

# Guest takes her own souvenir at housewarming

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I invited an acquaintance — I'll call her June — to our housewarming party. As I was showing her the bedroom, June asked to see an opal ring that she noticed me wearing on the day we met. I opened my jewelry box and watched as she tried it on.

Just then, the doorbell rang and I rushed to answer it. With all the goings-on of the party, I completely forgot about June and the opal ring



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• dear abby

until she said her goodbyes. June laughingly told me the ring had gotten stuck on her finger and she couldn't get the "darn thing" off. Then she was gone.

That was two months ago. June moved out of town and left no forwarding address. My husband and I couldn't locate her. The ring belonged to my husband's late grandmother and was a gift to me on our

wedding day. My husband's mother and sister are furious with me for allowing June to walk off with an heirloom. They have been pressing me to track her down and take her to court.

I continued to search for her with no luck until last week, when June called and said she was in town and would like to drop by. She never showed up. I'm beginning to wonder if she will ever return my ring. I want to avoid conflict and am trying to think of a way to get it back without having to go to court. Can you help me, Abby? — MISSING MY OPAL IN COLORADO

DEAR MISSING: Pick up the

phone, tell the police what happened, and file a theft report. It appears that June has sticky fingers in more ways than one, and depending on the value of the ring, has committed grand theft.

Please don't wait. Sometimes conflict is unavoidable, and in this case, you have every right to scream, "Iwuzrobbed." Goodluck.

DEAR ABBY: I have been going with "Jeremy" for five years. He's 28, I'm 25. We love each other dearly. We've talked seriously about getting married and having children. The problem is he's asked me twice to marry him — only to take his proposals back.

The first time, we set a date and started making wedding plans. When Jeremy changed his mind, I asked if it had anything to do with me. He said no — that he loves me and can't picture a life without me — but he was scared.

Now when the subject of marriage comes up and we talk about a wedding and future together, Jeremy makes remarks like, "Yes, if we make it that long." Then he starts naming all the people we know who have gotten divorced. I blame Jeremy's mother for his attitude. She's been married and divorced five times. (Her most recent marriage lasted less than a year.)

I want to spend my life with Jeremy more than anything in the world, but his negative outlook on marriage worries me. I hate to say it, but I'm beginning to resent him for it. Should I break it off or stay? — UNSURE IN INDIANA

DEAR UNSURE: Before this mating dance goes any further, you and Jeremy should get premarital counseling. It's an understatement to say that he has poor role modeling when it comes to marriage and what it entails. Counseling will give him the chance to express all his fears in a supportive setting. Without it, I see no future in this on-again, off-again romance.

SATURDAY EVENING										MAR. 1, 2003									
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30									
2	PBS	MWAH! The Best	Lawrence Welk: God Bless America Celebration of Lawrence Welk's 100th birthday.				Virsky: The Spirit of Ukraine		Austin City Limits "Keb' Mo'/Willis Alan Ramsey"										
3	IND	(5:00) *** "Shaft" (2000, Action) (PA)	*** "The Mummy" (1999) (PA) Brendan Fraser. Foolhardy explorers become wrapped up with an evil mummy.				News	Chris Matthews	Powerball-Millionaire	Ent. Tonight									
4	ABC	*** "Patch Adams" (1999, Comedy-Drama) Robin Williams, Daniel London.		(:15) *** "The Cable Guy" (1996, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Matthew Broderick.	I'm a Celebrity. Get Me Out of Here! (iTV)														
5	HBO	"Riding in Cars"	Road to Perdition				*** "Showtime" (2002) Robert De Niro. Premiere.	PG-13											
7	CBS	College Basketball Wichita State at Southwest Missouri State. (Same-day Tape)			Agency "Home Grown"		News	(:35) Drew Carey	(:05) Drew Carey	(:35) Drew Carey									
8	NBC	Fear Factor	*** "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981, Adventure) Harrison Ford. An archaeologist races Nazis to find a powerful relic.				News		Saturday Night Live										
11	TVLND	Brady	HappyDay	Sanford	Gilligan	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Munsters	Kotter	Soap								
12	ESPN	College Basketball	College Basketball Cincinnati at Memphis. (Live)				Sportscenter		Sportsctr	Gamenight									
13	FOX	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back	Equal Justice		Mad TV Bryan Cranston; Jia Rule; Shaggy.		Sexwars	Sexwars									
15	MAX	(5:30) *** "Don't Say a Word" (2001) Michael Douglas. R'		*** "Firetrap" (2000, Action) Dean Cain, Lori Petty.			(:15) *** "Turbulence" (1997, Suspense) Ray Liotta, Lauren Holly, Brendan Gleeson.												
16	TNN	*** "The Warriors" (1979) Michael Beck.			Blind Date	Blind Date	Real TV	Real TV	American Gladiators										
17	DISN	Boy Meets World	Sister, Sister	Proud Family	Kim Possible	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	*** "D2: The Mighty Ducks" (1994, Comedy) Emilio Estevez, Kathryn Erbe, Michael Tucker. PG											
18	LIFE	"Outrage-Glen"		*** "On the Line" (1998) Linda Hamilton.			Final Justice		"Suddenly Naked"										
20	USA	*** "Cruel Intentions" (1999, Drama)			Dead Zone "Scars"		PGA Golf: Chrysler Classic of Tucson												
21	SHOW	(5:15) "Get Over It"	(:45) *** "Heartbreakers" (2001) Sigourney Weaver. Mother-daughter con artists steal hearts and cash. PG-13				*** "Vanilla Sky" (2001) Tom Cruise. A callow playboy is disfigured and charged with murder. R'												
22	TMC	(:15) *** "Manhattan" (1979, Comedy) Woody Allen, Mariel Hemingway. Premiere.			*** "Father of the Bride Part II" (1995, Comedy) Steve Martin, Diane Keaton.		*** "The Fourth Angel" (2001) Premiere.												
23	MTV	Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World	Osbourne's	Sorority	Frat Life	Diary "Ja Rule II"									
24	DISC	Joined for Life		Dwarfs: Little People, Big Steps			Monster Garage "Mini/Snowmobile"	Devil's Island	Supermax "The SHU Nurse"										
28	TNT	*** "Pleasantville" (1998) Tobey Maguire.			*** "The Scarlet Letter" (1995) Demi Moore. Premiere.														
30	FXSP	College Hockey Denver at Minnesota.			Rocky Mt.	Beyond the Glory (N)	Rocky Mt.		Last Word										
32	FAM	*** "Bye Bye, Love" (1995) Matthew Modine.			*** "Everybody's All-American" (1988) Dennis Quaid.				Last Resort										
33	NBC	Entertainment Tonight	Fear Factor	*** "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981, Adventure) Harrison Ford. An archaeologist races Nazis to find a powerful relic.			News		Saturday Night Live										
34	NICK	All That	Nick	Amanda	Skeeter	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	Cosby	Cosby								
36	A&E	Cold Case Files		Crossing Jordan "The Digger"		Third Watch "Jimmy's Mountain"		Hollywood Reality The Barrymore family.		Cold Case Files									
38	SCIFI	(5:00) "Devil's Prey"		*** "Dagon" (2001) Ezra Godden.			*** "Devil's Prey" (2001) Patrick Bergin.												
39	TLC	Labor & Delivery "The Waiting Game"		Trauma: Life in the ER "Preventive Measures"			While You Were Out		Trading Spaces "New York: Whitlock Road"	Trading Spaces Californians swap living rooms.									
40	FMC	(5:30) *** "The Specialist" (1994)	Cops		Cops	*** "Lethal Weapon" (1987) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover.													
45	FX	(:01) *** "Silver Streak" (1976) Gene Wilder.			(:01) Hour of Stars		(:01) *** "Cavalcade" (1933) Clive Brook												
49	EITV	Robert Blake: THS	Anna	Star Dates	Saturday Night Live		Wild On...		Howard S.	Howard S.									
51	TRAV	Ten Wonders		Modern Wonders of the World			Ten Wonders		Mod. Wonders										
53	WB	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "When It Rains..."	*** "A Fish Called Wanda" (1988, Comedy) John Cleese, Jamie Lee Curtis, Kevin Kline.				News		Cosby Show	*** "Stag"									
54	ESPN2	WTA Tennis: State Farm		NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at St. Louis Blues. (Live)					NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night	NBA 2Night								
58	HIST	Tom Ridge Defending America (N)		Defending America "The Coast Guard" (N)		Defending America "The National Guard" (N)		Defending America "U.S. Customs" (N)		Night Defending America									
59	HLTH	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Workout	Bodies	Health Specials		Doctors Diaries	Workout	Bodies									
60	UNIV	Sábado Gigante					P. Impacto	Noticiero	Otro Rollo										
62	HGTV	Room	Decorating	Decorating	Designing	Designers'	Design		Room	Decorating	Decorating	Designing							
99	WGN	NBA Basketball: Bulls at Wizards		Fresh Pr.		News			Fresh Pr.	Soul Train Music Awards									

SUNDAY EVENING										MAR. 2, 2003								
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30								
2	PBS	Our Town Cloud County.		Bombers on the Prairie: The B-29 in Kansas Historical look at the B-29.			Now With Bill Moyers (N)		Mystery! "Second Sight" "Hide and Seek"									
3	IND	"Counterstrike" (2002) Rob Estes. Two brothers must thwart an attempt to hijack a cruise ship.			"Counterstrike" (2002) (PA) Rob Estes. Two brothers must thwart an attempt to hijack a cruise ship.			"Counterstrike" (2002) (PA) Rob Estes.										
4	ABC	(5:00) I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!		Alias "A Dark Turn" (N)		Dragnet "The Cutting of the Swath" (N)		News		(:35) Sein-feld	(:05) Paid Program	(:35) Extra (N)						
5	HBO	"Saving Silverman"		*** "A Knight's Tale" (2001) Heath Ledger. A peasant poses as a knight for a shot at jousting glory.			Sopranos "College"		Six Feet Under "Perfect Circles"									
7	CBS	My Big Fat Greek Life		Becker (N)		"Salem Witch Trials" (2002) Kirstie Alley. Puritans declare some of their number witches in 1692.		News		(:35) News	(C05) Outer Limits "The Awakening"							
8	NBC	American Dreams "Act of Contrition" (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Monster" (N)		Boomtown "Home Invasion" (N)		News		Inside Edition	(:05) Ebert & Roeper	(:35) Paid Program						
11	TVLND	Brady		HappyDay		Sanford		Griffith		Legends		ET in TV Land (N)	Munsters	MacGyver				
12	ESPN	Bill Walton		NHL Hockey			Pittsburgh Penguins at Dallas Stars. (Live)			Sportscenter		Sportsctr.						
13	FOX	Simpsons (N)		Simpsons (N) (DVS)		Malcolm in the Middle		That '70s Show		Stargate SG-1 "Wormhole X-Treme" (N)		Outer Limits "The Awakening"		FOX Sunday Night				
15	MAX	(5:00) *** "Lethal Weapon 3" (1992) R'		*** "Primal Fear" (1996, Suspense) Richard Gere, Laura Linney, John Mahoney.			Richard Gere, Laura Linney, John Mahoney.		(15) *** "Kiss of the Dragon" (2001, Action) Jet Li, Bridget Fonda, Tcheky Karyo.		R'							
16	TNN	Real TV		Real TV		Real TV		Real TV		Real TV		Real TV		Oblivious	Oblivious			
17	DISN	Boy Meets World		Sister, Sister		Proud Family		Kim Possible		That's So Raven		Lizzie McGuire		*** "D3: The Mighty Ducks" (1996, Comedy) Emilio Estevez, Jeffrey Nordling. PG				
18	LIFE	Division		Strong Medicine			Division		Any Day Now		*** "Snowbound"							
20	USA	*** "Next Friday" (2000) Ice Cube.		Dead Zone (N)			PGA Golf: Chrysler Classic of Tucson											
21	SHOW	(5:00) "The Others"		(:45) *** "Lucky Numbers" (2000, Comedy) John Travolta, Lisa Kudrow. iTV.		Quick Flick Mn		*** "Bandits" (2001, Comedy-Drama) Bruce Willis. iTV Premiere.		PG-13'								
22	TMC	(5:00) *** "Ghosts of Mississippi" (1996)		(:15) *** "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001, Adventure) Angelina Jolie, Jon Voight.			*** "The Fourth Angel" (2001, Suspense) Jeremy Irons, Forest Whitaker, Charlotte Rampling.											
23	MTV	Real World		Real World		Real World		Urban Myth		WWE Heat		Clone High		Cribs	Sorority	Frat Life		
24	DISC	Grizzly Diaries		Assassination of King Tut Trying to determine what caused the boy king's death.			Point of No Return		Building the Great Pyramid (N)									
28	TNT	*** "Blast From the Past" (1999) (PA) Premiere.			*** "Blast From the Past" (1999, Comedy) (PA)			*** "Hideaway" (PA)										
30	FXSP	College Basketball: Md. at N.C. St.			Beyond the Glory (N)			Best Damn Sports Show			Rocky Mt.			See This				
32	FAM	"Romy and Michele's High School Reunion"			Bachelor-Aaron			Life-Sitcom			Last Resort			Church	Feed			
33	NBC	Dateline		American Dreams "Act of Contrition" (N)			Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Monster" (N)			Boomtown "Home Invasion" (N)			News			(:45) She Spies		
34	NICK	Garcia		Clueless		Cosby		Cosby		Cheers		Cheers		Coach	Coach	Cosby	Cosby	
36	A&E	Biography "John Ritter: In Good Company"		Role Reversal Men and women swap sexes. (N)			The Point Transsexuals and gender oppression.			Biography "John Ritter: In Good Company"								
38	SCIFI	(3:00) *** "Invasion"		★ "Supernova" (2000) James Spader.			Strange World			Twilight Z.			Twilight Z.					
39	TLC	Ultimate Ten Technological Inventions			Junkyard Mega-Wars Teams from around world construct vehicles to conquer desert terrain.			World's Most Death Defying Stunts			World's Most Daring Robberies							
40	FX	*** "Lethal Weapon" (1987) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover.			*** "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989, Drama) Mel Gibson.													
42	FMC	Cinemajig		(:31) *** "Blood Feud" (1983, Drama) Robert Blake, Cotter Smith, Danny Aiello.		"Die Hard-Veng."												
49	EITV	Rosie O'Donnell: The El		True Hollywood Story (N)		Anna		M Essay		Rosie O'Donnell: The El		True Hollywood Story						
51	TRAV	Cancun Babylon		Best Spring Breaks 2		Great Rides "Daytona"		Cancun Babylon		Best Spring Breaks 2								
53	WB	Gilmore Girls		Charmed The Charmed Ones try to help a mermaid avoid losing her immortality to the Sea Hag.			News		Friends			Everybody-Raymond						
54	ESPN2	Hockey		Snowmobile		Racing		RPM 2Night		Gamenight		Streetball		Streetball		NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night	NHL 2Night
58	HIST	Heavy Metal "B26 Ma-rauder!"		Mail Call		Mail Call		Mail Call		Conquest		Color of War "Face to Face"		Heavy Metal "B26 Ma-rauder!"				
59	HLTH	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.		Workout		Bodies		Health Specials		Doctors Diaries		Workout		Bodies		
60	UNIV	Los Metiches		"En el Pais De No Pasa Nada" (1999, Drama)			P. Impacto		Noticiero		Tras la Verdad							
62	HGTV	BeforeAft		Building		Home Electronics 2003		NewsHms		How Work		BeforeAft		Building		Home Electronics 2003		
99	WGN	Andromeda (N)		Adventure Inc. (N)		NewsHms		Replay		Rockford Files		In the Heat of the Night						