

Caregiver seeks comfort in wrong arms

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 56-year-old grandmother. The love of my life died last summer. As I cared for him throughout his illness, I grew deeply lonely and despondent. Around that time I began having coffee with an acquaintance of ours. To make a long story short — he gave me genital herpes.

Abby, PLEASE remind your readers to protect themselves. This dis-



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ease is a life sentence. The physical and emotional pain can be overwhelming. A couple of hours in someone's arms isn't worth the isolation afterward. Now this affliction is with me for the rest of my life. It's a horrible disease. There's nothing romantic about it. I'm an intelligent person who should have known better. — PAYING THE PRICE

DEAR PAYING THE PRICE: You

have learned a painful lesson, but an important one. Every sexually active person, regardless of age, should be tested before engaging in sex with a new partner. It is estimated that one out of four sexually active people have herpes — and 90 percent of them do not realize they have it. If everyone acted responsibly, it could save a lifetime of pain, embarrassment and regret.

More information on this important subject can be obtained by calling the Centers for Disease Control National STD Hotline toll-free number: (800) 227-8922. It is open 24/7.

DEAR ABBY: The letter you printed from "Rehabilitation Counselor," advising people with seizure dis-

orders about state agencies that assist individuals with disabilities to become gainfully employed, was excellent. However, I would like to add more information:

Canine Partners for Life (CPL) is an organization that provides "service" dogs to people with various disabilities to assist them in leading more normal lives. These service dogs can be trained to detect a seizure up to 30 minutes before it happens, enabling the individual to take precautions required to possibly prevent or alleviate the problem. — PETER ESHERICK, OREFIELD, PA.

DEAR PETER: I am familiar with service dogs and the important role they can play in the lives of people

with disabilities. While most of us are aware that Seeing Eye dogs perform an important function for sightless people, special dogs can also be trained to retrieve items, open and close doors, provide stability when walking, and alert their owners to oncoming seizures.

Canine Partners for Life can be contacted by writing to P.O. Box 170, Cochranville, PA 19330-0170. The phone number is (610) 869-4902 and the fax number is (610) 869-9785. The Web site is www.k94life.org.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my girlfriend, "Adrian," for two years. She has always been obsessed with my past. Recently, Adrian went through all my old letters from ex-

girlfriends, dating back to early grammar school. Now she is demanding that I burn them. I have refused because she read them without permission, disregarding my privacy.

Is it wrong to keep old letters? I've always assumed it's OK until I get married — or at least engaged. To me, the letters and notes are a "diary" of sorts. What's your opinion? — SENTIMENTAL GUY IN IDAHO

DEAR SENTIMENTAL GUY: Your girlfriend is jealous, insecure, nosy and nervy. She has no right to "demand" anything from you.

If I were you, I'd keep the letters and give Adrian a change-of-address form. In the long run, you'll be happier.

SATURDAY EVENING

	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
2	PBS MWAHI! The Best	Lawrence Welk: God Bless America Celebration of Lawrence Welk's 100th birthday.					Appalachian Journey-Avery Fisher Hall		(05) Austin City Limits	
3	IND (5:00) ★★ ★★ "Boyz N the Hood" (1991) (PA)	★★★ "Ghostbusters" (1984) Bill Murray. Ghost fighters battle ghouls in a Manhattan high-rise.					(15) ★★ ★★ "Top Gun" (1986, Drama) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Anthony Edwards.			
4	ABC ★★ ★★ "Frequency" (2000) Dennis Quaid, Jim Caviezel. Premiere. A man communicates with his long-dead father via ham radio. (DVS)	★★★ "The Jewel of the Nile" (1985, Adventure) Kathleen Turner.					News	Chris Matthews	Powerball-Millionaire	Ent. Tonight
5	HBO (5:15) ★★ "Joe Somebody" (2001) Tim Allen	★★★ "The Jewel of the Nile" (1985, Adventure) Kathleen Turner.					★★★ "Monster's Ball" (2001, Drama) Billy Bob Thornton, Heath Ledger. Premiere.			
7	CBS Touched by an Angel	District "Where There's Smoke" (N)		Agency "Soft Kills" (N)		News		(35) Drew Carey	(05) Drew Carey	(35) Drew Carey
8	NBC Law & Order "Shangri-La"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		News	Saturday Night Live		
11	TVLND TV Land Awards				Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Munsters	Kotter	Soap
12	ESPN College Basketball: Big East Final				College Basketball: Mountain West Final			College Basketball		
13	FOX Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back		Equal Justice		Mad TV TATU. (N)		Sexwars	Sexwars
15	MAX (5:00) ★★ ★★ "The Mexican" (2001)	(05) ★★ ★★ "Arachnophobia" (1990, Horror) Jeff Daniels, Harley Jane Kozak.		Blind Date		Blind Date	★★★ "Training Day" (2001) Denzel Washington. A rookie cop is partnered with a corrupt detective.			
16	TNN ★★ "Kickboxer" (1989) Dennis Alexio	Blind Date			Blind Date	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	
17	DISN Boy Meets World	Sister, Sister	Proud Family	Kim Possible	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	★★★ "Smart House" (1999, Comedy) Ryan Merriman.		(35) That's So Raven	
18	LIFE "She Fought Alone"	"Her Last Chance" (1996) Kellie Martin.		Final Justice		Final Justice		"Killing Mr. Griffin"		
20	USA (5:00) "Bring It On"	Nashville Star "Nashville Classics"			Nashville Star "Nashville Classics"		Dragnet (N)			
21	SHOW (5:30) ★★ "Lucky Numbers" (2000) John Travolta. iTV.	(45) ★★ "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" (2001) Martin Lawrence.		★★★ "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001) Angelina Jolie.		★★★ "Texas Rangers" (2001) James Van Der Beek.		★★★ "The Score" (2001) Robert De Niro.		
22	TMC "Zero Effect" (1998) Mia Farrow, Dianne Wiest.	★★★ "Radio Days" (1987, Comedy)		★★★ "The Art of War" (2000) (PA) Wesley Snipes.		Movie News		★★★ "The Score" (2001) Robert De Niro.		
23	MTV Real World	Real World	Real World	Urban Myth	10 Spot Uncensored	Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World
24	DISC Mummies of Rome	Building the Great Pyramid		Monster Garage "Suburban/Wedding Chapel"		I Survived!: When Technology Fails		Into the Death Zone "Deep Sea Dangers"		
28	TNT ★★ ★★ "Seven" (1995) (PA) Brad Pitt.	★★★ "The Art of War" (2000) (PA) Wesley Snipes.		Boxing: Derrick Griffin vs. Montell Harmon		Rocky Mt.		Last Word		
30	FXSP Wm. Basketball	Beyond the Glory		★★★ "Prelude to a Kiss" (1992) Alec Baldwin.		Life-Sitcom		Last Resort		
32	FAM ★★ ★★ "Joe Versus the Volcano" (1990)	Law & Order "Shangri-La"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		News	Saturday Night Live	
33	NBC Entertainment Tonight	Amanda		Skeeter	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	Cosby	Cosby
34	NICK All That	Crossing Jordan		Third Watch "After Hours"		Hollywood Reality Hollywood goes to war.		Cold Case Files		
36	A&E Cold Case Files	★★★ "Congo" (1995) Dylan Walsh. Premiere.		★★★ "Event Horizon" (1997)						
38	SCIFI "Indiana Jones"	Trauma: Life in the ER "Playing With Fire"		While You Were Out		Trading Spaces "Arlington: First Road"		Trading Spaces Master bedrooms. (N)		
39	TLC Maternity Ward "Uncertain Journey"	★★★ "The Pentagon Papers" (2003, Drama)		(01) Hour of Stars		(01) ★★ ★★ "Call Northside 777" (1948)				
40	FX M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Anna		Anna	Saturday Night Live	Wild On... "Italy"	Howard S.	Howard S.	
45	FMC (01) ★★ ★★ "Niagara" (1953) Marilyn Monroe.	★★★ "Only the Lonely" (1991, Comedy-Drama) John Candy, Maureen O'Hara, Ally Sheedy.		News		Cosby Show		Lost World		
49	EITV Fast Times: THS	College Basketball: WAC Final -- Teams TBA		Sportscenter (Live)		NBA 2Night Basketball				
51	TRAV Vegas Cheaters	Vegas Cops		Dangerous Highways		Vegas Cheaters		Vegas Cops		
53	WB (5:00) ★★ ★★ "The Odd Couple" (1968)	★★★ "Only the Lonely" (1991, Comedy-Drama) John Candy, Maureen O'Hara, Ally Sheedy.		True Story of the Big Red One The reality behind the movie "The Big Red One."		★★★ "The Big Red One" (1980) Lee Marvin.				
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58	HIST ★★ ★★ "The Big Red One" (1980, Adventure) Lee Marvin, Mark Hamill, Robert Carradine.	★★★ "Only the Lonely" (1991, Comedy-Drama) John Candy, Maureen O'Hara, Ally Sheedy.		True Story of the Big Red One The reality behind the movie "The Big Red One."		★★★ "The Big Red One" (1980) Lee Marvin.				
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	Design	Room	Decorating	Decorating	Designing
99	WGN ★★ ★★ "The African Queen" (1951, Adventure)	News		★★★ "Death Wish" (1974, Drama)						



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2	PBS	Antiques Roadshow "Mi- ami" 	American Experience "Monkey Trial" (N) (DVS)			Idaho, a Portrait 		News	Being Served	Charlie Rose (N)  	
3	IND	★★ "Striking Distance" (1993, Drama) (PA) Bruce Willis, Sarah Jessica Parker. 			(15) ★★★ "The Game" (1997, Suspense) Michael Douglas, Sean Penn. A businessman takes part in an unusual form of recreation. 						
4	ABC	Veritas: The Quest "Wheel of Dharma" (N)	Practice "Special Deliver- ies" (N)  			Miracles "Hand of God" (N)  		News 	(35) Night- line	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)  	
5	HBO	"Luzhin De- fence"	★★★ "Millennium" (1989, Science Fiction) ferson, Cheryl Ladd.                                                            								