

Man should decide future of old love letters

DEAR ABBY: My problem concerns what to do with a group of snapshots and a bundle of about 100 old love letters that I've hidden for more than 50 years. If they are found after my death, my heirs will be shocked.

I have treasured these mementos in my heart since I received the first, before I was shipped overseas in World War II. The letters continued



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up to December 1947 — and in '98 and '99 I received three more that were ultra-special. They are the sincerest of love letters from the girl in the photographs.

Family interference separated us, even as we were planning to be married. Of course, life went on. I met my wife and we were married a few years later, but I could never bring myself to destroy the letters or the

photographs.

After half a century, I searched and found my first love. Then in 1999 we were able to locate our son, who was born and placed for adoption after we were separated. The three of us have spent some special time together. Even though we acknowledged that our love was and still is true, we agreed not to upset my marriage.

My wife knows all about this, and accepts my strong need to financially help my "other girl" have a comfortable lifestyle. I love my wife. She is and always will come first in my life. Yet those photos and letters are precious to me.

Genealogically, they are vital family memorabilia, and without anyone knowing, I have placed them with five generations of saved items. They represent an important part of my life with my first love. I cannot find the courage to let them go. Have I done wrong? — IN LOVE WITH TWO EXCEPTIONAL WOMEN

DEAR IN LOVE: Not from my perspective. This is the 21st century — not the 1940s. Perhaps it's time to let your children know about their half-brother. After all, this happened before you even met your wife.

An alternative would be to put the keepsakes in a safe deposit box and give one of the keys to your lawyer,

with instructions to mail them to your love child after your death. I'm sure your son would treasure having evidence of the love through which he was conceived.

DEAR ABBY: Seven years ago, my husband's "Aunt Selma" lent us \$2,000 on our first home. We set up a payment plan and paid her faithfully.

A year later, our first child was born with a heart condition. Aunt Selma came to us and demanded that instead of paying her, we put the money toward the enormous hospital bills. We tried to refuse, but she insisted.

There was never any paperwork,

just words spoken out of love — until recently. Now she wants us to pay back the rest of the money. After all this time, I don't feel that's fair. This is causing a lot of stress in our marriage, and I need some guidance. Please help. — INDIGNANT IN INDIANA

DEAR INDIGNANT: When you ran into financial hardship because of your child, Aunt Selma tried to lessen your burden. Please don't repay her generosity by withholding her money. She may be asking for it because she needs it now. So reinstate the payment plan and give her what she's due — and I don't mean just the money.

SATURDAY EVENING							E-Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone			SEP. 4, 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	*** "Seven Days in September" (2002) New Yorkers react to the events of Sept. 11, 2001. [E]				The Anatomy of September 11th The final minutes of the World Trade Center. [E]				*** "Seven Days in September" (2002) [E]	
4	6	ABC	*** "Dinosaur" (2000, Adventure) Voices of D.B. Sweeney, Alfie Woodard. [E]				Who's Line? [E]	Who's Line? [E]	News [E]	(.35) Sein-feld [E]	(.05) Entertainment Tonight Celebrity scandals. [E]	
26	48	ANPL	King of the Jungle Making of the reality show. [E]		King of the Jungle Participants are selected. [E]		Amazing Animal Videos A big house cat. [E]		King of the Jungle Making of the reality show. [E]		King of the Jungle Participants are selected. [E]	
63	54	BRAVO	*** "Primary Colors" (1998, Drama) John Travolta, Emma Thompson. A smooth-talking Southern governor runs for president. [E]				R' [E]	*** "Primary Colors" (1998, Drama) John Travolta, Emma Thompson. [E]		R' [E]		
7	11	CBS	The Amazing Race 5 [E]		Big Brother 5 (N) [E]		Without a Trace "A Tree Falls" [E]		News [E]	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey
24	50	DISC	Rally Round the House "Daisy Crazy" [E]		Double Agents "Just Grow Up" [E]		New Detectives: Forensic Science [E]		Material Witness A woman disappears; police track a killer. [E]			
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible: The Proud Family [E]		Braceface [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	Phil of the Future [E]	That's So Raven [E]	Brandy & Mr. Whisk [E]	Brandy-Whisk [E]	Lilo & Stitch [E]	Dave the Barbarian [E]
49	81	E!TV	Saturday Night Live [E]		Saturday Night Live [E]		Saturday Night Live [E]		Dr. 90210 [E]		Dr. 90210 [E]	Howard S. [E]
22	56	ESPN	College Football [E]		(.15) College Football Notre Dame at BYU. (Live) [E]						College Gameday Final [E]	
54	57	ESPN2	College Football [E]		College Football Toledo at Minnesota. (Live) [E]						Baseball Tonight [E]	
32	46	FAM	★ "Picture Perfect" (1997) Jennifer Aniston. [E]				★★★ "See Jane Date" (2003) [E]		WonderYr WonderYr [E]			
59	-	FIT TV	Star Fitness [E]		I Want... [E]		Workout [E]	In Shape [E]	Workout [E]	Star Fitness [E]		Resort & Spa [E]
35	31	FMC	(.01) ★★ "Phantom of the Paradise" (1974) [E]				(.01) ★★ "Alien" (1979) Tom Skerritt. [E]				(.01) "The Nickel Ride" [E]	
53	68	FOOD	Emmerl Live "Feel the Heat" [E]		All Fired Up Fiery Foods Challenge. [E]		Iron Chef America "Puck vs. Morimoto" [E]		Unwrapped [E]		Top 5 [E]	
13	7	FOX	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	America's Most Wanted [E]		She Spies "Witness Protection" [E]		Mad TV [E]		Blind Date [E]	Blind Date [E]
40	38	FX	Beverly Hills, 90210 [E]		★ "Wishful Thinking" (1998) Amy Locane [E]		★★ "Black Knight" (2001) Martin Lawrence. [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]			
30	55	FXSP	College Football Colorado State at Colorado. (Live) [E]						Rocky Mt. [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]	
5	14	HBO	"The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" [E]		★★★ "Memphis Belle" (1990, Drama) Matthew Modine, Eric Stoltz. [E]		★★★ "Intolerable Cruelty" (2003) George Clooney. Premiere. [E]		Il, Max (N) [E]			
62	67	HGTV	Mission Decorating [E]		Designer Designers' [E]		Design [E]	Design [E]	Home [E]	Smart [E]	Mission [E]	Decorating [E]
58	52	HIST	Inside the Playboy Mansion Hugh Hefner's palace. [E]		History of Sex [E]		History of Sex [E]		The History of Sex [E]		Inside the Playboy Mansion [E]	
25	35	IND	(5:00) MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Montreal Expos. From Olympic Stadium in Montreal. [E]				★★★ "Die Hard 2" (1990, Drama) (PA) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia. An L.A. cop battles terrorists in Washington. [E]				★ "Soldier" [E]	
18	63	LIFE	★★ "Perfect Murder, Perfect Town" (2000, Drama) [E]				Marg Helgenberger, Kris Kristofferson. [E]				"Dead Before Dawn" [E]	
23	77	MTV	Road Rules [E]	Road Rules [E]	MTV Special [E]		MTV Special [E]		2004 Video Music Awards Pre-Show [E]		2004 VMAs [E]	
3	9	NBC	The Risk Within [E]		Fall Preview Special [E]	Father of the Pride [E]	Scrubz [E]	Hawaii A bizarre series of decapitations. [E]		Crossing Jordan "Dead in the Water" [E]		News [E]
8	8	NBC	Father of the Pride [E]		Scrubz [E]	Hawaii A bizarre series of decapitations. [E]		Crossing Jordan "Dead in the Water" [E]		News [E]	Saturday Night Live Sketches features comic Cherl Oteri. (N) [E]	
34	43	NICK	Grown Up [E]		Romeo! [E]	All That [E]	Amanda [E]	Fatherhood [E]	Cosby [E]	Roseanne [E]	Roseanne [E]	Cosby [E]
2	2	PBS	Keeping Up [E]		As Time Goes By [E]	The Lawrence Welk Show (N) [E]		Baxter Black [E]	Red Green [E]	Austin City Limits "Ben Harper" [E]		Soundstage Dan Fogelberg performs. [E]
38	83	SCIFI	"The Second Arrival" [E]		★★ "Impostor" (2001) Gary Sinise. Premiere. [E]		WWE Velocity (N) [E]		★★ "Roswell: The Aliens Attack" (1999) [E]			
61	41	SPK	Hotlines [E]		Hotlines [E]	Hotlines [E]	Hotlines [E]	While You Were Out Living room. [E]		Clean Sweep Crowded mess. (N) [E]		Trading Spaces Basement living spaces. (N) [E]
39	51	TLC	Body Work [E]		Trading Spaces: Family [E]							
28	37	TNT	★★ "Runaway Bride" (1999) Julia Roberts, Richard Gere. [E]				★ "Sweet November" (2001, Romance) Keanu Reeves. [E]					
51	86	TRAV	Kings of the Road [E]		Great Outdoors [E]		Ends of the Earth [E]		Kings of the Road [E]		Great Outdoors [E]	
21	82	TVLND	Munsters [E]	GreenAcre [E]	Griffith [E]	Leave [E]	Sanford [E]	All-Family [E]	3's Co. [E]	3's Co. [E]	Cheers [E]	Cheers [E]
60	89	UNIV	Sábado Gigante [E]						Impacto [E]		Noticiero [E]	
20	34	USA	(5:00) U.S. Open Tennis [E]				Early Rounds. (Live) [E]		Law Order Cl [E]		Monk [E]	
12	3	WB	WB Inside [E]		The WB Insider [E]	★★ "Happy Campers" (2001, Comedy) Brad Renfro, Dominique Swain. [E]		News [E]		(.45) Sports Replay [E]	Football Colorado [E]	★ "High-way" [E]
99	36	WGN	MLB Baseball: Mariners at White Sox [E]				WGN News at Nine [E]		Fresh Pr. [E]		"Death Wish 4: The Crackdown" [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	"The Riverman" (2004) Cary Elwes. Premiere. Ted Bundy agrees to help catch the Green River Killer. [E]				"The Riverman" (2004) Cary Elwes. Ted Bundy agrees to help catch the Green River Killer. [E]				"The Riverman" (2004) Cary Elwes. [E]			
4	6	ABC	College Football Florida State at Miami. (Live)								News [E]	(:05) Night-	Jimmy Kim-	
26	48	ANPL	Growing Up... Black bear is rescued. (N) [E]		That's My Baby Cloud-ed-leopard. (N) [E]		Miami Animal Police "Gator Love Bite" [E]		Growing Up... Black bear is rescued. [E]		That's My Baby Cloud-ed-leopard. [E]			
63	54	BRAVO	Miami Slice Stories of cosmetic surgery. (N) [E]		Miami Slice (N) [E]		Backspin "Mel Gibson" [E]		The West Wing "Constituency of One" [E]		Miami Slice Stories of cosmetic surgery. [E]			
7	11	CBS	Still Stand- ing [E]	Yes, Dear [E]	Everybody-Raymond [E]		Two and a Half Men [E]		CSI: Miami "Stalkerazzi" [E]		News [E]			
24	50	DISC	American Chopper [E]		American Chopper [E]		American Chopper [E]		World Biker Build-Off "The Builds Begin" (N) [E]		World Biker Build-Off "The Builds Continue" [E]			
33	44	DISN	Lilo & Stitch [E]	Lilo & Stitch [E]	Lilo & Stitch [E]	Lilo & Stitch [E]	Lilo & Stitch [E]	Lilo & Stitch [E]	★ ★ "Stitch! The Movie" (2003) 'G' [E]		(:15) ★ ★ "Stitch! The Movie" (2003) 'G' [E]			
49	81	E!TV	Beauty Pageants: The E! True Hollywood Story [E]				Dr. 90210 [E]		Dr. 90210 [E]		Howard S. [E]			
22	56	ESPN	ESPN25: Silver Anniversary Special (N) [E]				MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Oakland Athletics. (Live) [E]							
54	57	ESPN2	(5:00) NHRA Drag Racing U.S. Nationals. [E]				Baseball Tonight [E]		SportsCenter (Live) [E]		Baseball Tonight [E]			
42	46	FAM	★ ★ ★ "Good Will Hunting" (1997, Drama) Matt Damon. [E]				Whose? [E]		The 700 Club [E]		Fam. Mat. [E]			
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies In Shape [E]		Workout [E]		Fitness [E]		Health Cops [E]		Bodies In Shape [E]			
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★ ★ ★ "Norma Rae" (1979) Sally Field. [E]				(:01) ★ ★ ★ "The French Connection" (1971) [E]				Making the Connection [E]			
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Fine Diners" [E]		Unwrapped (N) [E]		Unwrapped (N) [E]		The Secret Life Of... Amer. Festi-vals [E]		Iron Chef "Crab" Crab battle. [E]			
13	7	FOX	North Shore "Ties That Bind" (N) [E]		Renovate My Family (N) [E]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]		Cagney & Lacey "A Class Act" [E]		Kojak "Knockover" [E]			
40	38	FX	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	Cops [E]		
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N) [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		Rockies [E]		NASCAR [E]		Sports List [E]			
5	14	HBO	(:15) ★ ★ ★ "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) Daniel Radcliffe. A malevolent force threatens the students at Hogwarts. [E]				PG [E]		★ ★ ★ "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" (2003, Action) Cameron Diaz. [E]					
62	67	HGTV	Smart [E]	Decorating [E]	Mission [E]	Designers' [E]	Design [E]	Design [E]	Home [E]	House [E]	Smart [E]	Decorating [E]		
58	52	HIST	Engineering Disasters [E]		Modern Marvels (N) [E]		Modern Marvels (N) [E]		Tactical to Practical [E]		Engineering Disasters [E]			
25	35	IND	Everybody-Raymond [E]		Everybody-Raymond [E]		★ ★ ★ "The Wedding Singer" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore. [E]		(DVS) [E]		(:05) ★ ★ "Houseguest" (1995, Comedy) (PA) Sinbad, Phil Hartman. [E]			
18	63	LIFE	"In the Name of Love" [E]		"Deadly Encounter" (2004) Laura Leighton. [E]		MTV Special [E]		How Clean [E]		Golden [E]			
23	77	MTV	Videos of Summer 2004 [E]		MTV Special [E]		The Nanny [E]		The Nanny [E]		Road Rules [E]			
3	9	NBC	News [E]	Ent. To-night [E]	Fear Factor "Favorite Winners" (N) [E]		Hawaii "Underground" (N) [E]		Last Comic Standing [E]		News [E]			
8	8	NBC	Fear Factor "Favorite Winners" (N) [E]		Hawaii "Underground" (N) [E]		Last Comic Standing [E]		News [E]		(:35) The Tonight Show [E]			
34	43	NICK	The Fairly OddParents [E]		Full House [E]		Full House [E]		Boss? [E]		Cosby [E]			
2	2	PBS	Antiques Roadshow "Chicago" [E]		History Detectives (N) [E]		Alaska's Gold Rush Train [E]		Alaska's Gold Rush Train [E]		BBC World News [E]			
38	83	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 [E]		Stargate SG-1 [E]		Stargate SG-1 [E]		★ ★ "Fatal Error" (1999) [E]		Antonio Sabato Jr. [E]			
61	41	SPK	CSI: Crime Scn [E]		CSI: Crime Scn [E]		CSI: Crime Scn [E]		CSI: Crime Scn [E]		WWE Raw [E]			
39	51	TLC	What Not to Wear "Laura" New clothes. [E]		What Not to Wear Interior designer's exterior. [E]		What Not to Wear Bouncer kicks up his style. [E]		What Not to Wear Kimberly is transformed. [E]		What Not to Wear "Megan" Lack of style. [E]			
28	37	TNT	Law & Order [E]		Law & Order "Genius" [E]		Law & Order [E]		Law & Order "Hunters" [E]		The X-Files [E]			
51	86	TRAV	Vacation [E]		Vacation [E]		Homes [E]		Dreaming Big [E]		Vacation [E]			
21	82	TVLND	Bewitched [E]		Bewitched [E]		Bewitched [E]		Bewitched [E]		Bewitched [E]			
60	69	UNIV	Mariana de la Noche [E]		Amarte es Mi Pecado [E]		Cristina [E]		Impacto [E]		Noticiero [E]			
20	34	USA	(5:00) U.S. Open Tennis [E]		Men's and Women's Fourth Round. (Live) [E]		Law/Ord SVU [E]		Monk [E]		Will & Grace [E]			
12	3	WB	Friends [E]		7th Heaven "Little White Lies" [E]		Everwood "The Day Is Done" [E]		News [E]		Friends [E]			
99	36	WGN	Columbo "The Conspirators" [E]		WGN News at Nine [E]		Recker [E]		Recker [E]		Elimidate [E]			