

Girl on the side tired of waiting for her man



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• dear abby

DEAR ABBY: “Mitch” and I have been best-friends-with-benefits for nine years. He has a live-in girlfriend, “Edna,” and they have an 11-month-old son together. The two of them are always fighting and yelling, and I’m always the peacemaker. I helped in raising their child so often that the boy called me Mom before he said it to Edna.

Two years ago, I told Mitch I wanted to be with him — something more than just his girl on the side. He said he already knew it, but had been waiting for me to say it. He said he felt the same way, but he wasn’t ready to go from one relationship to another.

When I first told him how I felt, he told me not to wait for him. He said if I did find someone, I shouldn’t hold back because of him.

When I finally did meet and date someone, Mitch got into an uproar about it and said he didn’t like the guy. I ended the relationship to please him.

So here I sit, committed to someone who can’t do the same for me, and feeling confused and lonely. I believe I am in love with Mitch. We still have a sexual relationship. I have tried to cool things down, but when I see Mitch, I just melt. Do you think he means what he says, or is he just telling me what I want to hear for what he can get? — MISERABLE IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR MIZ: Let’s review what Mitch has been saying: He said he

has known for years that you’re in love with him. He also told you not to wait for him. If Mitch loved you, do you really think he’d be living with someone else and telling you to move on? I don’t.

Now let’s look at what Mitch has been getting: He has someone who has continued to sleep with him in spite of the fact that he lives with someone else and fathered a child with her. On top of that, you’re a free baby sitter and peacemaker. Enough about what he’s getting. All you’re getting is heartache.

I’ll give Mitch high marks for salesmanship. But you shouldn’t “buy” everything he sells you.

DEAR ABBY: I am employed by a national company to tutor high school students, one-on-one. For various reasons, I suspect that one of my students — with whom I meet every one or two weeks — may be smoking pot.

From a professional perspective, I feel this is none of my business. From a personal perspective, and as a parent myself, I am agonizing over whether I should bring my suspicions to the attention of his parent. If I were his parent, I would certainly want to know. Then again, my suspicions could be wrong. What is the ethical thing to do? — UNSURE IN CONCORD, CALIF.

DEAR UNSURE: Your student’s welfare IS your business. It’s refreshing to know that someone is debating the “ethical” thing to do these days. If media reports are accurate, they lead us to believe that ethics have gone the way of the dinosaur.

Before approaching your student’s parent, talk to the boy about your concerns.

His problem may be something other than pot. At least give him a chance to explain. However, if your suspicions persist, by all means tell his parent what you have told me. You’ll be doing both of them a favor.

TUESDAY EVENING										E= Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone										OCT. 19, 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: Night Stalker		Cold Case Files "Bitter, Cheseboro" (N)		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter	Crossing Jordan "The Dawn of a New Day" (N)		Biography: Night Stalker																
4	6	ABC		My Wife and Kids		George Lopez (N)		According to Jim (N)		Rodney (N)	News (N)		(35) Nightline (N)		(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Bowling for Soup.														
26	48	ANPL		Austin Stevens: Snake-master (N)		Most Extreme "Battle of the Sexes" (N)		Animal Precinct Dog left in a yard with no shelter.			Austin Stevens: Snake-master		Most Extreme "Battle of the Sexes"																
63	54	BRAVO		Kathy Griffin: The D-List Comedian performs.		Manhunt: Search for Male Model		Manhunt: Search for Male Model			The West Wing "Galileo" (N)		Kathy Griffin: The D-List Comedian performs.																
7	11	CBS		NCIS "Lt. Jane Doe" (N)		Clubhouse "Spectator Interference" (N)		Judging Amy "Legacy" (N)			News (N)		(35) Late Show Jude Law, Ricky Gervais. (N)		The Late Late Show														
24	50	DISC		Demolition Day: Three Rivers Stadium (N)		Tested to Destruction Crash tests. (N)		Demolition Derby (N)			Decisions That Shook the World (N)		Iceland Tunnels Diggers carve tunnels.																
33	44	DISN		Kim Possible "Past"		The Proud Family (N)		Even Stevens (N)		Lizzie McGuire (N)	Sister, Sister (N)		That's So Raven (N)		Alvin and the Chipmunks Meet the Wolfman (N)														
49	81	EITV		Entertainment Series-Poker		Entertainment Series-Poker		Entertainment Series-Poker			Howard S. (N)		Howard S. (N)		Saturday Night Live (N)														
22	56	ESPN		NFL's Greatest Game		Billiards: Champs.		Billiards: Champs.			SportsCenter (Live) (N)		Dream Job (Live) (N)																
54	57	ESPN2		NFL's Greatest Game		Billiards: Champs.		Billiards: Champs.			Billiards: Champs.		Baseball NFL Live																
32	46	FAM		"I Downloaded a Ghost" (2002) Carlos Alazraqui.		Extremists		Extremists			The 700 Club (N)		Fam. Mat.		Fam. Mat.														
59	6	FIT TV		Buff Brides: Challenge		Extremists		Extremists			Buff Brides: Challenge		Extremists																
35	31	FMC		(01) ★★ "Jack the Bear" (1991, Drama)		Emeril Live "Cider Rules"		Roker on the Road		Recipe for Success	\$40-a-Day		\$40-a-Day		Iron Chef "Battle Sea Eel" Eel dishes.														
53	68	FOOD		Emeril Live "Cider Rules"		Roker on the Road		Recipe for Success			\$40-a-Day		\$40-a-Day		Iron Chef "Battle Sea Eel" Eel dishes.														
13	7	FOX		MLB Baseball American League Championship Series Game 6 - Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. (Live) (N)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		LAPD: Life on the Beat		LAPD: Life on the Beat																			
40	38	FX		(4:30) "Vertical Limit"		Fear Factor (N)		King of Hill		King of Hill	★★ "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001) Owen Wilson.																		
30	55	FXSP		I, Max (N)		Rocky Mt. (N)		Sports List		NASCAR	Best Damn Sports Show Period (N)		Sports List		Rocky Mt. (N)														
5	14	HBO		(5:15) ★★ "Funny Farm" (1988) PG (N)		★★★ "Gattaca" (1997, Science Fiction) Ethan Hawke. (N)		PG-13 (N)			(45) ★★ "Something's Gotta Give" (2003) Jack Nicholson. A music exec falls for the mother of his young girlfriend. (N)																		
62	67	HGTV		Designed Designer		Decorating Design		Designers' Designers' (N)			House		Crafters		Designed Designer														
58	52	HIST		Wild West Tech The changing frontier. (N)		R. Lee Ermy in Afghanistan (N)		Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 10" (N)			Vanishings! (N)		Vanishings! (N)		Wild West Tech The changing frontier. (N)														
25	35	IND		Friends (N)		Friends (N)		Sex and the City (N)		Sex and the City (N)	(05) He's a Lady Judges eliminate four.		(05) ★ "The Bachelor" (1999, Comedy) Chris O'Donnell, Renee Zellweger. (DVS)																
18	63	LIFE		"Sleeping-Devil"		"Dying to Love You" (1993) Tim Matheson. (N)		Challenge		Challenge	Veronica Mars (N)		The Nanny		Golden														
23	77	MTV		TRL (N)		Challenge		Challenge		Challenge	Veronica Mars (N)		The Nanny		Golden														
3	9	NBC		News (N)		Ent. Tonight		The Biggest Loser (Series Premiere)		Scrubs (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)		News (N)		(35) The Tonight Show														
8	8	NBC		The Biggest Loser (Series Premiere)		Scrubs (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)			News		(35) The Tonight Show		(37) Late Night (N)														
34	43	NICK		SpongeBob		School	Fatherhood	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne		Roseanne		Fresh Pr.														
2	2	PBS		Nova "Neanderthals on Trial" (N)		DVS		Broadway: The American Musical "Give My Regards to Broadway; Syncopated City" (N)			BBC World News		That's My Boy (N)		Charlie Rose (N)														
38	83	SCIFI		Farscape: Wars		Andromeda (N)		Andromeda (N)			★★★ "Body Bags" (1993) Alex Datcher. (N)																		
61	41	SPK		Maximum Exposure (N)		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn			CSI: Crime Scn		★★★ "Airplane!" (N)																
39	51	TLC		While You Were Out Brothers surf together.		Clean Sweep "Sock It to Me" (N)		In a Fix "The Fiesta House" (N)			Mega Machines "Mega Choppers" Huge saw.		Overhaul "Beverly Hills Camaro"																
28	37	TNT		Law & Order "Hate" (N)		Law & Order (DVS)		Charmed (N)			Law & Order (DVS)		The X-Files "Anasazi"																
51	86	TRAV		Food Crazy (N)		Made		Made			Food Crazy (N)		Made																
21	82	TVLND		Munsters		GreenAcre	Griffith	Leave	Sanford	All-Family	3's Co.		3's Co.		Cheers (N)														
60	89	UNIV		Rubi		Amarte es Mi Pecado		Casos de la Vida Real			Impacto		Noticiero		Recuento-Dños														
20	34	USA		Law & Order: SVU		★★★ "Kiss the Girls" (1997, Suspense) Morgan Freeman. (N)		One Tree Hill "I Will Dare" (N)			News (N)		Law & Order: SVU		The District														
12	3	WB		Friends (N)		Everybody-Raymond		Gillmore Girls "We Got Us a Pippi Virgin" (N)			News (N)		Friends (N)		Will & Grace (N)														
99	36	WGN		★★★ "The Rising Place" (2002) Laurel Holloman.		WGN News at Nine		WGN News at Nine			Becker (N)		Becker (N)		Home Delivery														

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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	Cold Case Files Prostitute helps police track down a serial killer. [E]				First 48		Crossing Jordan "Born to Run" [E]		Cold Case Files [E]	
4	6	ABC	Extreme Makeover (N) [E]		life as we know it "The Best Laid Plans" (N) [E]		PrimeTime Live [E]		News [E] (35) Night-line [E]		(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) [E]	
26	48	ANPL	Dog Show Houston.						Dog Show Houston.			
63	54	BRAVO	Celebrity Poker Showdown Celebrities compete on behalf of their favorite charities. [E]				Manhunt: Search for Male Model		The West Wing "The Leadership Breakfast"		Celebrity Poker Showdown [E]	
7	11	CBS	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire (N) [E]		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Crow's Feet"		Without a Trace "Upstairs Downstairs" (N)		News [E] (35) Late Show Dustin Hoffman, Bjork. (N) [E]		The Late Late Show	
24	50	DISC	Donner Party Pioneers are stranded for months.		Shoot-Out at the O.K. Corral		Butch and Sundance		Superweapons of the Ancient World (N)		Columbus: Secrets From the Grave [E]	
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible "Blush"	The Proud Family [E]	Even Stevens [E]	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister [E]	That's So Raven [E]	"Halloweentown High" (2004, Fantasy) Debbie Reynolds, Kimberly J. Brown. "NR" [E]			
49	81	EITV	Entertainment		Entertainment		The Soup		Cover	Howard S. [E]	Howard S. [E]	Saturday Night Live [E]
22	56	ESPN	(5:30) College Football Syracuse at West Virginia. (Live) [E]				Live [E]		SportsCenter (Live) [E]		Burning [E] Outside	
54	57	ESPN2	★★ "Hustle" (2004) Tom Sizemore. [E]				★★ "Hustle" (2004) Tom Sizemore. [E]				NFL Great [E] NFL Live	
32	46	FAM	★★ "Casper Meets Wendy" (1998) Hilary Duff				Whose? [E] Whose? [E]		The 700 Club [E]		Fam. Mat. [E] Fam. Mat. [E]	
59	-	FIT TV	FitTV's Housecalls (N)		Extremists [E] Extremists [E]		Aussie Weighting Game		FitTV's Housecalls [E]		Extremists [E] Extremists [E]	
35	31	FMC	(01) ★★ "Batman" (1966) Adam West.				★★★ "Spectre" (1977) Robert Culp, Gig Young. [E]		Robert Culp, Gig Young. [E]		(01) "Hear No Evil" [E]	
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Squash Five Ways"		Unwrapped: Disney World Resort		Good Eats [E] The Secret Life Of...		Iron Chef Iron Chef Chen is challenged.		Emeril Live "Squash Five Ways"	
13	7	FOX	MLB Baseball National League Championship Series Game 7 -- Houston Astros at St. Louis Cardinals. (Live) [E]						The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]		LAPD: Life on the Beat [E] LAPD: Life on the Beat [E]	
40	38	FX	"America Sweet"		Fear Factor [E] [E]		King of Hill [E] King of Hill [E]		King of Hill [E] King of Hill [E]		King of Hill [E] King of Hill [E]	
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N) [E] Rocky Mt. [E]		Insider [E] NASCAR [E]		Best Damn Sports Show [E]		Period [E] Sports List [E]		Rocky Mt. [E] I, Max [E]	
5	14	HBO	(5:00) ★★ "Grind" [E] (45) ★★ "The Fugitive" (1993) Harrison Ford. An innocent man must evade the law as he pursues a killer. "PG-13"						Inside the NFL [E] [E]		★★★ "28 Days Later" (2002) Cillian Murphy. [E]	
62	67	HGTV	Weekend Landscap [E]		Design [E] Designers' [E]		House [E] House [E]		House [E] Design [E]		Weekend Landscap [E]	
58	52	HIST	Rumrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers Prohibition is a boon for smugglers. [E]				Modern Marvels History of alcohol distilling. [E]		Hooked: Illegal Drugs and How They Got [E]		Rumrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers [E]	
25	35	IND	Friends [E]	Friends [E]	★★★ "Ever After" (1998, Romance) (PA) Drew Barrymore, Anjelica Huston. [E]				(10) ★★★ "Ever After" (1998, Romance) (PA) Drew Barrymore, Anjelica Huston. [E]			
18	63	LIFE	"Facing the Enemy" [E]		"Saving Emily" (2004) Alexandra Paul. [E]				The Nanny [E] Golden [E]		The Nanny [E] Golden [E]	
23	77	MTV	TRL [E] [E]		Real World [E] Real World [E]		Direct Effect [E]		Stew [E] Video [E]		Challenge [E] Challenge [E]	
3	9	NBC	News [E]	Ent. Tonight [E]	Joey (N) [E] Will & Grace (N) [E]		The Apprentice (N) [E]		(8:59) ER "Fear" (N) [E]		News [E] The Tonight Show [E]	
8	8	NBC	Joey (N) [E]	Will & Grace (N) [E]	The Apprentice (N) [E]		(7:59) ER "Fear" (N) [E]		News [E] (35) The Tonight Show (N) [E]		(37) Late Night (N) [E]	
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob [E]	Sabrina [E]	Full House [E] Full House [E]		Fresh Pr. [E] Cosby [E]		Roseanne [E] Roseanne [E]		Fresh Pr. [E] Fresh Pr. [E]	
2	2	PBS	Sunflower Journeys [E]	Kansas Spotlight [E]	Broadway: The American Musical "West Side Story," "Fiddler on the Roof." (N) [E]				BBC World News [E]		Keeping Up [E] Charlie Rose (N) [E]	
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) ★★ "House of Frankenstein 1997" (1997)		Adrian Pasdar. [E]				★★★ "Tales From the Crypt" (1972) [E]			
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure [E]		Wildest Police Videos [E]		CSI: Crime Scn [E]		CSI: Crime Scn [E]		MXC [E] MXC [E]	
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out A little bit of Ireland. [E]		Clean Sweep "Organizational Sand Trap" [E]		In a Fix Building a bedroom addition.		Overhaul'n "Challenging Dodge" [E]		True Curse of the Mummy [E]	
28	37	TRV	Law & Order [E] (DVS)		★% "Domestic Disturbance" [E]		(45) ★% "Domestic Disturbance" (2001)				Saturday [E]	
51	86	TRAV	Florida-Beaches [E]		Future City [E]		New Orlando [E]		Florida-Beaches [E]		Future City [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	Rubi [E]		Amarte es Mi Pecado [E]		Aqui y Ahora [E]		Impacto [E] Noticiero [E]		Recuento-Dños [E]	
20	34	USA	★★★ "Casino" (1995)		Roberto De Niro. A mob employee makes a play for power in 1970s Las Vegas. [E]						15 Minutes [E]	
12	3	WB	Friends [E]	Everybody-Raymond [E]	Blue Collar TV (N) [E] Green Screen [E]		Charmed [E] [E]		News [E] [E]		Friends [E] Will & Grace [E]	
99	36	WGN	★★ "Julian Po" (1997) Christian Slater. [E]				WGN News at Nine [E]		Becker [E] Becker [E]		Home Delivery [E]	