

# Many answers to questions on who buys ring

DEAR ABBY: "Deb in Knoxville" asked who should buy the ring if the woman proposes. I think the groom should buy the ring for the bride, and the bride should buy the ring for the groom, no matter who proposes. It should be their gift to each other. — JOYFUL IN ALPHARETTA, GA.

DEAR JOYFUL: My ears are "ringing" from the many comments I've received regarding that letter.



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• dear abby

Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to "Deb in Knoxville" was right on. You advised her that if the man is a gentleman, he should buy it. And if he refuses, she should enter the marriage with her eyes wide open and no illusions about what her future will be.

Even though my husband popped the question to me, he never bought me a ring. It was an indication of what

was to come. He is the world's worst cheapskate.

I can count on one hand the number of gifts he has given me over the years. He is equally withholding emotionally. When I was single, I never thought that such things were important in a relationship. I was wrong. It's been a lonely life. — LONELY IN DIXIE

DEAR LONELY: In your case, the lack of gifts is less important than the absence of what they stand for. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend tells me that it is tradition that the man buys the woman a ring, and the woman buys the man a watch. What a great tradition! Have you heard of this? —

BOB IN CHICAGO

DEAR BOB: No, so I called Dawn Moore, the West Coast regional director of Chopard Jewelers. She informed me that a wristwatch is the "traditional offering" from the woman to the man at the time of the engagement or the wedding. (What a clever way of ensuring he makes it to the church on time!)

DEAR ABBY: "Deb in Knoxville" asked who should buy the ring if the woman proposes. You replied that you're old-fashioned, and the man should buy it if he's a gentleman. I disagree! If the woman asks, she should buy the ring. Not only that, but she should present that ring to him. What's good for the goose is good for

the gander. — EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ENGAGER

DEAR ENGAGER: Thank you for stating the opposing point of view.

DEAR ABBY: I proposed to my longtime boyfriend and bought him an engagement ring. I didn't care if I received one or not. He asked if I wanted one as well, and I declined. Because of pressure from family and friends, he finally insisted.

Abby, there is so much old-fashioned peer pressure on the man. When we announced our engagement, I made the mistake of saying that I had been the one to propose. People would gawk at him as though he had been the one holding up the wedding plans, and I had to somehow get the ball rolling

by proposing to him. It was like they thought less of him somehow. I think it embarrassed him, which was stupid because he was ready to be married long before I was. (I was divorced and afraid of making another mistake.)

When I felt ready, I decided to surprise him and propose. He was loving and patient with me — and it's unfair that people regard him as someone who had to be poked and prodded into making a commitment.

I think that if a woman proposes, the same rules should apply as if the situation were reversed. It's up to both of them to decide about the rings. The responsibility should be shared because they are both equals in the relationship. — SMILING IN CANADA

## TUESDAY EVENING

		E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone		NOV. 23, 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 "Otis Toole" (N)		Cold Case Files A tool mark solves a murder.		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Crossing Jordan "Secrets & Lies" (N)		Biography "Otis Toole" (N)		
4	6	ABC	My Wife and Kids	George Lopez (N)	According to Jim (N)	Rodney (N)	NYPD Blue "I Like Ike" (N)		News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Jon Cryer; Chingy.		
26	48	ANPL	Austin Stevens: Snake-master		Most Extreme "Big Mouths" Large mouths.		Miami Animal Police "Gator Love Bite"		Austin Stevens: Snake-master		Most Extreme "Big Mouths" Large mouths.		
63	54	BRAVO	Manhunt: Search for Male Model		The 100 Greatest TV Characters (N)		Queen Eye for the Straight Guy (N)		The West Wing "War Crimes" (N)		The 100 Greatest TV Characters (N)		
7	11	CBS	NCIS "Call of Silence" (N)		The Amazing Race 6 (N)		Judging Amy "Order and Chaos" (N)		News	(:35) Late Show Kevin Spacey. (N)		The Late Late Show	
24	50	DISC	Monster House "Hollywood House"		American Chopper "Liberty Bike 1"		Monster Nation Butler blimp. (N)		Dr. G: Medical Examiner "Hit and Run"		Destroyer: Forged in Steel (N)		
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible-ble	The Proud Family	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	★★★ "The Emperor's New Groove" (2000, Comedy)	G	Mr. Whiskers		
49	81	EITV	50 Most Outrageous TV Moments				Affair	Affair	Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live		
22	56	ESPN	Basketball		College Basketball Maui Invitational Semifinal -- Teams TBA.				SportsCenter (Live)		Outside		
54	57	ESPN2	(5:00) College Football		Bowling Green at Toledo.		College Basketball St. Joseph's at Kansas.		Who's?	Who's?	Fastbreak	NFL Live	
32	46	FAM	★★ "Problem Child" (1990) John Ritter.				Who's?	Who's?	The 700 Club		Neverland	Fam. Mat.	
59	-	FIT TV	Buff Brides: Challenge		Extremists	Extremists	Extreme Survival "Cold" (2001)		Buff Brides: Challenge		Extremists	Extremists	
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★ "The Sweet Ride" (1968, Drama)				(:01) ★★ "Hear No Evil" (1993) Marlee Matlin.				"The Right Approach"		
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Classic Thanksgiving"		AI Roker's New England Thanksgiving		\$40-a-Day "Boston"		Iron Chef TV star challenges chef.		Emeril Live "Classic Thanksgiving"		
13	7	FOX	Billionaire: Branson's Quest for the Best		House "Paternity" (N)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		Bob Newhart	Bob Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	
40	38	FX	"American President"		Fear Factor		King of Hill "King of Hill"		★★★ "Kiss of the Dragon" (2001) Jet Li.				
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N)	Rocky Mt.	Sports List	Football	Best Damn Sports Show Period		Period	Sports List	Rocky Mt.	I, Max	
5	14	HBO	(5:00) ★★ "Antwone Fisher" (2002)		★★ "Le Divorce" (2003) Kate Hudson. A woman visits her sister in Paris and finds romance.		★★★ "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" (2003, Action) Antonio Banderas.		★★★ "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" (2003, Action) Antonio Banderas.		R		
62	67	HGTV	Designed Designer		Decorating	Design	Designers' Designers'		House	Crafters	Designed	Designer	
58	52	HIST	Wild West Tech "Alamo Tech" (N)		Modern Marvels	Mail Call	Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 14"		History vs. Hollywood "Alexander."		Wild West Tech "Alamo Tech"		
25	35	IND	Friends	Friends	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	(:10) He's a Lady Winner selected. (N)		(:10) ★★ "Bridget Jones's Diary" (2001, Comedy) Renée Zellweger, Colin Firth.				
18	63	LIFE	(5:00) "Water's Edge"		"Twisted Desire" (1996) Melissa Joan Hart.				The Nanny	Golden	The Nanny	Golden	
23	77	MTV	TRL (ITV)		Laguna	Laguna	Direct Effect		Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World	
3	9	NBC	News	Ent. Tonight	The Biggest Loser (N)		Scrubs (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Doubt" (N)		News	The Tonight Show	
8	8	NBC	The Biggest Loser (N)		Scrubs (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Doubt" (N)		News	(:35) The Tonight Show (N)	(:37) Late Night (N)		
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob	School	Fatherhood	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	
2	2	PBS	Nova "Dogs and More Dogs" (N)	(DVS)	Pres. Conversations-Constitution		Frontline "Secret History of the Credit Card" (N)		BBC World News	That's My Boy	Charlie Rose (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	
38	83	SCIFI	"Terminal Invasion"		★★ "Cube 2: Hypercube" (2002) Kari Matchett.		★★ "Operation Sandman: Warriors in Hell"						
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		I Hate My Job (N)		
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out New patio.		Clean Sweep		In a Fix "Arrested Development"		American Hot Rod "Alumabub 3"		Overhaulin'		
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "Terminal"		Law & Order "Ego"		Charmed		Law & Order "Mayhem"		The X-Files "Elegy"		
51	86	TRAV	Food Crazy		Food Crazy		Thanksgiving		Food Crazy		Food Crazy		
21	82	TVLND	Munsters	GreenAcre	Griffith	Leave	Sanford	All-Family	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cheers	Cheers	
80	89	UNIV	Rubi		Amor Real		Veremos Todo		Impacto	Noticiero	Gloria de los Angeles?		
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU		★★ "All About the Benjamins" (2002) Ice Cube.		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		The District "Sacrifices"		
12	3	WB	Friends	Everybody-Raymond	"Samantha: An American Girl Holiday" (2004) AnnaSophia Robb, Mia Farrow. Premiere.		News		News		Friends	Will & Grace	
99	36	WGN	★★★ "Spaceballs" (1987) Mel Brooks.		WGN News at Nine		Becker	Becker	Becker		Home Delivery (N)		

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

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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 "Love Triangle" (N) (N)		Family Plots (N)	Airline (N)	Biography: Carroll O'Connor: In a Lifetime		Crossing Jordan "Secrets & Lies" (N)		American Justice "Love Triangle" (N) (N)	
4	6	ABC	The Bachelor Byron introduces the two remaining women to his parents before choosing. (N)		Animal Face-Off "Anaconda vs. Jaguar" (N)		Miami Animal Police "Labrador Life Savers" (N)		The Jeff Corwin Experience		Animal Face-Off "Anaconda vs. Jaguar" (N)	
26	48	ANPL	The Jeff Corwin Experience		The 100 Greatest TV Characters (N) (N)		Queen Eye for the Straight Guy (N)		The West Wing "Gone Quiet" (N)		The 100 Greatest TV Characters (N)	
63	54	BRAVO	The 100 Greatest TV Characters (N) (N)		The King of Center-Queens (N) (N)		CSI: NY "Three Generations Are Enough" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Late Show (N) (N)		The Late Late Show
7	11	CBS	60 Minutes (N) (N)		American Chopper "Liberty Bike 2" (N)		Monster Nation Making an extreme espresso. (N)		Alexander the Great: Murder Unsolved (N)		MythBusters "Myths Revisited" (N)	
24	50	DISC	Monster House Tropical-themed house. (N)		Even Stevens (N)	Lizzie McGuire (N)	Sister, Sister (N)	That's So Raven (N)	★★★ "The Lion King 1 1/2" (2004) Voices of Nathan Lane. G (N)		"The Lion King 1 1/2" (2004) (N)	
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible (N)	The Proud Family (N)	La Toya Jackson: THS	Jackie Collins Presents	Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live (N)			
49	81	EITV	True H'wood		College Basketball: Maui Invit. Final				SportsCenter (Live) (N)		Outside	
22	56	ESPN	NBA Basketball: Pistons at Cavaliers		College Basketball Preseason NIT Semifinal -- Teams TBA.				College Basketball			
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball		Who's? (N)	Who's? (N)	The 700 Club (N)		Fam. Mat. (N)		Fam. Mat. (N)	
32	46	FAM	★★★ "Stuart Little" (1999) Geena Davis. (N)		Extremists (N)	Extremists (N)	Extreme Survival "Heat" (N)		Peak Performance (N)		Extremists (N)	Extremists (N)
59	-	FIT TV	Peak Performance (N)		Hour of Stars				(:01) ★★ "Kiss Me Goodbye" (1982) (N)			
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★ "Delicious" (1931) Janet Gaynor. (N)		Emeril's Thanksgiving With Our Troops		Iron Chef "Battle Carrot" Kiyoshi Takahashi. (N)		Emeril's Thanksgiving With Our Troops			
53	68	FOOD	Emeril's Thanksgiving With Our Troops		All Star Thanksgiving Recipes and traditions. (N)		Good Eats (N)					
13	7	FOX	That '70s Show (N) (N)	Quintuplets (N) (N)	Kelly, Ruben & Fantasia: Home for Christmas		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (N)		Bob Newhart (N)	Bob Newhart (N)	Mary Tyler Moore (N)	Mary Tyler Moore (N)
40	38	FX	"Kiss of the Dragon" (N)		Fear Factor (N)		King of Hill "King of Hill" (N)		★★★ "Shallow Hal" (2001) Gwyneth Paltrow. (N)			
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N) (N)	Rocky Mt. (N)	America (N)	Football (N)	Best Damn Sports Show Period (N)		Sports List (N)		Rocky Mt. (N)	I, Max (N)
5	14	HBO	Alexander: First Look	Real Sports (N)	★★★ "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World" (2003, Adventure) Russell Crowe. (N)	PG-13 (N)					The Wire "Slapstick" (N)	
62	67	HGTV	Renovation (N)	Building (N)	Sensible (N)	Mission (N)	Curb (N)	Curb (N)	House (N)	Dream (N)	Renovation (N)	Building (N)
58	52	HIST	Modern Marvels Movie palaces; drive-ins. (N)		Full Throttle 1975 Pontiac Firebird. (N)		Modern Marvels "Bathroom Tech" (N)		Ancient Monster Hunters (N)		Modern Marvels Movie palaces; drive-ins. (N)	
25	35	IND	Friends (N)	Friends (N)	Friends (N)	Friends (N)	Sex and the City (N)	Sex and the City (N)	(:10) He's a Lady Winner selected. (N)		(:10) ★★ "The Wedding Singer" (1998) (N)	
18	63	LIFE	"The Autumn Heart" (N)		"The Alibi" (1997, Drama) (N)		Tori Spelling. (N)		The Nanny (N)	Golden (N)	The Nanny (N)	Golden (N)
23	77	MTV	TRL (ITV) (N)		Boiling (N)	Boiling (N)	Real World (N)	Real World (N)	Real World (N)	Real World (N)	Famous (N)	Famous (N)
3	9	NBC	News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Tim McGraw: Here and Now (N) (N)		The West Wing "The Dover Test" (N) (N)		Law & Order "All in the Family" (N) (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show (N)
8	8	NBC	Tim McGraw: Here and Now (N) (N)		The West Wing "The Dover Test" (N) (N)		Law & Order "All in the Family" (N) (N)		News (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show (N) (N)	(:37) Late Night (N) (N)	
34	43	NICK	U-Pick Live (N)	U-Pick Live (N)	Full House (N)	Full House (N)	Fresh Pr. (N)	Cosby (N)	Roseanne (N)	Roseanne (N)	Fresh Pr. (N)	Fresh Pr. (N)
2	2	PBS	Secrets of the Dead "Tragedy at the Pole" (N)		Regency House Party Napoleon's defeat sparks a celebration. (N)		Back to the Floor (N)		BBC World News (N)	Two's Company (N)	Charlie Rose (N) (N)	
38	83	SCIFI	Ghost Hunters (N)		Ghost Hunters (N)		Ghost Hunters (N)		Ghost Hunters (N)		Ghost Hunters (N)	
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure (N)		Wildest Police Videos (N)		CSI: Crime Scn (N)		CSI: Crime Scn (N)		The Club (N) (N)	
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out (N)		Clean Sweep "Cure for Clutter" (N)		In a Fix "Par Le Floor" (N)		Monster House "Family Vacation House" (N)		In a Fix Harvey tries home improvement. (N)	
28	37	TNT	Law & Order (N) (DVS)		★★ "The Wool Cap" (2004) William H. Macy. (N)				★★ "The Wool Cap" (2004) William H. Macy. (N)			
51	86	TRAV	Pro's Guide to Vegas		World Poker Tour (N)				Pro's Guide to Vegas		World Poker Tour (N)	
21	82	TVLND	Munsters (N)	GreenAcres (N)	Griffith (N)	Leave (N)	Sanford (N)	All-Family (N)	3's Co. (N)	3's Co. (N)	Cheers (N)	Cheers (N)
60	89	UNIV	Rubi (N)		Amor Real (N)		Don Francisco Presents (N)		Impacto (N)	Noticiero (N)	Gloria... Sin Censura (N)	
24	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU (N)		Law & Order: SVU (N)		Law & Order: SVU (N)		Law & Order: SVU (N)		Monk (N)	
12	3	WB	Friends (N)	Everybody-Raymond (N)	★★ "A Walk to Remember" (2002, Romance) Shane West, Mandy Moore. (N)				News (N) (N)		Friends (N) (N)	Will & Grace (N)
99	36	WGN	★★★ "FX" (1986, Suspense) Bryan Brown (N)				WGN News at Nine (N)		Becker (N)	Becker (N)	Home Delivery (N)	