

# Apprehensive wife fears end of marriage

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 35 years. I worked for the first few years, but my husband, "Lou," was mean and beat me. He broke my arm, my shoulder, my jaw and a couple of ribs. Lou wouldn't let me have contact with friends or family because it took time away from him. He said he couldn't stand coming home to an empty house and that was why he cheated. Then Lou decided I could no longer work because he wanted me



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home when he got there.

So I gave up my job, stayed home and cleaned, cooked and raised our children. (They are now all grown and married.) I waited on Lou hand and foot. I felt more like a slave than a wife — but I loved him.

Well, now he has a girlfriend. He met her at the country club. We used to golf there together. She knew Lou was married but still asked him to come home with her and lured him into her bed.

Last week, Lou told me to get a job and credit cards, and learn to take care of myself. I wanted to die. He was my whole life. If a man steals your car or burglarizes your house, he goes to jail. Yet someone can steal your husband and walk away free. There ought to be a law to stop this kind of thievery. — SCARED OF A NEW LIFE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR SCARED: I find it interesting that instead of aiming your anger at your husband where it belongs, you have directed it at his next victim. He was obviously doing a lot more than the usual amount of "swinging" at the golf club. If she marries him, he will do to her exactly what he has done to you.

Please recognize that the good Lord has blessed you with a chance for a bet-

ter life. You have been handed the keys to your prison cell. You now have the opportunity to regain a relationship with the family from whom you were isolated and to build healthy, supportive friendships. Once you are back in the work force, you will regain your self-reliance and dignity. Counseling can help in each of these areas, so please stop clinging to the past and avail yourself of it.

Consult a lawyer ASAP to make sure your husband cannot hide his assets, and find out what you are entitled to after 35 years of servitude. You may be pleasantly surprised.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Oscar," and I have been dating for more than two years. In the last few months, we have begun talking about eloping,

but I have reservations because I have never been introduced to his parents, who live out of state.

Oscar's parents are not financially able to visit us, so last year, he arranged to have us visit his parents over the holidays. However, the plans mysteriously unraveled.

I have asked Oscar several times if there is something that he is afraid to tell me, but he insists that he is merely unconventional.

Am I right to be worried? Or am I just being paranoid? — FRUSTRATED IN MARYLAND

DEAR FRUSTRATED: You are right to be worried. When you marry someone, you also marry his or her family. Make no more commitments

until you — and your family — have met Oscar's family. It appears that your "unconventional" boyfriend has something to hide.

DEAR ABBY: I never thought I would ever write to you, but last night our son — who is engaged — came over and told us that his fiancée's parents are upset with us because we didn't pick up the check for a dinner THEY invited us to.

Were we wrong not to offer to pay for the dinner? — ELOISE IN NEWPORT, R.I.

DEAR ELOISE: There was obviously a miscommunication somewhere. Invite them to dinner ASAP, pick up the check, and in the future, offer to split the bill.

SATURDAY EVENING						E-Eagle Cable Ss&T Telephone			NOV. 1, 2003						
E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30			
2	2	PBS	Lawrence Welk Show (N)		Keeping Up As Time Goes By		Two's Company	New Red Green	Austin City Limits "Tracy Chapman" (N)		Soundstage "Tori Amos" (N)				
3	35	IND	(5:30) *** "Total Recall" (1990) (PA) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Rachel Ticotin. (N)				College Football Oregon at Washington. (Live)								
4	6	ABC	"Phenomenon II" (2003, Drama) Christopher Shyer, Jill Clayburgh. Premiere. (N) (N)				L.A. Dragnet "Slice of Life" (N) (N) (N)		News (N)	(35) Entertainment Tonight "Anorexia" (N) (N)	(35) Starhunter				
5	14	HBO	(5:00) "Still Breathing" (1997), Joanna Going (N)		Legendary Nights (N)	Boxing Floyd Mayweather vs. Phillip Ndou. (Live) (N) (N)					★★ "The Transporter" (2002), Shu Qi 'PG-13'				
7	11	CBS	48 Hours Investigates		Hack "My Fare Lady" (N) (N)		District "Jupiter for Sale" (N) (N)		News (N)	(35) Drew Carey (N)	(05) Drew Carey (N)	(35) Drew Carey (N)			
8	8	NBC	Whoopi (N) (N)	Whoopi (N) (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Dead" (N) (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Pandora"		News	Saturday Night Live (N) (N)					
11	82	TVLND	Brady	Hap Days	Sanford	Bewitched	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Jeannie	Kotter	WKRP			
12	56	ESPN	(5:45) College Football Miami at Virginia Tech. (Live) (N)				(45) SportsCenter (Live) (N)				College Gameday Final				
13	7	FOX	Cops "Naked" (PA) (N)		America's Most Wanted-Fights Back		She Spies "Accused of murder" (N) (N)		Mad TV (N) (N)		Blind Date (N) (N)	Blind Date (N) (N)			
15	29	MAX	★ "Juwanma Mann" (2002) Miguel A. Nunez Jr., Vivica A. Fox. (N)		★★★ "Three Men and a Little Lady" (1990), Steve Guttenberg 'PG'				(15) ★★ "Black Knight" (2001, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Marsha Thomason. (N) 'PG-13'						
16	41	SPK	★★ "Hackers" (1995), Angelina Jolie (N) (N)				Ride	Ride	Elimination	Elimination	SlamBall (N) (N)				
17	44	DISN	Kim Possible	Proud Family (N)	Sister, Sister (N)	Even Stevens (N)	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	"The Luck of the Irish" (2001, Fantasy) Ryan Merriman, Alexis Lopez. (N)						
18	63	LIFE	"Vanished", William R.		Wild Card (N)		1-800-Missing (N) (N)		What Should You Do?		Nanny (N)	Nanny (N)			
20	34	USA	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law Order Cl		Law & Order				
21	24	SHOW	(5:35) ★★ "Sour Grapes", Craig Bierko		(15) ★★ "Rollerball" (2002, Action) Chris Klein, Jean Reno. (TV) (N) 'PG-13'				★ "Domestic Disturbance" (2001) John Travolta, Vince Vaughn.		"Bandits", Billy Bob				
22	26	TMC	(5:50) ★★ "Love Walked In" (1997) Denis Leary, Aitana Sánchez-Gijón.		(25) ★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001), Luke Wilson (N)				★ "Uninvited Guest" (2000) Mekhi Phifer, Mari Morrow. (N)		"Dead", Dominique				
23	77	MTV	Diddy/City	Real World	Real World	Real World	Punk'D (N)	Punk'D (N)	Punk'D (N)	Bam TV (N)	Wild Boyz	Bad Trip			
24	50	DISC	Monster House "Zen House" (N)		Letters From the Roman Front		Unresolved History "The Death of the Red Baron"		Monster Garage "Grim Ripper" (N)		Monster Garage "Hearse Revisited"				
28	37	TNT	★★★ "The Net" (1995) Sandra Bullock, Jeremy Northam.				★★★ "Disclosure" (1994) Michael Douglas, Demi Moore.								
30	55	FXSP	(5:00) College Football Colorado at Texas Tech. (Live)				Big 12 Post	Boxing: Sunday			Rocky Mt.	Best-Sports			
32	46	FAM	Switched! (N)		Perfect Match		★ "Autumn in New York", Winona Ryder				Perfect Match				
33	9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight "Anorexia" (N) (N)		Whoopi (N)	Whoopi (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Dead" (N) (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Pandora"		News	Saturday Night Live			
34	43	NICK	All That (N)	Romeo! (N)	Amanda (N)	Skeeter	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby			
36	53	A&E	American Justice "The Wells Fargo Heist" (N)		Cold Case Files "Lady in the Box" (N)		Martha Stewart: Recipe for Ruin (N)		Crossing Jordan "Wild Card" (N)		American Justice "The Wells Fargo Heist" (N)				
38	83	SCIFI	"Cube 2", Geraint Wyn		"Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within", Alec Baldwin		"Operation Sandman", Hardcore Holly								
39	51	TLC	For Better or for Worse "Amanda & Ian" (N)		Trading Spaces: Family Kia chops up a sofa.		While You Were Out Vermont lodge.		Trading Spaces "London: Garden Flat" (N)		Trading Spaces: British Invasion (N)				
40	38	FX	Cops (N)	Cops (N)	"Since You've Been Gone", Lara Flynn Boyle		★★★ "Predator" (1987), Carl Weathers								
45	31	FMC	(:01) ★★ "Batman" (1966), Burt Ward				(:01) Hour of Stars		(:01) "The Three Faces of Eve", Lee J. Cobb						
49	81	EITV	Celebrities Uncensored		Janet Jackson: THS		Saturday Night Live (N)		Barbi Twins: THS		Howard S.	Howard S.			
51	86	TRAV	Great Outdoors (N)		Ends of the Earth Extreme conditions.		Great Outdoors (N)		Great Outdoors (N)		Ends of the Earth (N)				
53	3	WB	(5:00) ★★ "She-Devil", Roseanne Barr		Everybody-Raymond	Will & Grace (N)	Friends (N)	Everybody-Raymond	News (N)		Cosby Show (N)	"Top-World",			
54	57	ESPN2	(5:00) College Football Arkansas at Kentucky.				Gameday	Elite 11 Camp	NFL		Fastbreak	NFL Live			
58	52	HIST	★★★★ "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Kevin Costner's Oscar-winning vision of the American West. (N)									"Dances With Wolves" (1990), Mary McDonnell			
59	-	HLTH	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Diary	Diary	Health Specials (N)		Doctors Diaries (N)		Diary	Diary			
60	89	UNIV	Sábado Gigante									P. Impacto		Noticiero	Otro Rollo
62	67	HGTV	Room	Sensible	Designing	Designers' Design	Design	Design	Design	Mission	Room	Sensible			
99	36	WGN	Bulls Eye		NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Milwaukee Bucks. (N)		News (N)		"Die Hard 2" (1990), Bonnie Bedelia						

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E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
2	2	PBS	Antiques Roadshow "Hot Springs, Arkansas"		Ken Burns American Stories "The West: Death Runs Riot (1856-1868)"		Jackson- Love		As Time Goes By	May to De- cember	Charlie Rose (N) (N) (E)	
3	35	IND	★★★ "The Matrix" (1999) pater hacker learns his world is a computer simulation. (E)		(PA) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne. A com- puter hacker learns his world is a computer simulation. (E)				★★★ "Antitrust" (2001, Suspense) Rachael Leigh Cook. Premiere. (E)		Suspense) Ryan Phillippe, Rachael Leigh Cook. Premiere. (E)	
4	6	ABC	Jesus, Mary and Da Vin- ci		NFL Football New England Patriots at Denver Broncos. at Mile High in Denver. (Live) (N) (E)						News (E)	(35) Night- line (E)
5	14	HBO	"Sister Act 2: Back", Kathy Najimy		★★★ "Batman Forever" (1995, Adventure) Val Kilmer, Tommy Lee Jones. (N) PG-13 (E)				★★★ "Ice Age" (2002) Romano, John Leguizamo. PG		Voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo. PG	Master & Cmdr
7	11	CBS	Yes, Dear "Legoland"	Still Stand- ing (N) (E)	Everybody- Raymond	Two and a Half Men	CSI: Miami "Hurricane Anthony" (N) (N) (E)		News (N)	(35) Late Show (N) (N)		(37) Late Late Show
8	8	NBC	Fear Factor "All Female Episode" (N) (N) (E)		Las Vegas "Semper Spy" (N) (N) (E)		Average Joe (Series Pre- miere) (N) (N) (E)		News	(35) Tonight Show Dana Carvey: Chingy. (N)		(37) Late Night (E)
11	82	TVLND	Inside TV Land		Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	MacGyver (E)	
12	56	ESPN	Countdown		Wild Rules	Wild Rules	Sportsman		Hooked	Offshore	SportsCenter (Live) (E)	
13	7	FOX	Next Joe Millionaire: An International Affair (N)		Skin "Endorsement" (N) (E)		Fox Report With Shep- ard Smith (E)		Cagney & Lacey "Jane Doe No. 37" (E)		Kojak	
15	29	MAX	(5:00) ★★★ "Crimson Tide", Gene Hackman		★★★ "Don't Say a Word" (2001, Suspense) Michael Douglas, Sean Bean. (N) 'R' (E)				★★★ "Blood Work" (2002, Mystery) Clint Eastwood, Jeff Daniels. (N) 'R' (E)			
16	41	SPK	Real TV (N)	Real TV (N)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Cheers (N)	Cheers (N)	Star Trek: Next Gener.		WWE Raw (N) (E)	
17	44	DISN	Kim Possi- bly	Proud Fam- ily (E)	Sister, Sis- ter (N)	Even Stevens (E)	Sister, Sis- ter (E)	Lizzie McGuire	★★ "The Cheetah Girls" (2003, Comedy-Drama) Raven, Lynn Whitfield.			
18	63	LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries (N)		"On Thin Ice" (2003), Michael Rooker. Premiere.				"On Thin Ice" (2003), Michael Rooker. (E)			
20	34	USA	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Peacemakers (E)	
21	24	SHOW	(5:00) ★★★ "Triumph of Love", Ben Kingsley		★★★ "The Distinguished Gentleman" (1992) Ed- die Murphy, Lane Smith. (TV) 'R' (E)				★★★ "The Man Who Wasn't There" (2001) Billy Bob Thornton, Frances McDormand. (N) 'R' (E)			
22	26	TMC	(5:30) ★★★ "Pos- sums", Cynthia Sikes		(15) ★★★ "Son-in-Law" (1993, Comedy) Pauly Shore, Carla Gugino. (N)				★★★ "Ten Tiny Love Stories" (2001) Radha Mitchell, Alicia Witt.		"Ameri- can", Wil	
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) (N) (E)		Punk'D (N)	Video	Direct Effect (N)		Bad Trip	Bad Trip	Real World	Real World
24	50	DISC	Second Opinion With Doctor Oz (N)		More Than Human		MythBusters "Barrel of Bricks"		American Chopper "Mikey's Bike" (E)		American Chopper "Mikey's Bike 2" (E)	
28	37	TNT	Law & Order (E) (DVS)		Law & Order (E) (DVS)		Law & Order "Pride" (E)		Law & Order (E) (DVS)		X-Files "One Breath"	
30	55	FXSP	NASCAR	Rocky Mt.	FOX One	54321	Best Damn Sports Show		Period (Live) (E)		Rocky Mt.	Best-Sports
32	46	FAM	★★ "The Object of My Affection", Paul Rudd				Who? "Who?"		700 Club (N) (E)		Growing	Growing
33	9	NBC	News (E)	Broncos' Huddle	Fear Factor "All Female Episode" (N) (N) (E)		Las Vegas "Semper Spy" (N) (N) (E)		Average Joe (Series Pre- miere) (N) (N) (E)		News (E)	(35) To- night Show
34	43	NICK	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby
36	53	A&E	Biography "John Ritter: In Good Company" (E)		Cold Case Files		City Confidential: Palm Beach, Florida		Third Watch "Letting Go"		Biography "John Ritter: In Good Company" (E)	
38	83	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 (N) (E)		Stargate SG-1 (N) (E)		Stargate SG-1 (N) (E)		★★ "Unforgettable" (1996), Linda Fiorentino. (N)			
39	51	TLX	While You Were Out		Clean Sweep Old wallpa- per needs changing.		Secrets of Forensic Sci- ence (E)		Trauma: Life in the ER		Resident Life "Every Fourth Night" (N)	
40	38	FX	Buffy Vampire		Married... Married...		Cops (E)	Cops (E)	★★★ "Ransom" (1996, Suspense), Rene Russo			
45	31	FMC	(:01) ★★★ "The Incident" (1967), Martin Sheen				(:01) ★★★ "The Fly II" (1989), Daphne Zuniga		"Laughing", Bruce Dern			
49	81	E!TV	E! Originals		Celebrities Uncensored		E! Originals		Howard S.	Howard S.	Wild On...	
51	86	TRAV	Weird Travels		Hidden (E)		Food Crazy (N)		Weird Travels		Hidden (E)	
53	3	WB	Friends (N)	Everybody- Raymond	7th Heaven "Getting to Know You" (N) (N) (E)		Everwood "Three Miners From Everwood" (N)		News (N) (E)		Friends (N)	Will & Grace (E)
54	57	ESPN2	2003 Poker		2003 Poker		2003 Poker		2003 Poker	Interruption	Fastbreak	Playmakers
58	52	HIST	Mail Call (E)	Guts & Bolts (N)	True Story of the Screaming Eagles: The 101st Airborne The 101st Airborne Division. (E)				Come Home Alive (N)		Mail Call (E)	Guts & Bolts (E)
59	-	HLTH	Doctors Diaries (N)		Diary	Diary	Health Specials (N)		Doctors Diaries (N)		Diary	Diary
60	89	UNIV	Velo de Novia		Niña... Amada Mia		Cristina		P. Impacto	Noticiero	En las Mejores Familias	
62	67	HGTV	House	Design	Curb	Designers'	Design	Design	House	Ground	House	Design
93	36	WGN	★★★ "Baby Boom" (1987), Sam Shepard (N)				News (N) (E)		Becker (N)	Will-Grace	Osbourne Show	