

Young man needs attitude adjustments

DEAR ABBY: You were far too easy on the ninth-grade boy who said: "Women are like fish. If you have the right bait, they are easy to lure in. Once you've sampled the goods, then you throw them back." He asked "what was up" with all the "unfortunate women and their out-of-wedlock pregnancies and bad relationships" and said that men don't have these problems.

What kind of male role model does that boy have? He appears to be headed



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for many brief relationships if he has the preconception that women are to be hooked and then let go. With that mindset, he'll miss out on the love and stability of a healthy relationship when the "right fish" comes along and he has the wrong attitude.

He should look at the lake from the top instead of the bottom. The water is kinda murky from his vantage point. — HOOKED AND RELEASED BY CHOICE, CANTON, OHIO

DEAR H&R: You're right. Did that letter ever touch a nerve. I was inundated with mail. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a hunch that boy has "sampled" some goods and "thrown them back" despite his claim that "he isn't like that." Girls who have out-of-wedlock pregnancies and bad relationships don't get that way by themselves. There are boys involved.

You should have told him that he's not as smart as he thinks he is, and to look for better role models for how to treat women.

P.S. Reminding him to always keep a "net" handy to cover his "fishing pole" wouldn't have been a bad idea either. — MARGARET IN EASTON, PENN.

DEAR MARGARET: Not a bad

suggestion. It might keep him from getting in over his head.

DEAR ABBY: My name is Kelsey. I live in Japan and have a few words for "Mr. Fisherman." Women are NOT like fish! Is it so wrong to actually trust a guy? By the sound of it, I think you are out there casting your hook as well. I hope you know where I hope it lands! Women are no more gullible than any other human can be, and we are not stupid. I have had a couple of bad relationships, but I'm grateful for them. They made me smarter. — "LITTLE FISHY" IN NINTH GRADE

DEAR "LITTLE FISHY": Good point. It may take a couple of "strikes," but people learn from experience.

DEAR ABBY: For every bad relationship and every single mother, there

is a man who contributed to it. Women use sex to get love. Men use love to get sex. Which seems to be the lesser of the evils? — TAKES TWO TO TANGO, VANCOUVER, WASH.

DEAR TAKES TWO: Neither. When people do THAT dance, they both get cheated because neither one is a commodity to be traded for the other.

DEAR ABBY: What's up with all these men who leave women after they impregnate them? They bolt at the sight of anything more complicated than Monday night football or hooting at a strip club.

Men are like dogs. If they smell food, they'll come panting. If they were smart enough to accomplish more than a few simple tricks for treats, there wouldn't be a need to write this letter.

Offended? GOOD! Not all women are like fish, hoping to catch bait their entire lives. Women are strong, ambitious, intelligent people. Not all men are dogs, either. Some men are loving, generous and intelligent enough to lead healthy, functional lives supporting their partners as equals. Unfortunately, "Fisherman" is too juvenile to see this.

By the way, I'm also in ninth grade. — MICHELLE S., MENLO PARK, CALIF.

DEAR MICHELLE: Thank you for an excellent response. You have a good head on your shoulders. I hope my male readers understand that girls who have strong, active male role models in their lives are less likely to take the bait when it's offered.

TUESDAY EVENING										E-Eagle Cable S-S&T Telephone		FEB. 17, 2004						
E	S	6 pm		6:30	7 pm		7:30	8 pm		8:30	9 pm		9:30	10 pm		10:30		
36	53	A&E	Biography Andrew Cunanan. [E]		Cold Case Files		Police solve a murder after 20 years. [E]				Third Watch "The Greater Good" [E]				Biography Andrew Cunanan. [E]			
4	6	ABC	8 Simple Rules (N)		I'm With Her (N) [E]		According to Jim (N)		Less Than Perfect (N)		NYPD Blue "Passing the Stone" (N) [E] (PA)		News [E]		(:35) Nightline [E]		(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Simon Cowell. (N)	
26	48	ANPL	Beastly Countdown "Slackers" (N)		Eaten Alive		Close encounters with parasites.		Animal Precinct		Neglected pit bull. [E]		Beastly Countdown "Slackers"		Eaten Alive		Close encounters with parasites.	
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]		Keen Eddie "Inciting Incident" [E]		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Ralph S."				The West Wing "Com-mencement" [E]		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Ralph S."					
7	11	CBS	Navy NCIS "The Good Samaritan" (N) [E]		The Guardian "Without Consent" (N) [E]		Judging Amy "Were-wolves of Hartford" (N)		News [E]		(:35) Late Show Kelly Ripa; Lindsay Lohan. (N)		The Late Late Show					
24	50	DISC	Air Jaws: Sharks of South Africa [E]		Anatomy of a Crash [E]		Justice Files Torn apart by violence. [E]		New Detectives: Forensic Science		Crimestime (Series Premiere) (N)							
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]		The Proud Family [E]		Even Stevens [E]		Sister, Sister [E]		Sister, Sister [E]		Lizzie McGuire		"Miracle in Lane 2" (2000, Drama) Frankie Muniz, Patrick Levis. [E]			
49	81	EITV	Sharon Stone		Hollywood Love Story		Yearbook		Yearbook		Howard S. [E]		Howard S. [E]		Celebrities Uncensored			
22	56	ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball		Florida at Georgia. (Live) [E]		SportsCenter (Live) [E]		Outside		Gamenight					
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball		NBA Fastbreak Tuesday		(Live) [E]		Streetball		Gonzaga		Fastbreak		Streetball			
32	46	FAM	★: "Autumn in New York" (2000) [E]		Who's? [E]		Who's? [E]		The 700 Club [E]		Funnies Home Videos							
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies [E]		In Shape [E]		Workout [E]		Fitness [E]		Bodies [E]		In Shape [E]		Workout [E]		Fitness [E]	
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★: "Broadcast News" (1987) William Hurt. [E]		(:31) "The Ox-Bow Incident" (1943) [E]		"Phantom-Para."											
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Louisiana Favorites" [E]		Roker on the Road [E]		Foodnation [E]		Food Finds (N) [E]		Amer. Festivals [E]		Unwrapped		Good Eats [E]		Emeril Live "Louisiana Favorites" [E]	
13	7	FOX	American Idol Eight semifinalists compete. [E]		24 "Day 3: 2:00 AM - 3:00 AM" (N) [E]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]		Cagney & Lacey "Divine Couriers" (N)		Kojak "Sister Maria" [E]							
40	38	FX	Buffy Vampire		Married... [E]		Married... [E]		Cops [E]		Cops [E]		★★: "Bedazzled" (2000) [E]		Brendan Fraser. [E]			
30	55	FXSP	NASCAR [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Denver Nuggets. (Live) [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]	
5	14	HBO	"Honey-Blew" [E]		★★★ "Ocean's Eleven" (2001, Adventure) George Clooney, Matt Damon. [E] "PG-13" [E]		★ "Kangaroo Jack" (2002) Jerry O'Connell. [E] "PG" [E]											
62	67	HGTV	Outer [E]		Sensible [E]		Decorating Design [E]		Designers' [E]		Designers' [E]		Home [E]		Design [E]		Outer [E]	
58	52	HIST	Deep Sea Detectives "Slave Ship Uncovered" [E]		Tactical to Practical Helicopters; lasers. [E]		Modern Marvels "Silver Mines" [E]		Sex in World War II "The Home Front" [E]		Deep Sea Detectives "Slave Ship Uncovered" [E]							
25	35	IND	★ "The Patriot" (1998) Steven Seagal. A doctor must save a Montana town from chemical warfare. [E]		(:10) ★★ "Hard to Kill" (1990) Steven Seagal. A policeman emerges from a seven-year coma. [E]		(1990) Steven Seagal. A policeman emerges from a seven-year coma. [E]		(:10) ★★ "The Patriot" (1998) Steven Seagal. [E]									
18	63	LIFE	"The Promise" (1999) Isabella Hofmann. [E]		Until the Violence Stops [E]		Golden [E]		Golden [E]		The Nanny [E]		The Nanny [E]					
23	77	MTV	TRL (iTV) [E]		Talidaters [E]		MTV Spec [E]		Direct Effect [E]		TRL (iTV) [E]		Real World [E]		Real World [E]			
3	9	NBC	News [E]		Ent. Tonight [E]		Fear Factor "Four Stunt Show" (N) [E]		(:22) Scrubs (N) [E]		(8:59) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) [E]		News [E]		(:35) The Tonight Show "The View"; JC Chasez. [E]		(:37) Late Night (N) [E]	
8	8	NBC	Fear Factor "Four Stunt Show" (N) [E]		(:22) Scrubs (N) [E]		(7:59) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) [E]		News [E]		(:35) The Tonight Show "The View"; JC Chasez. [E]		(:37) Late Night (N) [E]					
34	43	NICK	Oddparents/Sabrina [E]		Full House [E]		Full House [E]		Cosby [E]		Cosby [E]		Roseanne [E]		Roseanne [E]		Cosby [E]	
2	2	PBS	Nova "Crash of Flight III" (N) [E] (DVS) [E]		Innovation "Human Body Shop" (N) [E]		Now With Bill Moyers (N) [E]		As Time Goes By [E]		That's My Boy [E]		Charlie Rose (N) [E]					
38	83	SCFI	Beyond Belief [E]		★★: "The Shadow" (1994) Alec Baldwin. [E]		★★★ "The Butcher's Wife" (1991) Demi Moore. [E]											
61	41	SPK	Real TV [E]		Real TV [E]		Real TV [E]		Star Trek: Next Gener. [E]		Star Trek: Next Gener. [E]		Oblivious [E]		Oblivious [E]			
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [E]		Clean Sweep Child-friendly home office. [E]		In a Fix "Medieval Kitchen" (N) [E]		In a Fix A couple lives in a fixer-upper. (N) [E]		Rides "Topless" Roadsters. (N) [E]							
28	37	TNT	Law & Order [E] (DVS) [E]		Law & Order [E] (DVS) [E]		Charmed [E]		Angel [E]		The X-Files "Hungry" [E]							
51	86	TRAV	Travel Tech (N) [E]		Made [E]		Made [E]		Kings of the Road [E]		Travel Tech [E]		Made [E]		Made [E]			
21	82	TVLND	Sigmund Electra [E]		Lidsville [E]		Bugalos [E]		Pufnstuf [E]		Land Lost [E]		World of Krofft [E]		Sanford [E]		All-Family [E]	
60	89	UNIV	Velo de Novia [E]		Te Amaré en Silencio [E]		Casos de la Vida Real [E]		Impacto [E]		Noticiero [E]		En las Mejores Familias [E]					
20	34	USA	★★ "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy) Adam Sandler. [E]		★★★ "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy) Adam Sandler. [E]		★★★ "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy) Adam Sandler. [E]		News [E]		Friends [E]		Friends [E]		Will & Grace [E]			
12	3	WB	Friends [E]		Everybody-Raymond [E]		Gilmore Girls (N) [E]		One Tree Hill "I Shall Believe" (N) [E]		News [E]		Friends [E]		Will & Grace [E]			

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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							
36	53	A&E	Biography "The Princesses of Monaco" [E]	American Justice "Murder by Mercedes" (N) [E]		Angel of Death: Killer Nurse (N) [E]		Third Watch "Unleashed" [E]		Biography "The Princesses of Monaco" [E]								
4	6	ABC	My Wife and Kids [E]	It's All Relative (N) [E]	The Bachelorette (N) [E]		Celebrity Mole Yucatan (Season Finale) (N) [E]		News [E]	(:35) Nightline [E]	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Darren Griffith. (N)							
26	48	ANPL	Most Extreme: Bitters [E]	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries [E]		Animal Precinct "Terrier Rescue" [E]		Most Extreme: Bitters [E]		The Crocodile Hunter Diaries [E]								
63	54	BRAVO	★★★★ "Good Will Hunting" (1997) Matt Damon. A young Boston man must deal with his genius and emotions. [E]					(:45) The West Wing "Twenty-Five" [E]	(:45) ★★★★★ "Good Will Hunting" (1997, Drama) Matt Damon. [E]									
7	11	CBS	60 Minutes II [E]		The King of Queens (N) [E]		Everybody-Raymond [E]		48 Hours Investigates [E]	News [E]	(:35) Late Show Ashley Judd; Ben Harper. (N)	The Late Late Show [E]						
24	50	DISC	Wild Asia Land and sea compete at shorelines. [E]		American Mobster: Searching for Whitey [E]		The FBI Files "Moving Target" [E]		The Real Mary Magdalene [E]		Unsolved History "Roswell" [E]							
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	The Proud Family [E]	Even Stevens [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	"Just Like Dad" (1996) Wallace Shawn. A bullied boy hires a man to stand in for his nerdy father. [E]									
49	81	E!TV	Arnold & Maria: The El True Hollywood Story [E]		Celebrities Uncensored [E]		Howard S. [E]		Howard S. [E]		Celebrities Uncensored [E]							
22	56	ESPN	College Basketball [E]		College Basketball Duke at Wake Forest. [E]		SportsCenter (Live) [E]		Outside Gamenight [E]									
54	57	ESPN2	NHL Hockey: Coyotes at Red Wings [E]		NHL 2Night [E]		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Portland Trail Blazers. [E]		Fastbreak [E]									
32	46	FAM	★ "For Richer or Poorer" (1997) Tim Allen, Kirstie Alley. [E]		Who's? [E]		The 700 Club [E]		Videos [E]		Videos [E]							
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies [E]		In Shape [E]	Workout [E]	Fitness [E]	Peak Performance [E]		Bodies [E]	In Shape [E]	Workout [E]	Fitness [E]					
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★★★★ "A Letter to Three Wives" (1949) [E]		(:01) Hour of Stars [E]		(:01) ★★ "Laura" (1944) Gene Tierney. [E]											
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Pacific Fishes" [E]		Good Eats [E]		Oliver's Twist (N) [E]	\$40-a-Day [E]	Ciao America [E]	Unwrapped Good Eats [E]	Emeril Live "Pacific Fishes" [E]							
13	7	FOX	That '70s Show (N) [E]	American Idol [E]	The O.C. "The Heartbreak" (N) [E]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]		Cagney & Lacey "The Right to Remain Silent" [E]		Kojak "Another Gypsy Queen" [E]							
40	38	FX	Cops [E]		★★★★ "Alien 3" (1992) Sigourney Weaver, Charles S. Dutton. [E]		★ "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo" (1999) [E]											
30	55	FXSP	NASCAR [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]	Avalanche [E]	NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Colorado Avalanche. (Live) [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		Late Poker [E]							
5	14	HBO	(5:00) ★★ "Daredevil" [E]		(:45) ★★★★★ "Wild America" (1997, Adventure) [E]	Jonathan Taylor Thomas. [E]		PG [E]	★★★★★ "Scooby-Doo" (2002, Adventure) Freddie Prinze Jr. [E]		PG [E]							
62	67	HGTV	House [E]		Before Aft [E]	Weekend [E]	Mission [E]	Curb [E]	Curb [E]	House [E]	Restore [E]	House [E]	Before Aft [E]					
58	52	HIST	Modern Marvels "Breaking the Sound Barrier" [E]		Modern Marvels "Drag Racing" [E]		Modern Marvels "NASCAR Tech" (N) [E]		Serial Killers "Ted Bundy; Richard Speck" [E]		Modern Marvels "Breaking the Sound Barrier" [E]							
25	35	IND	Seinfeld [E]	Seinfeld "The Rye" [E]	Ripley's Believe It or Not! [E]		★★★★★ "Soldier" (1998) (PA) Kurt Russell. A soldier in a futuristic society defends his new home. [E]		★★★★★ "Son-in-Law" (1993) Pauly Shore. [E]									
18	63	LIFE	The Nanny [E]		The Nanny [E]		"Sinners Need Company" (2002) Gail O'Grady. [E]		Golden [E]	Golden [E]	The Nanny [E]							
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3	9	NBC	News [E]		Ent. Tonight [E]		The Apprentice "Tit for Tat" [E]		The West Wing "An Khe" (N) [E]		(8:59) Law & Order "Veteran's Day" (N) [E]							
8	8	NBC	The Apprentice "Tit for Tat" [E]		The West Wing "An Khe" (N) [E]		(7:59) Law & Order "Veteran's Day" (N) [E]		News [E]		(3:59) The Tonight Show (N) [E]							
34	43	NICK	Oddparents [E]		Sabrina [E]		Full House [E]		Cosby [E]	Cosby [E]	Roseanne [E]	Roseanne [E]	Cosby [E]	Cosby [E]				
2	2	PBS	In Search of Shakespeare (N) [E]		The Medici: Godfathers of the Renaissance establish world's largest banking business. [E]		Cosimo de Medici and his father [E]		Charlie Rose (N) [E]									
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) "What Dreams May Come" [E]		★★★★ "The Witches of Eastwick" (1987) Jack Nicholson. [E]						The Outer Limits [E]							
61	41	SPK	Real TV [E]		Real TV [E]		Star Trek: Next Gener. [E]		Star Trek: Next Gener. [E]		★★★★ "The Krays" [E]							
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [E]		Clean Sweep Old wallpaper needs changing. [E]		In a Fix "Nature Within" Cheap fixtures give way. [E]		A Makeover Story [E]		A Makeover Story [E]		For Better or for Worse "Jennifer and Ron" [E]					
28	37	TNT	Law & Order [E]		(DVS) [E]		★★★★ "Seven" (1995) Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman. [E]		iTV. [E]		Law & Order [E]		(DVS) [E]		The X-Files [E]			
51	86	TRAV	Non-Stop Slots [E]		World Poker Tour Foxwoods, Conn. [E]		Non-Stop Slots [E]		World Poker Tour [E]		World Poker Tour [E]		World Poker Tour [E]		World Poker Tour [E]			
21	82	TVLND	Burnett [E]		All-Family [E]		Sanford [E]		Bewitched [E]		All Access [E]		Leave [E]		Family Ties [E]		Cheers [E]	
60	89	UNIV	Velo de Novia [E]		Te Amaré en Silencio [E]		Don Francisco Presenta [E]		Impacto [E]		Noticiero [E]		En las Mejores Familias [E]					
20	34	USA	Law & Order [E]		"The Perfect Husband: The Laci Peterson Story" [E]		Law & Order [E]						Monk [E]					
12	3	WB	Friends [E]		Everybody-Raymond [E]		Smallville "Obsession" (N) [E]		Angel "Smile Time" (N) [E]		News [E]		Friends [E]		Will & Grace [E]			