

Tip jars are unwelcome sight at events

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "All Tipped Out," commenting on the increasing number of "tip jars" she encounters in business establishments, I had to write and say I couldn't agree more.

I first noticed the phenomenon about 15 years ago, at a wine-and-cheese fund-raiser for an organization to which I belonged. I was flabbergasted to see that the people pouring the wine had a tip jar on the



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bar. I assumed that we had hired these people as part of the contract, and certainly never expected to see them blatantly soliciting tips. However, I couldn't convince the event organizers to do anything about it.

Since then, I have seen tip jars on the open bars at weddings. Only once have I seen the father of the bride have the good sense and righteous indignation to order them re-

moved immediately.

There is no reason to tolerate paid help hustling one's invited guests for tips. You wouldn't put up with this at a catered event at your home. — PAT C., HOCKESSIN, DEL.

DEAR PAT: Good point. Frankly, I too was surprised at how prevalent the practice has become. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Please tell "All Tipped Out" to hold onto her hat. There is a doctor's office in our town — a beautiful facility with lots of employees and patients — that does the same thing, although in a slightly less blatant way.

A friend of mine went to this office to have a procedure done. It was not performed by the doctor, but by

a technician. When she went to pay at the reception desk, she was asked if she would like to "tip" the technician.

I have no problem tipping in establishments where I know the employees are not receiving minimum wage and depend on tips to supplement their incomes. However, I have no doubt that technician was earning more than minimum wage, and I don't think it was appropriate to ask a patient for a tip.

I will be more on my toes than my friend was. I will say, "Perhaps the doctor should give his technician a raise if she needs tips." — ALWAYS A NEW TWIST IN WYOMING

DEAR NEW TWIST: What you have described seems more like a demand than a request, and it's appalling.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a local bakery, and there is a tip jar; however, the employees who work the counter earn the same as everyone else, and it's more than minimum wage. Yet they expect tips and make rude comments when the customer leaves if they are not received. I find this embarrassing. I'd be less dismayed if the tips were divided by everyone, and the comments were kept in check. — E. CLAIRE IN CAMBRIDGE

DEAR E. CLAIRE: Your boss should be made aware of what's

going on in the front of his shop. If word leaks out, it will affect the business.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a small restaurant where there's a tip jar on the counter. I don't "expect" tips because of it. What makes my day is when a customer is friendly, cheerful, and says "please" and "thank you." "All Tipped Out" needn't feel obligated to tip. Just being polite and friendly will make an employee's day far more than any tip could. — HAPPY SERVER IN CANADA

DEAR HAPPY SERVER:

You're 100 percent right — but that's a subject for another column.

TUESDAY EVENING										DEC. 7, 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	Biography "Brad Pitt" (N)		Cold Case Files (N)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Crossing Jordan "Scared Straight" (N)		Biography "Brad Pitt" (N)								
4	6	ABC	A Charlie Brown Christmas (N)		According to Jim (N)	Rodney (N)	NYPD Blue "The Dead Donald" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Nightline (N)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live John Mayer. (N)								
26	48	ANPL	Austin Stevens: Snake-master (N)		Animal Cops Skinny boxer. (N)		Animal Cops Detroit "Cat Trap" (N)		Austin Stevens: Snake-master (N)		Animal Cops Skinny boxer. (N)								
63	54	BRAVO	Sarah Jones Monologist performs. (N)		Kathy Griffin: The D-List Comedian performs. (N)		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (N)		The West Wing "Night Five" (N)		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (N)								
7	11	CBS	NCIS "Forced Entry" (N)		The Amazing Race 6 (N)		Judging Amy "Early Winter" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Late Show (N)		The Late Late Show							
24	50	DISC	Monster House "Mobster House" (N)		Monster Nation (N)		American Chopper "POW/MIA 1"		Nile: Land of the Crocodiles (N)		Mummy Autopsy (Series Premiere) (N)								
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible (N)	The Proud Family (N)	Even Stevens (N)	Lizzie McGuire (N)	Sister, Sister (N)	That's So Raven (N)	★ ★ "Full-Court Miracle" (2003) Alex D. Linz. An NBA hopeful coaches a team of winless students.										
49	81	E!TV	101 Crimes of Fashion		101 Crimes of Fashion		101 Crimes of Fashion		Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live (N)								
22	56	ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball		College Basketball: Oklahoma State vs. Syracuse				SportsCenter (Live) (N)	Outside							
54	57	ESPN2	NFL's Greatest Game		NBA Nation (Live) (N)				High School Basketball		Rodeo								
32	46	FAM	"Mitch Albom's The Five		People You Meet in Heaven" (2004) Jon Voight.		Lives of Contortionists		The 700 Club (N)		Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.							
59	-	FIT TV	Buff Brides: Challenge		Extremists		Extremists		Buff Brides: Challenge		Extremists	Extremists							
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★ ★ ★ ★ "Halls of Montezuma" (1950)		(:01) ★ ★ ★ ★ "Destination: Gobi" (1953)		(:01) ★ ★ ★ ★ "Destination: Gobi" (1953)		(:01) ★ ★ ★ ★ "Destination: Gobi" (1953)		(:01) ★ ★ ★ ★ "Destination: Gobi" (1953)								
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live: Hilda's Holiday Classics		AI Roker's Colonial Christmas		\$40-a-Day	\$40-a-Day	Iron Chef "Turkey" Dueling drumsticks.		Emeril Live: Hilda's Holiday Classics								
13	7	FOX	Billionaire: Branson's Quest for the Best		House "Maternity" (N)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (N)		Bob Newhart	Bob Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore							
40	38	FX	"There's Something"		Fear Factor (N)		King of Hill	King of Hill	★ ★ ★ "Suicide Kings" (1997) Denis Leary										
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N)	Rocky Mt.	Sports List	Football	College Basketball Colorado at California. (Live)		Rocky Mt.	I, Max									
5	14	HBO	(5:30) ★ ★ ★ "Bend It Like Beckham" (2002) Parminder Nagra. (N)		★ "Anaconda" (1997, Horror) Jennifer Lopez. (N)	PG-13 (N)	★ ★ ★ "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe. (N)	R (N)											
62	67	HGTV	White House		Decorating	Design	Designers' Designers'		House	Crafters	White House								
58	52	HIST	Wild West Tech "Mas-sacre Tech" (N)		Boys' Toys To many, motorcycles symbolize freedom. (N)		Modern Marvels "High Tech Sex" (N)		Modern Marvels "High Tech Sex" (N)		Wild West Tech "Mas-sacre Tech" (N)								
25	35	IND	The Real Gilligan's Island (N)		Sex and the City (N)		Sex and the City (N)		(:10) The Real Gilligan's Island		(:10) ★ ★ ★ "Ghost-busters" (1984) Bill Mur-								
18	63	LIFE	"Christmas Rom"		★ ★ "Papa's Angels" (2000) Scott Bakula. (N)		Laguna	Laguna	The Nanny	Golden	The Nanny	Golden							
23	77	MTV	TRL (N)		TRL (N)		Scrubz (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Haunted"		News (N)	(:37) Late Night Show							
3	9	NBC	News (N)	Ent. Tonight		The Biggest Loser (N)		Scrubz (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Haunted"		News (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show							
8	8	NBC	The Biggest Loser (N)				Scrubz (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Haunted"		News (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show							
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob	Grown Up	Fatherhood	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.							
2	2	PBS	American Soundtrack: A Classic Christmas		Get Down Tonight: The Disco Explosion		Disco Explosion		New performances		That's My Boy (N)								
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) ★ ★ "The Magical		Legend of the Leprechauns" (1999) (N)		★ ★ "Trucks" (1997) Timothy Busfield. (N)												
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure (N)		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		"Naked Gun 2"								
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out (N)		Clean Sweep "Mooving Out the Mess" (N)		In a Fix A couple creates a mansion. (N)		American Hot Rod "Alumabub 5" (N)		Overhaulin' A 1962 Chevy Bel Air.								
28	37	TNT	Law & Order (N) (DVS)		Law & Order "Untitled"		Charmed (N)		Law & Order (N) (DVS)		The X-Files (N)								
51	86	TRAV	Food Crazy (N)		Made	Made	What's New Miami 2005		Food Crazy (N)		Made	Made							
21	82	TVLND	Munsters	GreenAcre	TV Moments		TV Moments		3's Co.	3's Co.	Cheers	Cheers (N)							
60	89	UNIV	Rubi		Amor Real		Veremos Todo		Impacto	Noticiero	Estamos Unidos								
20	34	USA	"12 Days of Christmas Eve" (2004) Premiere.				"12 Days of Christmas Eve" (2004, Drama)		News (N)		Friends (N)	Will & Grace (N)							
12	3	WB	Friends (N)	Everybody-Raymond		Gilmore Girls (N)		High School Reunion (Season Premiere) (N)											
99	36	WGN	McMillan and Wife "Man Without a Face"				WGN News at Nine (N)		Becker (N)	Becker (N)	Home Delivery								

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36	53	A&E	American Justice "The Wrath of Mrs. Jones"		Secret Life of a Serial Killer (N)		Biography "Gene Simmons" Gene Simmons.		Crossing Jordan "Perfect Storm" (N)		American Justice "The Wrath of Mrs. Jones"								
4	6	ABC	Lost (N)		Barbara Walters-Most Fascinating People		Miami Animal Police "Serial Killer Python"		News (N)	(:35) Nightline (N)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)								
26	48	ANPL	The Jeff Corwin Experience (N)		Miami Animal Police "Serial Killer Python"		The Jeff Corwin Experience (N)		The Jeff Corwin Experience (N)		Miami Animal Police "Serial Killer Python"								
63	54	BRAVO	Kathy Griffin: The D-List Comedian performs. (N)		Project Runway (N)		Project Runway (N)		The West Wing "Hartsfield's Landing" (N)		Project Runway (N)								
7	11	CBS	60 Minutes (N)		The King of Center-Queens (N) Univ		CSI: NY "Blink" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Late Show (N)		The Late Late Show							
24	50	DISC	Monster House "Old West House"		Monster Nation (N)		American Chopper "POW/MIA 2"		Nile: Land of the Crocodiles "The Great Flood"		Sphinx Unmasked (N)								
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible (N)	The Proud Family (N)	Even Stevens (N)	Lizzie McGuire (N)	Sister, Sister (N)	That's So Raven (N)	★ ★ ★ "Toothless" (1997) Kirstie Alley. A recently deceased dentist becomes the tooth fairy.										
49	81	E!TV	101 Crimes of Fashion		101 Crimes of Fashion		101 Crimes of Fashion		Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live (N)								
22	56	ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball Oklahoma at Purdue. (N)		SportsCenter (Live) (N)		SportsCenter (Live) (N)		Outside the Lines (N)								
54	57	ESPN2	Boxing		College Basketball Minnesota at Nebraska. (N)		Karate (N)	Karate (N)	Rodeo										
32	46	FAM	"Mr. St. Nick" (2002) Kelsey Grammer. (N)		Who's? (N)		Who's? (N)		The 700 Club (N)		Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.							
59	-	FIT TV	Peak Performance (N)		Extremists		Extremists		Muscle Beach		Peak Performance (N)								
35	31	FMC	(:01) "Oh, Men! Oh, Women!" (1957)		(:31) ★ ★ ★ "From the Terrace" (1960, Drama) Paul Newman.		(:01) ★ ★ "Mischief"		Iron Chef Curry powder battle.		Emeril Live Cookie recipes.								
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Cookie recipes.		Foodnation		Foodnation		Good Eats		Good Eats								
13	7	FOX	The 2004 Billboard Music Awards (Live) (N)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (N)		Bob Newhart	Bob Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore									
40	38	FX	(5:00) "Suicide Kings"		Fear Factor (N)		King of Hill	King of Hill	★ ★ "Black Knight" (2001) Martin Lawrence.										
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N)	Rocky Mt.	Women's College Basketball		Rocky Mt.	Sports List	Rocky Mt.	I, Max									
5	14	HBO	(5:00) ★ ★ ★ "White Oleander" (2002) (N)		★ ★ "Daredevil" (2003) Ben Affleck. A blind man is a lawyer by day and a superhero by night. (N)				★ ★ ★ "The Life and Death of Peter Sellers" (2004, Docudrama) Geoffrey Rush. (N)	NR (N)									
62	67	HGTV	Renovation Building		Sensible	Mission	Curb Appeal		House	Dream	Renovation Building								
58	52	HIST	Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 15"		Boys' Toys (N)		Boys' Toys (N)		Modern Marvels "Extreme Gadgets" (N)		Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 15"								
25	35	IND	The Real Gilligan's Island (N)		Seinfeld (N)	Seinfeld (N)	Sex and the City (N)		(:10) The Real Gilligan's Island		(:10) ★ ★ ★ ★ "Pleasantville" (1998) (N)								
18	63	LIFE	(5:00) ★ ★ "Ebbie"		★ ★ "I'll Be Home for Christmas" (1997) (N)		The Nanny	Golden	The Nanny	Golden									
23	77	MTV	TRL (N)		Video	Real World	Direct Effect (N)		Hard Rock	Pimp Ride	Pimp Ride								
3	9	NBC	News (N)	Ent. Tonight		A Clay Aiken Christmas (N)		Law & Order "Fixed" (N)		News (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show								
8	8	NBC	A Clay Aiken Christmas (N)		The West Wing "In the Room" (N)		Law & Order "Fixed" (N)		News (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:37) Late Night Show							
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob/Robot		Full House		Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.							
2	2	PBS	Our Town: A Day in Finney County		The Ten Tenors: Larger Than Life		Australian concert. (N)		BBC World News		Two's Company								
38	83	SCIFI	Paranormal		Ghost Hunters (N)		Scare	Scare	Paranormal		Ghost Hunters (N)								
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure (N)		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		The Club (N)								
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out (N)		Clean Sweep (N)		In a Fix Adding living space in a garage.		Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends Revealed		In a Fix "Aquaworld: A Sparky Story" (N)								
28	37	TNT	★ ★ ★ ★ "The Wizard of Oz" (1939) Ray Bolger		(:15) "The Librarian: Quest for the Spear" (2004)		(:15) The X-Files												
51	86	TRAV	Las Vegas: Cheaters		World Poker Tour (N)		Las Vegas: Cheaters		World Poker Tour (N)		World Poker Tour (N)								
21	82	TVLND	TV Moments		TV Moments		3's Co.	3's Co.	Cheers	Cheers (N)	Cheers (N)								
60	89	UNIV	Rubi		Amor Real		Impacto	Noticiero	Estamos Unidos										
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU		★ "Rollerball" (2002) Chris Klein. Premiere. (N)		★ ★ "Raw Deal" (1986) Arnold Schwarzenegger.		News (N)		Friends (N)	Will & Grace (N)							
12	3	WB	Friends (N)	Everybody-Raymond		Smallville A beautiful girl, claiming to be from Krypton, urges Clark to fulfill his destiny. (N)		News (N)											
99	36	WGN	McMillan and Wife "The Game of Survival"				WGN News at Nine (N)		Becker (N)	Becker (N)	Home Delivery								