

Effort gives hope to abused children



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DEAR ABBY: On Wednesday, April 2, people across the country will observe the National Day of Hope for abused children, part of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Its goal is to raise public awareness so that each of us will have the power to help an abused child if we so choose.

On a typical day, three children in the United States will die as a result of child abuse in the home. A report

of known or suspected child abuse or neglect will be made to the authorities every 10 seconds. However, most people who witness an actual incident of child abuse will not report it.

We urge everyone: If you see something or hear something — DO SOMETHING. Suspicion of neglect or abuse is sufficient to make a report.

For information or local reporting numbers, call the Childhelp USA

National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453), 24 hours a day. All calls are anonymous and confidential.

You can also help by keeping abused children in your thoughts and prayers. Learn the signs and symptoms of child abuse and neglect so you can recognize the red flags when you see them. For additional ways to participate, visit www.childhelpusa.org.

Please join us as we share the light of hope for abused children. — SARA O'MEARA AND YVONNE FEDDERSON, CO-FOUNDERS, CHILDHELP USA

DEAR SARA AND YVONNE: I hope your letter generates the atten-

tion it deserves. Children are some of our most vulnerable citizens. Here are some of the signs and symptoms of child abuse:

Physical abuse: unexplained burns, cuts, bruises or welts in the shape of an object; problems in school; fear of adults.

Emotional abuse: apathy; depression; lack of concentration.

Sexual abuse: inappropriate interest or knowledge of sexual acts; overcompliance or excessive aggression; fear of a particular person or family member.

Neglect: unsuitable clothing for weather; extreme hunger; apparent lack of supervision.

I caution readers to be aware that

these are only indicators, and if people see them they should check into the situation more thoroughly. One should not immediately jump to conclusions based on one or two general symptoms.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Kit," has been living with me for almost four years, and our love for each other is stronger than ever. Kit has asked me to marry her many times, but I always divert her attention or change the subject.

I truth is, I don't believe in marriage and would rather have Kit as my girlfriend for the rest of my life. What scares me is the fact that my last girlfriend dumped me when I leveled with her about how I never want to

marry.

Please tell me what to do because I don't want to lose Kit. — FOREVER SINGLE IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR FOREVER SINGLE: First of all, level with Kit about how you feel and why. While it may seem romantic to have a girlfriend forever, mature people want to take care of those they love.

There are legal protections and benefits for spouses that single people do not enjoy.

Your lawyer can explain them to you. As things stand, if something were to happen to you, Kit would be left with nothing but memories. Is that what you want?

SATURDAY EVENING											MAR. 22, 2003				
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30					
2	PBS	Daniel O'Donnell & Friends International singer Daniel O'Donnell. (N) (DVS)			Bill Monroe: The Legend Lives On (1998) (PA) Mel Gibson. Detectives Riggs and Murtaugh battle Chinese mercenaries. (DVS)			Red Green "Go Fish" (1996) (PA) Mel Gibson, Goldie Hawn. (DVS)		Austin City Limits "Joe Cocker" (1990) (PA) Mel Gibson, Goldie Hawn. (DVS)					
3	IND	(5:00) *** "Bird on a Wire" (1990) (PA) (DVS)		*** "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998) (PA) Mel Gibson. Detectives Riggs and Murtaugh battle Chinese mercenaries. (DVS)			*** "Bird on a Wire" (1990) (PA) Mel Gibson, Goldie Hawn. (DVS)								
4	ABC	*** "Good Will Hunting" (1997) (PA) Matt Damon, Robin Williams. A young Boston man must deal with his genius and emotions. (N) (DVS)		(:15) *** "Evolution" (2001, Comedy) David Duchovny, Orlando Jones. (N) (PG-13) (DVS)			News (N) (DVS)	Chris Matthews	Powerball-Millionaire	Rd.-Academy					
5	HBO	(5:30) *** "Hot Shots! Part Deux" (1991) (PA) (DVS)		(:15) *** "Evolution" (2001, Comedy) David Duchovny, Orlando Jones. (N) (PG-13) (DVS)			News (N) (DVS)	(:35) Drew Carey	(:05) Drew Carey	(:35) Drew Carey					
7	CBS	College Basketball NCAA -- Teams to Be Announced.		Tournament Second Round (Live) (N) (DVS)			Agency "Thanksgiving" (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	(:35) Drew Carey	(:05) Drew Carey	(:35) Drew Carey				
8	NBC	Law & Order "True Crime" (N) (DVS)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Seizure" (N) (DVS)			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	Saturday Night Live Christopher Walken, the Foo Fighters. (N) (DVS)						
11	TVLND	Brady	HappyDay	Sanford	Gilligan	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Munsters	Kotter	Soap (N) (DVS)				
12	ESPN	Figure Skating Grand Prix Final. (Taped) (N) (DVS)		College Gamenight			Sportscenter (Live)	College Gamenight							
13	FOX	Cops (N) (DVS)	Cops (N) (DVS)	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back			Equal Justice	Mad TV (N) (DVS)	Sexwars	Sexwars					
15	MAX	(5:00) *** "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001) (PG) (DVS)		* "Valentine" (2001, Horror) David Boreanaz. (N) (R) (DVS)			(:15) *** "Exit Wounds" (2001, Action) Steven Seagal, DMX, Isaiah Washington. (N) (R) (DVS)								
16	TNN	* "Kickboxer 2: The Road Back" (1991) (N) (DVS)		Blind Date	Blind Date		Real TV (N) (DVS)	Real TV (N) (DVS)	Real TV (N) (DVS)	Real TV (N) (DVS)					
17	DISN	Boy Meets World	Sister, Sister	Proud Family	Kim Possible	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	"Right on Track" (2003, Drama) Beverly Mitchell, Brie Larson. (N) (DVS)		Teamo Supremo (N) (DVS)					
18	LIFE	*** "Bastard out of Carolina" (1996) (DVS)		*** "The Accused" (1988) Jodie Foster. (DVS)			"Brokeback Palace"								
20	USA	(5:00) "She's All That" Nashville Star (N) (DVS)		Nashville Star (N) (DVS)			Dragnet "Brass Ring" (N) (DVS)		"People vs. Flint"						
21	SHOW	Scenarios USA	* "The Pest" (1997) John Leguizamo. (N) (PG-13) (DVS)	*** "Palmetto" (1998) Woody Harrelson. An ex-con gets involved in a bizarre kidnapping plot. (R) (DVS)			*** "Bandits" (2001) Bruce Willis. (DVS)		(:15) *** "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" (2001) Kirsten Dunst. (DVS)						
22	TMC	"La Cage aux Folles" (N) (DVS)	(:45) *** "The Curve" (1998, Comedy-Drama) Matthew Lillard, Michael Vartan. (N) (DVS)				* "Soul Survivors" (2001) Melissa Sagemiller, Casey Affleck. (N) (DVS)		"Dead Heat" (2002) Kiefer Sutherland. (N) (DVS)						
23	MTV	Bad Trip	Boiling	Break Ins	Morn Aft	Kidnapped	Break Idols	Spring Brk	Hot Break	Girl Band	Moments				
24	DISC	Supermassive Black Holes (N) (DVS)		Tracking Africa's Dinosaurs			Monster Garage "Switchblade" (N) (DVS)		Stealth Secrets (N) (DVS)		Inside the Kill Box: Fighting the Gulf War (N) (DVS)				
28	TNT	*** "Free Willy" (1993) Jason James Richter. (DVS)		*** "Turner & Hooch" (1989) Tom Hanks. (DVS)			"Another 48 HRS." (N) (DVS)								
30	FXSP	Boxing: Kirk Johnson vs. Lou Savarese		NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Denver Nuggets. (Live) (N) (DVS)			Rocky Mt. (N) (DVS)								
32	FAM	"When in Rome" (2002) Mary-Kate Olsen. (N) (DVS)		*** "Untamed Heart" (1993) Christian Slater. (DVS)			Life-Sitcom	Last Resort (N) (DVS)							
33	NBC	Entertainment Tonight (N) (DVS)		Law & Order "True Crime" (N) (DVS)			Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Seizure" (N) (DVS)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) (DVS)		News (N) (DVS)	Saturday Night Live (N) (DVS)			
34	NICK	Sponge	Nick	Amanda (N) (DVS)	Skeeter	Cosby	Cosby	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cosby	Cosby				
36	A&E	Cold Case Files (N) (DVS)		Crossing Jordan "Blood Relatives" (N) (DVS)			Third Watch "Know Thyself" (N) (DVS)		And the Nominees Are... (N) (DVS)		Cold Case Files (N) (DVS)				
38	SCIFI	(3:00) "Riverworld" (2003) Brad Johnson. (N) (DVS)		"Riverworld" (2003) (PA) Brad Johnson. (N) (DVS)			Trading Spaces "Vegas: Smokemont Court" (N) (DVS)								
39	TLC	Maternity Ward "Mind and Body" (N) (DVS)		Trauma: Life in the ER "Trauma Season" (N) (DVS)			While You Were Out Game room to parlor. (N) (DVS)		Trading Spaces "Vegas: Smokemont Court" (N) (DVS)						
40	FX	* "American Ninja 4: The Annihilation" (1991) (N) (DVS)		*** "China O'Brien" (1988) Cynthia Rothrock. (DVS)			"China O'Brien 2" (1991) (N) (DVS)								
45	FMC	(:01) *** "Unfaithfully Yours" (1948) (DVS)		(:01) Hour of Stars (N) (DVS)			(:01) *** "The Gunfighter" (1950, Western) (DVS)								
49	EITV	Essany	Essany	Anna	Anna	Saturday Night Live (N) (DVS)	Wild On...	Howard S.	Howard S.						
51	TRAV	Las Vegas: Sucker Bets	Travel Tech: Fast Ships	Cruise Ship Secrets	Las Vegas: Sucker Bets	News (N) (DVS)	Cosby Show (N) (DVS)	*** "Gladiator" (2000) (N) (DVS)							
53	WB	(5:00) *** "B.A.P.S." (1997) Halle Berry. (DVS)		*** "Amos & Andrew" (1993, Comedy) Nicolas Cage, Samuel L. Jackson, Dabney Coleman. (DVS)			News (N) (DVS)	Cosby Show (N) (DVS)	*** "Gladiator" (2000) (N) (DVS)						
54	ESPN2	College Wrestling	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tour. -- Teams TBA	Women's College Basketball: NCAA			Women's College Basketball: NCAA								
58	HIST	Battle Group: Halsey (N) (DVS)		Brief History of Wine Tracing the history of wine from the vine to the glass. (N) (DVS)			Battle Group: Halsey (N) (DVS)								
59	HLTH	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Workout	Bodies	Health Specials (N) (DVS)	Doctors Diaries (N) (DVS)	Workout	Bodies						
60	UNIV	Sábado Gigante Juan Rivera: la nueva canción de Noelia.		P. Impacto	Noticiero	Otro Rollo									
62	HGTV	Decorat. Cents	Decorating	Designing	Designers' Design	Decorat. Cents	Decorating	Designing							
99	WGN	Fresh Pr.	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Chicago Bulls. (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	* "Chained Heat 2" (1993) (N) (DVS)										

SUNDAY EVENING											MAR. 23, 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. (N) (DVS)		American Soundtrack: This Land Is Your Land (N) (DVS)			Against the Odds (N) (DVS)		Mystery! "Second Sight" Parasomnia (N) (DVS)						
3	IND	*** "Fire Down Below" (1997, Drama) (PA) Steven Seagal, Marg Helgenberger. (DVS)		*** "Hard to Kill" (1990) (PA) Steven Seagal. A policeman emerges from a seven-year coma. (DVS)			*** "Out for Justice" (1991) (PA) (DVS)								
4	ABC	Oscar Count	75th Annual Academy Awards From the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, Calif. (Live) (N) (DVS)				News (N) (DVS)	(:05) Seinfeld (N) (DVS)	(:35) Paid Program (N) (DVS)						
5	HBO	"Wedding Plannr" (N) (DVS)		*** "Cast Away" (2000) Tom Hanks. A courier company executive is marooned on a remote island. (PG-13) (DVS)			Sopranos The FBI closes in on the Sopranos. (N) (DVS)		Six Feet Under "Nobody Sleeps" (N) (DVS)						
7	CBS	My Big Fat Greek Life	*** "Deep Impact" (1998) Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni. Earth prepares for a deadly collision with a comet. (N) (DVS)				News (N) (DVS)	(:35) News (N) (DVS)	(:05) Outer Limits A deadly discovery. (N) (DVS)						
8	NBC	(5:30) Fear Factor "Las Vegas Show" (N) (DVS)		* "Billy Madison" (1995, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Darren McGavin. (N) (DVS)			News (N) (DVS)	Inside Edition (N) (DVS)	(:05) Ebert & Roeper (N) (DVS)						
11	TVLND	Brady	HappyDay	Sanford	Griffith	Legends	ET in TV Land	Munsters	MacGyver (N) (DVS)						
12	ESPN	Basketball	Gamenight	Women's College Basketball: NCAA			Sportscenter (Live)	Gamenight							
13	FOX	(5:00) *** "True Lies" (1994, Adventure) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis. (N) (DVS)		Stargate SG-1 "2001" (N) (DVS)			Outer Limits A deadly discovery. (N) (DVS)		FOX Sunday Night (N) (DVS)						
15	MAX	(5:45) *** "Angel Eyes" (2001, Mystery) Jennifer Lopez. (N) (R) (DVS)		* "The Sweetest Thing" (2002, Comedy) Cameron Diaz. (N) (R) (DVS)			(:15) *** "Porky's" (1981) Dan Monahan. Lusty high-school boys try to crash the local brothel. (R) (DVS)								
16	TNN	"Live and Let Die" (N) (DVS)		*** "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977, Adventure) Roger Moore. (N) (DVS)			WrestleMania (N) (DVS)								
17	DISN	Boy Meets World	Sister, Sister	Proud Family	Kim Possible	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	"Right on Track" (2003, Drama) Beverly Mitchell, Brie Larson. (N) (DVS)		(:40) Week-enders (N) (DVS)					
18	LIFE	"Undue Influence" (1996) Brian Dennehy. A defense attorney's sister-in-law is accused of murder. (DVS)					"The Grifters" (1990) (DVS)								
20	USA	(5:00) *** "GoldenEye" (1995) (DVS)		Dead Zone (N) (DVS)			Law & Order (N) (DVS)		Dead Zone (N) (DVS)						
21	SHOW	(5:45) *** "Get Over It" (2001) Kirsten Dunst. (DVS)		(:15) *** "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" (2001) Martin Lawrence. (DVS)			*** "Jeepers Creepers" (2001, Horror) Gina Phillips. (N) (R) (DVS)		Movie News (N) (DVS)						
22	TMC	(5:15) *** "Save the Last Dance" (2001) (N) (DVS)		(:15) *** "Scary Movie 2" (2001, Comedy) Shawn Wayans. (N) (DVS)			(:45) *** "The Score" (2001) Robert De Niro, Edward Norton. A veteran safecracker is lured into a final heist. (N) (DVS)								
23	MTV	Full Body Search Miami	Kidnapped	Moments	WWE Heat	Fashion	Morn Aft	Undercover	Boiling						
24	DISC	Medieval Tournament: Making of a Knight Re-enactors stage a medieval tournament. (N) (DVS)		WWE Heat	WrestleMania	Critical Rescue "Officer Down" (N) (DVS)									
28	TNT	(5:00) "Rush Hour" (N) (DVS)		* "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence. (DVS)			*** "Life" (1999) Eddie Murphy. (DVS)								
30	FXSP	Boxing: Bryan Adams vs. Steve Quinonez		Beyond the Glory (N) (DVS)			Best Damn Sports Show (N) (DVS)		Rocky Mt. (N) (DVS)		See This (N) (DVS)				
32	FAM	*** "Dennis the Menace" (1993, Comedy) (N) (DVS)		"Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment" (N) (DVS)			Church (N) (DVS)		Feed (N) (DVS)						
33	NBC	Making of Fear Factor	Fear Factor "Las Vegas Show" (N) (DVS)				*** "Billy Madison" (1995, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Darren McGavin. (N) (DVS)		News (N) (DVS)		Crush Zone (N) (DVS)				
34	NICK	Garcia	Nick News	Kids Say	Kids Say	Cosby	Cosby	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cosby	Cosby				
36	A&E	"Columbo: A Trace of Murder" (1997, Mystery) Peter Falk, David Rasche, Barry Corbin. (N) (DVS)		*** "Columbo Goes to College" (1990, Mystery) Peter Falk, Stephen Caffrey. (N) (DVS)			"Columbo: A Trace of Murder" (1997) (N) (DVS)								
38	SCIFI	(5:00) Children of Dune	Children of Dune (N) (Part 3 of 3) (DVS)				Strange World "Aerobe" (N) (DVS)		Twilight Z. (N) (DVS)		Twilight Z. (N) (DVS)				
39	TLC	True Stories From the Morgue (N) (DVS)		Miami Morgue Medical sleuths solve two cases. (N) (DVS)			Trading Spaces "Dawn Spring" (N) (DVS)		Trading Spaces Pennsylvania neighbors. (N) (DVS)						
40	FX	(5:00) *** "Armageddon" (1998, Action) Bruce Willis. (DVS)		*** "Mercury Rising" (1998) Bruce Willis, Alec Baldwin. (DVS)											
45	FMC	(:01) *** "Breaking Away" (1979, Drama) (DVS)		(:01) *** "M*A*S*H" (1970) Elliott Gould (DVS)			(:01) *** "Patton" (1970) (DVS)								
49	EITV	Essany	Anna	Anna	Anna	Essany	On EI	Live Post Show (N) (DVS)							
51	TRAV	Great Waterparks (N) (DVS)		Fun Food Factory	Voyager: Cruise	Great Waterparks	Fun Food Factory								