

# Injured veterans deserve our gratitude

DEAR ABBY: We live in the Tampa Bay area, where two V.A. hospitals are located. Many members of the military have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan with mental and physical problems. In our community, we encounter these veterans every day.

Two weeks ago, we were in a fast-food restaurant and saw a young man on crutches with two shiny metal prosthetics on each arm below the el-



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bow. The following week, we were walking down the street and ahead of us was another young man. This one had shiny prosthetics on both legs below the hips and was walking with a cane.

My husband and I wanted to approach and speak to these young men, but we held back. We weren't sure how they would accept a stranger's attention to them.

We, as a community, made many mis-

takes when our veterans returned from Vietnam. Many of these wounded young veterans will be returning to their homes and communities now and in the near future. I feel the American people need some guidance on how to handle this situation. Can you help us? — PATRICIA AND BILL, SEMINOLE, FLA.

DEAR PATRICIA AND BILL: Put yourselves, for just a moment, in the position of the young men you have encountered. Would it not be meaningful to you if someone saw what you had sacrificed in the line of duty, and verbalized appreciation for it? Some decisions are better left to the heart than to the head — and whether or not to reach out in a case like this is one

of them. I say, go for it. It could give a deserving young person a tremendous boost.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a relationship with a guy who does not like to kiss. We act like an old married couple. He's not affectionate or romantic in any way at all. He'll hold my hand in public, but that's it. I'm wondering if it's because of depression. He loves to work, but I think it's to cover his depression.

He tells me every day that he loves me, and we never fight. We actually get along very well. Are some men just not affectionate? I would like to be, but I know he's not that type. My parents are not affectionate people, and they have been together for 38

years.

My boyfriend has told me that he knows there is something wrong with him and that he needs counseling about his behavior. We have a lot in common and see each other every day, so we are definitely serious. We laugh and click in ways other than being romantic and passionate. Is there any hope? — STARVED FOR AFFECTION IN BIRMINGHAM

DEAR STARVED: There is hope, but only if your boyfriend is willing to get the counseling he says he needs. As it stands, your needs do not appear to be high on his list of priorities. Because it does not appear that a marriage without physical expression would be satisfying for you, it may be

that you and he are destined to be the dearest of friends — but not mates. If he truly cares as much about you as you care for him, he owes it to you to level with you.

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of a husband and daughter picking out carpet for our living room while I was out of town? Not only that, they picked a color I don't like. I am very hurt and disappointed — not to mention angry! — DONNA IN OHIO

DEAR DONNA: I don't blame you for feeling angry. As woman of the house, the choice of carpet should have been decided between you and your husband. I wouldn't blame you if you refused to accept delivery and installation.

SATURDAY EVENING						E-Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone				APR. 2, 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 Arsonist; prison snitch.				American Justice "A Warrant to Kill"		City Confidential		
4	6	ABC	Wilder's Little House on the Prairie		★★★ "Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams" (2002) Antonio Banderas.		Premiere.		News	(:35) Seinfeld	(:05) Entertainment Tonight Show business.		
26	48	ANPL	Ferocious Crocs		The Hippo: Africa's King of the River		Wild Kingdom "Rumble in the River"		Ferocious Crocs		The Hippo: Africa's King of the River		
63	54	BRAVO	The 100 Scariest Movie Moments		The 100 Scariest Movie Moments		The 100 Scariest Movie Moments		The 100 Scariest Movie Moments		The 100 Scariest Movie Moments		
7	11	CBS	College Basketball	College Basketball State vs. North Carolina. From St. Louis.	Semifinal -- Michigan (Live)		Semifinal -- Michigan (Live)		News	(:35) Paid Program	(:05) Paid Program	(:35) Paid Program	
24	50	DISC	American Hot Rod "Bud Light Car 1"		Biker Build-Off "Matt Hotch v. Rick Fairless"		American Chopper "Police Bike 1"		Extreme Surgery		Extreme Surgery		
33	44	DISN	American Drgn	Kim Possible	Lizzie McGuire	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	Lizzie McGuire	
49	81	E!TV	Wed-Funeral		Wed-Funeral		Saturday Night Live		Gastineau		Howard S.	Howard S.	
22	56	ESPN	Poker: 2004		Poker: 2004		Poker: 2004		SportsCenter (Live)		Fastbreak	Fastbreak	
54	57	ESPN2	Cheerleading: College		Cheerleading: College		Cheerlead	Kristi Yamaguchi's Salute			NBA	Basketball	
32	46	FAM	Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls		Whose? Whose?		Videos	Videos	Videos	Videos	
59	-	FIT TV	Ultimate Goals		No Opportunity Wasted		Enduring Extremes		Ultimate Goals		No Opportunity Wasted	No Opportunity Wasted	
35	31	FMC	★★★ "Raising Arizona" (1987) Nicolas Cage.		★★★ "Black Widow" (1987) Debra Winger.		★★★ "Black Widow" (1987) Debra Winger.		★★★ "Black Widow" (1987) Debra Winger.		★★★ "Black Widow" (1987) Debra Winger.	★★★ "Black Widow" (1987) Debra Winger.	
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Food for a baseball party. (N)		Rachael Ray's Ballpark Cafe (N)		\$40-a-Day	\$40-a-Day	Iron Chef "Battle Mushroom" Mushroom battle.		Emeril Live Food for a baseball party.	Emeril Live Food for a baseball party.	
13	7	FOX	Cops "Las Vegas Heat" (PA)		America's Most Wanted: Fights Back		She Spies "Spies Gone Wild" (N)		Mad TV Avril Lavigne. (N)		LAPD: Life on the Beat	LAPD: Life on the Beat	
40	38	FX	King of Hill	★★★ "Con Air" (1997) Nicolas Cage.		John Cusack.		★★★ "Escape From New York" (1981)		★★★ "Escape From New York" (1981)		★★★ "Escape From New York" (1981)	
30	55	FXSP	Poker Superstars		Boxing: Sunday		Rockies	Baseball	Rockies	Fielding	Track	FSN Amer	
5	14	HBO	★★★ "Spy Hard" (1996, Comedy) Leslie Nielsen. (N) PG-13		★★★ "Kangaroo Jack" (2003) Jerry O'Connell. (N) PG		★★★ "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed" (2002) Freddie Prinze Jr.		★★★ "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed" (2002) Freddie Prinze Jr.		Carnivale	Carnivale	
62	67	HGTV	Design	Decorating	Designer	reDesign	Design	Design	City Grdn	Design	Design	Decorating	
58	52	HIST	Conquest of America Coronado searches for the golden city of Cibola; colonial rivalries.		Conquest of America "Northeast; Northwest"		Conquest of America "Northeast; Northwest"		Conquest of America "Northeast; Northwest"		Conquest of America "Northeast; Northwest"	Conquest of America "Northeast; Northwest"	
25	35	IND	★★★ "Road Trip" (2000) Tom Green. Four college pals set out to retrieve an incriminating tape.		★★★ "Road Trip" (2000) Tom Green. Four college pals set out to retrieve an incriminating tape.		★★★ "Road Trip" (2000) Tom Green. Four college pals set out to retrieve an incriminating tape.		★★★ "Road Trip" (2000) Tom Green. Four college pals set out to retrieve an incriminating tape.		★★★ "Road Trip" (2000) Tom Green. Four college pals set out to retrieve an incriminating tape.	★★★ "Road Trip" (2000) Tom Green. Four college pals set out to retrieve an incriminating tape.	
18	63	LIFE	"Shattered Hearts"		★★★ "The Unsaid" (2001) Andy Garcia.		Strong Medicine		Strong Medicine		Strong Medicine	"Trapped-Haze"	
23	77	MTV	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	Boiling	Challenge	Challenge	Trippin' (N)	Pimp Ride	Damage	
3	9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight Show business. (N)		LAX "Senator's Daughter" (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Obscene"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "The Saint"		News	Saturday Night Live	
8	8	NBC	LAX "Senator's Daughter" (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Obscene"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "The Saint"		News		Saturday Night Live	Topher Grace; the Killers. (N)	
34	43	NICK	Nick. Kids' Choice Awards		Drake		Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Murphy	
2	2	PBS	Keeping Up With the Kardashians	As Time Goes By	The Lawrence Welk Show		Red Green	Austin City Limits "Trey Anastasio" (N)		Masterpiece Theatre "Henry VIII" Henry VIII marries Anne Boleyn.		Masterpiece Theatre "Henry VIII" Henry VIII marries Anne Boleyn.	
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) ★★ "10.5" (2004)		Kim Delaney, Beau Bridges. Premiere.		★★★ "Apollo 13" (1995) Tom Hanks.		★★★ "Apollo 13" (1995) Tom Hanks.		★★★ "Apollo 13" (1995) Tom Hanks.	★★★ "Apollo 13" (1995) Tom Hanks.	
61	41	SPK	"Hellraiser III"		MXC (N)	MXC (N)	Most Amazing Videos		Carpocalypse (N) (N)		Boom! (N) (N)	MXC (N)	
39	51	TLC	Town Hall "The Changing of Perceptions"		While You Were Out Garden makeover.		What Not to Wear Donia gets fashion advice.		Moving Up "Pink to the Brink" (N)		Trading Spaces "Georgia: Cook Road"	Trading Spaces "Georgia: Cook Road"	
28	37	TNT	★★★ "Twister" (1996)		Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton.		★★★ "Twister" (1996)		Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton.		★★★ "Twister" (1996)	"Atomic Twister" (2002)	
51	86	TRAV	Kings of the Road		Bigfootville (N)		BC: Vancouver		Kings of the Road		Bigfootville (N)	Bigfootville (N)	
21	82	TVLND	Highway to Heaven		Farrah	Leave	Sanford	All-Family	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cheers (N)	Cheers (N)	
60	89	UNIV	Sábado Gigante Los Tigres del Norte; concurso Miss Mascota.						Impacto		Noticiero	Otro Rollo	
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: SVU		Kojak "Pilot" (N)	Kojak "Pilot" (N)	
12	3	WB	Friends (N)	Everybody-Raymond	"Role of a Lifetime" (2002) Scott Bakula. A missing actor re-emerges for a film about his life.		News (N)		(:45) Sports Replay		★★★ "Almost Dead" (1994) Shannen Doherty.	★★★ "Almost Dead" (1994) Shannen Doherty.	
99	36	WGN	Paintball		NBA Basketball Charlotte Bobcats at Chicago Bulls.		WGN News		★★★ "Highway" (2001) Jared Leto.		★★★ "Highway" (2001) Jared Leto.	★★★ "Highway" (2001) Jared Leto.	

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36	53	A&E	Airline		Airline		Growing Up Gotti (N)	Growing Up Gotti (N)	Growing Up Gotti (N)	Growing Up Gotti (N)	Crossing Jordan "Conspiracy" (N)	Airline	Airline															
4	6	ABC	Extreme Makeover: How'd They Do That?		The Bachelor (N) (N)		Supernanny "Collins Family (UK Family)" (N)		News	(:35) Nightline	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (N)																	
26	48	ANPL	Who Gets the Dog? "Roxie" (N)		That's My Baby A new baby in the colony. (N)		Animal Cops Detroit An injured cat. (N)		Who Gets the Dog? "Roxie"		That's My Baby A new baby in the colony. (N)																	
63	54	BRAVO	The West Wing "We Killed Yamamoto" (N)		The West Wing "Posse Comitatus" (N)		The West Wing "20 Hours in America" (N)		The West Wing "20 Hours in America" (N)		The West Wing "Take Out the Trash Day" (N)																	
7	11	CBS	Two and a Half Men		Two and a Half Men		College Basketball NCAA Tournament Final -- Teams TBA. From St. Louis. (Live) (N)		News (N)		(:05) Late Show With David Letterman																	
24	50	DISC	Great Biker Build-Off "Chica vs. Hank Young"		Monster Garage "Gorillamobile" (N)		American Chopper "David Mann Bike 1"		American Chopper "David Mann Bike 1"		American Chopper "David Mann Bike 2"																	
33	44	DISN	Click It to Pick It		Click It to Pick It		Lizzie McGuire		Sister, Sister		That's So Raven		That's So Raven		★★★ "Toothless" (1997) Kirstie Alley. A recently deceased dentist becomes the tooth fairy.		Kirstie Alley. A recently deceased dentist becomes the tooth fairy.											
49	81	E!TV	Janice Dickinson Story		Trial		Gastineau		Dr. 90210 (N)		Howard S.		Howard S.		Saturday Night Live (N)													
22	56	ESPN	(5:30) College GameDay		Figure Skating World Championships -- Ladies and Dance.		Dance.		SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)		Outside		Outside													
54	57	ESPN2	PBA Bowling U.S. Open.		PBA Bowling World Championship.		Billiards: UPA Pro Tour		Billiards: UPA Pro Tour		Billiards: UPA Pro Tour																	
32	46	FAM	Who's? (N)		Who's? (N)		Las Vegas		Who's? (N)		Who's? (N)		Videos		Videos													
59	-	FIT TV	FitTV's Housecalls		Superhuman Strength		Extremists		Extremists		FitTV's Housecalls		Superhuman Strength		Superhuman Strength													
35	31	FMC	★★★ "From the Terrace" (1960, Drama) Paul Newman.		★★★ "The Super" (1991) Joe Pesci.		★★★ "Bachelor Party"		★★★ "Bachelor Party"		★★★ "Bachelor Party"																	
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Comfort foods. (N)		Unwrapped		Unwrapped		The Secret Life Of...		Iron Chef "Joy Bean" Yoshie Tobe challenges.		Emeril Live "Oodles of Noodles"		Emeril Live "Oodles of Noodles"													
13	7	FOX	Nanny 911 "Amico Family" (N) (N)		24 "Day 4: 10:00PM-11:00PM" (N)		24 "Day 4: 10:00PM-11:00PM" (N)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith				Mary Tyler Moore		Mary Tyler Moore													