

Husband's behavior could be sign of illness



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DEAR ABBY: "Going Broke in Maryland" described her 85-year-old husband as a cash cow for charities. She said they live on a fixed income, and he keeps insisting they "don't really need the money."

In my father's case, what she described was the first sign of Alzheimer's disease. It started several years before the usual signs such as confusion or getting lost oc-

curred. He, too, spent a fortune trying to "win" a million dollars from sweepstakes companies.

Since "Going Broke's" husband has clearly lost his good judgment, it's unlikely that legal counsel will bring it back to him. (My dad seemed to understand our advice, but continued sending money to sweepstakes, humane societies, etc.). What "Going Broke" needs is

an attorney to protect herself and her husband financially. She should also try to get a medical exam for him. If they have children, they need to help her with this NOW.

"Going Broke's" local Alzheimer's Association can offer assistance and advice. The Maryland attorney general's office will have a consumer protection or ombudsman's office that may be able to advise her. There is probably a Council on Aging in her county. Also, please make sure she has the address of the Direct Marketing Association to stop the junk mail. She may need to block phone calls, too, if telemarketers are a problem at her house.

If she has to take away his control of the family finances, she should try to do it in a way that allows him to put the blame on someone else, not her.

My father never did win the shiny new car or the million dollars he was promised, even though the sweepstakes companies called to get directions to his home and had him fill out official forms requesting color and style of the automobile. He is now in the dementia ward of an assisted-living facility, and my mother wishes she had those thousands of dollars he spent on sweepstakes entries and charities to help pay for his care. — HOPE THIS HELPS, COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR HOPE: You and your family have my sympathy for the way your father's condition was exploited, and I hope "Going Broke" will heed your suggestions. She should also write to each charity that is soliciting her husband and request to be removed from the mailing list.

Readers, you can write to Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association Inc., P.O. Box 643, Carmel, N.Y. 10512. The Web address is www.DMAconsumers.org. If you're drowning in junk mail, contacting it can cut down on the volume.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "George," is 6 feet, 3 inches. He needed a new car, so my parents

"surprised" him with one of theirs. It is less than a year old and in excellent condition.

George and I appreciate my parents' generosity, but the car is very small and extremely uncomfortable for George. What should we do? — THANKS BUT NO THANKS IN THE EAST

DEAR THANKS: Thank you parents for their generosity, and explain the problem. Offer to return the car if they wish. If they refuse, sell it, and use the money as a down payment on a larger model. (The alternative is to exchange George for a smaller model — but that would be even more expensive.)

TUESDAY EVENING											E-Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone		NOV. 18, 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	Nova "Magnetic Storm" (N) (DVS)	American Experience "The Kennedys: The Sons" (N) (DVS)	The assassinations of Jack and Bobby Kennedy.	As Time Goes By	That's My Boy	Charlie Rose (N) (DVS)						
3	35	IND	★★★ "Field of Dreams" (1989) Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan. A voice urges a farmer to build a ballpark on his property.	(25) ★★★ "The Rookie" (1990, Drama) (PA) Clint Eastwood, Charlie Sheen.										
4	6	ABC	8 Simple Rules	I'm With Her (N) (DVS)	According to Jim (N)	Less Than Perfect (N)	NYPD Blue "And the Winner is..." (N) (DVS)	News (N)	(35) Nightline (N)	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (DVS)				
5	14	HBO	"Heavyweight" (1996) Ed Harris. PG-13	★★★ "A Beautiful Mind" (2001, Drama) Russell Crowe, Ed Harris. PG-13			(45) ★★★ "Born Rich" (2003, Documentary) Jeannie	News (N)	(35) Late Show (N) (DVS)	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (DVS)				
7	11	CBS	Navy NCIS "Sub Rosa" (N) (DVS)	Without a Trace "The Bus" (N) (DVS)	CSI: Miami "Death Grip" (N) (DVS)		News (N)	(35) Late Show (N) (DVS)	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (DVS)					
8	8	NBC	Whoopi (N)	Happy Family (N)	Frasier (N)	Good Morning	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Control" (N) (DVS)	News (N)	(35) Tonight Show Kid Rock (N) (DVS)	(37) Late Night (N)				
11	82	TVLND	Leave	Leave	Sanford	Bewitched	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Jeannie	MacGyver "Lost Love" (N) (DVS)			
12	56	ESPN	College Basketball	College Basketball	Davidson at Texas Tech. (N)		SportsCenter (Live) (N)	Outside	NFL Live					
13	7	FOX	That '70s Show (N)	Simpsons (N) (DVS)	24 "Day 3: 4:00 - 5:00 PM" (N) (DVS)	Fox Report With Shepard Smith (N) (DVS)	Cagney & Lacey "Bounty Hunter" (N) (DVS)	Kojak						
15	29	MAX	(05) ★★★ "Collateral Damage" (2002) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Elias Koteas. (N) (DVS)	★★★ "Sister Helen" (2002, Documentary) Premiere. (N) (DVS)	★★★ "Men in Black II" (2002) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith. (N) (DVS)									
16	41	SPK	Real TV (N)	Real TV (N)	Real TV (N)	Cheers (N)	Cheers (N)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.					
17	44	DISN	Kim Possible (N)	Proud Family (N)	Sister, Sister (N)	Even Stevens (N)	Lizzie McGuire (N)	★★★ "Gotta Kick It Up" (2002, Drama) Susan Egan, Camille Guaty. (N) (DVS)						
18	63	LIFE	Nanny (N)	Nanny (N)	"Deadly Whispers" (1995), Pamela Reed (N) (DVS)		Golden	Golden	Nanny (N)	Nanny (N)				
20	34	USA	Law & Order	★★ "Next Friday" (2000) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. (N) (DVS)	★★ "Domestic Disturbance" (2001) John Travolta, Vince Vaughn. (N) (DVS)		Law & Order	Dead Zone (N) (DVS)						
21	24	SHOW	(5:00) ★★★ "Stakeout" (1999), Emilio Estevez, Ray Liotta. (N) (DVS)	★★★ "Time Bandits" (1981, Fantasy) Craig Warnock, David Rappaport. (N) (DVS)	★★ "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" (2001), Jeff Anderson (N) (DVS)		★★ "Hart War" (1991), Colin Farrel. (N) (DVS)							
22	26	TMC	TRL (TV) (N) (DVS)	Rich Girls (N)	Rich Girls (N)	Direct Effect (N) (DVS)	Cribs (N)	Rich Girls (N)	Rich Girls (N)	Real World (N) (DVS)				
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) (N) (DVS)	Rich Girls (N)	Rich Girls (N)	Direct Effect (N) (DVS)	Cribs (N)	Rich Girls (N)	Rich Girls (N)	Real World (N) (DVS)				
24	50	DISC	Air Jaws: Sharks of South Africa	Serpent: The snake's wide range of behavior.	Justice Files Torn apart by violence.	New Detectives: Forensic Science	New Detectives: Forensic Science							
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "Legacy" (N) (DVS)	Law & Order "Slave" (N) (DVS)	Charmed (N) (DVS)	Angel (N) (DVS)	X-Files (N) (DVS)							
30	55	FXSP	NHL Hockey Mighty Ducks of Anaheim at Colorado Avalanche. (Live) (N) (DVS)	Rocky Mt. (N) (DVS)	Best Damn Sports Show (N) (DVS)	Rocky Mt. (N) (DVS)	Rocky Mt. (N) (DVS)							
32	46	FAM	"The Incredible Mr. Limpet" (1964), Carole Cook (N) (DVS)	Who's? (N) (DVS)	Who's? (N) (DVS)	700 Club (N) (DVS)	GrowPains (N) (DVS)	GrowPains (N) (DVS)						
33	9	NBC	News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N) (DVS)	Whoopi (N) (DVS)	Happy Family (N) (DVS)	Frasier (N) (DVS)	Good Morning (N) (DVS)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Control" (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	(35) Tonight Show (N) (DVS)			
34	43	NICK	Oddparents (N) (DVS)	Sabrina (N) (DVS)	Full House (N) (DVS)	Full House (N) (DVS)	Cosby (N) (DVS)	Cosby (N) (DVS)	Roseanne (N) (DVS)	Roseanne (N) (DVS)	Cosby (N) (DVS)	Cosby (N) (DVS)		
36	53	A&E	Biography "Jimmy Hoffa" (N) (DVS)	Cold Case Files "The Original Nightstalker; Cold Hit; Silent Kill" (N) (DVS)	Third Watch "Sunny, Like Sunshine" (N) (DVS)	Biography "Jimmy Hoffa" (N) (DVS)								
38	83	SCIFI	X-Files "Never Again" (N) (DVS)	X-Files "El Mundo Gira" (N) (DVS)	X-Files "Mind's Eye" (N) (DVS)	★★ "Photographing Fairies" (1997), Emily Woof (N) (DVS)								
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out (N) (DVS)	Clean Sweep "Micro-Brewery, Macro-Mess" (N) (DVS)	Secrets of Forensic Science "Best Laid Plans" (N) (DVS)	Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends Revealed (N) (DVS)								
40	38	FX	Buff Vampire (N) (DVS)	Married... Married... (N) (DVS)	Cops (N) (DVS)	Cops (N) (DVS)	"Under Siege 2: Dark Territory", Eric Bogosian (N) (DVS)							
45	31	FMC	(01) ★★★ "Peyton Place" (1957, Drama) Lana Turner, Lloyd Nolan. (N) (DVS)	Shirley (N) (DVS)	"ManTight", Terry (N) (DVS)									
49	81	EITV	Barbi Twins: THS (N) (DVS)	Good to Be (N) (DVS)	Love Chain (N) (DVS)	Tawny Kitaen: THS (N) (DVS)	Howard S. (N) (DVS)	Howard S. (N) (DVS)	Wild On... (N) (DVS)					
51	86	TRAV	Eiffel Tower Revealed (N) (DVS)	Secrets (N) (DVS)	Kings of the Road (N) (DVS)	Eiffel Tower Revealed (N) (DVS)	Secrets (N) (DVS)							
53	3	WB	Friends (N) (DVS)	Everybody-Raymond (N) (DVS)	Gilmore Girls "Ted Koppel's Big Night Out" (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	Friends (N) (DVS)	Will & Grace (N) (DVS)						
54	57	ESPN2	NHL Hockey: Red Wings at Blue Jackets	NHL Hockey: Red Wings at Blue Jackets	NHL Hockey: New York Rangers at Colorado Avalanche. (Live) (N) (DVS)	NHL Hockey: New York Rangers at Colorado Avalanche. (Live) (N) (DVS)								
58	52	HIST	Men Who Killed Kennedy (N) (DVS)	Men Who Killed Kennedy (N) (DVS)	Men Who Killed Kennedy (N) (DVS)	History vs. Hollywood (N) (DVS)	Men Who Killed Kennedy (N) (DVS)							
59	-	HLTH	Doctors Diaries (N) (DVS)	Diary (N) (DVS)	Diary (N) (DVS)	Health Specials (N) (DVS)	Doctors Diaries (N) (DVS)	Diary (N) (DVS)	Diary (N) (DVS)					
60	89	UNIV	Velo de Novia (N) (DVS)	Niña... Amada Mia (N) (DVS)	Casos de la Vida Real (N) (DVS)	P. Impacto (N) (DVS)	Noticiero (N) (DVS)	En las Mejores Familias (N) (DVS)						
62	67	HGTV	Outer (N) (DVS)	Decorating (N) (DVS)	Sensible (N) (DVS)	Design (N) (DVS)	Designers' (N) (DVS)	Design (N) (DVS)	Outer (N) (DVS)	Decorating (N) (DVS)				
99	36	WGN	★★ "Universal Soldier" (1992), Dolph Lundgren (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	Becker (N) (DVS)	Will-Grace (N) (DVS)	Osbourne Show (N) (DVS)							

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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	Coyote Waits: An American Mystery Special (N) (DVS)	Grand Canyon "A Naked Planet Special" (N) (DVS)	As Time Goes By	Two's Company	Charlie Rose (N) (DVS)							
3	35	IND	Seinfeld (N) (DVS)	Seinfeld (N) (DVS)	Ripley's Believe It or Not! (N) (DVS)	★★★ "The Cable Guy" (1996, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Matthew Broderick. (N) (DVS)								
4	6	ABC	My Wife and Kids (N) (DVS)	It's All Relative (N) (DVS)	Bachelor (Season Finale) (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	(35) Nightline (N) (DVS)	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (DVS)						
5	14	HBO	"Beavis and Butt-head", Cloris Leachman (N) (DVS)	(15) ★★★ "While You Were Sleeping" (1995) Sandra Bullock, Bill Pullman. PG (N) (DVS)	Legends & Lies (N) (DVS)	K Street (N) (DVS)	Carnivale "Hot and Bothered" (N) (DVS)							
7	11	CBS	60 Minutes II (N) (DVS)	King of Queens (N) (DVS)	Becker (N) (DVS)	The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	(35) Late Show Greg Kinnear, Cyndi Lauper. (N) (DVS)	(37) Late Show (N) (DVS)					
8	8	NBC	Ed (N) (DVS)	West Wing "Shutdown" (N) (DVS)	Law & Order "Embedded" (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	(35) Tonight Show (N) (DVS)	(37) Late Night (N) (DVS)						
11	82	TVLND	Leave	Leave	Sanford	Bewitched	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Jeannie	MacGyver (N) (DVS)			
12	56	ESPN	College Basketball	College Basketball	Detroit Pistons at Memphis Grizzlies. (N) (DVS)	SportsCenter (Live) (N) (DVS)	Outside							
13	7	FOX	That '70s Show (N) (DVS)	Stan Hooper (N) (DVS)	The O.C. "The Homecoming" (N) (DVS)	Fox Report With Shepard Smith (N) (DVS)	Cagney & Lacey "Baby Broker" (N) (DVS)	Kojak						
15	29	MAX	(5:30) ★★★ "Taking Care of Business" (1990), Charles Grodin (N) (DVS)	★★ "New Best Friend" (2002) Mia Kirshner, Meredith Monroe. (N) (DVS)	★★★ "Crimson Tide" (1995, Suspense) Denzel Washington, Gene Hackman. (N) (DVS)									
16	41	SPK	Real TV (N) (DVS)	Real TV (N) (DVS)	Real TV (N) (DVS)	Cheers (N) (DVS)	Cheers (N) (DVS)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	"Cheech", Tommy (N) (DVS)					
17	44	DISN	Kim Possible (N) (DVS)	Proud Family (N) (DVS)	Sister, Sister (N) (DVS)	Even Stevens (N) (DVS)	Lizzie McGuire (N) (DVS)	★★★ "Double Teamed" (2002, Drama) Annie McElwain, Poppi Monroe. (N) (DVS)						
18	63	LIFE	Nanny (N) (DVS)	Nanny (N) (DVS)	"Hell on Heels: Mary Kay", Parker Posey (N) (DVS)	Golden (N) (DVS)	Golden (N) (DVS)	Nanny (N) (DVS)	Nanny (N) (DVS)					
20	34	USA	Law & Order	★★ "The Foreigner" (2003), Harry Van Gorkum (N) (DVS)	★★★ "Another Stakeout" (1993) Richard Dreyfuss, Emilio Estevez. (N) (DVS)	Law & Order	JAG "Into the Breech" (N) (DVS)							
21	24	SHOW	(5:00) ★★★ "Stakeout" (1999), Emilio Estevez, Ray Liotta. (N) (DVS)	★★★ "Hype!" (1996) (N) (DVS)	(05) ★★★ "Hoosiers" (1986, Drama) Gene Hackman, Dennis Hopper. (N) (DVS)	★★★ "Thelma & Louise" (1991, Drama) Susan Sarandon, Geena Davis. (N) (DVS)								
22	26	TMC	TRL (TV) (N) (DVS)	Britney: In the Zone (N) (DVS)	Direct Effect (N) (DVS)	Hard Rock (N) (DVS)	Real World (N) (DVS)	Real World (N) (DVS)	Sorority (N) (DVS)					
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) (N) (DVS)	Britney: In the Zone (N) (DVS)	Direct Effect (N) (DVS)	Hard Rock (N) (DVS)	Real World (N) (DVS)	Real World (N) (DVS)	Sorority (N) (DVS)					
24	50	DISC	Penguin Baywatch (N) (DVS)	India's Sacred Monkeys (N) (DVS)	Now See This! (N) (DVS)	Unsolved History "JFK Death in Dealey Plaza" (N) (DVS)	Unsolved History "JFK Conspiracy" (N) (DVS)							
28	37	TNT	★★★ "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama), Morgan Freeman (N) (DVS)	NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Denver Nuggets. (Live) (N) (DVS)	Who's? (N) (DVS)	Who's? (N) (DVS)	700 Club (N) (DVS)	GrowPains (N) (DVS)	GrowPains (N) (DVS)					
30	55	FXSP	Football "Nuggets" (N) (DVS)	NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Denver Nuggets. (Live) (N) (DVS)	Who's? (N) (DVS)	Who's? (N) (DVS)	700 Club (N) (DVS)	GrowPains (N) (DVS)	GrowPains (N) (DVS)					
32	46	FAM	★★ "Picture Perfect" (1997), Jay Mohr (N) (DVS)	Who's? (N) (DVS)	Who's? (N) (DVS)	700 Club (N) (DVS)	GrowPains (N) (DVS)	GrowPains (N) (DVS)						
33	9	NBC	News (N) (DVS)	Ent. Tonight (N) (DVS)	Ed (N) (DVS)	West Wing "Shutdown" (N) (DVS)	Law & Order "Embedded" (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	(35) Tonight Show (N) (DVS)					
34	43	NICK	Oddparents (N) (DVS)	Sabrina (N) (DVS)	Full House (N) (DVS)	Full House (N) (DVS)	Cosby (N) (DVS)	Cosby (N) (DVS)	Roseanne (N) (DVS)	Roseanne (N) (DVS)	Cosby (N) (DVS)	Cosby (N) (DVS)		
36	53	A&E	Biography: Ron Howard: Favorite Son (N) (DVS)	American Justice "Driven to Kill" (N) (DVS)	American Justice "A Mother's Betrayal" (N) (DVS)	Third Watch "Impulse" (N) (DVS)	Biography: Ron Howard: Favorite Son (N) (DVS)							
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) ★★★ "The Beast" (1996) William Petersen, Karen Sillas. (N) (DVS)	★★ "Crocodile" (2000), Caitlin Martin (N) (DVS)										
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out "Oregon: Plumeria Way" (N) (DVS)	Clean Sweep "A couple of pack rats need help." (N) (DVS)	Secrets of Forensic Science (N) (DVS)	Sports Disasters II (N) (DVS)	Junkyard Wars "Giant Darts" (N) (DVS)							
40	38	FX	Buff Vampire (N) (DVS)	Married... Married... (N) (DVS)	Cops (N) (DVS)	Cops (N) (DVS)	★★★ "X-Men" (2000), Patrick Stewart (N) (DVS)							
45	31	FMC	(01) ★★★ "Fathom" (1967), Raquel Welch (N) (DVS)	(01) Hour of Stars (N) (DVS)										
49	81	EITV	Kobe Bryant: True Story (N) (DVS)	High Price of Fame (N) (DVS)	Celebrities Uncensored (N) (DVS)	Howard S. (N) (DVS)	Howard S. (N) (DVS)	Wild On... (N) (DVS)						
51	86	TRAV	Secrets (N) (DVS)	World Poker Tour "Paris" (N) (DVS)	Secrets (N) (DVS)	World Poker Tour (N) (DVS)								
53	3	WB	Friends (N) (DVS)	Everybody-Raymond (N) (DVS)	Smallville "Shattered" (N) (DVS)	Angel "Destiny" (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	Friends (N) (DVS)	Will & Grace (N) (DVS)					
54	57	ESPN2	(5:30) College Football Marshall at Central Florida. (Live) (N) (DVS)	College Basketball: Preseason NIT - Teams TBA (N) (DVS)	Fastbreak (N) (DVS)									
58	52	HIST	Men Who Killed Kennedy (N) (DVS)	Men Who Killed Kennedy (N) (DVS)	Men Who Killed Kennedy (N) (DVS)									