

Rings can be consigned or remade

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a man in Chicago who had broken his engagement. He asked how to dispose of the rings because it was "no longer possible to return them to the jeweler, and a pawnshop would never give (him) their full value." You advised him to get a written appraisal and donate the rings to charity.



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and I disagree. If that young man needs the money instead of a tax write-off, there are jewelers who will take items on consignment.

Another idea is to run an ad in the classified section of the local newspaper. Before he places the ad, the man should contact a local jeweler, make an appointment to have a written appraisal done, and ask the jeweler if—for a commission—he can

meet the prospective buyer in the store. This adds credibility to the ring that is being sold, and it is the only safe way to resell jewelry to the public.

Jewelers spend thousands of dollars to get people inside their doors; this would be two more prospective customers for the jeweler. That is why most independent jewelers wouldn't mind accommodating the young man.

If all else fails, and he's stuck with the rings, I have two other suggestions:

1. Get a safe-deposit box and keep them there. They will not lose value.
2. Melt down the bands and en-

agement ring and have a wonderful Mother's Day gift created. She would appreciate it more than anyone. — JEWELER IN THE SOUTH, DAPHNE, ALA.

DEAR SOUTHERN JEWELER: Thank you for your input. I learn from my readers every day. By the way, you aren't the only jeweler who offered suggestions. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your advice about donating the rings to charity isn't the only choice that young man has.

My husband is a custom jeweler. Women come into his store all the time wanting "divorce rings." They bring their old wedding rings, have them melted down and have a dif-

ferent one created. That young man could do the same thing for himself or for someone else important in his life. — JEWELER'S WIFE, CARRIZOZO, N.M.

DEAR WIFE: Hmmm ... a divorce ring? If the person doesn't mind being reminded of an unhappy chapter in life, I suppose that would work.

DEAR ABBY: Set the record straight and send that young man back to the jeweler! I have been buying estate jewelry for more than 25 years. In my experience, there are four ways to liquidate a diamond ring: (1) sell to a jeweler; (2) consign to a jewelry store; (3) sell through

an auction; (4) donate to a charity.

Consignment is usually the best choice because you can determine a fair price in advance and the jeweler doesn't have to front the money to buy it. Donating is harder because most charities are geared toward receiving money rather than merchandise.

Above all, remember the two "don'ts": Don't sell to someone you know — and don't run an ad, because it could be dangerous. — HANK FRIEDMAN, MARIN COUNTY, CALIF.

DEAR HANK: Thank you for the helpful suggestions — and thank you, too, for the warning.

TUESDAY EVENING		E= Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone									
		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 "Gary Bussey"	Cold Case Files DNA technology convicts a rapist and a murderer. (N) (R)				House of Dreams A winner is chosen. (N) (R)		Biography "Gary Bussey"	
4	6	ABC	8 Simple Rules (R)	I'm With Her (R)	According to Jim (R)	Less Than Perfect (R)	NYPD Blue "Old Yeller" (N) (PA) (R)	News (R)	(:35) Nightline (R)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Cypress Hill. (N) (R)	
26	48	ANPL	50 Outrageous Animal Facts (R)	Natural Born Sinners			Animal Cops Houston "The Most Unwanted"	50 Outrageous Animal Facts (R)		Natural Born Sinners	
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Rob M."	Significant Others (R)	Significant Others (R)	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (N) (R)	The West Wing "Six Meetings Before Lunch"			Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (R)	
7	11	CBS	Navy NCIS "The Curse"	Century City "To Know Her" (N) (R)			Judging Amy "Into the Fire" (R)	News (R)	(:35) Late Show Jamie Foxx; Brian Greene. (N)	The Late Late Show (R)	
24	50	DISC	Turtles: The Shell Game	Narrow Escapes			Justice Files "Getting Even" (R)	New Detectives: Forensic Science (R)		Animal Face-Off (R)	
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible (R)	The Proud Family (R)	Even Stevens (R)	Sister, Sister (R)	Sister, Sister (R)	Lizzie McGuire (R)		*** "MVP: Most Valuable Primate" (2000, Comedy) Kevin Zegers, PG (R)	
49	81	EITV	101 Reasons (R)	101 Reasons (R)			101 Reasons (R)	Howard S. (R)	Howard S. (R)	Celebrities Uncensored (R)	
22	56	ESPN	Wm. Basketball	Women's College Basketball: NCAA			Women's College Basketball: NCAA	SportsCenter (Live) (R)		Outside (R)	Baseball (R)
54	57	ESPN2	Wm. Basketball	Update			Women's College Basketball: NCAA			College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal (R)	
32	46	FAM	** "Dennis the Menace" (1993, Comedy)				Who? (R)	Who? (R)		The 700 Club (R)	Funnest Home Videos (R)
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies In Shape (R)	Workout (R)	Fitness (R)		Best Ranger Challenge (R)	Bodies In Shape (R)		Workout (R)	Fitness (R)
35	31	FMC	(:01) *** "Wilson" (1944, Biography) Alexander Knox. (R)				(:35) *** "Frontier Marshal" (R)			(:01) "The Nickel Ride" (R)	
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Tracing the Mississippi"	Roker on the Road (R)	Foodnation (R)		Food Finds (R)	Amer. Festivals (R)	Unwrapped (R)	Good Eats (R)	Emeril Live "Tracing the Mississippi" (R)
13	7	FOX	American Idol (TV) Finalists compete. (Live) (R)				The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (R)	Cagney & Lacey "Yup" (R)		Kojak "Web of Death" (R)	
40	38	FX	*** "X-Men" (2000) Hugh Jackman. (R)				*** "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. (R)				
30	55	FXP	NASCAR Avalanche (R)	NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at Colorado Avalanche. (Live) (R)			Rocky Mt. (R)	Rocky Mt. (R)		Rocky Mt. (R)	Rocky Mt. (R)
5	14	HBO	(5:15) *** "Spy" (2002) Eddie Murphy. (R)	** "Enough" (2002, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell. (R) PG-13 (R)			** "Old School" (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell. (R) R (R)				"Real Women" (R)
62	67	HGTV	Outer Sensible (R)	Decorating Design (R)	Designers' Designers' (R)		Home Design (R)	Design (R)		Outer Sensible (R)	
58	52	HIST	Outlaw Bikers Hoodlums represent violence. (R)	Motorcycles How motorcycles have excited riders. (R)			Hooked: Illegal Drugs and How They Got (R)			Outlaw Bikers Hoodlums represent violence. (R)	
25	35	IND	** "Driven" (2001) Sylvester Stallone. A former racer returns to the sport to help a rising star. (R)				(:10) ** "The Specialist" (1994, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Sharon Stone. (R) (PA) (R)			(:10) ** "Driven" (2001, Action) (PA) (R)	
18	63	LIFE	** "Malpractice" (2001) Stephanie Zimbalist. (R)				** "A Killer Among Friends" (1992) (R)			The Nanny (R)	The Nanny (R)
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) (R)	Made (R)			Direct Effect (R)			TRL (TV) (R)	MTV Spec (R)
3	9	NBC	News (R)	Ent. Tonight (R)	Whoopi (R)	Happy Family (R)	Frasier (N) (R)	(:31) Scrubs (N) (R)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Sick" (N) (R)	News (R)	The Tonight Show (R)
8	8	NBC	Saving Kids Like Me (R)	Frasier (N) (R)	(:31) Scrubs (N) (R)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Sick" (N) (R)	News (R)	(:35) The Tonight Show (R)	(:37) Late Night (R)	
34	43	NICK	Oddparents All That (R)	Full House (R)	Full House (R)	Roseanne (R)	Roseanne (R)	Roseanne (R)	Roseanne (R)	Roseanne (R)	Roseanne (R)
2	2	PBS	Nova "Mysterious Mummies of China" (R)	Scientific American Frontiers (R) (DVS)			Now With Bill Moyers (N) (R)	BBC World News (R)	That's My Boy (R)	Charlie Rose (N) (R)	
38	83	SCIFI	** "Fatal Reality" (1999) Antonio Sabato Jr. (R)				Mad Mad House (R)			** "It Came From Outer Space II" (1996) (R)	
61	41	SPK	Real TV (R)	Real TV (R)	Real TV (R)	Real TV (R)	Star Trek: Next Gener. (R)	Star Trek: Next Gener. (R)		Oblivious (R)	Oblivious (R)
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out (R)	Clean Sweep "All American Mess" (R)			In a Fix Unfinished projects. (R)	In a Fix "New Family Style" (N) (R)		Rides "Heavy Metal" (R)	
28	37	TNT	Law & Order (R) (DVS)	Law & Order "Absentia" (R)			Charmed (R)	Angel "Judgement" (R)		The X-Files (R)	
51	86	TRAV	Ice Cream Palaces (N)	Made (R)	Made (R)		Kings of the Road (R)	Ice Cream Palaces (R)		Made (R)	Made (R)
21	82	TVLND	Griffith Munsters (R)	Bewitched GreenAcre (R)			Griffith Leave (R)	Family Ties Cheers (R)	Sanford (R)	All-Family (R)	
60	89	UNIV	Mariana de la Noche (R)	Bajo la Misma Piel (R)			Casos de la Vida Real (R)	Impacto (R)	Noticiero (R)	En las Mejores Familias (R)	
20	34	USA	Law & Order (R)	** "Heist" (2001) Gene Hackman. Premiere. (R)			Law & Order (R)			Sisco (R)	
12	3	WB	Friends (R)	Everybody-Raymond (R)	Gilmore Girls "A Family Matter" (R)		High School Reunion The girls seek out Gabe. (R)	News (R)		Friends (R)	Will & Grace (R)
99	36	WGN	Home Imp. (R)	NBA Basketball New Jersey Nets at Chicago Bulls. (R)			News (R)	Becker (R)		Elimidate (R)	5th Wheel (R)

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36	53	A&E	Biography "Heidi Fleiss: Hollywood Madam" (R)	American Justice: Who Wants to Kill (R)	City Confidential (R)			Third Watch "10-13" (R)		Biography "Heidi Fleiss: Hollywood Madam" (R)	
4	6	ABC	My Wife and Kids (R)	Extreme Makeover (N) (R)	Stephen King's Kingdom Hospital (N) (R)			News (R)	(:35) Nightline (R)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (R)	
26	48	ANPL	Most Extreme "Defenders" (R)	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries (N) (R)	Animal Cops Houston "Dirty Work" (R)			Most Extreme "Defenders" (R)		The Crocodile Hunter Diaries (R)	
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (R)	Kathy Griffin: The D-List Comedian performs. (R)			Keen Eddie (R)			The West Wing "Let Bartlet Be Bartlet" (R)	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Rob M." (R)
7	11	CBS	Survivor: All-Stars "All-Star Redux" (N) (R)	The King of the Stones Queens (N) (R)	48 Hours Investigates "Sons of Camelot" (N) (R)			News (R)	(:35) Late Show David Arquette; Blondie. (N) (R)	The Late Late Show (R)	
24	50	DISC	Stars of the Humpback Whale (R)	Supermax "The Drug Bust" (R)	The FBI Files "Blood Brothers" (R)			Lost City of Pompeii: Secrets of the Dead (R)		Colosseum: A Gladiator's Story (R)	
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible (R)	The Proud Family (R)	Even Stevens (R)	Sister, Sister (R)	Lizzie McGuire (R)			"Going to the Mat" (2004) Andrew Lawrence. A blind teenager becomes a high-school wrestler. (R)	
49	81	EITV	H'wood Story (R)	Teen Idols of the '80s (R)			Celebrities Uncensored (R)			Howard S. (R)	Howard S. (R)
22	56	ESPN	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Indiana Pacers. (Live) (R)				NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Los Angeles Lakers. (R)				
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball: NIT	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal (R)						SportsCenter (Live) (R)	Outside (R)
32	46	FAM	** "Lucky 7" (2003) Kimberly Williams-Paisley. (R)				Who? (R)	Who? (R)		The 700 Club (R)	Videos (R)
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies In Shape (R)	Workout (R)	Fitness (R)		Bodybuilders (R)			Bodies In Shape (R)	Workout (R)
35	31	FMC	(:01) *** "Wilson" (1944, Biography) Alexander Knox. (R)				(:35) *** "Lady in Cement" (1968, Mystery) (R)			(:01) Hour of Stars (R)	(:01) *** "Cavalcade" (1933) Clive Brook (R)
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Smoked catfish terrine. (R)	Good Eats (R)	Oliver's Twist (N) (R)		\$40-a-Day (R)	Ciao America (R)	Unwrapped (R)	Good Eats (R)	Emeril Live Smoked catfish terrine. (R)
13	7	FOX	That '70s Show (R)	American Idol (R)	The O.C. "The L.A." (N) (R)			The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (R)	Cagney & Lacey "A Fair Shake" (R)		Kojak "One for the Morgue" (R)
40	38	FX	(5:30) *** "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith. (R)				*** "Bedazzled" (2000) Brendan Fraser, Elizabeth Hurley. (R)				
30	55	FXP	NASCAR Nuggets (R)	NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Denver Nuggets. (R)			Rocky Mt. (R)	Rocky Mt. (R)		Rocky Mt. (R)	Late Poker (R)
5	14	HBO	(5:00) *** "Catch Me if You Can" (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio. (R)				City on Fire: Story of '68 Detroit Tigers (R)			A Boy's Life A boy contends with dysfunction. (N) (R)	The Sopranos "Where's Johnny?" (R)
62	67	HGTV	House Before Aft (R)	Weekend Mission (R)	Curb (R)		House Restore (R)			House Before Aft (R)	
58	52	HIST	Convertibles Convertibles. (R)	Car Tech of the Future futuristic designs. (R)			Hooked: Illegal Drugs and How They Got (R)			Convertibles Convertibles. (R)	
25	35	IND	Seinfeld (R)	Seinfeld (R)	*** "Cliffhanger" (1993, Adventure) (PA) Sylvester Stallone, John Lithgow. (R)					Ripley's Believe It or Not! (R)	*** "Dave" (1993) Kevin Kline. (R)
18	63	LIFE	** "A Family Under Siege" (2002) Mel Harris. (R)				** "A Mother's Revenge" (1993) Lesley Ann Warren. (R)			The Nanny (R)	The Nanny (R)
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) (R)	Made (R)			Direct Effect (R)			TRL (TV) (R)	Newlywed (R)
3	9	NBC	News (R)	Ent. Tonight (R)	The Apprentice "A Look Back" (R)			The West Wing "The Supremes" (N) (R)		Law & Order "Evil Breeds" (N) (R)	News (R)
8	8	NBC	The Apprentice "A Look Back" (R)	The West Wing "The Supremes" (N) (R)	Law & Order "Evil Breeds" (N) (R)			News (R)	(:35) The Tonight Show (R)	(:37) Late Night (R)	
34	43	NICK	Oddparents All That (R)	Full House (R)	Full House (R)	Cosby (R)	Cosby (R)	Roseanne (R)	Roseanne (R)	Cosby (R)	Cosby (R)
2	2	PBS	National Geographic: Inca Mummies (R)	American Masters "Richard Rodgers: The Sweetest Sounds" (R)			BBC World News (R)	Two's Company (R)		Charlie Rose (N) (R)	
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) *** "Species" (R)	** "Species II" (1998) Michael Madsen. (R) (R)			** "Fire in the Sky" (1993) D.B. Sweeney. (R)				
61	41	SPK	Real TV (R)	Real TV (R)	Real TV (R)	Real TV (R)	Star Trek: Next Gener. (R)	Star Trek: Next Gener. (R)		"The Untouchables" (R)	
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out (R)	Clean Sweep Deciding what to throw away. (R)			In a Fix "Teenager's Bedroom" (N) (R)			What Not to Wear A hairstylist lacks style. (R)	For Better or for Worse "Janee and Andrew" (N) (R)
28	37	TNT	Law & Order (R) (DVS)	Law & Order (R) (DVS)	*** "Pleasantville" (1998) Tobey Maguire. (R) (DVS)			Thrill Rides (R)		World Poker Tour (R)	
51	86	TRAV	Thrill Rides (R)	World Poker Tour "Grand Prix de Paris" (N) (R)			Thrill Rides (R)			World Poker Tour (R)	
21	82	TVLND	Griffith Munsters (R)	Bewitched GreenAcre (R)	All Access TV Land Awards 2004 (R)					All-Family (R)	
60	89	UNIV	Mariana de la Noche (R)	Bajo la Misma Piel (R)	Don Francisco Presenta (R)			Impacto (R)	Noticiero (R)	En las Mejores Familias (R)	
20	34	USA	Law & Order (R)	Monk (R)	Law & Order (R)			Law & Order (R)		The Dead Zone (R)	
12	3	WB	Friends (R)	Everybody-Raymond (R)	Smallville "Perry" (R) (R)			Smallville "Viewers' Choice" (R) (R)		News (R)	Friends (R)
99	36	WGN	Home Imp. (R)	NBA Basketball New Jersey Nets at Chicago Bulls. (R)			News (R)	Becker (R)	Becker (R)	Elimidate (R)	5th Wheel (R)

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		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files A Minnesota serial-killer remains free for nearly 20 years. (R)				With Malice "Lamb to the Slaughter" (N) (R)	Third Watch "Letting Go" (R)		Cold Case Files (R)	
4	6	ABC	Primetime Thursday (R)	Figure Skating World Championships. From Dortmund, Germany. (Same-day tape) (R)			News (R)	(:35) Nightline (R)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (R)		
26	48	ANPL	The Planet's Funniest Animals (R)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (R)	Animal Cops Houston "Hungry for Justice" (R)			The Planet's Funniest Animals (R)		The Planet's Funniest Animals (R)	
63	54	BRAVO	** "Silverado" (1985, Western) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn. The paths of four cowboys converge en route to a showdown. PG-13 (R)				The West Wing "Mandatory Minimums" (R) (R)			** "Silverado" (1985) Kevin Kline. (R)	
7	11	CBS	College Basketball: NCAA Regional Semifinal -- Teams TBA	College Basketball NCAA Tournament Teams to Be Announced. (Live) (R)			Regional Semifinal -- Teams TBA	News (R)	(:35) Late Show (R)		
24	50	DISC	Dragons of Komodo (R)	Hot Pursuit (R)							