

Circle of friends broken by vote may not mend



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DEAR ABBY: My friends and I are in eighth grade. This is our last year together. We'll be going to different high schools in the fall. "Allie," "Betty," "Carol," "Diane," "Emma," "Fran," "Gail," "Hannah," "Ivy," and I sit together at lunch. The table is pretty crowded, so we took a vote that two people should leave the circle. Allie and Betty had to move to another table.

After lunch, Carol said she didn't think it was fair to vote friends out of the circle. I realized she was right, so I passed a note to Diane about not wanting to break up the circle and what Carol had said. I said we should all sit at the same table again. Diane said OK. The next day, we all got together at our regular table, but Emma and Fran got into a fight. No one liked

anyone anymore. The circle was officially broken. Now four of the girls sit at the original table; the rest of us sit at a picnic table. I'm the only one who's friends with everybody from the circle. It hurts me to see my friends separated at lunch time. Will you please print this letter and let them know it was wrong to break up the circle? I want my friends to reconsider: Remember who your friends are. Think about the good times we've had and that I'm all of y'all's friend! —BROKENHEARTED IN FLORIDA
DEAR BROKENHEARTED: Your mistake was in taking the vote in the first place. I'm printing your letter in the hope that your circle can

be mended. If it can't be, console yourself by understanding that, much as we might wish it, not all friendships last forever. As people mature, they sometimes change or have less in common. P.S. You have a wonderfully upbeat personality. If you also have an affinity for languages, you'd be a natural for the diplomatic corps. DEAR ABBY: I am a 23-year-old woman and live at home with my family. My boyfriend, "Stan," and I have been dating for over a year. We're deeply in love and want to be married someday. However, I have a huge problem. I'm afraid to stay overnight anywhere other than my house. I get

scared and homesick whenever I try to stay overnight somewhere else. I know this isn't normal, and I'm afraid I won't be able to marry Stan because of my fear of living away from home. Please help me. —HOMESICK IN OHIO
DEAR HOMESICK: You may be suffering from a mild form of agoraphobia. Please consult a doctor, because your fear is not that uncommon and you can be helped through therapy and/or medication. DEAR ABBY: My 7-year-old son was adopted when he was 3. He'd had a difficult life until then. My wife and I had read stories about older adopted children sometimes having difficulty bonding to new families,

and this was a concern for us. Last week, when he and I were riding in the car, he asked if his grandparents were going to have an Easter egg hunt for him and his brother as they had in previous years. I replied, "Yes, it's a family tradition." He then remarked, "I know what a family tradition is." I asked him to explain. He said, "It's when you do the same old thing — only it's still fun." To my mind, that is the best description of a family tradition I've ever heard. Hope you agree. —MICHAEL IN MARYLAND
DEAR MICHAEL: I do. And it appears that your son feels very much a part of your loving family.

| SATURDAY EVENING | | | | | | | | | | | | E-Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone | | | | | | | | | | | | APR. 3, 2004 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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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 | American Justice: A Family Secret | | | Cold Case Files [E] | | | City Confidential [E] | | | Crossing Jordan "Prisoner Exchange" [N] [E] | | | American Justice: A Family Secret | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 6 | ABC | ★★★ "The Emperor's New Groove" (2000, Comedy) Voices of David Spade. [N] [E] (DVS) | | | | | | America's Funniest Home Videos [N] | | | News [E] | | | :(35) Entertainment Tonight Entertainment. (N) | | | :(35) Paid Program | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | 48 | ANPL | Wildlife Wars Poachers and black market operators endanger wildlife. [E] | | | | | | Wildlife Wars Poachers and black market operators endanger wildlife. [E] | | | | | | Wildlife Wars [E] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 63 | 54 | BRAVO | ★★★ "Twins" (1988, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito. Premiere. 'PG' | | | | | | ★★★ "Junior" (1994) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A science experiment yields the world's first pregnant man. 'PG-13' | | | | | | "Dirty Scoundrils" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 11 | CBS | College Basketball | | College Basketball NCAA Tournament vs. Duke. From San Antonio. (Live) [E] | | | | Semifinal -- Connecticut [E] | | | News [N] | | Drew Carey [E] | | Drew Carey | | Drew Carey | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | 50 | DISC | Rally Round the House | | | Double Agents "7th Heaven" [E] | | | New Detectives: Forensic Science | | | Deadly Dentist A woman accuses her ex-husband of seven murders. [E] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | 44 | DISN | Kim Possible | | "A Proud Family" [E] | | Even Stevens | | Sister, Sister [N] [E] | | That's So Raven | | Lizzie McGuire | | Lilo & Stitch [E] | | Lilo & Stitch [E] | | Lilo & Stitch [E] | | Lilo & Stitch [E] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 49 | 81 | E!TV | Celebrities Uncensored | | | 'N Sync: E! THS | | | Teen Idols of the '90s | | | | | | Wild On... | | Howard S. | | Howard S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | 56 | ESPN | Figure Skating | | | Figure Skating World Championships. (Taped) | | | | | | SportsCenter (Live) [E] | | | Fastbreak | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 54 | 57 | ESPN2 | NHL Hockey: Thrashers at Lightning | | | | | | NHL 2Night | | | NHRA Drag Racing: Qualifying | | | | | | Drag Race | | | Thrills | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | 46 | FAM | ★★★ "Lucky 7" (2003) Kimberly Williams-Paisley. | | | | | | ★★★ "Picking Up and Dropping Off" (2003) [E] | | | | | | Funniest Home Videos | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 59 | - | FIT TV | Martial Arts: Warrior | | | Balance | | | Workout | | | In Shape | | | Workout | | | Martial Arts: Warrior | | | Resort & Spa | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | 31 | FMC | :(01) ★★ "Moonlight" (1942, Drama) Jean Gabin. | | | | | | :(01) Hour of Stars | | | | | | :(01) ★★ "Best of the Best II" (1993, Drama) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 53 | 68 | FOOD | Emeril Live "Nuttin' But Honey" | | | BBQ Boot Camp Grilling skills. | | | Iron Chef "Battle Carp" (N) | | | Unwrapped | | | Top 5 | | | Emeril Live "Nuttin' But Honey" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 7 | FOX | Cops [N] (PA) [E] | | Cops [N] (PA) [E] | | Cops [E] | | Cops [E] | | She Spies The women to bring in an assassin. | | | Mad TV Kathy Griffin. [N] | | | Blind Date [N] [E] | | | Blind Date [N] [E] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 40 | 38 | FX | Cops [E] | | ★★★ "Bedazzled" (2000) Brendan Fraser, Elizabeth Hurley. | | | | | | ★★★ "The Edge" (1997) Anthony Hopkins. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | 55 | FXSP | Rockies | | MLS Soccer Colorado Rapids at Dallas Burn. | | | | | | Rocky Mt. | | | Boxing | | | Rocky Mt. | | | America | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 14 | HBO | (5:30) ★★ "A Mighty Wind" (2003) (N) "PG-13" | | | | | | :(15) ★★ "Mr. Deeds" (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder. (N) "PG-13" [E] | | | | | | ★★★ "Identity" (2003, Suspense) John Cusack. Premiere. [N] [R] [E] | | | | | | The Sopranos [N] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 62 | 67 | HGTV | Sensible | | Decorating | | Mission | | Designers' [E] | | Design | | Design | | Home | | Smart | | Sensible | | Decorating | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 58 | 52 | HIST | Jesus of Nazareth Jesus causes a crisis in belief. (Part 3 of 4) [E] | | | | | | Jesus of Nazareth Jesus is crucified. (Part 4 of 4) [E] | | | | | | Jesus of Nazareth (Part 3 of 4) [E] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | 35 | IND | (5:00) ★★ "Life" (1999) Eddie Murphy. | | | | ★★★ "Along Came a Spider" (2001, Mystery) Morgan Freeman, Monica Potter. Premiere. [E] | | | | | | ★★★ "Along Came a Spider" (2001, Mystery) Morgan Freeman, Monica Potter. [E] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | 63 | LIFE | (5:00) ★★ "Cruel Doubt" (1992, Drama) Blythe Danner, Ed Asner. [E] | | | | | | Intimate Portrait | | | | | | "The Handmaid's Tale" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 77 | MTV | Room Rdr | | Room Rdr | | Room Rdr | | Room Rdr | | Room Rdr | | Room Rdr | | Room Rdr | | Room Rdr | | Room Rdr | | Room Rdr | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 9 | NBC | Entertainment Tonight Entertainment. (N) [E] | | | ★★★ "The Thomas Crown Affair" (1999, Adventure) Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo. (N) (DVS) | | | | | | Law & Order "Payback" [N] [E] | | | News | | | Saturday Night Live | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 8 | NBC | ★★★ "The Thomas Crown Affair" (1999, Adventure) Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo. (N) (DVS) | | | | | | Law & Order "Payback" [N] [E] | | | News | | Saturday Night Live Donald Trump; Toots & the Maytals. (N) [N] [E] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | 43 | NICK | 17th Annual Kids' Choice Awards | | | | | | Danny Cosby | | | Cosby | | Roseanne | | Roseanne | | Cosby | | Cosby | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | PBS | Keeping Up As Time Goes By | | | The Lawrence Welk Show (N) | | | Two's Company | | | Red Green | | Austin City Limits [N] [E] | | | Soundstage [N] [E] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 38 | 83 | SCIFI | (5:00) ★★ "Merlin" (1998, Fantasy) Sam Neill. Premiere. [N] [E] | | | | | | ★★★ "Mr. Murder" (1999) Stephen Baldwin. [N] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 61 | 41 | SPK | Star Trek: Next Gener. | | | | | | ★★★ "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" (1989) | | | | | | Ride | | | Ride | | | Extreme | | | Extreme | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 39 | 51 | TLC | In a Fix "Villa Oasis" [E] | | | | | | Trading Spaces: Family | | | While You Were Out | | | Trading Spaces Los Angeles living-rooms. | | | | | | Trading Spaces "Florida: Fairway Road" (N) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 37 | TNT | ★★★ "Jerry Maguire" (1996) Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr. iTV. [E] | | | | | | ★★★ "Hardball" (2001) Keanu Reeves. iTV. [E] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 51 | 86 | TRAV | Hawaii's Best Hotels (N) | | | | | | Hawaii's Best | | | Millionaire's Hawaii [E] | | | Hawaii's Best Hotels | | | Hawaii's Best | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 82 | TVLND | GreenAcres | | GreenAcres | | GreenAcres | | GreenAcres | | GreenAcres | | GreenAcres | | GreenAcres | | GreenAcres | | GreenAcres | | GreenAcres | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 60 | 89 | UNIV | Sábado Gigante | | | | | | Law & Order | | | Nashville Star (N) [E] | | | Law Order CI | | Noticiero | | | Otroollo | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | 34 | USA | Law & Order | | | | | | Law & Order | | | Nashville Star (N) [E] | | | Law Order CI | | Nashville Star [E] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 3 | WB | (5:00) ★★ "Mad-house" (1990) [N] | | | | | | ★★★ "Consenting Adults" (1992, Drama) Kevin Kline, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio. [N] [E] | | | | | | News [N] [E] | | | The Cosby Show [E] | | | "Striptease Show [E] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 99 | 36 | WGN | ★★★ "Diplomatic Siege" (1999) Peter Weller. | | | | | | News [N] [E] | | | Fresh Pr. | | | ★★★ "Exception to the Rule" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 36 | 53 | A&E | | Biography "The Rock" (N) (N) | | Biography "Andre the Giant: Larger Than Life" (N) (N) | | Biography: Stone Cold Steve Austin | | Airline (N) (N) | Airline (N) (N) | Biography "The Rock" (N) (N) | | | | | |
| 4 | 6 | ABC | | (5:00) ★★★ "The Ten Commandments" (1956, Biblical hero Moses leads the Israelites to freedom. (N) (N) | | Drama) Charlton Heston, Yul Brynner. (N) (N) | | (44) News (N) (N) | | (19) Seinfeld (N) (N) | | | | | | | |
| 26 | 48 | ANPL | | Venom ER | | Venom ER A rattlesnake bites a man on the leg. (N) (N) | | The Crocodile Hunter "Big Croc Diaries" (N) (N) | | Venom ER | | Venom ER A rattlesnake bites a man on the leg. (N) (N) | | | | | |
| 63 | 54 | BRAVO | | Inside the Actors Studio Kevin Costner. (N) (N) | | ★★★ "Waterworld" (1995, Science Fiction) Kevin Costner. Premiere. A lone seafarer must protect a child from vicious pirates. 'PG-13' | | Inside the Actors Studio Kevin Costner. (N) (N) | | Inside the Actors Studio Kevin Costner. (N) (N) | | Inside the Actors Studio Kevin Costner. (N) (N) | | | | | |
| 7 | 11 | CBS | | Cold Case "Late Returns" (N) (N) | | Without a Trace "A Tree Falls" (N) (N) | | CSI: Miami "Hard Time" (ITV) (N) (N) | | News (N) (N) | | (35) News (N) (N) | | | | | |
| 24 | 50 | DISC | | Jesus: The Complete Story | | Jesus: The Complete Story | | Jesus: The Complete Story | | MythBusters (N) (N) | | Animal Face-Off A shark hones in on a hippo. (N) (N) | | | | | |
| 33 | 44 | DISN | | Kim Possible The Proud Family (N) (N) | | Even Stevens Sister, Sister (N) (N) | | That's So Raven Lizzie McGuire | | "Miracle in Lane 2" (2000, Drama) Frankie Muniz, Patrick Levis. (N) (N) | | (45) Kim Possible (N) (N) | | | | | |
| 49 | 81 | E!TV | | The Rock | | Daryl Hannah | | Good to Be Good to Be | | Hollywood Baby Boom | | Daryl Hannah | | | | | |
| 22 | 56 | ESPN | | Basketball | | Women's College Basketball: NCAA Semifinal -- Teams TBA | | SportsCenter (Live) (N) (N) | | | | | | | | | |
| 54 | 57 | ESPN2 | | MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles. (Subject to Blackout) | | NHRA Drag Racing Summitracing.com Nationals. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | 46 | FAM | | ★★★ "Anywhere but Here" (1999) Susan Sarandon. (N) (N) | | Who? (N) (N) | | Bachelor Pad (N) (N) | | Church | | Feed | | | | | |
| 59 | - | FIT TV | | Fitness Martial Arts: Kung Fu In Shape | | Workout Fitness | | Aerobic Workout | | Peak Performance (N) (N) | | | | | | | |
| 35 | 31 | FMC | | (01) ★★★ "How Green Was My Valley" (N) (N) | | (01) ★★★ "The Commitments" (1991) | | Cult Culture | | | | | | | | | |
| 53 | 68 | FOOD | | Emeril's New Orleans Easter | | Easter Unwrapped (N) (N) | | World's Biggest Candy Show All Candy Expo. | | Unwrapped "Sweets" Top 5 | | Emeril's New Orleans Easter | | | | | |
| 13 | 7 | FOX | | The Simpsons Simpson's | | Malcolm in the Middle Arrested Dev. | | Stargate SG-1 "Redemption" (N) (N) | | The Outer Limits A teenager takes revenge. (N) (N) | | ★★ "Just Between Friends" (1986, Drama) | | | | | |
| 40 | 38 | FX | | Cops Cops (N) (N) | | ★★★ "The Edge" (1997) | | Anthony Hopkins. | | ★ "The One" (2001) Jet Li, Carla Gugino. | | | | | | | |
| 30 | 55 | HBO | | Showdown-Poker | | Boxing | | Beyond the Glory (N) (N) | | America Too Much | | Rocky Mt. Rocky Mt. | | | | | |
| 5 | 14 | HBO | | (15) ★★★ "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) Daniel Radcliffe. A malevolent force threatens the students at Hogwarts. (N) (N) | | PG-13 | | Six Feet Under "The Trap" (N) (N) | | The Sopranos Rumors about Adriana surface. (N) (N) | | | | | | | |
| 62 | 67 | HGTV | | Designed Curb | | Great Outdoor Kitchens | | If Walls Building | | House Remember! | | Designed Curb | | | | | |
| 58 | 52 | HIST | | True Crime "Murder in Greenwich" (N) (N) | | True Crime "Donnie Brasco" (N) (N) | | Mail Call (N) (N) | | Tactical to Practical (N) (N) | | Extreme History | | | | | |
| 25 | 35 | IND | | ★★★ "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (2000) (PA) George Clooney, John Turturro. (N) (N) | | ★★★ "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (2000) (PA) George Clooney, John Turturro. (N) (N) | | Strong Medicine 1-800-Missing | | Wild Card "Sand Trap" | | | | | | | |
| 18 | 63 | LIFE | | "Violation of Trust" | | The Divison (N) (N) | | Strong Medicine | | 1-800-Missing | | Wild Card "Sand Trap" | | | | | |
| 23 | 77 | MTV | | Famous John Kerry | | Real World Real World | | Real World Real World | | Pimp Ride Pimp Ride | | Viva Bam Viva Bam | | | | | |
| 3 | 9 | NBC | | Dateline NBC (N) (N) | | American Dreams "No Way Out" (N) (N) | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent (N) (N) | | Crossing Jordan "Missing Pieces" (N) (N) | | News (N) (N) | | | | | |
| 8 | 8 | NBC | | American Dreams "No Way Out" (N) (N) | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent (N) (N) | | Crossing Jordan "Missing Pieces" (N) (N) | | News (N) (N) | | (35) The West Wing 100,000 Airplanes (N) (N) | | | | | |
| 34 | 43 | NICK | | Garcia Sabrina | | Full House Full House | | Roseanne Roseanne | | Roseanne Roseanne | | Roseanne Roseanne | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | PBS | | Sesame Street (N) (N) (E) (N) (DVS) | | Mastepiece Theatre "Daniel Deronda" (Part 1 of 2) (N) (DVS) | | Fiesta in the Sky (N) (N) | | Globe Trekker "Iceland and Greenland" (N) (N) | | Mystery! "The Mrs. Bradley Mysteries" (N) (N) | | | | | |
| 38 | 83 | SCIFI | | (5:00) ★★★ "Gulliver's Travels" (1996) Ted Danson. Premiere. (N) (N) | | | | Tripping Scare | | Code Name: Eternity (N) (N) | | | | | | | |
| 61 | 41 | SPK | | (5:00) ★★★ "Never Say Never Again" (1983) | | WWE Heat | | ★★★ "The Hunt for Red October" (1990) (N) (N) | | | | | | | | | |
| 39 | 51 | TLC | | In a Fix "New Family Style" (N) (N) | | Trading Spaces: Home Free "Winter Garden" | | Trading Spaces: Home Free "Semi-Final 1" (N) (N) | | For Better or for Worse "Denise and Dustin" (N) (N) | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 37 | TNT | | "The Winning Season" (2004) Matthew Modine. (N) (N) | | "The Winning Season" (2004) Matthew Modine. (N) (N) | | "The Winning Season" (2004) Matthew Modine. (N) (N) | | | | | | | | | |
| 51 | 86 | TRAV | | Sec.-Holy Land | | Pope John Paul II's Vatican (N) (N) | | Sec.-Holy Land | | Pope-Vatican | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 82 | TVLND | | GreenAcre GreenAcre | | GreenAcre GreenAcre | | GreenAcre GreenAcre | | GreenAcre GreenAcre | | GreenAcre GreenAcre | | | | | |
| 60 | 89 | UNIV | | (5:00) La Parodia | | Hora Pico La Jaula | | Ver Para Creer | | Impacto Noticiero | | Tras la Verdad | | | | | |
| 20 | 34 | USA | | ★★★ "Training Day" (2001, Drama) Denzel Washington. (N) (N) | | Touching Evil (N) (N) | | Law & Order | | Touch Evil | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 3 | WB | | Smallville "Redux" (N) (N) | | Charmed "My Three Witches" (N) (N) | | High School Reunion (N) (N) | | News (N) (N) | | Friends (N) (N) | | | | | |
| 99 | 36 | WGN | | Andromeda (N) (N) | | The X-Files "The Host" | | News (N) (N) | | Replay | | Matlock (N) (N) | | | | | |
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