

Middle school crush escalates into harassment

DEAR ABBY: I went to school with "Bert" from grammar through high school. It's no secret that he's been in love with me since seventh grade. After we graduated from high school, Bert remained in our hometown. I moved away and go back only to visit my family.

Bert got my phone number from a mutual friend and, in the four years since high school, has called once in



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a while. Out of courtesy I'd chat with him, thinking his calls would eventually stop. I was wrong.

For the last two months, Bert's calls have become so frequent, I have stopped answering my phone — or if a girlfriend is visiting me, I'll ask her to answer for me and tell Bert I'm "on a date." I hoped he'd take the hint, but it hasn't worked.

Last Christmas he sent me an ex-

pensive present. I did not accept it and still have not spoken to him.

Then one night last week, while I was out with the girls, Bert called every 20 minutes and maxed out my voicemail with messages saying he loves me. I don't know what to do. This has escalated to the point I'm afraid Bert could become violent. What should I tell him? — NERVOUS IN MAINE

DEAR NERVOUS: Stopevading Bert's calls. Tell him, "I know we're old acquaintances, but I'm not interested in any kind of relationship with you. Please do not call again." If he continues, speak to your lawyer and to the police about a restrain-

ing order. He appears to be unable to face rejection.

DEAR ABBY: This summer I will be marrying "Joan," a wonderful woman who means the world to me. She is a professional who has done very well for herself, in spite of her poor command of the English language. For example, Joan uses "them" preceding a noun, says "don't know nobody," and other nonstandard forms. I have noticed her grammar is worse when she's under pressure or tired.

In six weeks, Joan will meet my family for the first time. I fear they'll be appalled by some of the things she says. How can I help my sweet-

heart clean up her grammar before she meets them? To Joan's credit, she is making a sincere effort to improve her language skills and has repeatedly asked me to correct her — but it's a daunting task.

Please don't tell me my fiancée's positive qualities outweigh the language problem. This is a big roadblock for me. Your suggestions would be appreciated. — WELL-SPOKEN GENT IN TENNESSEE

DEAR WELL-SPOKEN GENT: The best advice I can offer is this: Make up your mind whether or not you love her enough to accept her AS SHE IS — with room for improvement. Do not correct her in

front of your parents. If Joan's only flaw is her grammar, you're really a lucky man. Nobody is perfect.

DEAR ABBY: I can't help feeling "Gotta Get Good Grades in Wyoming" needs more than a bright math student to tutor her in math. That student should be tested for visual perception problems. I know. I was 60 years old before I was tested. It doesn't help to understand what to do with numbers if your perceptual problems scramble them. — PENNY IN BUCKLAND, MA.

DEAR PENNY: I agree. The child should be tested, because the problem could also be dyslexia or some other learning disability.

SATURDAY EVENING										
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
2 PBS	Keeping Up	Red Green	Lawrence Welk Show		"Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace" (2000, Drama) Ulrich Tukur, Robert Joy.		Bless Me, Father		Austin City Limits	∩
3 IND	MLB Baseball: Braves at Marlins		★★★ "Major League" (1989, Comedy) Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen. ∩ (DVS)		★★★ "Major League: Back to the Minors" (1998, Comedy) Scott Bakula, Corbin Bernsen. ∩		News		Chris Matthews	Powerball-Millionaire
4 ABC	America's Funniest Home Videos	∩	★★★ "My Best Friend's Wedding" (1997, Comedy) Julia Roberts, Dermot Mulroney. ∩		★★★ "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Mystery) Sandra Bullock, Michael Pitt. Premiere. ∩ 'R' ∩		News		(:35) Drew Carey	(:05) Drew Carey
5 HBO	(5:30) ★★★ "That Night" (1992) ∩ 'PG-13'		★★ "The Glass House" (2001, Suspense) Leelee So-bieski, Diane Lane. ∩ 'PG-13' ∩		★★★ "Broken Arrow" (1996, Adventure) John Travolta, Christian Slater. ∩ 'R' ∩		News		(:35) Drew Carey	(:05) Drew Carey
6 CBS	Touched by an Angel (N)	∩	District "Bloodlines" (N)		Agency "Spy Finance" (N)		News		(:35) Drew Carey	(:05) Drew Carey
8 NBC	Law & Order "Chosen" (N)	∩ (DVS)	"Hunter: Back in Force" (2003) Fred Dryer. Hunter and McCall probe a chain of bank robberies. ∩		News		Saturday Night Live		Salma Hayek; Christina Aguilera. ∩	
11 TVLND	Brady	Hap Days	Sanford	Gilligan	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Flying Nun	Kotter	Soap
12 ESPN	College Hockey: NCAA Final				Baseball Tonight (Live)		Sportscenter (Live)		Baseball Tonight (Live)	
13 FOX	Cops (N) ∩	Cops ∩ (PA) ∩	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back		Equal Justice		Mad TV	Countess Vaughn; Folkmen. (N)	Sexwars	Sexwars
15 MAX	(5:30) ★★★ "Terminal Velocity" (1994)		(:15) ★★ "Someone Like You" (2001, Comedy) Ashley Judd, Greg Kinnear. ∩ 'PG-13' ∩		★★★ "Broken Arrow" (1996, Adventure) John Travolta, Christian Slater. ∩ 'R' ∩		★★★ "Broken Arrow" (1996, Adventure) John Travolta, Christian Slater. ∩ 'R' ∩		John Travolta, Christian Slater. ∩ 'R' ∩	
16 TNN	"Star Trek V: The Final Frontier" ∩		Real TV ∩		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	★★★ "Kazaam" (1996) Shaquille O'Neal. A troubled inner-city boy is befriended by a giant genie.			
18 LIFE	(5:00) ★★ "Changes"		"The Man With Three Wives" (1993, Drama) ∩		Final Justice		"Night of the Hunter"			
20 USA	★ "Anaconda" (1997) Jennifer Lopez.		Nashville Star		Law & Order		★ "Anaconda" (1997)			
21 SHOW	(5:00) ★★ "Mr. Destiny" (1990) "PG-13"		★★★ "Flatliners" (1990, Suspense) Kiefer Sutherland, Julia Roberts. iTV. ∩ 'R' ∩		★★★ "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001, Adventure) Angelina Jolie. iTV. ∩ 'PG-13' ∩					
22 TMC	★★★ "The Claim" (2000, Western) Peter Mullan, Wes Bentley, Milla Jovovich. ∩		(:15) ★★ "Bio-Dome" (1996) Pauly Shore. Slack-brained buddies crash a scientific experiment. ∩		★★★ "Zoolander" (2001) Ben Stiller. ∩					
23 MTV	Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring
24 DISC	Triumph of the Prehistoric Beasts		Valley of the T-Rex		Extreme Engineering		American Chopper		Monster Garage "Suburban/Wedding Chapel"	
28 TNT	★★ "A Perfect Murder" (1998) Michael Douglas.		★★★ "Stepmom" (1998, Drama) Julia Roberts. ∩ (DVS)				Amer Pres			
30 FXSP	Boxing: Allen vs. Aquino		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Denver Nuggets. (Live)		Rocky Mt.		Rocky Mt.		Last Word	
32 FAM	"The One" (2003) Richard Ruccolo. ∩		★★★ "Out to Sea" (1997) Jack Lemmon.		Jesse		Jesse		Jesse	
33 NBC	Entertainment Tonight		Law & Order "Chosen" ∩ (DVS)		"Hunter: Back in Force" (2003) Fred Dryer. Hunter and McCall probe a chain of bank robberies. ∩		News		Saturday Night Live	
34 NICK	16th Annual Kids' Choice Awards		Grown Up		Cosby	Cosby	Wings	Wings	Cosby	Cosby
36 A&E	Cold Case Files Arsonist.		Crossing Jordan "Acts of Mercy" ∩		Third Watch	∩	Paparazzi		Star Treatment	Cold Case Files Arsonist.
38 SCIFI	★ "Battlefield Earth"		★★★ "Red Planet" (2000) Val Kilmer. Premiere. ∩		★★★ "Red Planet" (2000) ∩					
39 TLC	Maternity Ward Risky c-sections.		Trauma: Life in the ER "High Stakes Trauma"		While You Were Out "Miami: NW 101 Way"		Trading Spaces "Vegas: Smokemont Court"		Trading Spaces "Miami: Miami Place" (N)	
40 FX	★★★ "X-Men" (2000) Hugh Jackman.		World's Worst Drivers		World's Worst Drivers 2		"Sudden Impact" (1983)			
45 FMC	(:01) ★★ "Nuns on the Run" (1990) Eric Idle.		(:01) Hour of Stars		(:01) ★★ "Jane Eyre" (1944) Joan Fontaine.					
49 EITV	CHiPs: Hollywood Story	Anna	Anna		Saturday Night Live	∩	Wild On... "H2O"		Howard S.	Howard S.
51 TRAV	Most Dangerous Roads	Dangerous Rds.	Most Dangerous Places		Most Dangerous Roads		Dangerous Rds.			
53 WB	(5:00) ★★ "Marshall Law" (1996) ∩		★★★ "Die Hard 2" (1990) Bruce Willis. An L.A. cop battles terrorists in Washington. ∩		News	∩	★ "Phantasm IV: Oblivion" (1998) ∩			
54 ESPN2	Stanley Cup Playoffs		NHRA Drag Racing Spring		Nationals Qualifying.		NBA 2Night		NBA	
58 HIST	Stories From the Hall of Fame: Golf (N)		Cleavage Mankind's fascination with breasts. ∩		Death of Marilyn Monroe	∩	Stories From the Hall of Fame: Golf			
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	Decorating	Decorating	Designing	Mission	Designers'	Design	Decorating	Decorating	Designing	Mission
99 WGN	McCloud	Shivaree on Delancy Street			News	∩	Fresh Pr.		★ "Cyborg" (1989) ∩	

SUNDAY EVENING										
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
2 PBS	Nature "Lost World of the Holy Land" (N) ∩		Masterpiece Theatre "The Jury" Cording finds a jogger who was assaulted before the murder. (N)		Now With Bill Moyers (N)		Miss Marple Col. Lucius Protheroe is murdered.			
3 IND	★★★ "The Replacements" (2000) Keanu Reeves. Misfit substitutes take the field during a football strike. ∩		★★★ "The Replacements" (2000, Comedy) Keanu Reeves. Misfit substitutes take the field during a football strike. ∩							
4 ABC	(5:00) ★★ "Dr. Dolittle" (1998) ∩		Alias "A Free Agent" ∩		Dragnet "Well Endowed" ∩		News		(:35) Seinfeld	(:05) Paid Program
5 HBO	(5:00) ★★★ "Deceived" (1991) "PG-13"		★★★ "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001, Action) Owen Wilson, Gene Hackman. ∩ 'PG-13' ∩		Sopranos "Nobody Knows Anything" ∩		Six Feet Under "Timing & Space" (N) ∩			
7 CBS	My Big Fat Greek Life	Becker (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (DVS)		Without a Trace "Maple Street" ∩		News		(:35) News	(:05) Outer Limits Visitation from the future. ∩
8 NBC	American Dreams "Fear Itself" (N) ∩		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Bright Boy" ∩		Boomtown "Blackout" (N)		News		Inside Edition	(:05) Ebert & Roeper
11 TVLND	Brady	Hap Days	Sanford	Griffith	Legends	ET in TV Land (N)	Flying Nun		MacGyver	∩
12 ESPN	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at San Francisco		Giants. (Live)		Sportscenter (Live)		Baseball			
13 FOX	Simpsons (N) ∩	Oliver Beene (N)	Malcolm in the Middle		Pitts (N) ∩		Stargate SG-1 Real mission ends training. ∩		FOX Sunday Night	
15 MAX	(5:30) "Highlander: The Final Dimension" (1994)		(:15) ★★ "Virtuosity" (1995, Science Fiction) Denzel Washington, Kelly Lynch. ∩ 'R' ∩		★★★ "Death to Smoochy" (2002, Comedy) Robin Williams, Edward Norton. ∩ 'R' ∩					
16 TNN	Real TV ∩	Real TV ∩	Real TV ∩	Real TV ∩	WWE Heat		SlamBall ∩		Real TV ∩	Real TV ∩
17 DISN	Boy Meets World	Sister, Sister	Proud Family	Kim Possible	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	★★★ "Tru Confessions" (2002, Drama) Clara Bryant. ∩		(:35) Lizzie McGuire	
18 LIFE	"Return of Alex"		Division (N) ∩		Strong Medicine		Any Day Now		For the People	
20 USA	★ "The Waterboy" (1998) Adam Sandler.		Dead Zone		Law & Order		Dead Zone			
21 SHOW	(5:15) ★★ "Ghost World" (2001) 'R' ∩		(:15) ★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon. iTV. ∩ 'PG-13' ∩		★★★ "You Can Count on Me" (2000, Drama) Laura Linney. ∩		"Out of the Ashes" (2003, Drama) Christine Lahti, Bruce Davison, Richard Crenna. iTV Premiere.			
22 TMC	(5:00) ★★ "Antitrust" (2001) ∩		★★★ "You Can Count on Me" (2000, Drama) Laura Linney. ∩		(:45) ★★ "State of Grace" (1990) Sean Penn, Ed Harris. A young undercover cop infiltrates his old street gang. ∩					
23 MTV	Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring	Real World	Real World	Sorority	Sorority	Frat Life	Frat Life
24 DISC	Before We Ruled the Earth: Hunt		Mega-Tsunamis		Jesus: The Complete Story		The events surrounding Jesus' birth; how he carried out his ministry; Resurrection. ∩			
28 TNT	"Framed" (2003) Rob Lowe. Premiere. ∩		"Framed" (2003) Rob Lowe, Sam Neill. ∩		"Framed" (2003) ∩					
30 FXSP	Boxing: Julio Garcia vs. Johnny Rivera		Beyond the Glory (N)		Best Damn Sports Show		Rocky Mt.		See This	
32 FAM	Bachelor ∩		Bachelor ∩		Whose?		Whose?		Church	Feed
33 NBC	Dateline ∩		American Dreams "Fear Itself" (N) ∩		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Bright Boy" ∩		Boomtown "Blackout" (N)		News	Crush Zone
34 NICK	Garcia	Clueless	Kids Say	Kids Say	Cosby	Cosby	Wings	Wings	Cosby	Cosby
36 A&E	Biography "The Unknown Jesus" An investigation challenges traditional beliefs about Jesus. ∩		Elizabeth Smart: The Long Way Home		The Point "IRS Horror Stories" (N)		Biography "The Unknown Jesus" ∩			
38 SCIFI	"Black-Future III"		"Riverworld" (2003) (PA) Brad Johnson. ∩		Scare		Scare		Farscape	∩
39 TLC	While You Were Out		While You Were Out		Trading Spaces		Trading Spaces			
40 FX	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	★★★ "X-Men" (2000) Hugh Jackman.		★★★ "American Pie" (1999) Jason Biggs.					
45 FMC	(:01) ★★ "Silent Movie" (1976) Mel Brooks.		(:01) ★★ "Kiss of Death" (1947, Suspense)		(:01) "Tough Enough"					
49 EITV	Tanya Tucker: THS		Faith Hill Revealed (N)		Anna		Essany		Tanya Tucker: THS	
51 TRAV	Truck and Tractor Pulls		Great Rides "Sturgis"		Great Rides "Daytona"		Truck and Tractor Pulls		Great Rides "Sturgis"	
53 WB	Gilmore Girls "Presenting Lorelai Gilmore" ∩		Charmed "Cat House" (N) ∩		News	∩	Everybody-Raymond			
54 ESPN2	Stanley Cup Playoffs		NHL 2Night		RPM 2Night		Motorcycle Racing		NBA 2Night	NHL 2Night
58 HIST	Unconventional Warfare		Military technicians explore previous unconventional techniques. ∩		Mail Call		Conquest (N) ∩		Russia: Closer	Great Blunders
59 HLTH	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Workout	Bodies	Health Specials	∩	Doctors Diaries	∩	Workout	Bodies
60 UNIV	Los Metiches		Cero		Hora Pico		Casos de la Vida Real		P. Impacto	Noticiero
62 HGTV	BeforAfr		Building		Intl. Builders		Ext hm		If Walls	BeforAfr
99 WGN	Andromeda (N) ∩		Adventure Inc. (N) ∩		News	∩	Replay		Rockford Files	In the Heat of the Night

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DAILY NEWS MOVIES SPORTS

APRIL 8, 2003 - APRIL 14, 2003
SATURDAY
APRIL 12, 2003

MORNING

10:00 28 TNT Movie ★★ "Splash" (1984, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Daryl Hannah. A disenchanted businessman struggles to protect a mermaid. ∩

10:01 45 FMC Movie ★★ "Beneath the Planet of the Apes" (1970, Science Fiction) James Franciscus, Kim Hunter. An astronaut finds a society that worships the atomic bomb.

10:30 22 TMC Movie ★★ "Far and Away" (1992, Drama) Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman. A class-crossed Irish couple go to 19th-century America. ∩

11:00 30 FXSP NFL Europe Football Barcelona Dragons at Amsterdam Admirals. (Live)

99 WGN MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Detroit Tigers. From Comerica Park in Detroit. (Live) ∩

11:30 21 SHOW Movie ★★ "On Golden Pond" (1981, Drama) Katharine Hepburn, Henry Fonda. iTV. Old tensions resurface during a family's lakeside vacation. 'PG'

AFTERNOON

12:00 20 USA Movie ★★ "Casper" (1995, Fantasy) Christina Ricci, Bill Pullman. A friendly ghost and a lonely teen form a special bond. ∩

28 TNT Movie ★★ "Dave" (1993, Comedy) Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver. A presidential look-alike takes over for the ailing leader. ∩

54 ESPN2 WTA Tennis Family Circle Cup -- Semifinal. From Daniel Island Tennis Center in Charleston, S.C. (Live)

12:01 45 FMC Movie ★★ "The Kremlin Letter" (1970, Suspense) Bibi Andersson, Richard Boone. An American spy team is hired to recover a top-secret letter.

1:00 4 ABC Stanley Cup Playoffs Conference Quarterfinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live) ∩

1:30 7 CBS Golf The Masters -- Third Round. From Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. (Live) ∩

12 ESPN Horse Racing Wood Memorial. From Aqueduct, N.Y. (Live)

15 MAX Movie ★★ "Tin Cup" (1996, Comedy-Drama) Kevin Costner, Rene Russo. An undisciplined golfer attempts to reach the U.S. Open. 'R' ∩

2:00 20 USA Movie ★★ "Twins" (1988, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito. Premiere. A genetically enhanced man seeks his shortchanged twin. ∩

28 TNT Movie ★★ "When Harry Met Sally" (1989, Comedy-Drama) Billy Crystal, Meg Ryan. Two romantically bruised New Yorkers become close friends. ∩

40 FX NASCAR Racing Busch Series -- Pepsi 300. From Nashville Superspeedway in Lebanon, Tenn. (Live)

54 ESPN2 MLS Soccer Los Angeles Galaxy at Dallas Burn. From the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. (Live)

2:01 45 FMC Movie ★★ "How to Marry a Millionaire" (1953, Comedy) Betty Grable, Marilyn Monroe. Three gold diggers rent a posh Manhattan penthouse.

2:30 8 NBC 33 NBC Horse Racing NTRA Road to the Kentucky Derby. Includes coverage of the Blue Grass Stakes, Arkansas Derby and a recap of the Wood Memorial. (Live) ∩

3:00 32 FAM Movie ★★ "Crocodile Dundee" (1986, Comedy) Paul Hogan, Linda Kozlowski. An Australian hunting legend braves the wilds of Manhattan.

3:15 21 SHOW Movie ★★ "The Santa Clause" (1994, Comedy) Tim Allen, Judge Reinhold. iTV. A divorced dad unwittingly becomes the next Kriss Kringle. 'PG' ∩

4:00 3 IND MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Florida Marlins. From Pro Player Stadium in Miami. (Live)

28 TNT Movie ★★ "The Thomas Crown Affair" (1999, Adventure) Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo. An art thief steals an insurance investigator's heart. ∩

4:30 12 ESPN Sportscenter (Live)

5:00 12 ESPN College Hockey NCAA Tournament Final -- Cornell or New Hampshire vs. Michigan or Minnesota. From HSBC Arena in Buffalo, N.Y. (Live)