

Woman blind to love of man who is friend

DEAR ABBY: I am a 28-year-old, unattractive guy who is in love with my best female friend. "Chrissy" is 25 and a single mother. I have always adored her. We met in high school in 1996.

In 2002, Chrissy ran into an old high school boyfriend who was addicted to drugs and has psychological problems. She fell back in love with him, and soon they were dating.



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• dear abby

He was insecure about her having friends, especially someone of the opposite sex, so he gave her an ultimatum — him or me. She chose him. A year later they had a baby. When Chrissy finally got it through her head that he was never going to change or give up drugs, she broke up with him. Being the good guy — or fool — that I am, I became close with her again. Over time, I have

gotten to know her son and have treated him like he was my own. I do anything and everything for them. I would like to have a real relationship with Chrissy. It makes me sad that she'd rather go out with guys who don't really care for her (she admits it herself) than see how much I love her. I want so much to be with her, but I know she doesn't see me in that light. I don't know what to do. I don't want to say something because if I do, she'll pull back and probably stop seeing me altogether. My friends say I should speak up or stop seeing her, but I can't. To quote a song, "I'd rather live in her world, than without her in mine." I pray ev-

ery night for God to grant me this one prayer. What can I do to make this work? — DESPERATELY SEEKING "CHRISSEY"

DEAR DESPERATE: You've done enough already. Your belief that you are unattractive may be part of your problem. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and Chrissy may be just plain masochistic about men. If Chrissy is unable to recognize the value of what you have to offer, it would be healthier for you to distance yourself and find a woman who's a better judge of men.

I agree with your friends that it's time to lay your cards on the table. You deserve to have a loving rela-

tionship. Love is at its best when it's mutual. When it's not, it's torture. So stop torturing yourself and allowing yourself to be taken for granted. Remember: Some of God's greatest blessings are unanswered prayers.

DEAR ABBY: We are a group of women who get together to play poker a couple of evenings a week. We are all well-educated and comfortably retired. Two of us have very slight regional accents.

In our group is a woman I'll call "Winifred," who is funny, accommodating and good-hearted. However, Winifred has appointed herself our English teacher without our permission. She delights in correcting

us for what she considers mispronounced words. We are proud of our accents and have never asked to be corrected. We find it not only rude, but embarrassing. How can we discourage Winnie without breaking up the group? — ACES HIGH IN THE EAST

DEAR ACES HIGH: The next time Winnie corrects you, smile and say, "We've done all right with these accents so far. It's part of what makes us unique. So please stop trying to make us sound like everyone else. We're happy as we are." If she takes offense and folds, deal her out. The alternative is tolerating more of her rudeness.

SATURDAY EVENING										OCT. 9, 2004									
E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	E= Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone						
36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files	Englishwoman shot; fingerprint matches prisoner.			City Confidential	"Park City"	First 48		Cold Case Files								
4	6	ABC	★★★ "Liar Liar" (1997)	Jim Carrey. A lawyer is forced to tell the truth for 24 hours.	(DVS)		Desperate Housewives	"Pilot"	News	(:35) Seinfeld	(:05) Entertainment Tonight (N)								
26	48	ANPL	NYPD Animal Squad	The NYPD deploys canine and equine units to keep the streets safe.			Venom 911	Snake bites. (N)	NYPD Animal Squad	The NYPD deploys canine and equine units to keep the streets safe.									
63	54	BRAVO	★★★ "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Drama)	Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze. PG-13			(:15) ★★★ "Urban Cowboy" (1980)	John Travolta. A Texas oil worker looks for love at a popular honky-tonk. PG			(:45) "Dirty Dancing"								
7	11	CBS	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire		Without a Trace	"Doppelganger"	48 Hours Mystery		News	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey							
24	50	DISC	American Hot Rod "65 Mustang 2"		American Casino "Bull Shrimp Restaurant"		Wing Nuts "A Wing and a Prayer"		New Detectives: Forensic Science		Poisonous Women								
33	44	DISN	"HalloweenTown" (1998, Comedy)	Debbie Reynolds, Judith Hoag.		"HalloweenTown II: Kalabar's Revenge" (2001)	Debbie Reynolds.		"HalloweenTown High" (2004, Fantasy)	Debbie Reynolds, Kimberly J. Brown. 'NR'									
49	81	EITV	O'Neals: The E! True Hollywood Story				Saturday Night Live		Dr. 90210		Howard S.	Howard S.							
22	56	ESPN	(5:45) College Football	LSU at Florida. (Live)			(:45) SportsCenter	(Live)			College Gameday Final								
54	57	ESPN2	(5:00) College Football	Florida State at Syracuse.			Swimming World Championships	From Indianapolis.			NFL Live								
32	46	FAM	★★★ "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986, Comedy)				Smallville "Pilot"		life as we know it		3rd Rock	3rd Rock							
59	-	FIT TV	Fitness	Fitness	Peak Performance		Peak Performance		Fitness	Fitness	Peak Performance								
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★ "Moonlight" (1942, Drama)	Jean Gabin.			(:01) Hour of Stars		(:01) ★★ "Bedazzled" (1967)	Peter Cook.									
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live	Recipes created by children.	Best Young Chefs Competition		Rachael Ray's Block Party		Unwrapped	Top 5 (N)	Emeril Live	Recipes created by children.							
13	7	FOX	Cops "Las Vegas"	Cops	America's Most Wanted		LAPD: Life on the Beat	LAPD: Life on the Beat	Mad TV		LAPD: Life on the Beat	LAPD: Life on the Beat							
40	38	FX	Fear Factor		Fear Factor "Twins"		Fear Factor		★★★ "Enemy of the State" (1998)	Will Smith.									
30	55	FXSP	(4:30) College Football	Arizona at UCLA. (Live)			College Football Missouri at Baylor. (Live)												
5	14	HBO	(5:00) ★★ "Matchstick Men" (2003) PG-13		★★★ "Great Balls of Fire!" (1989, Drama)	Dennis Quaid, Winona Ryder.	PG-13		★★ "Bad Boys II" (2003)	Martin Lawrence. Two detectives battle a drug kingpin in Miami. 'R'									
62	67	HGTV	Mission	Decorating	Designers		Design	Design	Smart	Home	Mission	Decorating							
58	52	HIST	Alaska: Big America	Alaska shapes the lives of those who come under its spell.			Soldiers for Hire	Mercenaries form massive corporations.			Alaska: Big America								
25	35	IND	(5:00) College Football	Nebraska at Texas Tech. (Live)			★★ "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998) (PA)	Mel Gibson. Detectives Riggs and Murtaugh battle Chinese mercenaries.	(DVS)										
18	63	LIFE	"Plain Truth" (2004)	Mariska Hargitay.			Missing "Mr. Nobody"		What Should You Do?	"Linda McCart."									
23	77	MTV	School	School	School	School	Real World	Real World	Laguna	Laguna	MTV Cribs	Video							
3	9	NBC	State Senate Debate		The Most Outrageous Moments on Live TV		The Apprentice		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Sick"		News	Saturday Night Live							
8	8	NBC	The Most Outrageous Moments on Live TV		The Apprentice		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Sick"		News	Saturday Night Live	Queen Latifah. (N)								
34	43	NICK	Grown Up	Romeo! (N)	All That	Amanda	Fatherhood	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne							
2	2	PBS	Keeping Up	As Time Goes By	The Lawrence Welk Show	"Time"	Baxter Black	Red Green	Austin City Limits	Performance. (N)	Soundstage "Sheryl Crow"								
38	83	SCI FI	"Snakehead Terror"		"Frankenfish" (2004)	Tory Kittles. Premiere.		★★ "DNA" (1997)	Mark Dacascos.										
61	41	SPK	★★ "Kickboxer" (1989)		Dennis Alexio		Wildest Police Videos		Wildest Police Videos		Wildest Police Videos								
39	51	TLC	In a Fix	"Music Fusion"		While You Were Out		Trading Spaces: Inside Out	Behind the scenes of the show.		Trading Spaces: Pick the Designer								
28	37	TNT	★★ "John Q" (2002)	Denzel Washington, Robert Duvall.		★★★ "The Negotiator" (1998, Action)		Samuel L. Jackson.											
51	86	TRAV	Kings of the Road (N)		Weird Travels (N)		Ends of the Earth		Kings of the Road		Weird Travels								
21	82	TVLND	Munsters	GreenAcre	Griffith	Leave	Sanford	All-Family	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cheers	Cheers							
60	89	UNIV	Sábado Gigante				Impacto	Noticiero	Otro Rollo										
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order CI		"The Scorpion King"								
12	3	WB	Friends	Everybody-Raymond	★★★ "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country" (1991)	William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy.		News	(:45) Sports Replay		Football Colorado	Movie							
99	36	WGN	★★ "Malone" (1987)	Burt Reynolds.		WGN News at Nine		Becker	"The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"										

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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 Trial of Scott Peterson		Growing Up Gotti	Growing Up Gotti (N)	Airline	Mondo Magic (N)	Crossing Jordan "Revealed"		The Trial of Scott Peterson	
4	6	ABC	The Benefactor (N)		NFL Football Tennessee at Green Bay, Wis. (Live)		Titans at Green Bay Packers. From Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis. (Live)				News	(:35) Nightline
26	48	ANPL	Growing Up "Marsupial" Spotted quoll.		Growing Up... "Cheetah"		Animal Cops Detroit An injured cat.		Growing Up "Marsupial" Spotted quoll.		Growing Up... "Cheetah"	
63	54	BRAVO	The West Wing "Full Disclosure"		The West Wing "Eppur Si Muove"		The West Wing "Access"		The West Wing "Talking Points"		★★★ "Chaplin" (1999) Robert Downey Jr.	
7	11	CBS	Still Standing (N)	"Listen Up"	Everybody-Raymond	Two and a Half Men	CSI: Miami "Murder in a Flash" (iTV) (N)		News	(:35) Late Show Ben Harper and Blind Boys	The Late Late Show	
24	50	DISC	Monster Garage "Switchblade"		Monster Garage "Cello/Jet Car"		Monster Garage "Dodge/44 Magnum"		Monster Garage "Gorillamobile"		Monster Garage "Old School Motor" (N)	
33	44	DISN	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	Lizzie McGuire	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	★★★ "The Cheetah Girls" Raven, Lynn Whitfield.		(2003, Comedy-Drama)	
49	81	EITV	Murder & the Media Machine: Hollywood Story				Fashion	Dr. 90210	Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live	
22	56	ESPN	Countdown		Billiards: WPBA		Billiards: WPBA		Billiards: WPBA		SportsCenter (Live)	
54	57	ESPN2	Swimming World Championships. From Indianapolis. (Live)				Cheerleading: Champ.	Cheerlead	The 700 Club		NFL's Greatest	
32	46	FAM	★★★ "Back to the Future Part II" (1989)				Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club		Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.
59	-	FIT TV	FitTV's Housecalls		Extremists	Extremists	Ten Years Younger		FitTV's Housecalls		Extremists	Extremists
35	31	FMC	(:01) Hour of Stars		(:01) Shirley Mania		(:01) ★★ "The Poseidon Adventure" (1972)		Iron Chef "Maitake Mushrooms" Chef Kobe.		Emeril Live	Hearty recipes.
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Hearty recipes.		Unwrapped (N)	Unwrapped (N)	The Secret Life Of...	Amer. Festivals				
13	7	FOX	MLB Baseball Division Series -- Teams TBA. If necessary, Alternate prime-time lineup: "The Glass House" and local programming. (Live)						The Fox Report With Shepard Smith			Kojak
40	38	FX	(4:30) "Shallow Hal"		Fear Factor		King of Hill	King of Hill	★★★ "Planet of the Apes" (2001) Tim Roth			
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N)	Rocky Mt.	America	NASCAR	Best Damn Sports Show Period	Sports List	Rocky Mt.		I, Max (N)	
5	14	HBO	(5:00) ★★★ "Matchstick Men" (2003) PG-13		★★★ "Life or Something Like It" (2002, Comedy) Angelina Jolie.	★★★ "Life or Something Like It" (2002, Comedy) Angelina Jolie.	Alexandra Pelosi's Diary of a Political Tourist (N)				"League-Own"	
62	67	HGTV	Homes	Sensible	Decorating	Designers'	Design	Design	House	House	Homes	Sensible
58	52	HIST	UFO Files Alien abductions.		Deep Sea Detectives (N)		Deep Sea Detectives "Titanic: High Tech at Low Depth"		Great Blunders		UFO Files Alien abductions.	
25	35	IND	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	★★★ "Crocodile Dundee" Hogan, Linda Kozlowski.		(1986, Comedy) Paul Hogan, Linda Kozlowski.	
18	63	LIFE	"Double Jeopardy"		"Saving Emily" (2004) Alexandra Paul. Premiere.		How Clean	How Clean	The Nanny		Golden	
23	77	MTV	TRL (iTV)		Video	Real World & Road Rules					Challenge	
3	9	NBC	News	Ent. Tonight	Fear Factor "Wheel Fun" (N)		Las Vegas "Good Run of Bad Luck" (N)		LAX "Abduction" (N)		News	The Tonight Show
8	8	NBC	Fear Factor "Wheel Fun" (N)		Las Vegas "Good Run of Bad Luck" (N)		LAX "Abduction" (N)		News	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:37) Late Night (N)
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob Drake		Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
2	2	PBS	Antiques Roadshow "San Francisco"		American Experience "Transcontinental Railroad"	(DVS)			BBC World News	May to December	Charlie Rose (N)	
38	83	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		★ "Wishmaster 2: Evil Never Dies" (1999)			
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		WWE Raw	
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out		Clean Sweep Cluttered bedroom and office.		In A Fix Chronic home improvement.		Amazing Medical Stories "New Solutions" (N)		Boys With Breasts Male breast development.	
28	37	TNT	Law & Order	(DVS)	Law & Order	(DVS)	Law & Order	(DVS)	Without a Trace		NYPD Blue	
51	86	TRAV	Vacation	Vacation	Homes	Homes	Dreaming Big (N)		Vacation	Vacation	Homes	Homes
21	82	TVLND	Munsters	GreenAcre	Griffith	Leave	Sanford	Ali-Family	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cheers	Cheers
60	89	UNIV	Rubi		Amarte es Mi Pecado		Cristina		Impacto	Noticiero	En las Mejores Familias	
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Monk	
12	3	WB	Friends	Everybody-Raymond	7th Heaven "Vote" (N)		Everwood (N)		News		Friends	Will & Grace
99	36	WGN	★★★ "Kojak: Fatal Flaw" (1989) Telly Savalas.				WGN News at Nine		Becker	Becker	Home Delivery	