

# Horseplay by adults can cause damage

DEAR ABBY: Every holiday or special occasion that's celebrated in our home involves a certain amount of "horseplay" between the men — my two adult stepsons and stepsons-in-law. Their ages range from 38 to 40.

When these supposed grown-ups come to visit, open gifts, etc., they wind up wrestling in our living room. The base of one of my lamps



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has been chipped, and once, my granddaughter (then 10) was pushed into a glass table and her back was scraped through her shirt.

I have asked them nicely to stop or to go downstairs, and this year I asked them to take it outside. They'll quit for a while, but act like I'm ruining their fun by telling them to stop. My husband refuses to say anything to them about it. He says

it's a small price to pay because they are otherwise helpful, considerate and caring individuals, which is true.

I should add that alcohol is involved, but to remove it is not an option.

It would create huge problems between my husband and me if I suggested it. I struggle between guilt for being upset, and frustration because I'm afraid someone will get hurt or my furniture will be broken. Any suggestions? — NOT AMUSED IN WASHINGTON

DEAR NOT AMUSED: You're afraid someone will be hurt? Someone WAS hurt — your granddaughter! If that wasn't a wake-up call for

those literally "high"-spirited, over-grown adolescents, it will never happen. At the very least, the "boys" should pay to repair or replace any items they have damaged.

Alcohol isn't "involved"; alcohol is the problem.

It appears to have lowered the very inhibitions your stepsons and stepsons-in-law need to maintain in order to behave like civilized adults. Until the issue is brought out into the open in your family, your problem will continue.

DEAR ABBY: I invite my best friend, "Lara," out for lunch about twice a month, so we can sit down and catch up on our lives in person. I look forward to it, and consider it

female bonding time. Because Lara currently has a low-paying job, I foot the bill for these outings. I don't mind doing it because I enjoy her company.

Lara's husband, "Nicky," is out of work, and frankly, he's not looking very hard to find another one. (Most of his unemployment checks are spent on movies, video games, etc.) My problem is that Lara usually asks me if Nicky can come along with her to lunch. I always say yes because I don't know how to say no without offending her.

This leads to another problem. My budget only allows for a certain amount of fun stuff. Paying for Nicky drains my budget pretty

quickly. He invariably orders the most expensive items on the menu, and a \$30 luncheon becomes a \$50 or \$60 tab.

Is there a nice way of telling Lara that her husband's presence interferes with my one-on-one time with her without offending her or embarrassing me? — FRUSTRATED IN RAINY CALIFORNIA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: I think you've put it very well in your letter. Her husband's presence restricts the kind of conversation you'd prefer to have with her, and the expense is busting your budget.

That's neither offensive nor should it be embarrassing. It's the truth.

SATURDAY EVENING												E= Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone MAR. 19, 2005											
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	City Confidential		Cold Case Files A Minnesota serial-killer.		Cold Case Files		American Justice: Teen Murder Mystery		City Confidential												
4	6	ABC	(5:00) ★★ ★★ "The Ten Commandments" (1956, Biblical hero Moses leads the Israelites to freedom.							(:44) News		(:19) Seinfeld											
26	48	ANPL	Weird, Bad & Ugly		Weird, Bad & Ugly				Wild Kingdom The cheetah's decline.		Weird, Bad & Ugly												
63	54	BRAVO	★★ ★★ "U-571" (2000, Action) Matthew McConaughey. Allied sailors hatch a dangerous plan to capture a Nazi sub. "PG-13"						★★ ★★ "U-571" (2000, Action) Matthew McConaughey. Allied sailors hatch a dangerous plan to capture a Nazi sub. "PG-13"														
11		CBS	College Basketball NCAA Tournament Second Round -- Teams TBA. (Live)						48 Hours Mystery "A Question of Murder" (N)		News		Drew Carey		Drew Carey								
24	50	DISC	American Hot Rod "Alumabub 5"		Biker Build-Off				American Chopper "POW/MIA 3"		American Chopper "Race-car-themed bike.		American Chopper "Police Bike 1"										
33	44	DISN	American Drgn	Kim Possible	Lizzie McGuire	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven															
49	81	EITV	Laci Peterson: The El True Hollywood Story						Saturday Night Live		Gastineau		Gastineau		Howard S.		Howard S.						
22	56	ESPN	(5:30) Figure Skating World Championships -- Ladies and Dance. (Taped)						SportsCenter (Live)		College GameDay												
54	57	ESPN2	Wm. Basketball		Women's College Basketball				NCAA Tournament First Round.		Update		NHRA										
32	46	FAM	Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls				Where? Where?		Videos		Videos										
59	-	FIT TV	Buff Brides: Challenge						Peak Performance		Buff Brides: Challenge		FitTV's Housecalls										
35	31	FMC	★★ ★★ "Rio Conchos" (1964) Richard Boone.						★★ ★★ "Paradise Road" (1997) Glenn Close.		★★ ★★ "For the Boys"												
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Tony Danza joins Emeril. (N)		The Secret Life Of... "Pizza" History of pizza.				World Pizza Championship		Iron Chef "Porcini" Porcini mushrooms.		Emeril Live Tony Danza joins Emeril.										
13	7	FOX	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back				She Spies Cassie's double is murdered. (N)		Mad TV (N)		LAPD: Life on the Beat		LAPD: Life on the Beat								
40	38	FX	(3:30) "Fight Club"		Cops		Cops		Married... Married...		★★ ★★ "Unlawful Entry" (1992) Kurt Russell.												
30	55	FXSP	Hockey		College Hockey WCHA Final Five Final -- Teams TBA. (Live)				Rockies		Fielding		Track		FSN Amer								
5	14	HBO	(5:15) "Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!" (2004)		★★ ★★ "In America" (2002, Drama) Samantha Morton. (N) "PG-13"				Making-April		"Sometimes in April" (2005) Idris Elba. Rwandan genocide tears apart a Hutu family. "NR"												
62	67	HGTV	Design	Decorating	Designer	reDesign	Design	Design	City Grdn		Design		Design		Decorating								
58	52	HIST	★★ ★★ "Wyatt Earp" (1994, Western) Kevin Costner. order to the Old West.						Dennis Quaid. The frontier marshal brings law and		★★ ★★ "Wyatt Earp" (1994) Kevin Costner.												
25	35	IND	★★ ★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson.						★★ "Runaway Bride" (1999, Comedy) Julia Roberts. A columnist tries to get the scoop on a commitment-shy gal.		★★ ★★ "Matilda"												
18	63	LIFE	"False Pretenses"		"Homeless to Harvard: The Liz Murray Story"				Strong Medicine		★★ ★★ "All You Need"												
23	77	MTV	50 Cent	All Access	Spr. Break	Raiders	TRL	Cancun	Cancun		Spr. Break		Approval		Spg Break								
3	9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight Celebrity news. (N)		History of Yellowstone: The Discovery				★★ ★★ "Navy SEALs" (1990) Charlie Sheen. An elite fighting force tracks Middle Eastern terrorists.		News		Saturday Night Live										
8	8	NBC	LAX "Cease & Assist" (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ghost" (N)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Malignant" (N)		News		Saturday Night Live		Ashton Kutcher; Gwen Stefani. (N) (N)								
34	43	NICK	★★ ★★ "Scooby-Doo" (2002) Freddie Prinze Jr.		Full House		Full House		Full House		Fresh Pr.		Roseanne		Murphy								
2	2	PBS	Bobby Vinton Live: Songs From My Heart		Viewers' Choice				★★ ★★ "A Walk in the Sun" (1946, Drama) Dana Andrews, Richard Conte.														
38	83	SCIFI	(3:00) "The Beast"		★★ "The Relic" (1997)		Penelope Ann Miller.		"They Crawl" (2002) Daniel Cosgrove.														
61	41	SPK	Wildest Police Videos		Wildest Police Videos				Most Amazing Videos		Carpocalypse (N) (N)		Boom! (N) MXC										
39	51	TLC	Town Haul "Beauty and the Beast"		While You Were Out				What Not to Wear Landscaper gets groomed.		Moving Up "Nixing the Naughty Room"		Trading Spaces "San Diego: Viera Drive" (N)										
28	37	TNT	★★ ★★ "The Patriot" (2000, Drama) Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger.						★★ ★★ "Gladiator" (2000, Action) Russell Crowe.														
51	86	TRAV	Kings of the Road		Unexplained				Ends of the Earth		Kings of the Road		Unexplained										
21	82	TVLND	TV Land Awards 2005						Sanford		All-Family												
60	89	UNIV	Sábado Gigante						Impacto		Noticiero		Otro Rollo										
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU		"Cool Money" (2005) James Marsters. Premiere.				Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI												
12	3	WB	Friends (N)	Everybody-Raymond	★% "Playing God" (1997, Suspense) David Duchovny, Timothy Hutton. (N)				News (N)		(:45) Sports Replay		★% "A Walk on the Moon" (1999, Drama) (N)										
99	36	WGN	NBA Basketball: Bulls at 76ers		Videos		WGN News at Nine		Becker (N)		★★% "Playing God" (1997) (N) (N)												

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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	Airline	Airline	Growing Up Gotti (N)	Growing Up Gotti	Caesars 24/7 (N)	Caesars 24/7 (N)	Crossing Jordan "Don't Look Back"		Airline	Airline													
4	6	ABC	Extreme Makeover: How'd They Do That?		Extreme Makeover		Supernanny "Ririe Family" (N)		News	(:35) Night-line	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live														
26	48	ANPL	Pet Star "The Road to Pet Star"		Animal X "Ghastly Creatures"		Animal Precinct "Price of Neglect"		Pet Star "The Road to Pet Star"		Animal X "Ghastly Creatures"														
63	54	BRAVO	The West Wing "The Two Bartlets"		The West Wing "Night Five"		The West Wing "Hartsfield's Landing"		The West Wing "Dead Irish Writers"		The West Wing														
7	11	CBS	Still Stand- ing (N)	Listen Up (N)	Everybody- Raymond	Two and a Half Men	CSI: Miami "Game Over" (N)		News	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N)	Late Late Show														
24	50	DISC	American Hot Rod Group is short-handed.		Monster Garage "Hearse Revisited"		American Chopper "Comanche 2"		Hot Rod Build-Off Roadster; Ford F150.		Monster Garage Zimmerman becomes a log splitter.														
33	44	DISN	Braceface "Twisted"	Kim Possi- ble	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sis- ter- (N)	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	"Now You See It..." (2005) Alyson Michalka. A teenager meets a magician whose powers are real.																
49	81	E!TV	Bad Girls of Reality TV		Trial	Gastineau	Dr. 90210 (N)		Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live														
22	56	ESPN	Wm. Basketball		College Basketball: NIT Second Round				SportsCenter (Live)		Outside	TBA													
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball		Women's College Basketball				Women's College Basketball																
32	46	FAM	Where?	Where?	Where?	Las Vegas	Where?	Where?	The 700 Club		Videos	Videos													
59	-	FIT TV	Family Week: Fit Family		FitTV's Housecalls (N)		The Body Invaders		Family Week: Fit Family		FitTV's Housecalls														
35	31	FMC	★★★ "My Bodyguard" (1980) Chris Makepeace.				★★★ "Project X" (1987) Matthew Broderick.																		
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Irresistible Sweets" Sweet treats.		Easter Unwrapped		The Secret Life Of...	The Secret Life Of...	Iron Chef "Lamb"		Emeril Live "Irresistible Sweets" Sweet treats.														
13	7	FOX	Nanny 911 "Cubbison Family" (N)		24 "Day 4: 8:00PM-9:00PM" (N)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		Bob Newhart	Bob Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore													
40	38	FX	"The Sum of All Ricks"		Fear Factor "Siblings"		King of Hill "King of Hill"		★★★ "The Principal" (1987) James Belushi.																
30	55	FXSP	Sports List		MLB Preseason Baseball		Seattle Mariners at Colorado Rockies. (Live)		Rocky Mt.		Best-Sports														
5	14	HBO	"Down Periscope" (N)	(:45) ★★★	"Something's Gotta Give" (2003) Jack Nicholson. A music exec falls for the mother of his young girlfriend.		★★★ "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003) Steve Martin. (N) "PG"				Robot-1st Look														
62	67	HGTV	Homes	Decorating	Kitchen	Designed	Weekend	Landscapr	Design		Homes	Decorating													
58	52	HIST	UFO Files The 1947 Roswell UFO incident. (N)		Digging for the Truth (N)		Deep Sea Detectives "U-Boats in the Gulf!" (N)		Criminal History		UFO Files The 1947 Roswell UFO incident.														
25	35	IND	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	★ "Wild Wild West" (1999) Will Smith. Two 19th-century secret agents battle a criminal genius.																
18	63	LIFE	(5:00) "Unwed Father"		"Mom at Sixteen" (2005)		Mercedes Ruehl.		How Clean	How Clean	The Nanny	The Nanny													
23	77	MTV	TRL (iTV)		Pimp Ride	Damage	Punk'd	Bam	Boiling	Boiling	Challenge	Challenge													
3	9	NBC	News	Ent. To- night	Fear Factor "Co-ed Models" (N)		Las Vegas "Montecito Lancers" (N)		Medium "I Married a Mind Reader" (N)		News	Tonight Show													
8	8	NBC	Fear Factor "Co-ed Models" (N)		Las Vegas "Montecito Lancers"		Medium "I Married a Mind Reader" (N)		News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)	Late Night														
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob Drake		Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Murphy	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.													
2	2	PBS	Antiques Roadshow "Oklahoma City" (N)		American Experience "Partners of the Heart"		Yalta: Peace, Power and Betrayal		BBC World News	May to December	Charlie Rose (N)														
38	83	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1 "Legacy"		Stargate SG-1		Battlestar Galactica		The Outer Limits														
61	41	SPK	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		WWE Raw														
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out Living room.		Clean Sweep		In a Fix "New Bohemian"		Town Hall The team arrives in Laurens, S.C.		Town Hall "Beauty and the Beast"														
28	37	TNT	Law & Order	(DVS)	Law & Order	(DVS)	Law & Order	(DVS)	Without a Trace		NYPD Blue														
51	86	TRAV	Dreaming Big (N)		Homes	Homes	Home	Home	Dreaming Big		Homes	Homes													
21	82	TVLND	Highway to Heaven		Griffith	Leave	Sanford	All-Family	3's Co.	3's Co.	TV Land Awards 2005														
60	89	UNIV	Apuستا por un Amor		La Madrastra		Cristina		Impacto		La Hora Derbez														
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU		★★★ "Raiders of the		Lost Ark" (1981) Harrison Ford.		Law & Order: SVU		Nashville														
12	3	WB	Friends	Everybody- Raymond	7th Heaven Ruthie goes on her first official date.		Summerland "Pick Nik" (N)		News		Friends	Will & Grace													
99	36	WGN	★★ "10 to Midnight" (1983) Charles Bronson.				WGN News at Nine		Becker	Becker	Home Delivery														