

Parents' divorce has teen stuck in dole drums



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• dear abby

DEARABBY: I am a 15-year-old sophomore in high school. Last year I got into trouble for ditching school and had to go to summer school to make up for my lousy attendance. I thought I would feel differently about things this year, but I don't. It's hard to get out of bed in the morning. I never feel like doing anything. My parents are having trouble,

too. Rumors about my dad having an affair were swirling around town, and at a party, some friends told my mom they were true. They struggled to keep their marriage going, but they couldn't. My dad left.

Abby, my entire family seems to be in deep water with no sign of shore. Is there help for us? — IN DEEP WATER IN ILLINOIS

DEAR IN DEEP WATER: Divorce is painful, but it is not the end of the world. Tiredness and an inability to concentrate are signs of depression. Please show this letter to your mother. Both of you could benefit from medical and psychological help during this difficult period. If your mother is too distracted to help you, confide in a trusted teacher at school. There IS a light at the end of this tunnel for both you and your mother. You'll get out of the darkness faster with professional help, and please tell her I said so.

DEARABBY: My son, "Frank," is happily married. His wife,

"Irene," seems to idolize her extended family. Every occasion we celebrate at their home includes Irene's parents, her "Uncle Craig" and "Aunt Lucy" and her cousins.

The problem is, while I was shopping at a mall recently, I encountered Uncle Craig with his arm around a revealingly dressed young woman. His hand was under the back waistband of her jeans. He acknowledged me with a red-faced nod and kept walking.

I haven't disclosed what I saw to anyone other than my husband, but ever since that encounter, we've avoided the celebrations at Frank and Irene's because we know Craig

and Lucy will be there. We're running out of excuses, but I don't think Frank and Irene would believe me if I told them the truth.

I have three grandchildren under the age of 9, and I really miss seeing them. What should I do? — SAW TOO MUCH IN NEWARK

DEAR S.T.M.: Don't allow the fact that you caught Uncle Craig with his hand in the cookie jar (or whatever) to separate you from your grandchildren. Go to the family get-togethers and enjoy yourselves. Be civil to Uncle Craig, but keep your distance. Time wounds all heels, and I'm sure this one will be no exception.

DEARABBY: I have been seeing a girl for nearly a year. We are getting serious. She comes over to my house all the time and has met my parents. We all get along really well. The problem is, she will not allow me to meet her parents. I feel as if I am a big secret. What should I do? — TEEN IN LOVE IN TOLEDO

DEAR TEEN IN LOVE: Be direct. Ask her why you haven't been introduced. You may discover you are not the secret, and she is worried that if you meet her parents, you won't like her anymore. Or she may be dating without her parents' permission. In other words, the problem may not be YOU.

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17	44	DISN	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	"Right on Track" (2003, Drama) Beverley Mitchell, Brie Larson. (N) (N)			17	44	DISN	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	
18	63	LIFE	"Rush Fear", Chris Pot	Wild Card	1-800-Missing	What Should You Do?	Nanny	Nanny				18	63	LIFE	"Deadly", Andrew Jack	Division	Strong Medicine	1-800-Missing	Any Day Now							
20	34	USA	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law Order CI						20	34	USA	Braveheart, *** "Ransom" (1996) Mel Gibson, Rene Russo. Premiere.	(15) *** "Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey" (1989, Comedy) Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter. (TV) (N) PG		*** "Changing Lanes" (2002) Ben Affleck, Samuel L. Jackson. (N) (N)	(40) Movie News (TV)							
21	24	SHOW	"What's the Worst", Danny DeVito	(15) *** "Novocaine" (2001) Steve Martin, Helena Bonham Carter. (TV) (N) (N)	(35) *** "Children of the Corn: Revelation" (2001), Kyle Cassie	*** "A Shot at Glory" (2000, Drama) Robert Duval, Michael Keaton. (N) (N)						21	24	SHOW	(5:45) *** "Rock My World" (2002) Peter Onorati, Joan Plowright. (N) (N)	(15) *** "Bio-Dome" (1996), Stephen Baldwin	(15) *** "Deception" (1993, Adventure) Andie MacDowell, Liam Neeson. (N) (N)		*** "Love Walked In" (1997) Denis Leary, Aitana Sanchez-Gijon. (N) (N)	"Zoolander", Owen						
22	26	TMC	Real World "Real World"	Britney: In the Zone	2003 MTV Europe Music Awards	American Chopper Old-school bike. (N) (N)	Monster Garage Ultimate tailgating vehicle. (N) (N)					22	26	TMC	Real World "Real World"	Cribs	Cribs	Bad Trip	Bam TV (N)	FBI Files "A bank robbery and murder." (N) (N)	Angel of Death (N)					
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24	50	DISC	Monster House "Hacienda House"	Napoleon's Lost Army	Unsolved History	Trading Spaces: British Invasion (N)						24	50	DISC	Raising the Mammoth	Allosaurus: A Walking With Dinosaurs Special										
27	37	TNT	*** "The Negotiator" (1998, Action) Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Spacey.			*** "Money Train" (1995), Woody Harrelson						27	37	TNT	*** "Blue Streak" (1999), Luke Wilson											
30	55	FXSP	(5:00) College Football Texas Tech at Texas. (Live)			Boxing: Sunday	Rocky Mt.	Best-Sports				30	55	FXSP	(5:00) AVP Volleyball	See This	See This	Beyond the Glory (N)	Rocky Mt.	See This						
32	46	FAM	Switched! (N)	Perfect Match	"Romy and Michele's"	Lisa Kudrow	Funniest Home Videos					32	46	FAM	*** "The Great Outdoors" (1988), John Candy	*** "Spies Like Us" (1985), Chevy Chase		Church	Feed							
33	9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight Fashions. (N) (N)	Las Vegas "Jokers and Fools" (N) (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Monster" (N) (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Manic" (N) (N)	News	Saturday Night Live				33	9	NBC	Dateline (N) (N)	American Dreams "Ticket to Ride" (N) (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Sound Bodies" (N) (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "The Pilgrim" (N) (N)	News	(45) Bronco's Tonight						
34	43	NICK	All That (N) (N)	Romeo! (N) (N)	Amanda	Amanda	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby	34	43	NICK	Garcia	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby	
36	53	A&E	American Justice "The Yosemite Killer" (N) (N)	Cold Case Files A Minnesota serial-killer. (N) (N)	Hunting the Washington Sniper				American Justice "The Yosemite Killer" (N) (N)			36	53	A&E	Biography Actor Ray Liotta. (N) (N)	Biography "Keanu Reeves" (N) (N)	Meet the Royals "Diana's Butler" (N) (N)									
38	83	SCIFI	"Sabretooth", Vanessa Williams	*** "Rats" (2003) Sara Downing, Amy Parks.	Trading Spaces: Family	While You Were Out	Trading Spaces (N)					38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) Taken	Taken (N) (Part 8 of 10)										
39	51	TLC	For Better or for Worse "Shannon & Erik" (N) (N)	Trading Spaces: Family	While You Were Out	Trading Spaces (N)						39	51	TLC	Trading Spaces	Trading Spaces "Florida: Night Owl Lane"	Trading Spaces: Family (N)	For Better or for Worse "Jennifer and Ron"	Clean Sweep Organize toys and games. (N) (N)							
40	38	FX	Cops (N) (N)	*** "Grosse Pointe Blank", Minnie Driver	*** "Tomcats" (2001), Shannon Elizabeth							40	38	FX	(5:00) *** "Men of Honor", Cuba Gooding Jr.	*** "Enemy of the State" (1998, Suspense) Will Smith, Gene Hackman.										
45	31	FMC	(01) "The Laughing Policeman", Bruce Dern	(01) Hour of Stars	(01) "Daughter of the Mind", Gene Tierney							45	31	FMC	(01) *** "Vanishing Point", Cleavon Little	(01) *** "The Fly II" (1989), Daphne Zuniga										
49	81	EITV	Celebrities Uncensored	Keanu Reeves	Saturday Night Live (N) (N)	Wild On... "Panama"	Howard S.	Howard S.				49	81	EITV	Paula Abdul: THS	Kobe Bryant: True Story	Good to Be Love Chain	Celebrities Uncensored	Kobe Bryant: True Story							
51	86	TRAV	Great Outdoors	Ends of the Earth	Ends of the Earth	Great Outdoors						51	86	TRAV	Ten Wonders	Must See Egypt	Amazing Landmarks	Ten Wonders	Must See Egypt							
53	3	WB	(5:00) *** "Kickboxer", Dennis Alexio	*** "Rambo III" (1988, Adventure) Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna.		News (N) (N)	*** "Black Rain" (1989), Andy Garcia					53	3	WB	Smallville "Craving" (N) (N)	Charmed "Little Monsters" (N) (N)	Tarzan "For Love of Country" (N) (N)	News (N) (N)	Friends (N) (N)	Everybody-Raymond						
54	57	ESPN2	(5:00) College Football Pittsburgh at West Virginia.	Gameday	NFL Live	ATP Tennis Tennis Masters Cup -- Semifinal.						54	57	ESPN2	2003 Poker	2003 Poker		Street Rod	RPM 2Night	Fastbreak	Drag Race					
58	52	HIST	Battle in the Air Military air power targets civilians during World War II. (N) (N)	Dead Reckoning "Blood Spatter" (N) (N)	Battle in the Air							58	52	HIST	JFK: A Presidency Revealed	President John F. Kennedy wrestles with dangerous times in American history. (N) (N)		Tactical to Practical Helicopters; lasers. (N) (N)	JFK: A Presidency Revealed							
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60	89	UNIV	Sabado Gigante			P. Impacto	Noticiero	Otro Rollo				60	89	UNIV	"Duro", Jorge Lavat	Hora Pico	La Jaula	Ver Para Creer	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Tras la Verdad					
62	67	HGTV	Room	Sensible	Designing Designers' Design	Design	Design	Mission	Room	Sensible		62	67	HGTV	Before Aft	Building	Log Home Living (N)	Remember! How Work	Ext hm	If Walls	Before Aft	Building				
99	36	WGN	Fresh Pr.	NBA Basketball Seattle Sonics at Chicago Bulls. (Live) (N) (N)	News	"Total Recall" (1990), Rachel Ticotin						99	36	WGN	Andromeda (N) (N)	X-Files "Shadows" (N) (N)	News (N) (N)	Replay	Matlock (N) (N)	In the Heat of the Night						

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