

Watching TV not helping hairdresser

DEAR ABBY: "Mr. Eugene" has been my hairdresser for nearly 20 years. We have seen each other through divorces, deaths, recovery from alcoholism (me), and life struggles in general. Mr. Eugene used to be a great hairdresser. The problem began when he installed a little television set at his station. He keeps it on all the time and watches it almost constantly. He watches it while cutting my hair, pausing every so often to pay closer atten-



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tion to what's on TV.

The quality of my haircuts has started to decline, and along with it, our client/hairdresser relationship. I'm about ready to change hairdressers because I can't find the nerve to reach over and turn the darn thing off or tell him how annoying it is, and how much better a hairdresser he is when he pays full attention to what he's doing.

Please print this so Mr. Eugene will read it and give his clients the attention

we deserve. — SPINELESS IN LEXINGTON, KY.

DEAR SPINELESS: Mr. Eugene is only a hairdresser. He is not a mind reader. Since you haven't voiced an objection to his cutting and styling your hair with one eye on the boob-tube, how can he be expected to know you have a problem with it?

Try this: Rather than criticize him, tell him that you would prefer that he leave the TV set off while working on you, because you miss the quality time you used to spend together. You might be surprised to find that he takes it as a compliment.

DEAR ABBY: I became engaged last Christmas. I have been planning my wedding with the help of my mother and my fiance's mother. I love

them both, and they are helping to pay for my big day.

My problem is that every time I disagree with them, they call me "Bridezilla." I don't think I'm too demanding or hard to please. I just have ideas, tastes and expectations that may be different from my two mothers'.

This horrible stereotype is ruining the planning. I become devastated when they refer to me in that way, and end up giving in so I don't seem to be unreasonable.

Please help me. I am ending up with a wedding that isn't what I want. What should I do? — NOT BRIDEZILLA IN L.A.

DEAR NOT BRIDEZILLA: It is wrong of your mother and your fiance's mother to call you names. However,

since they are helping to fund the wedding, you can't blame them for wanting a meaningful voice in the planning. If you feel your dream wedding has been hijacked, then you should politely draw the line and finance it yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a live-in relationship with a man I'll call Howard. Last year, I began quietly seeing "Adam." Howard found out about the affair a few months later, but didn't want us to break up.

I decided to stay with Howard even though I am in love with Adam, because I can't support myself on my own. After that, Adam decided it would be best if we stopped seeing each other. I know he's right, but I'd really like to talk to him. Right now, I'm agonizing over whether to call him.

When I ask my family or friends for advice, they say I should move on and get over Adam, because I'm only 21 and have my whole life ahead of me. The truth is, I can't let go so easily. It has been about four months since we last spoke. Should I call Adam, and if I do, what should I say? — CLUELESS IN VEGAS

DEAR CLUELESS: Listen to your family and friends; they have your best interests at heart.

In the meantime, I strongly recommend that you take a breather before going another round with anyone.

Do not call Adam until you have left Howard and become self-supporting. That way, he will know you are not after him for a meal ticket, too.

SATURDAY EVENING										E-Eagle Cable S-S&T Telephone		AUG. 28, 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	American Justice "The Black Widower" (U)		Cold Case Files Unique tattoo. (U)		City Confidential (U)		The First 48 A female skeleton is found. (U)		American Justice "The Black Widower" (U)				
4	6	ABC	(5:30) Little League World Series United States Championship -- Teams TBA. (Live) (U)				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	News (U)	(:35) Seinfeld (U)	(:05) Entertainment Tonight Celebrity news. (N)				
26	48	ANPL	Wildlife Journal (N)				Tigers of the Emerald Forest		Wildlife Journal						
63	54	BRAVO	★★★ "Office Space" (1999, Comedy) Ron Livingston, Jennifer Aniston. R (U)				★★★★ "Pulp Fiction" (1994, Drama) John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson. Criminals cross paths in three interlocked tales of mayhem. R (U)								
7	11	CBS	NFL Preseason Football Cleveland Browns at Kansas City Chiefs. From Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. (Live)				News (U)	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey				
24	50	DISC	Rally Round the House "Pacific Country Club" (U)		Double Agents "Touched by an Agent" (U)		New Detectives: Forensic Science		New Detectives: Forensic Science		The FBI Files A dangerous bank-robber. (U)				
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible "The Proud Family" (U)		Braceface "Lizzie McGuire" (U)		Phil of the Future (U)	That's So Raven (U)	Brandy-Whisk (U)	Brandy-Whisk (U)	Lilo & Stitch (U)	Dave the Barbarian (U)			
49	81	E!TV	Traci Lords: THS (U)		Barbi Twins: THS (U)		Saturday Night Live (U)		Dr. 90210 (U)	Dr. 90210 (U)	Howard S. (U)	Howard S. (U)			
22	56	ESPN	(5:45) College Football BCA Classic -- USC vs. Virginia Tech. (U)		(:45) SportsCenter (Live) (U)				Center (Live) (U)		Baseball Tonight (U)				
54	57	ESPN2	(5:30) ESPN College Football Behind the Scenes From Landover, Md. (U)				NFL Live (U)	Yearbook (U)	NFL Live (U)	Yearbook (U)	NFL Live (U)	Yearbook (U)			
32	46	FAM	★★★ "Good Will Hunting" (1997, Drama) Matt Damon. (U)				Videos (U)		Who? (U)	Who? (U)	Funnies Home Videos (U)				
59	-	FIT TV	Peak Performance (U)		Chi (U)		In Shape (U)	Workout (U)	Peak Performance (U)		Resort & Spa (U)				
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★★ "Bedazzled" (1967) Peter Cook. (U)				(:01) ★ "Caprice" (1967, Comedy) Doris Day. (U)				(:01) ★★★ "Capone" (U)				
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Emeril Live Rocks" (U)		Cowboy Challenge Culinary showdown. (U)		Iron Chef America "Flay vs. Sakai" (U)		Unwrapped Top 5 "Machines" (U)		Emeril Live "Emeril Live Rocks" (U)				
13	7	FOX	Cops (U) (U)		Cops (U) (U)		America's Most Wanted (U)		Mad TV David Alan Grier; Fred Willard. (U)		Blind Date (N) (U)	Blind Date (N) (U)			
40	38	FX	Fear Factor (U) (U)		★★★ "Slums of Beverly Hills" (1998, Comedy) (U)		★★★ "Predator" (1987) Carl Weathers (U)								
30	55	FXSP	ATP Tennis (U)		Beyond the Glory (U)		Poker Superstars (U)		Football (U)	Football (U)	Rocky Mt. America (U)				
5	14	HBO	(5:00) ★★★ "Seabiscuit" (2003) Tobey Maguire. (U) "PG-13" (U)		★ "Anaconda" (1997, Horror) Jennifer Lopez. (U) "PG-13" (U)		★★★ "Underworld" (2003, Horror) Kate Beckinsale, Scott Speedman. Premiere. (U) "R" (U)								
62	67	HGTV	Mission Decorating Designer Designers' (U)				Design Design Design (U)		Home Smart (U)		Mission Decorating (U)				
58	52	HIST	Sink the Bismarck! (U)				Wake Island: The Alamo attack from Japan on a tiny Pacific island. (U)				Sink the Bismarck! (U)				
25	35	IND	(4:00) ★★★ "The Negotiator" (1998) (PA) (U)		★★★ "Rush Hour" (1998) (PA) Jackie Chan. Two detectives join forces in a kidnapping case. (U)		★★★ "Air America" (1990) Mel Gibson. Two Vietnam War-era pilots turn drugs for the CIA. (U)								
18	63	LIFE	"The Familiar Stranger" (2001) Margaret Colin. (U)				Missing "Sea of Love" (U)		What Should You Do? (U)		"Lying Eyes" (1996) (U)				
23	77	MTV	Punk'd (U) Punk'd (U)		Pimp Ride (U) Pimp Ride (U)		Pimp Ride (U) Pimp Ride (U)		True Life (U)		2004 VMA Uncensored (U)				
3	9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight Celebrity news. (N) (U)		XXVIII Summer Olympics (Same-day Tape) (U) (U)										
8	8	NBC	XXVIII Summer Olympics (Same-day Tape) (U) (U)								News (U)	Summer Olym. (U)			
34	43	NICK	Grown Up (U) Romeo! (U) (U)		Nicktoon (U) Nicktoon (U)		Fatherhood (U) Cosby (U)		Roseanne (U) Roseanne (U)		Cosby (U) Cosby (U)				
2	2	PBS	Keeping Up As Time Goes By (U)		The Lawrence Welk Show (N) (U)		Baxter Black (U) Red Green (U)		Austin City Limits "Guster: Los Lonely Boys" (U)		Soundstage "Counting Crows: Shelby Lynne" (U)				
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) "Vampires" (U) (U)		"Vampires: Los Muertos" (2002) Jon Bon Jovi. (U)		★★ "Pumpkinhead II: Blood Wings" (1994) (U)								
61	41	SPK	"Star Trek 6-Undiscovered" (U)		Real TV (U) (U)		WWE Velocity (N) (U)		Wildest Police Videos (U)		MXC "Almost Live" (U)				
39	51	TLC	Body Work (U)		Trading Spaces: Family Den; family room. (U)		While You Were Out (U)		Clean Sweep Frazier has a shopping problem. (U)		Trading Spaces (U)				
28	37	TNT	(5:30) NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series -- Sharpie 500. (Live) (U) (U)				★ "Under Siege 2: Dark Territory" (1995) (U)								
51	86	TRAV	Kings of the Road (U) (U)		Great Outdoors (U) (U)		Ends of the Earth (N) (U)		Kings of the Road (U) (U)		Great Outdoors (U)				
21	82	TVLND	Munsters (U) GreenAcre (U)		Griffith (U) Leave (U)		Sanford (U) All-Family (U)		3's Co. (U) 3's Co. (U)		Cheers (U) Cheers (U)				
60	89	UNIV	Sábado Gigante (U)				Impacto (U) Noticiero (U)				Otro Rollo (U)				
20	34	USA	Law & Order (U) (U)		Law & Order (U) (U)		Law & Order (U) (U)		Law Order Cl (U) (U)		Monk (U) (U)				
12	3	WB	(5:00) "Murder of Innocence" (1993, Drama) (U) (U)		★★ "Closer and Closer" (1996, Suspense) Kim Delaney, John J. York. (U) (U)		News (U) (U)	(:45) Sports Replay (U) (U)	★★ "Captured" (1999) Nick Mancuso. (U) (U)						
99	36	WGN	MLB Baseball: White Sox at Indians (U) (U)				WGN News at Nine (U) (U)		Fresh Pr. (U) (U)		★★★ "The Jesse Owens Story" (U) (U)				

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MONDAY EVENING												AUG. 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	Who Is Mark Hacking? (N) (U)			Family Plots (U)			Growing Up Gotti (N) (U)	Airline (U)		Airline (U)		Crossing Jordan "Devil May Care" (U) (U)				Who Is Mark Hacking? (N) (U)					
4	6	ABC	NFL Preseason Football Stadium in Irving, Texas. (Live) (U) (U)			Tennessee Titans at Dallas Cowboys. From Texas (U) (U)								News (U)		(:35) Nightline (U)		(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (U) (U)					
26	48	ANPL	Growing Up... "Baboon" (N) (U)			That's My Baby (N) (U)				Animal Cops Detroit "Duck Emergency" (N) (U)				Growing Up... "Baboon" (U) (U)				That's My Baby (U) (U)					
63	54	BRAVO	★★★ "Working Girl" (1988, Comedy-Drama) Melanie Griffith. An ambitious Staten Island secretary moves up the ranks. R (U)							The West Wing (U) (U)				The West Wing "7A WF 83429" (U) (U)				★★★ "Working Girl" (1988) Melanie Griffith. (U) (U)					
7	11	CBS	Still Stand- Yes, Dear (U) (U)			Everybody- Raymond (U) (U)			Two and a Half Men (U) (U)	CSI: Miami "Complications" (ITV) (U) (U)				News (U) (U)		(:35) Late Show LL Cool J. (N) (U)		Tennis (U) (U)					
24	50	DISC	Killer Whales: Learning to Hunt (U) (U)			Bognor Birdman Competition (U) (U)				Big "Giant Claw" (U) (U)				Motorcycle Mania 3: Jesse James rides Again Jesse tries to save his sanity and his soul. (U) (U)									
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible- Brandy-Whisk (U) (U)			Even Stevens (U) (U)			Lizzie McGuire (U) (U)	Sister, Sister (U) (U)		That's So Raven (U) (U)		"You Wish!" (2003) A.J. Trauth. A teenager wishes that he didn't have a younger brother. (U) (U)									
49	81	EITV	Gymnasts: True Story (U) (U)			J Bateman (U) (U)				Dr. 90210 (U) (U)		Dr. 90210 (U) (U)		Howard S. (U) (U)		Howard S. (U) (U)		Saturday Night Live (U) (U)					
22	56	ESPN	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (U) (U)							Blackout (Live) (U) (U)				SportsCenter (Live) (U) (U)				Outside (U) (U)		Baseball (U) (U)			
54	57	ESPN2	Billiards: WPBA (U) (U)			Billiards: WPBA (U) (U)				Baseball Tonight (U) (U)				Streetball (U) (U)		Streetball (U) (U)		Streetball (U) (U)		Streetball (U) (U)			
32	46	FAM	★ "Baby Geniuses" (1999) Kathleen Turner. (U) (U)							Who? (U) (U)		Who? (U) (U)		The 700 Club (U) (U)				Fam. Mat. (U) (U)		Fam. Mat. (U) (U)			
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies (U) (U)			In Shape (U) (U)			Workout (U) (U)	Peak Performance (U) (U)		Bodies (U) (U)		Bodies (U) (U)		In Shape (U) (U)		Workout (U) (U)		Fitness (U) (U)			
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★★ "North to Alaska" (1960, Adventure) (U) (U)							(:04) ★★ "Demetrius and the Gladiators" (U) (U)				(:01) "Broadcast News" (U) (U)				Emeril Live Seared tuna with mustard mint sauce. (U) (U)					
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Emeril Live Rocks" (U) (U)			Unwrapped (U) (U)			Unwrapped (U) (U)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (U) (U)				Cagney & Lacey (U) (U)				Kojak (U) (U)					
13	7	FOX	The Complex: Malibu (Series Premiere) The first couple is eliminated. (N) (U) (U)							The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (U) (U)													
40	38	FX	★★ "Black Knight" (2001) Martin Lawrence. (U) (U)							Fear Factor "Twins" (U) (U)				★★★ "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994) (U) (U)									