

# Fiance reveals drug use problem before wedding

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Doug," just revealed to me that for the past six months he's been using drugs. We've been together almost four years and our wedding is scheduled for next month. We are both in our early 20s.

Doug confessed that he has been using money we set aside for bills to buy drugs. He said he has also stolen money from our best friend for the same purpose.



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• dear abby

He came to me on his own to tell me all this. Doug has always been a sweet, caring guy. I love him with all my heart, but I've lost my trust in him. Now I don't know what to do. I can hardly believe this is happening. I still want to marry him, but don't want to marry someone I don't trust. What should I do? I need an answer in a hurry. — HURT AND CONFUSED IN FLORIDA

DEAR HURT AND CONFUSED: You have just had a peek at what life is like with an addict. Postpone the wedding indefinitely until your fiance has been through rehabilitation and is established in a 12-step program. You may love him — and vice versa — but there is a side to your fiance that you're just getting to know. I urge you to be sure he's clean before you make a lifetime commitment.

DEAR ABBY: Friends of ours, "Cindy and Josh," are moving a few states away and throwing a goodbye party for themselves. Are my husband and I required to take a gift to the party? They were married a few months ago, and we were very gen-

erous with their shower and wedding gifts.

Josh has been unemployed for more than a year. According to Cindy, he doesn't like to job-hunt, so he's waiting for something to "fall in his lap." On the other hand, Cindy has a well-paying, full-time job. They live rent-free in a house his parents own, and spend their money on sports memorabilia, stereo equipment, electronic gadgets, etc.

Neither one has a job waiting in the city where they're relocating, but they were given money by Cindy's parents to cover moving expenses and rent for the first few months. Cindy is hinting broadly that she ex-

pects cash as gifts.

I thought gifts were required only at housewarmings — not farewell parties. However, my husband doesn't want us to appear cheap. Your thoughts, Abby? — QUESTIONING COUPLE IN MISSOURI

DEAR QUESTIONING COUPLE: Although you are not required to take a farewell gift to the party, a token gift would be thoughtful. A small "jam jar" might be appropriate, because I predict they'll encounter more than one along the way. (A book on money management would also be appropriate — and helpful.)

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old freshman in high school. My prob-

lem is that my math grades stink. Each night I try hard to double-check my math homework, but when it gets graded the next day, I always end up missing six or seven out of 10 questions.

I've asked my parents for help. They say it's been too long since they tackled math, and it's beyond them. Help! — GOTTA GET GOOD GRADES IN WYOMING

DEAR GOTTA GET GOOD GRADES: You need a tutor. A junior or senior math-whiz who's patient could help you turn things around. Talk to your math teacher or school counselor before you fall further behind. They're there to help. Good luck.

SATURDAY EVENING											FEB. 22, 2003	
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30		
2	PBS	Keeping Up New Red Green [DVS]	Lawrence Welk Show		Final Solution A white South African who sets out to make peace between blacks and whites. [DVS]				Austin City Limits [N]			
3	IND	(5:00) Trumpet Awards (Live)	★★★ "Rush Hour" (1998) (PA) Jackie Chan. Two detectives join forces in a kidnapping case.				Trumpet Awards Honorees include Destiny's Child and Julius Erving.					
4	ABC	★★★ "Forces of Nature" (Bullock, Ben Affleck. [N] [DVS])	(1999, Romance) Sandra Bullock, Uma Thurman. [N] [DVS]		I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! (TV) [DVS]		News [N]	Chris Matthews	Powerball-Millionaire	Ent. Tonight		
5	HBO	(4:15) ★★★ "The Majestic" (2001) [N] [PG]	(1:15) ★★★ "The Truth About Cats & Dogs" (1996, Comedy) Uma Thurman. [N] [PG-13] [DVS]				★★ "Joe Somebody" (2001) Tim Allen. Premiere. [N] [PG] [DVS]		(4:45) Oz [N] [DVS]			
7	CBS	Touched by an Angel "Song for My Father"	District "Last Waltz" (N) [N] [DVS]		Agency "Unholy Alliances" (N) [N] [DVS]		News [N]	(4:35) Drew Carey	(4:05) Drew Carey	(4:35) Drew Carey [N]		
8	NBC	Fear Factor [N] [DVS]	★★★ "The Fugitive" (1993) Harrison Ford. An innocent man must evade the law as he pursues a killer. [N] [DVS]				News	Saturday Night Live Christopher Walken; the Foo Fighters. (N) [N] [DVS]				
11	TVLND	Brady	HappyDay	Sanford	Gilligan	Griffith	Beaver	I Love Lucy	Munsters	Kotter Soap [DVS]		
12	ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball Missouri at Colorado. (Live)				Sportscenter		College Basketball		
13	FOX	Cops (N) [N]	Cops [N] [DVS]	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back		Equal Justice		Mad TV Anna Nicole Smith; Andy Dick. (N) [N]	Sexwars	Sexwars		
15	MAX	★★★ "Bedazzled" (2000) Fraser. [N] [PG-13] [DVS]	Brendan		(4:35) ★★ "100 Girls" (2000) Jonathan Tucker. [N] [R] [DVS]		(1:15) ★★ "Swordfish" (2001, Action) John Travolta, Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry. [N] [R] [DVS]					
16	TNN	★★★ "Crocodile Dundee" (1986) Paul Hogan.	Blind Date		Blind Date		Real TV [N]	Real TV [N]	American Gladiators [N]			
17	DISN	Boy Meets World [DVS]	Sister, Sister [DVS]	Proud Family [DVS]	Kim Possible [DVS]	That's So Raven [DVS]	Lizzie McGuire	★★★ "Double Teamed" (2002, Drama) Annie McElwain. Teamo Supremo [DVS]				
18	LIFE	"Judgment Day"		"Big Dreams & Broken Hearts: Dottie West"				Final Justice [DVS]		"Hostile Advances"		
20	USA	(5:00) "Dirty Dancing"	★★ "Black Dog" (1992) Patrick Swayze. [N] [DVS]				Dagnat [N] [DVS]		"To Wong Foo, Thanks"			
21	SHOW	"What Women"	"I Was a Teenage Faust" (2002) Robert Townsend. iTV. [N] [DVS]		★★★ "Save the Last Dance" (2001, Drama) Julia Stiles, Kerry Washington. iTV. [N] [PG-13] [DVS]		Jay-Z in Concert (iTV) From Memphis, Tenn.					
22	TMC	★★★ "Hook" (1991) Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman. Hook kidnaps the children of the adult Peter Pan. [N] [DVS]		★★★ "North" (1994, Comedy-Drama) Elijah Wood, Bruce Willis. [N] [DVS]		★★ "Scary Movie 2" (2001) Shawn Wayans.						
23	MTV	Sorority	Sorority	Sorority	Sorority	Sorority	Get Know	Video	Real World	Real World		
24	DISC	Black Mummies		Valley of the T-Rex [DVS]		Monster Garage "Swamp Buggy" [DVS]		U.S. Navy SEALs III -- Direct Action [DVS]		Shipwrecks and Salvage [DVS]		
28	TNT	★ "Gone in Sixty Seconds" (2000) (PA) Nicolas Cage. [DVS]				★★ "Assassins" (1995, Drama) (PA) Sylvester Stallone.						
30	FXSP	College Lacrosse		NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz. (Live)				Rocky Mt.	Rocky Mt.	Last Word		
32	FAM	"Sabrina, Down Under" (1999) Melissa Joan Hart.		"The Spiral Staircase" (2000) Nicollette Sheridan.				Life-Sitcom	Last Resort			
33	NBC	Entertainment Tonight Grammy Awards. (N) [N]		Fear Factor (N) [N] [DVS]		★★★ "The Fugitive" (1993) Harrison Ford. An innocent man must evade the law as he pursues a killer. [N] [DVS]		News [DVS]	Saturday Night Live			
34	NICK	All That (N) [N]	Nick	Amanda [N]	Skeeter	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers [N]	Cheers [N]	Cosby		
36	A&E	Cold Case Files "The Baiting Game" [DVS]		Crossing Jordan "The Digger" [DVS]		Third Watch "Old Dogs, New Tricks" (N) [DVS]		Hollywood Reality The Barrymore family. (N)				
38	SCIFI	"Code Name: Phoenix"		"Do or Die" (2003) Nigel Bennett. Premiere. [N] [DVS]				★★ "The Darwin Conspiracy" (1999) [N] [DVS]				
39	TLC	Maternity Ward "Once Every 98 Minutes" [DVS]		Trauma: Life in the ER "Mind Over Matter"		While You Were Out "Texas: Stephen Drive"		Trading Spaces Cooking haven; tountain. [DVS]		Trading Spaces "San Diego: Duenda Road" (1998)		
40	FX	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		★★★ "Halloween" (1978) Jamie Lee Curtis.		★★★ "Halloween H2O: 20 Years Later" (1998)				
45	FMC	(4:01) ★★★ "Von Ryan's Express" (1965)		Star Dates		(4:01) Hour of Stars		(4:01) ★★★ "Breaking Away" (1979, Drama)				
49	EITV	True H'wood		Star Dates		Saturday Night Live [N]		Wild On...		Howard S. Howard S.		
51	TRAV	Monster Trucks		Monster Truck		Extreme 4x4		Monster Trucks		Monster Truck		
53	WB	(5:00) ★★★ "Thunderheart" (1992) Val Kilmer.		★★★ "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. Wyatt Earp and Doc Holiday battle the Clanton gang.		News [N] [DVS]		Cosby Show [DVS]		"Beverly Hills II" [DVS]		
54	ESPN2	Yachting: America's Cup Finals			College Basketball Hawaii at Kent State. (Live)				NHRA Drag Racing: Qualifying			
58	HIST	Boone and Crockett: The Hunter Heroes [DVS]			Mountain Men How fur trappers opened up the unknown and savage land. [DVS]				Boone and Crockett: The Hunter Heroes [DVS]			
59	HLTH	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Workout	Bodies	Health Specials [N]		Doctors Diaries [N]		Workout Bodies		
60	UNIV	Sábado Gigante		P. Impacto		Noticiero		Otro Rollo				
62	HGTV	Room	Decorating	Decorating	Designing	Designers' [N]	Design	Room	Decorating	Decorating Designing		
99	WGN	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Miami Heat. (Live) [N] [DVS]				News [DVS]		Fresh Pr.	★★★ "Mississippi Burning" [N]			

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SUNDAY EVENING										FEB. 23, 2003	
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	
2	PBS	Reptiles Lizards, amazing escape artists. (N)	Masterpiece Theatre "Foyle's War" "Eagle Day" (N) (DVS)			Concerto (DVS)	Now With Bill Moyers (N) (DVS)		Mystery! "Touching Evil" (DVS)		
3	IND	★★★ "Shaft" (2000, Action) Vanessa Williams. Premiere. (DVS)	(PA) Samuel L. Jackson, Vanessa Williams, Jeffrey Wright. (DVS)			★★★ "Shaft" (2000, Action) (PA) Samuel L. Jackson, Vanessa Williams, Jeffrey Wright. (DVS)			★★★ "Over the Top" (1987, Drama) (DVS)		
4	ABC	(5:00) I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	Alias "Firebomb" (N) (DVS)			Dagnat "Well Endowed" (N) (DVS)	News (DVS)	(3:5) Seinfeld (DVS)	(4:05) Paid Program (N) (DVS)	(3:5) Extra (N) (DVS)	
5	HBO	"Hearts in Atlantis"	★★★ "Finding Forrester" (2000) Sean Connery. A reclusive writer nurtures a Bronx youth's gift for words. (N) (DVS)			PG-13	Sopranos "Meadowlands" (N) (DVS)		Oz "Exeunt Omnes" (Series Finale) (N) (DVS)		
7	CBS	45th Annual Grammy Awards Festivities honor excellence in the recording industry. (Live) (N) (DVS)						News (N) (DVS)	(4:05) News (N) (DVS)	(3:5) Outer Limits (N) (DVS)	
8	NBC	"1st to Die" (2003, Suspense) (PA) Tracy Pollan, Gil Bellows. Premiere. Four women join forces to bring a serial killer to justice. (N) (DVS)					News	Inside Edition	(4:05) Ebert & Roeper (N) (DVS)	(3:5) Paid Program (N) (DVS)	
11	TVLND	Brady	HappyDay	Sanford	Griffith	Legends	Inside TV Land		Munsters	MacGyver "Blow Out"	
12	ESPN	Bill Walton	NHL Hockey: Rangers at Avalanche or Blues at Wild			Sportscenter				Sportsctr.	
13	FOX	★★★ "X-Men" (2000, Science Fiction) Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart. Premiere. (N) (DVS)	Stargate SG-1 "The Warrior" (N) (DVS)			Outer Limits "Bits of Love" (N) (DVS)		FOX Sunday Night			
15	MAX	"Dude-My Car"	★★★ "Driven" (2001) Sylvester Stallone. A former racer returns to the sport to help a rising star.			★★★ "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001) Daniel Radcliffe. J.K. Rowling's student wizard has his first adventure.					
16	TNN	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.			Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Oblivious	Taboo (N) (DVS)		
17	DISN	Boy Meets World	Sister, Sister (DVS)	Proud Family	Kim Possible (DVS)	That's So Raven (DVS)	Lizzie McGuire	★★★ "Airborne" (1993, Comedy) Shane McDermott, Seth Green, Britney Powell. PG			
18	LIFE	Division "Cold Comfort"	Strong Medicine (N) (DVS)			For the People (DVS)		Any Day Now (DVS)		"Calendar Girl" (DVS)	
20	USA	(5:00) ★★★ "The Rock" (1996) Sean Connery.	Dead Zone (N) (DVS)			Dead Zone (N) (DVS)		Law & Order		Dead Zone (N) (DVS)	
21	SHOW	"Down to Earth" (DVS)	(4:45) ★★★ "The 6th Day" (2000) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A helicopter pilot is cloned without his consent. (N) (DVS)			PG-13		★★★ "Kinpipin" (1996, Comedy) Woody Harrelson, Randy Quaid. iTV. (N) (DVS)			
22	TMC	(15) ★★★ "Sibling Rivalry" (1990) Kirstie Alley, Bill Pullman. (N) (DVS)	(4:45) ★★ "The Pest" (1997, Comedy) John Leguizamo. (N) (DVS)			(15) ★★ "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" (2001) Martin Lawrence. (N) (DVS)					
23	MTV	Get Know	True Life (N) (DVS)		Cribs (N) (DVS)	Backstage at		Real World	Real World	Real World	
24	DISC	Repossessors (DVS)	Repossessors 2			Totally Out of Control: Nature (DVS)		Grizzly Diaries	Haunting in Georgia		
28	TNT	★★★ "Seven" (1995, Suspense) Brad Pitt.			★★★ "Seven" (1995) (PA) Brad Pitt.			★★★ "The Game"			
30	FXSP	College Basketball		Last Word	See This	Beyond the Glory (N) (DVS)		Best Damn Sports Show	Rocky Mt.	See This	
32	FAM	★★ "Down Periscope" (1996) Kelsey Grammer.			★★★ "Defending Your Life" (1991, Comedy) (N) (DVS)			Church	Feed		
33	NBC	Dateline (N) (DVS)	"1st to Die" (2003, Suspense) (PA) Tracy Pollan, Gil Bellows. Premiere. Four women join forces to bring a serial killer to justice. (N) (DVS)			News (DVS)		(4:45) She Spies (N) (DVS)			
34	NICK	Garcia	Black	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers (N) (DVS)	Cheers (N) (DVS)	Coach (DVS)	Coach (DVS)	Cosby	
36	A&E	Biography "Doris Day: It's Magic" (DVS)			The Point "The Recovery of NYC" (N) (DVS)		Detective Beat A young woman burns to death. (N) (DVS)		Biography "Doris Day: It's Magic" (DVS)		
38	SCIFI	(5:00) "Street Fighter"		★★★ "The 13th Warrior" (1999) (N) (DVS)			Strange World "Skin" (DVS)		Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	
39	TLC	What Were You Thinking? "Moving Violations"		What Were You Thinking?		What Were You Thinking?		Junkyard Mega-Wars Teams from around world construct vehicles to conquer desert terrain.			
40	FX	M*A*S*H		★★★ "Halloween H2O: 20 Years Later" (1998)			★★★ "Lethal Weapon" (1987) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover.				
45	FMC	(4:01) ★★★ "100 Rifles" (1969) Jim Brown.			(4:01) ★★ "The Great White Hope" (1996)			(4:01) "Trouble Man" (DVS)			
49	EITV	Anna	Anna	Anna	Anna	Anna	Curse of the Poltergeist: THS				
51	TRAV	Ten Wonders			Modern Wonders of the World (N) (DVS)			Ten Wonders		Mod. Wonders	
53	WB	Gilmore Girls "P.S. I Love U" (N) (DVS)		Surreal Life (N) (DVS)	Surreal Life (N) (DVS)	Surreal Life (N) (DVS)	Surreal Life (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	Friends (N) (DVS)	Everybody-Raymond	
54	ESPN2	Hockey	NHRA Drag	Racing Kragen Nationals.			RPM 2Night	Gamenight	NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night NHL 2Night	
58	HIST	Operation Desert Storm "The Ground War" (DVS)		Operation Desert Storm "Final Showdown" (DVS)		Mail Call (N) (DVS)	Conquest (N) (DVS)	Color of War "Into the Breach" (N) (DVS)		Operation Desert Storm "The Ground War" (DVS)	
59	HLTH	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Workout	Bodies	Health Specials (N) (DVS)		Doctors Diaries (N) (DVS)		Workout	
60	UNIV	(5:00) Premios Oye			"Un Mundo Raro" (2001) Victor Hugo Arana.			P. Impacto	Noticiero	Tras la Verdad	
62	HGTV	BeforeAfter	Building	House Hunters: Coast		ExtrmHms	How Work	BeforeAfter	Building	House Hunters: Coast	
99	WGN	Andromeda (N) (DVS)		Adventure Inc. (N) (DVS)		News (DVS)	Replay	Rockford Files		In the Heat of the Night	