

Father trying to mend rift with daughter

DEAR ABBY: I recently graduated from college and received "congrats" and small gifts from well-wishers, all of which I responded to with written thank-you notes — with one exception: my father. He still attempts to carry on a father/daughter relationship, regardless of my feelings. Even though I made a decision years ago to cut off all contact with him, he sent me a graduation card



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• dear abby

with a large check enclosed. Abby, throughout my childhood and teens, my father emotionally and physically abused my mother. After their divorce, he attempted to do the same to me. That's when I stopped communicating with him. Mom thinks I should keep the money. I could really use it, but I honestly don't think it's right to keep it without sending a note of thanks. It's

the last thing I want to do. Please give me your opinion. No name or location — sign me ... GRAD TORN OVER DAD

DEAR GRAD: Return the money. Your father is trying to buy his way back into your life. If you allow it, the price YOU will pay for maintaining a relationship with your abusive father won't be worth any amount of money.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 52-year-old man ending my third marriage, and I'm beginning to wonder if my three ex-wives could be right — the consensus is I'm "nuts."

Am I "nuts" for cleaning the house after my wife said she just cleaned it? Am I "nuts" for ironing a shirt she al-

ready ironed? After we'd go to bed, I'd get up in the middle of the night to rewash the dinner dishes and sweep the kitchen floor. I could go on and on.

I finally took the advice of wife No. 3 and went to my doctor. He listened for a couple of minutes, prescribed two meds, and sent me away with, "Have a nice day." Then I went to a licensed therapist, and in five minutes was told this could take years of counseling. Well, we all know what that means — ka-ching, ka-ching! Tell me, Abby, AM I nuts? — MR. CLEAN IN OHIO

DEAR MR. CLEAN: No, you are not "nuts." (And no one should call you that.) You ARE obsessive-com-

pulsive. It's a condition that can be treated with a combination of medications and counseling. Please avail yourself of both. It will be money well spent. Trust me.

DEAR ABBY: I am not writing for advice or airing a complaint. I'd like to share an act of kindness.

On Mother's Day, my husband and I went to an upscale restaurant for dinner. We were also celebrating my husband's 86th birthday. We had almost finished our meal when our food server informed us that a gentleman, who had come in with a group and passed our table, had asked that our check be given to him.

We were surprised because we did

not know this man. After we finished, my husband and I went to his table and thanked him. He told us that we reminded him of his grandparents and seeing us had "made his day."

So, you see, Abby — there ARE good and thoughtful people who perform good deeds, but we seldom hear about them. I hope if this appears in your column, that dear man will see it and know how very much my husband and I appreciated his kindness. — VIRGINIA IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR VIRGINIA: You're right. Good deeds are seldom publicized. That gentleman must have loved his grandparents very much.

P.S. Your letter made MY day.

TUESDAY EVENING											JUNE 24, 2003										
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30											
2	PBS	Nova "Garden of Eden" (N) (DVS)	This Far by Faith: African-American Spiritual Journeys "There Is a River, God Is a Negro" (N)				News	Being Served	Business Rpt.	BBC World News											
3	IND	(5:30) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live) (E)	Seinfeld (N) (E)				★★★ "Stripes" (1981) Bill Murray. A joy ride takes two Army recruits across enemy lines. (E)														
4	ABC	8 Simple Rules (5:00) (N) (DVS)	8 Simple Rules (5:00) (N) (DVS)	According to Jim (N) (E)	Less Than Perfect (N) (E)	NYPD Blue (N) (E)	News (N) (E)	(:35) Nightline (N) (E)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (E)												
5	HBO	★★★ "Trojan War" (2002) Comedy	★★★ "Shallow Hal" (2002) Comedy	Keen Eddie (N) (E)	PG-13 (E)	Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black. (N) (E)	★★ "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" (2002) Sandra Bullock. (N) (E)	PG-13 (E)	Project Greenlight												
6	CBS	JAG "Each of Us Angels" (N) (DVS)	Guardian "No Good Deed" (N) (E)				Judging Amy "Ye Old Freedom Inn" (N) (E)	News (N) (E)	(:35) Late Show (N) (E)	(:37) Late Show (N) (E)											
7	NBC	Dog Eat Dog (N) (E) (DVS)	Last Comic Standing (N) (E)				Dateline (N) (E) (E)	News (N) (E)	(:35) Tonight Show (N) (E)	(:37) Late Night (N) (E)											
11	TVLND	Fantasy Island (N) (E)	Sanford (N) (E)				Bewitched (N) (E)	Griffith (N) (E)	Leave (N) (E)	I Love Lucy (N) (E)	Jeannie (N) (E)	MacGyver (N) (E)									
12	ESPN	James (N) (E)	Wimbledon (N) (E)	Early-Round Highlights (N) (E)				Baseball Tonight (Live) (N) (E)	Sportscenter (Live) (N) (E)	Outside (N) (E)	Baseball (N) (E)										
13	FOX	American Juniors (TV) (N) (E)	Keen Eddie "Eddie Loves Baseball" (N) (E)				Fox Report With Shepard Smith (N) (E)	Blind Date (N) (E)	Blind Date (N) (E)	Paid Program (N) (E)	Paid Program (N) (E)										
15	MAX	(:05) ★★ "Inferno" (1999, R) Rufus Sewell. (N) (E)	Suspense (N) (E)				(:45) ★★ "Swordfish" (2001, Action) Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry. (N) (E)	John Travolta, (2002) Steve Oedekerk. PG-13 (E)	★★ "Kickboxer" (N) (E)												
16	TNN	Real TV (N) (E)	Real TV (N) (E)	Real TV (N) (E)	Real TV (N) (E)	Blind Date (N) (E)	Blind Date (N) (E)	Star Trek: Next Gener. (N) (E)	★★ "The Land Before Time VII: The Stone of Cold Fire" (2000, Adventure) Premiere. (N) (E)												
17	DISN	Boy Meets World (N) (E)	Smart Guy (N) (E)	Sister, Sister (N) (E)	Even Stevens (N) (E)	Sister, Sister (N) (E)	Lizzie McGuire (N) (E)	Golden (N) (E)	Golden (N) (E)	Nanny (N) (E)	Nanny (N) (E)										
18	LIFE	"Dirty Little Secret" (N) (E)	"Secret Betw Friends-Momnt of Truth" (N) (E)				Willie Nelson and Friends: Live and Kickin' (N) (E)	Golden (N) (E)	Golden (N) (E)	Nanny (N) (E)	Nanny (N) (E)										
20	USA	★★★ "Never Been Kissed" (1999, Comedy) (N) (E)	★★★ "We Were Soldiers" (2002, Drama) Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe. (N) (E)				Willie Nelson and Friends: Live and Kickin' (N) (E)	Golden (N) (E)	Golden (N) (E)	Nanny (N) (E)	Nanny (N) (E)										
21	SHOW	(5:00) ★★ "I Love Trouble" (1994) PG (N) (E)	(15) ★★ "Made" (2001, Comedy-Drama) Jon Favreau, Vince Vaughn. (N) (E)				(15) ★★ "Silent Fall" (1994, Suspense) Richard Dreyfuss, John Lithgow. (N) (E)	★★★ "We Were Soldiers" (2002, Drama) Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe. (N) (E)	Willie Nelson and Friends: Live and Kickin' (N) (E)	Golden (N) (E)	Golden (N) (E)										
22	TMC	(5:00) ★★ "You Are Here" (1999) Christina Applegate, Alexis Arquette. (N) (E)	★★★ "Out in Fifty" (1999) Christina Applegate, Alexis Arquette. (N) (E)				(15) ★★ "Silent Fall" (1994, Suspense) Richard Dreyfuss, John Lithgow. (N) (E)	★★★ "We Were Soldiers" (2002, Drama) Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe. (N) (E)	Willie Nelson and Friends: Live and Kickin' (N) (E)	Golden (N) (E)	Golden (N) (E)										
23	MTV	Direct Effect (N) (E)	Video (N) (E)				Made "Launch Special" (N) (E)	Made "Launch Special" (N) (E)	Real World (N) (E)	Real World (N) (E)	Real World (N) (E)										
24	DISC	Wild Africa Wildlife of Africa's waterways. (N) (E)	Raccoon: Second Story Mammals (N) (E)				FBI Files "22 Caliber Killer" (N) (E)	New Detectives: Forensic Science (N) (E)	New Detectives: Forensic Science (N) (E)												
28	TNT	Law & Order (N) (E) (DVS)	Law & Order "Precious" (N) (E)				Charmed "House Call" (N) (E)	Law & Order (N) (E) (DVS)	X-Files "S.R. 819" (N) (E)												
30	FXSP	NASCAR (N) (E)	Rocky Mt. (N) (E)	FOX One (N) (E)	Pregame (N) (E)	MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at San Diego Padres. (Subject to Blackout) (N) (E)	Who's? (N) (E)	Who's? (N) (E)	700 Club (N) (E)	Caroline Rhea Show (N) (E)											
32	FAM	★★★ "Just a Walk in the Park" (2002) (N) (E)	News (N) (E)				Ent. Tonight (N) (E)	Last Comic Standing (N) (E) (DVS)	Dateline (N) (E)	News (N) (E)	(:35) Tonight Show (N) (E)										
33	NBC	SpongeBob (N) (E)	Amanda (N) (E)	Cosby (N) (E)	Cosby (N) (E)	Cheers (N) (E)	Cheers (N) (E)	3's Co. (N) (E)	Cosby (N) (E)	Cosby (N) (E)	Cosby (N) (E)										
34	NICK	Biography "Emeril Lagasse: Bam!" (N) (E)	Cold Case Files The national DNA databank helps police hunt down a rapist-killer. (N) (E)				Third Watch "History" (N) (E)	Biography "Emeril Lagasse: Bam!" (N) (E)													
36	A&E	Roswell Crash (N) (E)	Out of the Blue The alleged UFO coverup. (N) (E)				Crossing (N) (E)	Twilight Z. (N) (E)	Farscape "The Choice" (N) (E)												
38	SCIFI	While You Were Out (N) (E)	Home Again (N) (E)				Secrets of Forensic Science (N) (E)	World's Most Daring Robberies (N) (E)	Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends Revealed (N) (E)												
39	TLC	Married... (N) (E)	Married... (N) (E)	Buffy Vampire (N) (E)	Buffy Vampire (N) (E)	Cheers (N) (E)	Cheers (N) (E)	3's Co. (N) (E)	Cosby (N) (E)	Cosby (N) (E)	Cosby (N) (E)										
40	FX	Married... (N) (E)	Married... (N) (E)	Buffy Vampire (N) (E)	Buffy Vampire (N) (E)	Cheers (N) (E)	Cheers (N) (E)	3's Co. (N) (E)	Cosby (N) (E)	Cosby (N) (E)	Cosby (N) (E)										
45	FMC	(:01) ★★ "Popeye Doyle" (1986) Ed O'Neill. (N) (E)	Star Dates (N) (E)				Wild On... "Trinidad" (N) (E)	Howard S. (N) (E)	Wild On... (N) (E)												
49	EITV	Emmanuel Lewis (N) (E)	Star Dates (N) (E)				World's Best (N) (E)	World's Best (N) (E)	World's Best (N) (E)												
51	TRAV	World's Best (N) (E)	World's Best (N) (E)				World's Best (N) (E)	World's Best (N) (E)	World's Best (N) (E)												
53	WB	Friends (N) (E)	Everybody-Raymond (N) (E)	Gilmore Girls (N) (E)	"Take the Devil's Eggs..." (N) (E)	Smallville "Visage" (N) (E)	News (N) (E)	Friends (N) (E)	Will & Grace (N) (E)												
54	ESPN2	Boxing: Tuesday Night Fights -- Davis vs. Mesli (N) (E)	Wimbledon Early-Round Highlights (N) (E)				Highlights (N) (E)	Interruption (N) (E)	Baseball (N) (E)	James (N) (E)											
58	HIST	Deep Sea Detectives (N) (E)	Nature Tech "Lightning" (N) (E)				Modern Marvels "High Voltage" (N) (E)	Hardcore History (N) (E)	Hardcore History (N) (E)	Deep Sea Detectives (N) (E)											
59	HLTH	Doctors Diaries (N) (E)	Workout (N) (E)				Bodies (N) (E)	Health Specials (N) (E)	Doctors Diaries (N) (E)	Workout (N) (E)	Bodies (N) (E)										
60	UNIV	Rebecca (N) (E)	Entre el Amor y el Odio (N) (E)				Ver Para Creer (N) (E)	P. Impacto (N) (E)	Noticiero (N) (E)	En las Mejores Familias (N) (E)											
62	HGTV	Ground (N) (E)	Landscap (N) (E)	Room (N) (E)	Decorating (N) (E)	House (N) (E)	Curb (N) (E)	Ground (N) (E)	Landscap (N) (E)	Room (N) (E)	Decorating (N) (E)										
69	WGN	★★★ "Gorillas in the Mist" (1988) (N) (E)	Rockford Files (N) (E)				Rockford Files (N) (E)														

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THURSDAY EVENING											JUNE 26, 2003									
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30										
2	PBS	Sunflower Journeys	Kansas Arts Today	New This Old House Hour (E)		This Far by Faith: African-American		News	Keeping Up	Business Rpt.	BBC World News									
3	IND	(5:30) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live) (E)				Seinfeld (E)	★★★ "Cliffhanger" (1993, Adventure) (PA) Sylvester Stallone, John Lithgow. (E)													
4	ABC	★★★ "One Fine Day" (1996, Comedy) Michelle Pfeiffer, George Clooney, Mae Whitman. (N) (E)				Primetime Thursday (E)		News (E)	(:35) Nightline (E)	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (E)										
5	HBO	(5:00) ★★ "Moulin Rouge" (2001) PG-13 (E)		(15) ★★ "Angels in the Outfield" (1994, Fantasy) Danny Glover, Tony Danza. (N) PG (E)				Real Sports (E)		★★★ "Frailty" (2002) Bill Paxton. (N) R (E)										
7	CBS	Amazing Race 4 (N) (E)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Abra Cadaver" (E)		Without a Trace "Clare de Lune" (N) (E)		News (E)	(:35) Late Show (N) (E)	(37) Late Late Show (E)										
8	NBC	Friends (E)	Scrubs (E)	Will & Grace (E)	Frasier (E)	ER "First Snowfall" (E) (E)		News	(:35) Tonight Show (N)	(37) Late Night (N) (E)										
11	TVLND	Fantasy Island (N)		Sanford	Bewitched	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Jeannie	MacGyver "Soft Touch" (E)										
12	ESPN	(5:00) 2003 NBA Draft From New York. (Live)								Sportscenter (Live)										
13	FOX	Stupid Behavior	30 Seconds to Fame (E)	Pulse (N) (E) (E)		Fox Report With Shepard Smith (E)		Blind Date (E)	Blind Date	Paid Program	Paid Program									
15	MAX	(5:35) ★★ "The Glass House" (2001) Leelee Sobieski. PG-13 (E)			★★ "2 Days in the Valley" (1996) Danny Aiello, Jeff Daniels. (N) R (E)		(15) ★★ "Black Knight" (2001, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Marsha Thomason. (N) PG-13 (E)													
16	TNN	Real TV (E)	Real TV (E)	Real TV (E)	Real TV (E)	Blind Date	Blind Date	★★ "Boiling Point" (1993) Wesley Snipes.												
17	DISN	Boy Meets World	Smart Guy "Crushed"	Sister, Sister (E)	Even Stevens (E)	Sister, Sister (E)	Lizzie McGuire	★ "The Even Stevens Movie" (2003, Comedy) Shia LaBeouf, Christy Carlson Romano. (E)												
18	LIFE	(5:00) "Forgotten Sins" (E)		★★ "The Return of Alex Kelly" (1999) (E)				Golden	Golden	Nanny (E)	Nanny (E)									
20	USA	JAG "Rendezvous" (E)		★★ "For Richer or Poorer" (1997) Tim Allen. (E) (DVS)				Monk (E)		Nash										
21	SHOW	(15) ★★ "The Pest" (1997) John Leguizamo. PG-13 (E)			(45) ★★ "The Score" (2001, Suspense) Robert De Niro. (N) R (E)			★★★ "Save the Last Dance" (2001) PG-13 (E)												
22	TMC	(5:15) ★★ "Critical Condition" (1987) (E)		"Avalanche Alley" (2001, Action) Ed Marinaro, Nick Mancuso. (E) (E)		★★ "Kill Me Later" (2001) Selma Blair, Max Beesley. (E) (E)		★ "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" (E)												
23	MTV	Direct Effect (E)		Music Videos (E)		Jewel	Warning	Music Videos (E)												
24	DISC	Grizzlies of the Canadian Rockies		Wild Discovery: Porcupine and Skunk		New Detectives: Forensic Science		Critical Rescue "Swept Away" (N)		Ancient Arsenal Byzantine battleships.										
28	TNT	★★ "Soldier" (1998) Kurt Russell. (E)				★★ "Soldier" (1998) Kurt Russell. (E)		★★★ "Bat 21" (1988)												
30	FXSP	NASCAR "Rocky Mt. Patrick Roy		54321	Best Damn Sports Show Period (Live) (E)		Rocky Mt. Rocky Mt.													
32	FAM	★★★ "Forever Young" (1992) Mel Gibson.				Whose?	Whose?	700 Club (E)		Caroline Rhea Show										
33	NBC	News (E)	Ent. Tonight	Friends (E)	Scrubs (E)	Will & Grace (E)	Frasier (E)	ER "First Snowfall" (E) (E)		News (E)	(:35) Tonight Show									
34	NICK	SpongeBob	Amanda	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers (E)	Cheers (E)	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cosby	Cosby									
36	A&E	Biography "Julia Child: An Appetite for Life"		★★★ "Columbo Goes to College" (1990, Mystery) Peter Falk, Stephen Caffrey. (E)				Third Watch "True Love" (E)		Biography "Julia Child: An Appetite for Life"										
38	SCIFI	(5:00) "The Flintstones"		★ "The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas" (2000)				Crossing	Crossing	Farscape (E) (E)										
40	FLX	While You Were Out (E)		Home Alone	Home Alone	Secrets of Forensic Science (E)		Secrets of Forensic Science (N)		Secrets of Forensic Science (E)										
42	TLC	Married... Married...	Married...	Buffy Vampire	Buffy Vampire			★★★ "The Secret of My Success" (1987)												
45	FMC	(01) ★★ "Carousel" (1956) Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones.				Young Frankenstein 25th				"Voyage-Sea"										
49	E!TV	Melrose Place: The E! True Hollywood Story (E)				Star Dates	Star Dates	Howard S.	Howard S.	Wild On... "Chile"										
51	TRAV	Jack Hanna's Top Ten		NASCAR Road		Demo. Derbies		Jack Hanna's Top Ten		NASCAR Road										
53	WB	Friends (E)	Everybody-Raymond	★ "The In Crowd" (2000) debutante takes an interest in a troubled teen. (E)		Susan Ward. A sinister in a troubled teen. (E)		News (E) (E)		Friends (E)	Will & Grace (E)									
54	ESPN2	Streetball	Streetball	Streetball	Streetball	Wimbledon Early-Round Highlights				Billiards: WPBA										
58	HIST	Little Big Horn: The Untold Story Sorting out the details of the battle at Little Big Horn.				Modern Marvels Wild Bill Hickok. (E)		Hardcore History The Vietnam War. (E)		Little Big Horn: The Untold Story (E)										
59	HLTH	Doctors Diaries (E)		Workout	Bodies	Health Specials (E)		Doctors Diaries (E)		Workout	Bodies									
60	UNIV	Rebecca		Entre el Amor y el Odio		Aqui y Ahora		P. Impacto	Noticiero	En las Mejores Familias										
62	HGTV	Weekend Landscap		Designing Designers'		House		House	Weekend	Landscap	Designing Designers'									
63	WGN	★★ "Pontiac Moon" (1994) Ted Danson. (E)				News (E) (E)		Rockford Files		In the Heat of the Night										