

New wife paying price for mate's mistake

DEAR ABBY: A person very dear to my heart, "Ruth," has always donated to her community blood drives. It's a form of philanthropy she enjoys. Ruth remarried a few months ago and asked her new husband, "Tony," to attend the blood drive with her. His reply left her stunned and changed her life forever. Tony confided that in his youth, he had been a needle-type drug user and



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• dear abby

now he can't give blood.

Mind you, Tony is a good, hardworking, straight-arrow man now, but he was foolish in his youth. When Ruth went to the blood drive, she was asked: "In the past 12 months have you slept with anyone who has ever used a needle?" She explained that yes, as a teenager, her husband had done drugs. She was told that as long as she is with Tony,

she can't give blood anymore. Ruth is hurt and angry at her husband for what he took from her. I feel lost as a friend about what to say to help her.

Abby, Tony's drug use was more than 27 years ago. Is Ruth right that this will follow them forever and she can never give blood again? — GIFT OF LIFE GONE IN MARYLAND

DEAR GIFT: Your letter is a pertinent reminder that youthful experimentation can have lifelong consequences. Those rules were established for a good reason — to protect our blood supply. In years past, some people were infected with life-threatening diseases because the supply of donated blood was not

screened well enough, so it makes perfect sense that organizations now go to exceptional lengths to guarantee the safety of blood and blood products.

It might lift your friend's spirits if you remind her that there are other things she can do to contribute to her community. She could volunteer to work at the blood drive in some capacity other than a donor. She could also hold a bake sale to raise funds for "the cause." Rather than blaming her husband at this late date, she should respect the rules and explore her other options.

DEAR ABBY: My nephew, who is also my godson, has decided to

marry my youngest stepdaughter. Which side of the church should I sit on — the bride's or the groom's side? My husband and children think I should sit on the groom's side. I am afraid someone will feel hurt no matter what I do. — BETWIXT AND BETWEEN IN FLORIDA

DEAR BETWIXT: Ask your nephew and stepdaughter where they would like you to sit and abide by their decision. The alternative would be to bring a folding chair and sit in the middle.

DEAR ABBY: With the holidays approaching, I would like to share an alternative to the traditional office gift exchange. For the past few years,

we have drawn names, but instead of buying gifts, we buy toys that in some way remind us of the person whose name we have drawn. The toy can represent their hobby, their job, their personality, etc.

After exchanging the gifts at our annual Christmas party and seeing how creative our fellow workers have been, the toys are then donated to a toy drive.

This tradition is rewarding for us and joyful for the children who otherwise would not receive gifts. — ELVES IN GLENDALE

DEAR ELVES: I love the idea. The gifts don't have to be expensive, and more than one person can enjoy them.

SATURDAY EVENING										E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone		DEC. 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	Cold Case Files A serial killer keeps law enforcement working on his cases. [E]				City Confidential [E]		The First 48 "Desert Bones; Party's Over" [E]		Cold Case Files [E]				
4	6	ABC	College Football Big 12 Championship -- Colorado vs. Oklahoma. From Kansas City, Mo. (Live) [E]						News [E]		(:05) Seinfeld [E]	Ent. Tonight [E]			
26	48	ANPL	50 Greatest Movie Animals Favorite animal stars. [E]				Animal Lifeline Chimpanzees. [E]		50 Greatest Movie Animals Favorite animal stars. [E]						
63	54	BRAVO	★★★½ "Alien" (1979, Science Fiction) Tom Skerritt. An outer-space stowaway attacks interstellar miners. [E]				Premiere. ★★★½ "Alien" (1979, Science Fiction) Tom Skerritt. An outer-space stowaway attacks interstellar miners. [E]								
7	11	CBS	College Football: SEC Championship [E]		NCIS "Dead Man Talking" [E]		48 Hours Mystery "The Alibi" [E]		News [E]	Drew Carey [E]	Drew Carey [E]	Drew Carey [E]			
24	50	DISC	American Hot Rod "Rat Rod Build-Off 3" [E]		American Casino "High Roller Roulette" [E]		Southern Steel "Part 1" [E]		Ancient Plastic Surgery Early cosmetic surgery. [E]		Dr. G: Medical Examiner "Dark Waters" [E]				
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	The Proud Family [E]	Braceface [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	Phil of the Future [E]	That's So Raven [E]	★★½ "Pocahontas" (1995, Adventure) Voices of Irene Bedard. [E]	(:(35) "Pocahontas" [E]					
49	81	EITV	Saturday Night Live: The True Story [E]				Saturday Night Live [E]		Traci Lords: THS [E]		Howard S. [E]	Howard S. [E]			
22	56	ESPN	(5:45) College Football California at Southern Mississippi. [E]				(-45) SportsCenter (Live) [E]				College Gameday Final [E]				
54	57	ESPN2	Tennis: Davis Cup [E]				Rodeo Wrangler National Finals -- Second Round. (Live) [E]		College Football [E]						
32	46	FAM	Santa Claus [E]				Without Santa [E]		Rudolph's New Year [E]		Drummer [E]	Drum II [E]			
59	-	FIT TV	Fitness [E]		Fitness [E]		Aussie Weighting Game [E]		Aussie Weighting Game [E]		Aussie Weighting Game [E]				
35	31	FMC	(-01) ★★★ "Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines" [E]				(-31) ★★★ "Miller's Crossing" (1990, Drama) [E]				The Super [E]				
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Food gift ideas. [E]		Christmas Festivals Christmas festivals. [E]		Iron Chef Iron Chef Ishinabe is challenged. [E]		Unwrapped [E]		Top 5 (N) [E]				
13	7	FOX	Cops "Las Vegas" [E]		Cops [E]		America's Most Wanted [E]		She Spies "Perilyzed" Reminisce. [E]		Mad TV A satirical 2004 presidential debate. [E]				
40	38	FX	King of Hill [E]		King of Hill [E]		★★★ "Pushing Tin" (1999) John Cusack. [E]		★★★ "Shallow Hal" (2001) Gwyneth Paltrow. [E]		LAPD: Life on the Beat [E]				
30	55	FXSP	Football [E]		I, Max [E]		College Hockey Minnesota at Colorado College. (Live) [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]	Football [E]			
5	14	HBO	(5:30) ★★★ "That Thing You Do!" (1996) Tom Everett Scott. [E]				★★★ "Anacarda" (1997, Horror) Jennifer Lopez. [E]		★★★ "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe. [E]		Premiere. [E]				
62	67	HGTV	Holiday Design [E]		Designer [E]		Designers [E]	Design [E]	Design [E]	Smart [E]	Home [E]	Holiday Design [E]			
58	52	HIST	Great Blunders [E]		We Stand Alone Together [E]				Band of Brothers [E]		(-15) The Search for Noah's Ark [E]				
25	35	IND	★★★ "The Replacements" (2000, Comedy) Keanu Reeves. Misfit substitutes take the field during a football strike. [E]				★★★ "The Whole Nine Yards" (2000, Comedy) (PA) Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry. [E]		Comedy (DVS) [E]		"Bad Boys" (PA) [E]				
18	63	LIFE	"She's Too Young" [E]				"Fifteen and Pregnant" (1998) Kirsten Dunst. [E]				Missing "Last Stop" [E]		★★★ "Swing Shift" [E]		
23	77	MTV	Laguna [E]		Laguna [E]		Laguna [E]		life as we know it [E]		life as we know it [E]		life as we know it [E]		
3	9	NBC	Silent Epidemic [E]		Great By Eight [E]		★★★ "The Perfect Storm" (2000, Drama) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg. [E]				News [E]		Saturday Night Live [E]		
8	8	NBC	★★★ "The Perfect Storm" (2000, Drama) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg. A fishing boat sails into the storm of the century. [E]				[E]		News [E]		Saturday Night Live [E]		Jude Law; Ashley Simpson. [E]		
34	43	NICK	Grown Up [E]		Romeo! [E]		All That [E]	Amanda [E]	Family Faceoff [E]		Fresh Pr. [E]	Cosby [E]			
2	2	PBS	Lawrence Welk: Milestones and Memories Stars from "The Lawrence Welk Show" perform crowd-pleasing favorites. [E]				[E]		Rock 'n' Roll Forever: Ed Sullivan's Greatest Hits [E]		Loorena McKennitt [E]				
38	83	SCIFI	(3:00) "The Beast" [E]				"Anonymous Rex" (2004) Sam Trammell. [E]				"Raptor Island" (2004) Lorenzo Lamas. [E]				
61	41	SPK	★★★ "Kickboxer" (1989) Dennis Alexio. [E]				Most Amazing Videos [E]				★★★ "Missing in Action" (1984) Chuck Norris. [E]				
39	51	TLC	In a Fix Harvey tries home improvement. [E]				While You Were Out "Pet Haven" [E]				Trading Spaces [E]				
28	37	TNT	★★★ "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001) Premiere. [E]				★★★ "The Mummy" (1999) Brendan Fraser. [E]				Comedy (DVS) [E]				
51	86	TRAV	Kings of the Road [E]				Weird Travels [E]				Ends of the Earth [E]				
21	82	TVLND	Munsters [E]		GreenAcre [E]		Griffith [E]		Leave [E]		Sanford [E]		All-Family [E]		
60	89	UNIV	Sábado Gigante [E]				Impacto [E]				Noticiero [E]		Otro Rollo [E]		
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU [E]				Law & Order: SVU [E]				Law & Order: SVU [E]				
12	3	WB	Top 10 Holiday Gifts Gift ideas for 2004. [E]				Billy Graham From Kansas City. [E]		The Cosby Show [E]		News [E]		(:45) Sports Replay [E]		
99	36	WGN	★★★ "Code of Silence" (1985) Chuck Norris. [E]				Funniest Home Videos [E]				Becker [E]		★★★ "Code of Silence" (1985) [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	Deadly Transactions [E]		Growing Up Gotti [E]		Growing Up Gotti [E]		Airline (N) [E]		Airline [E]		Crossing Jordan "Upon the Wasted Building" [E]		Deadly Transactions [E]	
4	6	ABC	Life of Luxury [E]		NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Seattle Seahawks. [E]		From Qwest Field in Seat [E]		News [E]		(-35) Nightline [E]					
26	48	ANPL	Pet Star (N)		Animal Precinct "Body of Evidence" [E]		Animal Precinct Neglected pit bull. [E]		Pet Star		Animal Precinct "Body of Evidence" [E]					
63	54	BRAVO	The West Wing [E]		The West Wing "Take Out the Trash Day" [E]		The West Wing "Take This Sabbath Day" [E]		The West Wing "The Two Bartles" [E]		Significant Others [E]		Significant Others [E]			
7	11	CBS	Still Standing [E]		Listen Up [E]		Everybody-Raymond [E]		Two and a Half Men [E]		CSI: Miami "Pro Per" (TV) [E]		News [E]		(-35) Late Show [E]	
24	50	DISC	American Chopper [E]		American Chopper "Race Car 2" [E]		Monster Nation (N)		Egypt Week Live		Mysterious Death of Cleopatra (N)					
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]		The Proud Family [E]		Even Stevens [E]		Lizzie McGuire [E]		Sister, Sister [E]		That's So Raven [E]		"Kim Possible: A Sitch in Time" (2003, Adventure) Will Friedle [E]	
49	81	ETV	Heir [E]		Heir [E]		101 Crimes of Fashion [E]		101 Crimes of Fashion [E]		Howard S. [E]		Howard S. [E]		Saturday Night Live [E]	
22	56	ESPN	Countdown [E]		3 Nation [E]		Golf People vs. The Pros. From Pinehurst, N.C. [E]		Billiards [E]		Billiards [E]		Rodeo [E]		SportsCenter (Live) [E]	
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball [E]		Billiards [E]		Who? [E]		Who? [E]		The 700 Club [E]		Fam. Mat. [E]		Fam. Mat. [E]	
32	46	FAM	★★★ "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" [E]		Extremists [E]		Extremists [E]		Superhuman Strength [E]		FiTV's Housecalls (N) [E]		Extremists [E]		Extremists [E]	
59	-	FIT TV	FiTV's Housecalls (N) [E]		Extremists [E]		Extremists [E]		Superhuman Strength [E]		FiTV's Housecalls (N) [E]		Extremists [E]		Extremists [E]	
35	31	FMC	:(01) ★★★ "The Blue Angel" (1959) May Britt. [E]		Unwrapped "Holidays" [E]		Unwrapped "Holidays" [E]		The Secret Life Of... [E]		Amer. Festivals [E]		Iron Chef Iron Chef I [E]		Emeril Live Food gift ideas. [E]	
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Food gift ideas. [E]		The Swan "Sylvia & Marsha" (N) [E]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]		Bob Newhart [E]		Bob Newhart [E]		Mary Tyler Moore [E]		Mary Tyler Moore [E]	
13	7	FOX	Trading Spouses: Meet Your New Mommy (N) [E]		FNS Amer. Football [E]		Championship Poker [E]		Best Damn Sports Show [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		I, Max [E]			
40	38	FX	(5:30) "Joe Somebody" [E]		FNS Amer. Football [E]		Championship Poker [E]		Best Damn Sports Show [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		I, Max [E]			
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N) [E]		FNS Amer. Football [E]		Championship Poker [E]		Best Damn Sports Show [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		I, Max [E]			
5	14	HBO	★★★ "Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead" (1991) Christina Applegate. [E]		★★★ "Shattered Glass" (2003) Hayden Christensen. [E]		★★★ "Shattered Glass" (2003) Hayden Christensen. [E]		★★★ "There's Something About Mary" (1998) [E]		★★★ "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" [E]		★★★ "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" [E]			
62	67	HGTV	Holiday Windows 2004 [E]		Decorating Designers' [E]		Holiday Design [E]		House [E]		House [E]		Holiday Windows 2004 [E]			
58	52	HIST	UFO Files Grays are reputed to be responsible. [E]		Boys' Toys Individuals collect a wide variety of items; famous collectors. (N) [E]		Tactical to Practical Building teamwork. (N) [E]		UFO Files Grays are reputed to be responsible. [E]		UFO Files Grays are reputed to be responsible. [E]		UFO Files Grays are reputed to be responsible. [E]			
25	35	IND	Friends [E]		Friends [E]		Friends [E]		Friends [E]		Friends [E]		Friends [E]			
18	63	LIFE	Nanny Reunion [E]		"Eve's Christmas" (2004) [E]		Elisa Donovan. [E]		How Clean [E]		Golden [E]		The Nanny [E]		Golden [E]	
23	77	MTV	TRL [E]		Pimp Ride [E]		Pimp Ride [E]		Direct Effect [E]		Challenge [E]		Challenge [E]		Challenge [E]	
3	9	NBC	News [E]		Ent. Tonight [E]		Fear Factor "Christmas Episode" (N) [E]		Las Vegas "My Beautiful Laundrette" (N) [E]		Dateline NBC "Diana Re-vealed" (N) [E]		News [E]		The Tonight Show [E]	
8	8	NBC	Fear Factor "Christmas Episode" (N) [E]		Las Vegas "My Beautiful Laundrette" (N) [E]		Dateline NBC "Diana Re-vealed" (N) [E]		News [E]		(-35) The Tonight Show [E]		(-37) Late Night [E]			
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob [E]		Rugrats [E]		Family Faceoff [E]		Fresh Pr. [E]		Cosby [E]		Roseanne [E]		Fresh Pr. [E]	
2	2	PBS	Magic Moments: The Best of 50's Pop Recording artists from the 1950s reunite and perform. [E]		Stargate SG-1 [E]		Stargate SG-1 [E]		Stargate SG-1 [E]		★★★ "Mindstorm" (2001) [E]		Emmanuelle Vaugier. [E]			
38	83	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 [E]		Stargate SG-1 [E]		Stargate SG-1 [E]		Stargate SG-1 [E]		★★★ "Mindstorm" (2001) [E]		Emmanuelle Vaugier. [E]			
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure [E]		Wildest Police Videos [E]		CSI: Crime Scn [E]		CSI: Crime Scn [E]		WWE Raw [E]		WWE Raw [E]			
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out "Austin: Skylab" [E]		Clean Sweep "A Toast to Organization" [E]		In a Fix "Jeweled Retreat" [E]		Extreme Surgery II [E]		Extreme Surgery II [E]		Extreme Surgery II [E]			
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "D-Girl" [E]		Law & Order (DVS) [E]		Law & Order (DVS) [E]		Without a Trace [E]		NYPD Blue [E]		NYPD Blue [E]			
51	86	TRAV	Dreaming Big (N) [E]		Homes [E]		Homes [E]		Home [E]		Home [E]		Homes [E]		Homes [E]	
21	82	TVLND	Munsters [E]		GreenAcre [E]		Griffith [E]		Leave [E]		TV Moments [E]		3's Co. [E]		3's Co. [E]	
60	89	UNIV	Rubi [E]		Amor Real [E]		Cristina [E]		Impacto [E]		Noticiero [E]		Estamos Unidos [E]			
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU [E]		★★★ "A Christmas Carol: The Musical" (2004) [E]		Law & Order: SVU [E]		Law & Order: SVU [E]		Tim McGraw [E]		Tim McGraw [E]			
12	3	WB	Friends [E]		Everybody-Raymond [E]		7th Heaven "Dropping Trou" (N) [E]		Everwood "There Is a Reaction" [E]		News [E]		Friends [E]		Will & Grace [E]	
99	36	WGN	★★★ "Once Upon a Dead Man" (1971) [E]		WGN News at Nine [E]		Becker [E]		Becker [E]		Home Delivery [E]		Home Delivery [E]			