

Man's double life exposed to girl friend

DEAR ABBY: After a six-year relationship with my boyfriend, "Rudy," I have learned that he's been shacking-up with another woman. I am devastated.

I was sometimes suspicious about Rudy's living situation. He told me he was renting a room from his longtime friend, "Lorna," but I was never invited in. Rudy's explanation was that since it wasn't his home, he didn't feel comfortable having company.



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• dear abby

You guessed it, Abby. Lorna, the "longtime friend," turned out to be my Rudy's lover. The way I found out was humiliating. Last Sunday, I dropped by to visit him because he had told me on the phone the night before that he had stomach flu. When I rang the doorbell, an older man opened the door and identified himself as Lorna's father.

When I asked if I could come in and see Rudy, the old man told me that

Lorna and Rudy were away on a Caribbean cruise. My jaw dropped. When I introduced myself as Rudy's girlfriend, and my 15-month-old as Rudy's child, HIS jaw dropped.

How could the man I love, the father of our precious baby, have pulled off this double life? I'm hurt and angry, but I know I must pull myself together for my daughter. How will I control myself when that two-timer has the nerve to show his face at my door? Can you give me some advice?

— TWO-TIMED IN BOSTON

DEAR TWO-TIMED: Your boyfriend is an accomplished user. He has taken advantage of you and Lorna, too — so please don't think you are alone in your situation. What you say to him when he shows up is up to you. Fortunately, you have some time to prepare your speech. I'm sure it will be a dilly.

Before you do, however, it is imperative that you consult a lawyer and establish child custody rights and a support payment schedule for the benefit of your little girl. Let's hope that Rudy is willing to be a more responsible father than he has been a boyfriend.

DEAR ABBY: I look at myself and wonder how I got here. I am almost 23 and feel like a blank slate. When I was in high school, I had a 3.8 GPA. I had drive and purpose and knew exactly where I was headed.

Now I am tired all the time. College has taken a toll on me. I am overweight, a "C" student, and completely

burned out. I've held a couple of part-time jobs, but nothing that excites me. I am at a crossroads. I have no idea where to go from here.

I have a few acquaintances, but no close friends. Boredom and loneliness fill my days. What do I do? Start over and try to fix things? I don't know whether to take time off from college or continue to grin and bear it. Maybe I should just lie down and die.

All I know is I'm tired of feeling like I have nothing to offer anyone. I am not happy with the road I've chosen, but don't know what other avenue to take. Abby, what can I do to feel alive again? — CO-ED IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

DEAR CO-ED: You are exhibiting signs of depression. Go to the student

health center and tell them exactly how you are feeling. Once you are treated — medically and/or psychologically — find out if your school offers career counseling. It will help you to understand where your strongest attributes lie and what your alternatives are.

You are clearly bright and successful. Many people have more than one career in a lifetime. Select something you enjoy — something that stimulates your creativity and makes you feel good about yourself. I guarantee you'll discover you have much to contribute — and much to live for. Let me hear from you in three months. I care.

TUESDAY EVENING										JULY 8, 2003			
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30			
2	PBS	Nova "Treasures of the Sunken City" (DVS)		National Geographic: Noah's Flood		P.O.V. "Discovering Dominica" (N) (DVS)		News	Being Served	Business Rpt.	BBC World News		
3	IND	(5:00) MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Mets. From Shea Stadium in Flushing, N.Y. (DVS)			Seinfeld (DVS)	Seinfeld (DVS)	★ "The Fan" (1996) Robert De Niro. A slumping baseball star is stalked by a psychotic admirer.						
4	ABC	8 Simple Rules	Life With Bonnie (DVS)	According to Jim (DVS)	Less Than Perfect (DVS)	NYPD Blue "Puppy Love" (DVS)	News (DVS)	(:35) Night-line (DVS)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (DVS)				
5	HBO	(5:00) ★★ "Fools Rush In" (1997) "PG-13"	Sinbad: First Look	★★ "Houseguest" (1995) Sinbad. A con refugee in the home of a suburban family.		artist finds Michael J. Fox. (N) "PG-13" (DVS)		★★★ "Stuart Little 2" (2002) Voice of Robyn Lively. (N) "PG-13" (DVS)					
7	CBS	Big Brother 4 (Season Premiere) (N) (DVS)		Guardian "Ambition" (DVS)	Judging Amy "Wild Card" (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	(:35) Late Show (DVS)	(37) Late Show (N) (DVS)					
8	NBC	Dog Eat Dog "NFL Cheerleaders" (N) (DVS)		Last Comic Standing (N) (DVS)		Dateline (DVS)	News	(:35) Tonight Show (N) (DVS)	(37) Late Night (N) (DVS)				
11	TVLND	Fantasy Island (DVS)		Sanford	Bewitched	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Jeannie	MacGyver "Lost Love"			
12	ESPN	Beg, Borrow & Deal 2		2003 Poker		Baseball Tonight (DVS)		SportsCenter (Live)		Outside	Baseball		
13	FOX	American Juniors (iTV) (N) (DVS)		Keen Eddie "The Amazing Larry Dunn" (N) (DVS)	Fox Report With Shepard Smith (DVS)		Blind Date (DVS)	Blind Date	Paid Program	Paid Program			
15	MAX	★ "New Best Friend" (2002, Drama) Mia Kirshner. (N) "R" (DVS)			★★★ "Space Truckers" (1997) Dennis Hopper. (N) "PG-13" (DVS)		(15) ★★ "Resident Evil" (2002, Horror) Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez. (N) "R" (DVS)						
16	TNN	Real TV (DVS)	Real TV (DVS)	Real TV (DVS)	Real TV (DVS)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.		★★★★ "Goldfinger"			
17	DISN	Boy Meets World (DVS)	Smart Guy (DVS)	Sister, Sister (DVS)	Even Stevens (DVS)	Sister, Sister (DVS)	Lizzie McGuire	"The Even Stevens Movie" (2003, Comedy) Shia LaBeouf, Christy Carlson Romano. (N) (DVS)					
18	LIFE	(5:00) "Heartbeat" (DVS)		"Moment of Truth: A Child Too Many" (1993) (DVS)			Golden	Golden	Nanny (DVS)	Nanny (DVS)			
20	USA	JAG "Second Sight" (N) (DVS)		★★★ "She's All That" (1999) Freddie Prinze Jr.			Dead Zone "The Storm"		Nash Bridges (DVS)				
21	SHOW	★★★ "Table for Five" (1983, Drama) Jon Voight, Richard Crenna. iTV. "PG"			★★★★ "The Others" (2001, Horror) Nicole Kidman, Christopher Eccleston. iTV. (N) "PG-13" (DVS)			★★★ "Changing Lanes" (2002) "R" (DVS)					
22	TMC	★★★★ "Funny Bones" (1995) Oliver Platt. A struggling comic travels to England for inspiration.			(15) ★★ "Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss" (1998) Sean P. Hayes, Brad Rowe. (DVS)			★★ "Kiss the Sky" (1998) Gary Cole. (DVS)					
23	MTV	Direct Effect (DVS)		MTV Special (DVS)		MTV Special (DVS)		Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World		
24	DISC	Deadly Reptiles II		Scorpions (DVS)		FBI Files "Hidden Agenda" (DVS)		New Detectives: Forensic Science		New Detectives: Forensic Science			
28	TNT	Law & Order (DVS)		Law & Order "Shadow"		Charmed "A Witch's Tail" (N) (DVS)		X-Files "Trevor" (N) (DVS)					
30	FXSP	NASCAR		Rocky Mt.	Pregame	MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Arizona Diamondbacks. (Live)							
32	FAM	★★★★ "Suspect" (1987, Drama) Cher, Dennis Quaid.			Whose?		700 Club (DVS)		Caroline Rhea Show (N) (DVS)				
33	NBC	News (DVS)	Ent. Tonight		Dog Eat Dog "NFL Cheerleaders" (N) (DVS)		Last Comic Standing (N) (DVS)		Dateline (DVS)		News (DVS)		
34	NICK	SpongeBob	Amanda (DVS)	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers (DVS)	Cheers (DVS)	Cheers (DVS)	Cheers (DVS)		
36	A&E	Biography "The Munsters" (N) (DVS)		Cold Case Files "A serial killer remains free for nearly 20 years." (DVS)			Third Watch "Walking Wounded" (N) (DVS)		Biography "The Munsters" (N) (DVS)				
38	SCIFI	In Search Of... (DVS)		Beyond Bizarre (N) (DVS)		Beyond Bizarre (N) (DVS)		★★★ "Universal Soldier III: Unfinished Business" (1999) William Dafoe. (N) (DVS)					
39	TLC	While You Were Out "A little bit of Ireland." (DVS)		Hometime: Base		Hometime: Base		Very Best of The World's Worst Drivers					
40	FX	Married... (DVS)		Married... (DVS)		Buffy Vampire		★★★ "French Kiss" (1995) Meg Ryan. (N) (DVS)					
45	FMC	(01) ★★ "Love Me Tender" (1956, Musical)			(01) ★★ "Off Limits" (1998) William Dafoe. (N) (DVS)								
49	EITV	Eminem: The E! THS		Star Dates	Love Chain	Wild On... (N) (DVS)	Howard S.	Howard S.	Wild On...				
51	TRAV	Hotel Suites in Vegas!		World Poker Tour "Storming Los Angeles" (N) (DVS)				Hotel Suites in Vegas!		World Poker Tour			
53	WB	Friends (DVS)	Everybody-Raymond (DVS)	Gilmore Girls "That'll Do Pig" (N) (DVS)	Smallville "Reaper" (DVS)		News (N) (DVS)		Friends (DVS)	Will & Grace (DVS)			
54	ESPN2	Sumo			Boxing: Joe Hutchinson vs. Fernando Mena			Karate	Interruption	Baseball	Strong		
58	HIST	Deep Sea Detectives (DVS)			Nature Tech "Tsunamis" (N) (DVS)		Modern Marvels "Titanic Tech" (N) (DVS)		Infamous Murders	Infamous Murders	Deep Sea Detectives (DVS)		
59	HLTH	Doctors Diaries (DVS)		Workout	Bodies	Health Specials (N) (DVS)	Doctors Diaries (N) (DVS)		Workout	Bodies			
60	UNIV	Rebeca		Niña... Amada Mia	Ver Para Creer		P. Impacto	Noticiero	En las Mejores Familias				
62	HGTV	Ground	Landscap	Room	Decorating	House	Curb	Ground	Landscap	Room	Decorating		
99	WGN	Columbo "By Dawn's Early Light"			News (N) (DVS)		Rockford Files		In the Heat of the Night				

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THURSDAY EVENING										JULY 10, 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 (N) (DVS)	Wide Angle "Exclusive to Al-Jazeera" (N) (DVS)	News	Keeping Up	Business Rpt.	BBC World News										
3	IND	★★★ "The Thomas Crown Affair" (1999) Pierce Brosnan. An art thief steals an insurance investigator's heart. (N) (DVS)				★★★ "The Thomas Crown Affair" (1999, Adventure) Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo. (N) (DVS)		(45) "Sea of Love"											
4	ABC	★ "Picture Perfect" (1997, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Jay Mohr, Kevin Bacon. (N) (DVS)			Primetime Thursday (N) (DVS)		News (N) (DVS)	(:35) Night-line (N) (DVS)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Regina King. (N) (DVS)										
5	HBO	(5:00) ★★★ "The Apostle" (1998) "PG-13"		(15) ★★★ "The Majestic" (2001, Drama) Jim Carrey, Martin Landau. Citizens embrace an amnesiac writer as one of their own. (N) "PG-13" (DVS)				★★ "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" (1999) (DVS)											
7	CBS	Amazing Race 4 (N) (N) (DVS)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (DVS)		Without a Trace "The Source" (N) (DVS)		News (N) (DVS)	(:35) Late Show (N) (DVS)	(:37) Late Show (N) (DVS)									
8	NBC	Friends (N) (DVS)	Scrubs (N) (DVS)	Will & Grace (N) (DVS)	Frasier (N) (DVS)	ER "A Little Help From My Friends" (N) (DVS)		News (N) (DVS)	(:35) Tonight Show (N) (DVS)	(:37) Late Night (N) (DVS)									
11	TVLND	Fantasy Island (N) (DVS)			Sanford	Bewitched	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Jeannie	MacGyver (N) (DVS)								
12	ESPN	Sumo Wrest.			International Auto Show		Baseball Tonight (N) (DVS)		SportsCenter (Live)		Outside	Baseball							
13	FOX	Dale Earnhardt Tribute Concert From Daytona International Speedway, Fla. (N) (N) (DVS)				Fox Report With Shepard Smith (N) (DVS)		Blind Date (N) (DVS)	Blind Date (N) (DVS)	Paid Program	Paid Program								
15	MAX	(4:45) ★★ "Wisegirls" (1999, Comedy) Al Yankovic. iTV. (N) "PG-13" (DVS)	★★★ "Ocean's Eleven" (2001, Adventure) George Clooney, Matt Damon. (N) "PG-13" (DVS)		(45) ★★ "Riding in Cars With Boys" (2001) Drew Barrymore. An aspiring author struggles with motherhood. (N) "PG-13" (DVS)														
16	TNN	Real TV (N) (DVS)	Real TV (N) (DVS)	Real TV (N) (DVS)	Real TV (N) (DVS)	★★★ "Diamonds Are Forever" (1971) Sean Connery, Jill St. John. (N) (DVS)													
17	DISN	Boy Meets World (N) (DVS)	Smart Guy (N) (DVS)	Sister, Sister (N) (DVS)	Even Stevens (N) (DVS)	Sister, Sister (N) (DVS)	Lizzie McGuire (N) (DVS)	★★★ "Double Teamed" (2002, Drama) Annie McElwain, Poppi Monroe, Chris Olivero. (N) (DVS)											
18	LIFE	"Miracle in the Woods" (2002, Suspense)			"Nightwaves" (2002, Suspense) (N) (DVS)		Golden		Golden	Nanny (N) (DVS)	Nanny (N) (DVS)								
20	USA	JAG "Secrets" (N) (DVS)		★★★★ "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" (1982) Dee Wallace. (N) (DVS)				Monk (N) (DVS)		Nash									
21	SHOW	★★★ "UHF" (1989, Comedy) Al Yankovic. iTV. (N) "PG-13" (DVS)			(45) ★★ "Bandits" (2001) Bruce Willis. iTV. A neglected wife hooks up with two quirky bank robbers. (N) "PG-13" (DVS)				★★ "Daddy and Them" (2001) "R"										
22	TMC	(15) ★ "Bio-Dome" (1996) Pauly Shore. Slack-brained buddies crash a scientific experiment. (N) (DVS)			★★ "Ned Kelly" (1970) Mick Jagger. An outlaw refuses to submit to Australian authority. (N) (DVS)				★★★ "Focus" (2001) William H. Macy. (N) (DVS)										
23	MTV	Direct Effect (N) (DVS)		Video	MTV Special (N) (DVS)	MTV Special (N) (DVS)		Made Up											
24	DISC	Little Killers: The Power of Venom		Snakebite	New Detectives: Forensic Science		Wild West's Most Wanted (N) (DVS)		Skip Tracers: Real Life Adventures										
28	TNT	★★★ "While You Were Sleeping" (1995)				★★★ "While You Were Sleeping" (1995)				★★ "Night Sins"									
30	FXSP	NASCAR	Pregame	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Colorado Rockies. (Live)				Rocky Mt. Rocky Mt.											
32	FAM	★★★ "That Thing You Do!" (1996) Liv Tyler			Whose?	Whose?	700 Club (N) (DVS)		Caroline Rhea Show (N) (DVS)										
33	NBC	News (N) (DVS)	Ent. Tonight (N) (DVS)	Friends (N) (DVS)	Scrubs (N) (DVS)	Will & Grace (N) (DVS)	Frasier (N) (DVS)	ER "A Little Help From My Friends" (N) (DVS)		News (N) (DVS)	(:35) Tonight Show (N) (DVS)								
34	NICK	SpongeBob	Amanda (N) (DVS)	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby								
36	A&E	Biography "M*A*S*H" (N) (DVS)		"Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey" (1994, Mystery) Peter Falk, William Shatner. (N) (DVS)				Third Watch "Exposing Faith" (N) (DVS)		Biography "M*A*S*H" (N) (DVS)									
38	SCIFI	(5:00) ★★ "Arachnid" (1993) (DVS)		"Webs" (2003) Richard Grieco. (N) (DVS)				★★★ "Body Snatchers" (1993) Gabrielle Anwar. (N) (DVS)											
39	TLC	While You Were Out (N) (DVS)		Hometime: Four	Hometime: Four	Secrets of Forensic Science		Protect and Serve "On the Beat" (N) (DVS)		Hunt for Amazing Treasures									
40	FX	Married... (N) (DVS)	Married... (N) (DVS)	Buffy Vampire	Buffy Vampire	Buffy Vampire		★★★ "Kingpin" (1996) Woody Harrelson. (N) (DVS)											
45	FMC	(01) ★★ "High Anxiety" (1977) Mel Brooks. (N) (DVS)				(01) ★★ "Tough Enough" (1983) Dennis Quaid. (N) (DVS)				(01) ★★ "Justine" (1983) (DVS)									
49	EITV	True H'wood		Kirstie Alley: THS	Star Dates	Love Chain	Howard S.	Howard S.	Wild On... "Costa Rica"										
51	TRAV	World's Best		Secrets of San Simeon	Secrets of San Simeon	World's Best	Secrets of San Simeon	World's Best	Secrets of San Simeon										
53	WB	Friends (N) (DVS)	Everybody-Raymond (N) (DVS)	★ "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence. A thief poses as a cop to retrieve a hidden diamond. (N) (DVS)		News (N) (DVS)		Friends (N) (DVS)		Will & Grace (N) (DVS)									
54	ESPN2	WNBA Basketball: Liberty at Fever				Dog Show Dog Show		Dog Show	Interruption	Baseball	Strongman								
58	HIST	Comic Book Superheroes entertain generations of children. (N) (DVS)			Unmasked Superheroes		Modern Marvels "Towing" (N) (DVS)		History of Sex (N) (DVS)		Comic Book Superheroes Unmasked (N) (DVS)								
59	HLTH	Doctors Diaries (N) (DVS)		Workout	Bodies	Health Specials (N) (DVS)		Doctors Diaries (N) (DVS)		Workout	Bodies								
60	UNIV	Rebeca		Niña...	Amada Mia	Aqui y Ahora		P. Impacto Noticiero		En las Mejores Familias									
62	HGTV	Weekend	Landscap	Designing	Designers'	House House		Weekend Landscap		Designing Designers'									
99	WGN	Columbo "Troubled Waters" (N) (DVS)				News (N) (DVS)		Rockford Files		In the Heat of the Night									