

Bright woman prefers heart over brains

DEAR ABBY: My father actually cut out the letter you printed from "Second Thoughts in Texas" and mailed it to me. It was the one from the woman asking if she should break up with "Dale," a romantic, nurturing and supportive man who isn't as bright as she would prefer him to be. I have been dealing with the same issue for the last eight years. I'm 32; my husband, "Jay," is 28. I divorced



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him two years ago for the same reasons "Second Thoughts" related. While Jay and I were apart, I dated other men — generally older. And I did find someone, "Bill," who fit the ideal I was looking for. My problem was, I could never get the "feeling" for Bill that I had for my husband, even though I tried. The breakup with Bill was terrible. Jay and I are back together now

and happier than ever. I am still in college and I took a personality test. I gave the same test to Jay. We couldn't believe the results. It put a lot of things in perspective about the two of us. I can get intellectual stimulation at school or at work. It is much harder to find someone who is always there for me than it is to find a witty conversationalist. She should never let him go. — WARM HEART IN CHICAGO DEAR WARM HEART: That letter generated a stack of mail. Read on: DEAR ABBY: This is for the woman who has "Second Thoughts in Texas." Lady, you will soon realize that the man you have is the one

you wished for, despite his lack of intellect. My husband is all you mentioned. I help him with his intellectual skills because he is worth every effort. We have been married eight years, and I take pride in the fact that my husband makes the effort to impress me with his conversation and etiquette. We discussed it when we were first married, and things have been fine ever since. But I would never have considered giving him up because there were so many great reasons to stay with him. Tell "Second Thoughts" that not every marriage starts out 100 percent. There is always an area that needs a little help, but you can work

on it together. — WORTH EVERY EFFORT IN NEW YORK DEAR WARM HEART AND WORTHEVERYEFFORT: As I said in my reply to "Second Thoughts," for many women, Dale's positive qualities would be enough and he would be considered a prize. Your experiences prove the truth of that statement. But for someone to enter a marriage feeling that he or she is making a sacrifice because his or her partner is somehow lacking is unfair to the partner, and I would not recommend it. DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, "Gertie," lived with us for the last two years since she was no longer able to care for herself. We let her have the

master bedroom. I moved into the computer room and slept on a cot while my husband, "Duane," slept on a hide-a-bed in the living room. Gertie died two months ago, and now Duane refuses to move her belongings out of that room. He says that everything in there is sacred. My husband even turns her favorite nightlight on at night. What am I to do? I can't compete with a ghost! — HELPLESS DEAR HELPLESS: Your husband is grieving for his mother and is not behaving rationally. He needs grief counseling and possibly a support group. Consult his doctor and see that he gets it. Meanwhile, join him on the hide-a-bed.

TUESDAY EVENING				E-Eagle Cable S-S&T Telephone				MAR. 30, 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 "Mackenzie Phillips: Nine Lives"	Cold Case Files		Other Man		Third Watch "In Confidence"	Biography "Mackenzie Phillips: Nine Lives"			
4	6	ABC	8 Simple Rules (N) I'm With Her (N)	According to Jim (N)	It's All Relative (N)	NYPD Blue "On the Fence" (N) (PA)		News	(:35) Nightline	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live		
26	48	ANPL	Venom ER (N)	Venom ER A rattlesnake bites a man on the leg.		Animal Cops Detroit "From the Brink"		Venom ER		Venom ER A rattlesnake bites a man on the leg.		
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy	Significant Others	Significant Others (N)	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Ralph S."		The West Wing "Six Meetings Before Lunch"		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Ralph S."		
7	11	CBS	Navy NCIS "Minimum Security" (N)	Century City (N)		Judging Amy "Into the Fire" (N)		News	(:35) Late Show Matthew Perry; Lou Reed.	The Late Late Show		
24	50	DISC	Body by Nature Animal biodiversity	G-Man: Making of an FBI Agent		The FBI Files "Caught in the Act"		The FBI Files A bank robber escapes from jail.		Animal Face-Off "Elephant vs. Rhino"		
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible	The Proud Family	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire	"The Other Me" (2000, Comedy) Andy Lawrence. A boy accidentally creates a clone of himself.			
49	81	EITV	Britney Spears Singer Britney Spears.			Infamous (N)		Howard S.	Howard S.	Celebrities Uncensored		
22	56	ESPN	Wm. Basketball			Women's College Basketball		SportsCenter (Live)		Outside	Baseball	
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball: NIT			College Basketball NIT Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced.			NCAA	Fastbreak	ATP Tennis	
32	46	FAM	*** "The Birdcage" (1996) Robin Williams, Gene Hackman.			Who?		The 700 Club		Funnies Home Videos		
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies	In Shape	Workout	Fitness	Martial Arts: Warrior	Bodies	In Shape	Workout	Fitness	
35	31	FMC	Frankenstein (:02) *** "Aliens" (1986) Sigourney Weaver, Michael Biehn.									"How to Steal a Million"
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "North to Alaska"		Roker on the Road		Foodnation		Food Finds "Amer. Festivals"	Unwrapped "Drive-Ins"	Good Eats	
13	7	FOX	American Idol (iTV) Finalists compete.		24 "Day 3: 4:00AM - 5:00AM" (N)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		Cagney & Lacey "Beyond the Golden Door"		Kojak "The Corrupter"	
40	38	FX	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	★ "The One" (2001) Jet Li. Premiere.			
30	55	FXSP	NASCAR	Rocky Mt.	NBA Basketball Seattle		Sonics at Denver Nuggets. (Live)		Rocky Mt.	Rocky Mt.	Rocky Mt.	
5	14	HBO	"Mrs. Doubtfire" *** "Doc Hollywood" (1991) Michael J. Fox. (N) PG-13			(15) ★★ "A Walk to Remember" (2002, Romance) Shane West, Mandy Moore. (N) PG		★ "What a Girl Wants" (2003) PG				
62	67	HGTV	Outer	Sensible	Decorating	Design	Designers' Designers'	Home Design	Outer	Sensible		
58	52	HIST	Remember the Alamo			The battle at the Alamo.		Wild West Tech Cowboy skills; historic cowboys.		Wild West Tech Wild Bill Hickok.		
25	35	IND	*** "Out for Justice" (1991, Drama) (PA) Steven Seagal, William Forsythe.			*** "Fire Down Below" (1997, Drama) (PA) Steven Seagal, Marg Helgenberger.		*** "Out for Justice" (1991) (PA)		The Nanny		
18	63	LIFE	*** "Shattered Hearts" (1998) (DVS)			*** "Dirty Little Secret" (1998) Tracey Gold.		The Nanny		The Nanny		
23	77	MTV	TRL (iTV) (N)		Spring Break Revisited		Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World	
3	9	NBC	News	Ent. Tonight	Whoopi (N)	Happy Family (N)	Frasier (N)	(:31) Scrubs (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Sick" (N)	News	The Tonight Show	
8	8	NBC	Whoopi (N)	Happy Family (N)	Frasier (N)	(:31) Scrubs (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Sick" (N)	News	(:35) The Tonight Show (N)	(:37) Late Night (N)		
34	43	NICK	Oddparents Grown Up		Full House		Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby	
2	2	PBS	Nova "Hunt for the Super-twister" (N)			New Americans A Mexican meatpacker living in Kansas returns home to visit his family. (N)		BBC World News "That's My Boy"		Charlie Rose (N)		
38	83	SCFI	*** "Bride of Chucky" (1998) Jennifer Tilly.			Mad Mad House		"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (1999) Adam Baldwin.				
61	41	SPK	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Oblivious	Oblivious	
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out		Clean Sweep		In a Fix "Kids' Gallery"		Rides "The Moal" All-aluminum Boatell.		Rides "Topless" Roadsters.	
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "Genius"		Law & Order "Seer"		Charmed	Angel	The X-Files			
51	86	TRAV	Beach Bites		Florida-Beaches		Secrets (N)	Beach Bites	Florida-Beaches			
21	82	TVLND	Griffith	Munsters	Bewitched	GreenAcre	Griffith	Family Ties	Cheers	Sanford	All-Family	
60	89	UNIV	Mariana de la Noche		Bajo la Misma Piel		Casos de la Vida Real		Impacto	Noticiero	En las Mejores Familias	
20	34	USA	Law & Order		*** "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. (DVS)		Law & Order		Sisco			
12	3	WB	Friends	Everybody-Raymond	Gilmore Girls		High School Reunion	News	Friends	Will & Grace		
99	36	WGN	*** "Alice" (1990) Mia Farrow.			News		Becker	Becker	Eliminate		



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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 "Melissa Gilbert: Beyond the	American Justice "Who Killed Hannah Hill?" (E)		City Confidential (E)		Third Watch "Closing In" (E)		Biography "Melissa Gilbert: Beyond the	
4	6	ABC	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids (E)	Extreme Makeover (E)		Stephen King's Kingdom Hospital (N) (E)		News (E)	(:35) Nightline (E)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (E) (E)
26	48	ANPL	Most Extreme: Fighters (E)	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries (N)		Animal Cops Detroit "Wild Goose Chase"		Most Extreme: Fighters (E)		The Crocodile Hunter Diaries	
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy for "Ralph S."	Keen Eddie (E) (E)		Keen Eddie "Sucker Punch" (E) (E)		The West Wing (E) (Part 1 of 2) (E)		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (E)	
7	11	CBS	60 Minutes II (E) (E)	The King of The Stones Queens (N) (N) (E)		48 Hours Investigates "Caged Kids" (N) (E)		News (E)	(:35) Late Show (N) (E)	The Late Late Show	
24	50	DISC	Baboon Tales Troop in central Kenya.	Dambreak Disasters		Justice Files "Horrible Husbands" (N)		Lost in the Wild "Nova Scotia" (N)		St. Valentine's Day Massacre (E)	
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible (E)	The Proud Family (E)	Even Stevens (E)	Sister, Sister (E) (E)	Sister, Sister (E) (E)	Lizzie McGuire	★★★ "Gotta Kick It Up" (2002) Susan Egan. A teacher changes the lives of some Latina students.		Celebrities Uncensored
49	81	EITV	'N Sync: E! THS	Teen Idols of the '90s		Celebrities Uncensored		Howard S.	Howard S.	Celebrities Uncensored	
22	56	ESPN	High School Basketball	High School Basketball		All-American		SportsCenter (Live) (E)		Outside	Baseball
54	57	ESPN2	NHL Hockey	NHL 2Night		Dream Job (N) (E)		Strongman Interruption		Fastbreak	ATP Tennis
32	46	FAM	★★★ "One Fine Day" (1996) Michelle Pfeiffer.		Who?		Who?		The 700 Club	Videos	Videos
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies	In Shape	Workout	Fitness	Martial Arts: Kung Fu		Bodies	In Shape	Workout
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★★ "The Incident" (1967) Tony Musante.		(:01) Hour of Stars		(:01) *** "Kiss of Death" (1947, Suspense)				
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Amazing Mollusks"		Good Eats	Oliver's Twist	\$40-a-Day	Ciao America	Unwrapped	Good Eats	Emeril Live "Amazing Mollusks"
13	7	FOX	That '70s Show (N)	American Idol (E)	The O.C. "The Nana" (N) (E) (E)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		Cagney & Lacey "Suffer the Children"		Kojak "Dark Sunday"
40	38	FX	Cops (E)	★ "The One" (2001) Jet Li, Carla Gugino.				★★★ "Dude, Where's My Car?" (2000)		Ashton Kutcher.	
30	55	FXSP	NHL Hockey	Colorado Avalanche at Minnesota Wild. (Live)				Rocky Mt. Rockies		FOX One	Rocky Mt. [Late Poker]
5	14	HBO	"Real Women"	★★★ "A Mighty Wind" (2003) Bob Balaban. (E) "PG-13" (E)		★★★ "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996, Science Fiction) Patrick Stewart. (E) "PG-13" (E)		The Sopranos Cagela and Tony discuss A.J.			
62	67	HGTV	House	Spaces	Weekend	Mission	Curb	Curb	Home	Restore	House
58	52	HIST	Nature Tech "Tornadoes" (E)	Nature Tech "Tsunamis" (E)		Modern Marvels Creatures build homes. (N)		History's Mysteries "Shark Attack 1916"		Nature Tech "Tornadoes" (E)	
25	35	IND	Seinfeld (E) Seinfeld "The Maid"	★★★ "Total Recall" (1990, Science Fiction) (PA) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Rachel Ticotin.		★★★ "Red Heat" (1988, Schwarzenegger, James Belushi. (E)		Drama) Arnold Belushi. (E)			
18	63	LIFE	"Betrayed: A Story of Three Women" (1995) (E)			"A Strange Affair" (1996)		Judith Light. (E)		The Nanny	The Nanny
23	77	MTV	TRL (E) (TV) (E)	Spring Break Revisited		Direct Effect (E)		Making the John Kerry		Famous	Famous
3	9	NBC	News (E)	Ent. Tonight	The Apprentice "Circus, Circus" (E) (E)		The West Wing "Access" (N) (E) (E)		Law & Order "Nowhere Man" (N) (E) (E)		News (E)
8	8	NBC	The Apprentice "Circus, Circus" (E) (E)		The West Wing "Access" (N) (E) (E)		Law & Order "Nowhere Man" (N) (E) (E)		News	(:35) The Tonight Show (N) (E) (E)	(:37) Late Night (N)
34	43	NICK	Oddparents/Grown Up		Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby
2	2	PBS	National Geographic "Whales in Crisis" (N)		New Americans Indian computer programmer and his wife adjust to life in the						
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) "Child's Play" (E)		★★ "Child's Play 2" (1990) Alex Vincent. (E)		★★★ "Faust: Love of the Damned" (2001) (E)				
61	41	SPK	Real TV (E)	Real TV (E)	Real TV (E)	Real TV (E)	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		"Star Trek VI"
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out (E)		Clean Sweep (E)		In a Fix "Villa Oasis" (N)		"What Not to Wear" "Marie"		For Better or for Worse "Marisol and Victor" (N)
28	37	TNT	Law & Order (E) (DVS)		Law & Order (E) (DVS)		★★★ "A League of Their Own" (1992) Geena Davis. (E)		The X-Files		
51	86	TRAV	World's Best		World Poker Tour "Ultimatebet.com: Aruba" (E)		World's Best		World Poker Tour (E)		
62	42	TVLND	Griffith	Munsters	Bewitched	GreenAcre	Griffith	Leave	Family Ties Cheers (E)		Sanford
60	89	UNIV	Mariana de la Noche		Bajo la Misma Piel		Don Francisco Presenta		Impacto	Noticiero	En las Mejores Familias
20	34	USA	Law & Order		Law & Order		Karen Sisco (N) (E) (E)		Law & Order		Monk (E)
12	3	WB	Friends (E)	Everybody-Raymond	Smallville "Shattered" (E)		Smallville "Viewers' Choice" (E) (E)		News (E) (E)	Friends (E)	Will & Grace (E)