFL Football: AFC Divisional Playoff -- Teams TBA. Time tentative. (Live)						College Basketball: Michigan State at Ohio State. (Live) (CC)					News (CC)
K15CG 2 (2)	On the Record	McLaughlin	McLaughlin	Religion-Ethics	Classic Gospel Life of Jesus in song.		Healthy Body	Stevens Europe	Sewing-Nancy	Beads, Baubles	Ask Your Legislator	
ESPN 28 (28)	PBA Bowling: Dick Weber Open. Fountain Valley, Calif.		Strongest Man		World's Strongest Man Competition		Billiards: WPBA National 9-Ball	Billiards: WPBA National 9-Ball	Billiards: WPBA National 9-Ball		Billiards: WPBA National 9-Ball	
USA 37 (37)	Movie: Red Dragon ★★ (2002, Suspense) An FBI agent asks Hannibal Lecter to help him nail a killer.				Movie: Fools Rush In ★★ (1997, Comedy) <i>Matthew Perry, Salma Hayek.</i> (CC)						Movie: Stepmom ★★ (1998, Drama) <i>Julia Roberts.</i>	
TBS 38 (38)	(11:00) Movie: Blast From the Past ★★ (1999, Comedy) <i>Brendan Fraser.</i> (CC) (DVS)											
WGN 39 (39)	Movie: Double Whammy ★★ (2001, Comedy) <i>Denis Leary.</i> (CC)				Movie: Coming to America ★★ (1988, Comedy) <i>Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall.</i> (CC)				HomeTeam Washington, D.C.		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
TNT 40 (40)	(10:00) Movie: Salem's Lot (2004, Horror) <i>Rob Lowe, Andre Braugher.</i> (CC)				Movie: Dreamcatcher ★½ (2003) Four telepathic friends encounter malevolent aliens. <i>Morgan Freeman.</i>				Movie: The Matrix ★★ (1999, Science Fiction) <i>Keanu Reeves.</i>			
DSC 42 (42)	MythBusters Jaws Special Testing Hollywood shark myths. (CC)				Sharkbite! Surviving		Tiger Shark Attack: Beyond Fear (CC)		Shark Attack: Predators		Shark Roulette	Shark attack facts.
A&E 47 (47)	Rollergirls The Rookie (CC)		Rollergirls No Plain Jane (CC)		Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Move House	Find & Design	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Flip This House (CC)	
HIST 48 (48)	Towers Fell	Infams Murder	Organized Crime: A World History (CC)		Organized Crime: A World History Sicily		Organized Crime: A World History (CC)		Rumrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers (CC)			
NICK 55 (55)	Rock Star	Catscratch	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: Lilo & Stitch (2002) Animated. A girl adopts a dog which is really an alien.				Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Lizzie McGuire	Even Stevens	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Naturally Sadie	Life With Derek
FAM 58 (58)	Wife Swap Cedarquist/Oeth		Wife Swap Flummerfelt/Bray		Wife Swap Burkhalter/Elliott		Wife Swap (CC)		Wife Swap Parsons/Bramhall (CC)		Wife Swap Harris/Van Noy (CC)	
HALL 60 (60)	(11:00) Columbo		Columbo Dead Weight (N)		Diagnosis Murder	Diagnosis of a Murder (N) (CC)			Movie: Matlock: The Outcast ★★½ (1992, Mystery) <i>Andy Griffith.</i> (CC)			

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KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (CC)		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (CC)		Desperate Housewives (CC)		Grey's Anatomy Begin the Begin (N)		News (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Lawyer on Line	Inside Stuff
KSNK/NBC 8 (8)	Dateline NBC (CC)		The West Wing (N) (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (N)		Crossing Jordan (N) (CC)		News	24 3:00PM - 4:00PM (CC)		Inside Edition
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	60 Minutes (CC)		Cold Case Detention (N) (CC)		Movie: Jesse Stone: Night Passage (2006, Crime Drama) <i>Tom Selleck.</i> (CC)		Movie: Jesse Stone: Night Passage (2006, Crime Drama) <i>Tom Selleck.</i> (CC)		News (CC)	News (CC)	Alias Masquerade (CC)	
K15CG 2 (2)	NOW (N) (CC)	Business	Nature (CC) (DVS)		Masterpiece Theatre Henry VIII (Part 2 of 2) (CC) (DVS)		Sci. Frontiers		Globe Trekker Egypt (CC)		Mystery! (Part 1 of 2) (CC) (DVS)	
ESPN 28 (28)	PGA Golf: Sony Open in Hawaii -- Final Round. From Honolulu.						NFL		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		NFL	Game-night
USA 37 (37)	(5:30) Movie: A Man Apart ★½ (2003, Action) <i>Vin Diesel.</i> (CC)		Movie: Blow ★★½ (2001) A small-time pot dealer becomes a major cocaine supplier. <i>Johnny Depp.</i> (CC)						Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS 38 (38)	(4:30) Movie: Stepmom (1998)		Movie: Pretty Woman ★★ (1990, Comedy-Drama) An executive plays Pygmalion to a young streetwalker.		Movie: Pretty Woman ★★ (1990, Comedy-Drama) An executive plays Pygmalion to a young streetwalker.							
WGN 39 (39)	Maximum Exposure		24 Day 2: 00 - 3:00PM (CC)		24 Day 2: 3:00 - 4:00PM (CC)		WGN News		Instant Replay	Sex and the City	Becker	Maximum Exposure
TNT 40 (40)	(4:30) Movie: The Matrix ★★ (1999)		Movie: The Matrix Reloaded ★★ (2003) Freedom fighters revolt against machines. <i>Keanu Reeves.</i>		Movie: The Matrix Reloaded ★★ (2003) Freedom fighters revolt against machines. <i>Keanu Reeves.</i>							
DSC 42 (42)	(5:00) Shark Roulette (CC)		Dog Show: AKC/Eukanuba National Championship: Live 2006 From Tampa, Fla.						Dog Show: AKC/Eukanuba National Championship: Live 2006			
A&E 47 (47)	24 Day 2: 12:00 - 1:00PM (CC)		Jonesboro School Ambush		The First 48 (CC)		Intervention (N) (CC)		CSI: Miami Cop Killer (CC)		Jonesboro School Ambush	
HIST 48 (48)	Conspiracy? (CC)		Kennedys: The Curse of Power (CC)				Eighty Acres of Hell		Camp Douglas in Chicago during the Civil War. (N) (CC)		Kennedys: The Curse of Power	
NICK 55 (55)	Ned's School	Unfabulous (N)	Zoe 101 (CC)	Romeo! (CC)	Full House	Fresh Prince	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
DISN 56 (56)	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Movie: Kim Possible: A Stitch in Time (2003, Adventure) (CC)		Life With Derek		Zack & Cody	Naturally Sadie	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Life With Derek	BuzzMaggie
FAM 58 (58)	Movie: If Only (2004) A man relives the day his girlfriend died in a car accident.		Movie: If Only (2004) A man relives the day his girlfriend died in a car accident.						Home Videos	Home Videos	Joel Osteen	Feed the Children
HALL 60 (60)	Movie: Murder 101 (2006, Mystery) <i>Dick Van Dyke.</i> (CC)				Movie: Mystery Woman: Snapshot (2005, Mystery) <i>Kellie Martin.</i> (CC)				Movie: Matlock: The Outcast ★★½ (1992, Mystery) <i>Andy Griffith.</i> (CC)			

## MONDAY

JANUARY 16

	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)	Ent. Tonight	Wife Swap King/Reeves (N) (CC)		Emily's-Why	Jake in Progress	The Bachelor: Paris (N) (CC)		News	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 8 (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	The 63rd Annual Golden Globe Awards television. (Live) (CC)						News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night	
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	King of Queens	How I Met	Two/Half Men	Out of Practice	CSI: Miami Under Suspicion (ITV) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	
K15CG 2 (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Antiques Roadshow (N) (CC)		American Experience Eleanor Roosevelt: The private life of the very public first lady Eleanor Roosevelt.				My Family	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
ESPN 28 (28)	College Basketball: Kansas at Missouri. (Live) (CC)				College Basketball: Connecticut at Syracuse. (Live) (CC)				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	College Basketball: LMU at Gonzaga		
USA 37 (37)	Golden Globes Arrival Special		Law & Order: Criminal Intent				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: Anaconda ★ (1997) A huge snake stalks a film crew in the Brazilian jungle.			
WGN 39 (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
TNT 40 (40)	Law & Order Legacy (CC) (DVS)		NBA Basketball: San Antonio Spurs at Memphis Grizzlies. FedEx Forum. (Live) (CC)				NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Staples Center. (Live) (CC)					
DSC 42 (42)	Rough Racing: Driver X		Biker Build-Off		Monster Garage Army (CC)		American Chopper (N) (CC)		Rough Racing: Driver X		Biker Build-Off (CC)	
A&E 47 (47)	Cold Case Files (CC)		Flip This House		Intervention (CC)		Rollergirls Snack Is Back (N) (CC)		Crossing Jordan (CC)		Flip This House (CC)	
HIST 48 (48)	Modern Marvels Logging Tech (CC)		Lincoln Gore Vidal: Jan Morris; Harold Holzer; Andrew Solomon.						Declassified Beatie John Lennon. (CC)		Lincoln (CC)	
NICK 55 (55)	Jimmy Neutron	Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius		Full House	Fresh Prince	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
DISN 56 (56)	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	That's-Raven		That's-Raven	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible
FAM 58 (58)	Smallville Witness		Wildfire Kris helps at a charity event.		Gilmore Girls Say Something (CC)		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		Wildfire Kris helps at a charity event.	
HALL 60 (60)	JAG The Man on the Bridge (CC) (DVS)		Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Movie: A Perry Mason Mystery: The Case of the Lethal Lifestyle (1994)				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)

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