

# Teen's angry outbursts raise red flags for concerned uncle

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, you helped me with an unhappy relationship I was in. I took your advice, and it made a big improvement in my life. I am now engaged to a wonderful woman, and we're very happy. I never thought I would have to write you again.

Abby, I am seeing some behavior in my 15-year-old nephew that has me worried. He's a "high achiever" and, basically, a pretty good kid. Maybe he's under stress from school or sports, but he has been having some shocking, angry outbursts. Whether against his parents, his brother or his girlfriend, he will fly into a rage. He shouts, pounds his fists on the table, slams doors (breaking a glass pane) and storms out of the house. I saw him shove his brother during a recent argument, and I have heard him threaten to put his fist through a wall. Luckily, he hasn't followed through.

He doesn't have a history of causing trouble, and these angry outbursts don't happen all the time. I know you have a booklet about controlling anger.

— WORRIED UNCLE, ANNAPOLIS, MD.

**DEAR WORRIED UNCLE:** We all have moments when we react without thinking. Your nephew is young, and his problem could be caused by a number of things — including immaturity, lack of self-control and raging hormones. If you have a good level of communication with him, the first thing you should do is have a talk with him and ask what's really going on.

If he is not having emotional or substance abuse problems, my anger booklet might be helpful to him. It contains constructive information about anger and suggestions for defusing it in healthy ways. It can be ordered by sending a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY: I have been house-sitting — and paying rent — for a retired couple for the last six months. They are traveling in an RV, so I moved into the spare room, collect their mail and keep their house in order.

They come back to town every few weeks so one or both of them stays a night at the home. This was OK until last night.

The husband wasn't supposed to be at the house. I was expecting him tonight because he has a doctor's



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appointment tomorrow. When I came home and saw him there, I was a little surprised. I was tired from a hard day at work, so I went to bed early. This morning, I awoke at 6:15 to my door opening. The husband came into my room, said he was cold, and jumped into my bed. He was naked! I told him he was a freak, jumped out of bed, rushed into my bathroom, locked the door and got ready to leave for work. I didn't see him before I left.

Should I call the wife and tell her what happened? I am staying at a friend's tonight because I don't want to run into him again. I no longer feel safe with him there. Should I find a new place to live? I'm 31 and he is in his 60s. Yuck!

— GROSSED OUT IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR GROSSED OUT:** The answers to both of your questions is yes — and the sooner the better.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently moved into our first house after five years of apartment living. We love our new home and have just unpacked the last box and settled in.

There has been just one bone of contention in our otherwise happy living situation. I have 15 to 20 small- to medium-sized stuffed animals that I enjoy having around. My husband insists they not be visible at all in our home. He says it looks like I haven't grown up and am living in the past. He's embarrassed to have any visitors see them.

Abby, I don't want to display these toys in the living room. They are upstairs in my personal space. Your opinion, please.

— UPSET IN SAN ANTONIO

**DEAR UPSET:** A compromise is in order. Corral the animals and keep them in a display cabinet in your "personal space." That way your husband won't be crowded with dust-catchers, and you can have your sentimental keepsakes close by.

P.S. It would be interesting to know how you came by all those stuffed animals. If they were gifts from your husband, he has no right to complain. If they were gifts from old boyfriends, however, he may have a valid point.

DEAR ABBY: I am an avid read-

er — a true book lover. Sometimes I like to share my favorite books with friends. Right now, I have loaned out about 20 books to various people. I am sure I placed a name and address in each one to be sure I would get it back.

It has been almost two years, Abby, and the books have not been returned.

When you loan someone a book, it's because you really enjoyed it. You may want to read it again or pass it on to others. I don't know how people can be so neglectful about returning things that don't belong to them.

If you print this, it may jog the memories of the guilty people who have borrowed items and don't think they have to return them. I'm sure others feel as I do — that if you lend something out, it does not give the person the right to keep it indefinitely.

— BOOK LOVER IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR BOOK LOVER:** I'm printing your letter, but please don't count on the guilty repenting of their sins of omission. In the future, I strongly recommend that you keep a list of the books you loan out, the dates they were loaned, and the names of the borrowers. That way you can call and ask to have your property returned. I'm sad to say that many people simply do not respect the property of others the way they do their own.

DEAR ABBY: How does one respectfully decline being included in a will which your mother holds over you? I would like not to be included, but I would also like to come across as sincere and respectful without causing more animosity.

— WANTS TO OPT OUT IN COLORADO

**DEAR WANTS TO OPT OUT:** Write your mother a love letter. List the good things she has done for you in your life, and your gratitude for the lessons she has taught you. At the end, state: "You have mentioned many times the fact that you have included me in your will. However, because you have already given me so much, I respectfully ask that you leave your estate to other family and friends who need it."

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## WEEKDAYS

MARCH 14 - MARCH 20

	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	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America				Martha		The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC 9 8	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		Paid Program	Paid Program
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News Cont'd		News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG 2	BBC World	Body Electric	Caillou	Mister Rogers	Beren. Bears	Cliff Pup	Big Big World	Dragon Tales	Sesame Street		Teletubies	Barney-Friends
ESPN 28	SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied Programs		
USA 37	Walker, Texas Ranger		JAG		The District		Nash Bridges		Nash Bridges		Movie	Varied
TBS 38	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Dawson's Creek		Movie				Becker	Becker
WGN 39	Changing	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbilities	Hillbilities	Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.	
TNT 40	Angel		Charmed		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC 42	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	American Chopper		American Chopper		Varied Programs			
A&E 47	Varied Programs								City Confidential		American Justice	
HIST 48	Varied Programs											
NICK 55	Oddparents	Oddparents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	Backyardigans	Dora the Explorer	Wonder Pets	Lazy-Town	Miss Spider
DISN 56	Break-fast Bear	Higglytown	Einsteins	Doodlebops	JoJo's Circus	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Koala Brothers	Rolie Polie	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	Rolie Polie
FAM 58	Kong-Series	Spider-Man	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	The 700 Club		Living the Life	Gilmore Girls		Step by Step	Full House	Full House
HALL 60	New Morning		The Waltons		The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Diagnosis Murder	

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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)	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Judge-Brown	Judge-Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wild News			
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		The Insider	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News			
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful	World Trn	Varied	Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News			
K15CG (2)	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs			Clifford-Red	Cyber-chase	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Post-cards	Zoom	Business			
ESPN (28)	MLB Baseball	Varied Programs					1st and 10	Rome-Burning	Around the Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter				
USA (37)	Movie Cont'd		Movie		Varied Programs						Law & Order: Criminal Intent				
TBS (38)	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld			
WGN (39)	News		Magnum, P.I.		Da Vinci's Inquest		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Moesha	Moesha	Home Improve.	Home Improve.			
TNT (40)	Judging Amy		NYPD Blue		Law & Order		Law & Order		Charmed		Charmed				
DSC (42)	Varied Programs		The New Detectives		The FBI Files		The FBI Files		It Takes a Thief		Cash Cab	Cash Cab			
A&E (47)	Cold Case Files		Varied Programs						City Confidential		American Justice				
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels		Varied Programs												
NICK (55)	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	Oddparents	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	Danny Phantom			
DISN (56)	Higglytown	JoJo's Circus	Lilo & Stitch	Whiskers	Varied Programs								That's-Raven	Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody
FAM (58)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Ground-ed-Life	Ground-ed-Life	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven				
HALL (60)	Matlock		Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H			

## THURSDAY

MARCH 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	American Inventor Open casting calls in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York.				Primetime (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)		
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Will & Grace	Four Kings	Name Is Earl	The Office	ER Out on a Limb (N) (CC)		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night		
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)					College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)					News (CC)	Late Show	
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Moths	My Music Number 104: The '60s Experience Songs of peace, love and protest. (CC)				BBC World		Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
ESPN (28)	Sports- Center	Baseball: Anaheim, Calif. (Live)	World Classic Second Round -- Teams TBA. From					Kickbox- ing	Kickbox- ing	Kickbox- ing	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		
USA (37)	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Monk Monk has amnesia. (CC)		Monk (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS (38)	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: National Security ** (2003, Comedy) (PA) Martin Lawrence. (CC)				Movie: Lock Up **½ (1989) An innocent inmate tries to survive a New Jersey prison.				
WGN (39)	Movie: Fiddler on the Roof *** (1971, Musical) Poor Jewish milkman, wife and five daughters in czarist Russia. Topol, Norma Crane. (CC)								Sex and the City	Becker (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		
TNT (40)	Law & Order Stalker (CC) (DVS)		NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. American Airlines Arena. (Live) (CC)					NBA Basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at Golden State Warriors. The Arena in Oakland. (Live) (CC)					
DSC (42)	Mystery of Alien Abduction		Inside Area 51 (CC)		World's Strangest UFO Stories		A Haunting Springfield, Ill. (CC)		Roswell (CC)		Inside Area 51 (CC)		
A&E (47)	Bullied to Death (CC)		The First 48 Close Ties; Last Call (CC)		The First 48 Point Blank; Shoot Out		Confrontation (CC)		Crossing Jordan Jump Push Fall (CC)		The First 48 Close Ties; Last Call (CC)		
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels The Chunnel (CC)		How William Shatner Changed the World Inventions inspired by 'Star Trek'. (CC)					Declassified Beatle John Lennon. (CC)		Weird Weapons: The Allies (CC)		William Shatner, World	
NICK (55)	Oddpar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	Grown Up	Full House	Fresh Prince	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	
DISN (56)	Phil of Future		That's- Raven		Movie: Model Behavior **½ (2000, Comedy-Drama) Maggie Lawson. (CC)			Emperor New		Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody	That's- Raven	Phil of Future
FAM (58)	Smallville Onyx (CC)		Movie: Annie **½ (1982, Musical) The Broadway smash about the adventures of an orphan girl. Albert Finney. (CC)							The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos
HALL (60)	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)			Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Movie: Return to Snowy River **½ (1988, Adventure) Tom Burlinson. (CC)			M*A*S'H (CC)	M*A*S'H (CC)	M*A*S'H (CC)	M*A*S'H (CC)	

## FRIDAY

MARCH 17

	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 <b>4</b> <b>(6)</b>	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		In Justice Lovers (N) (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live The Tossers. (CC)		
KSNK/NBC <b>9</b> <b>(8)</b>	News	Wheel of Fortune	Deal or No Deal (N) (CC)		Las Vegas Like a Virgin (CC)		Conviction Breakup (N) (CC)		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night		
KBSL/CBS <b>12</b> <b>(11)</b>	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)				College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)				News (CC)		Late Show		
K15CG <b>2</b> <b>(2)</b>	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)				Moments to Remember: My Music Number 204 Hits of the late 1950s and early '60s. (N) (CC)				Market-Market		Wash. Week	Red Green	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)
ESPN <b>28</b> <b>(28)</b>	Sports-Center	2005 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.		2005 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.		World Series of Poker Tournament of Champions Las Vegas. (CC)			SportsCenter (Live) (CC)				
USA <b>37</b> <b>(37)</b>	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Monk Mr. Monk Gets Jury Duty (CC)		House Detox (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		
TBS <b>38</b> <b>(38)</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Rush Hour 2 ★★(2001, Action) (PA) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker. (CC)			Movie: Rush Hour (1998) Mismatched police partners seek a kidnapped girl. (CC)					
WGN <b>39</b> <b>(39)</b>	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: 101 Dalmations ★½ (1996, Adventure) Voices of Glenn Close. (CC)				WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)	Becker (CC)	America's Funnies Home Videos (CC)		
TNT <b>40</b> <b>(40)</b>	Law & Order Access Nation		Movie: What Lies Beneath ★½ (2000) A housewife is swept up in a spirit's supernatural revenge. (CC)				Movie: What Lies Beneath ★½ (2000) A housewife is swept up in a spirit's supernatural revenge. (CC)						
DSC <b>42</b> <b>(42)</b>	The FBI Files Crackdown (CC)		The FBI Files Bad Company (N) (CC)		I Shouldn't Be Alive (N)		A Haunting Gateway to Hell (N)		The FBI Files Crackdown (CC)		The FBI Files Bad Company (CC)		
A&E <b>47</b> <b>(47)</b>	American Justice The Perfect Wife		Biography: Jimi Hendrix		Biography: Janis Joplin		Bio.: Monroe Bio.: Princess		American Justice: Scorned		Biography: Jimi Hendrix		
HIST <b>48</b> <b>(48)</b>	Celebrating the Green		Paddy Whacked: The Irish Mob (CC)				Rumrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers (CC)				Paddy Whacked: The Irish Mob (CC)		
NICK <b>55</b> <b>(55)</b>	SpongeBob	Cats-crat	Avatar-Last Air	The X's (CC)	Danny Phantom	Danny Phantom	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	
DISN <b>56</b> <b>(56)</b>	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Movie: The Luck of the Irish (2001, Fantasy) Ryan Meriman. (CC)				Phil of Future	Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible	
FAM <b>58</b> <b>(58)</b>	Smallville Spirit (CC)		Movie: Half a Dozen Babies ★★ (1999, Drama) Scott Reeves. (CC)				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos	
HALL <b>60</b> <b>(60)</b>	Walker, Texas Ranger (Part 1 of 2)		Walker, Texas Ranger (Part 2 of 2)		Walker, Texas Ranger The Reunion (CC)			M*A*S*H (CC)		M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	