

Large response to Grandma's anger at soldier

DEAR ABBY: The letter about the grandmother who was angry because her grandson Adam didn't bring her a souvenir T-shirt when he came home on leave from Iraq left me stunned. I can't believe a so-called adult would act that way. This young man is putting his life on the line for his country, and all she can think about is whether he brought her a souvenir?

Please give that woman a message



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for me: "Grandma, you DID get something. You got two weeks with your grandson, and you messed it up with your immaturity! Grow up and get a life!"

Thanks for reading this, Abby. I'm sure you got a lot of responses to that letter. — NICOLE IN GRAYSON, GA.

DEAR NICOLE: I certainly did. That letter made a lot of readers see red, and I was flooded with mail.

Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When my nephew was serving as a Marine in Iraq, I wrote him every week. I didn't expect to get any letters back, and didn't care if he never acknowledged the packages we sent. (He did send two letters, for which I am exceedingly grateful.) All I cared about was my nephew's safe return home.

Ironically, the same edition of the newspaper that featured the letter about that grandmother also featured my nephew's photo on the front page. He was killed by enemy fire in a town far away from his beloved Vermont.

That greedy woman obviously has no clue what those soldiers are expe-

riencing. They need understanding and supportive family members. They need love without strings.

To the grandmother who thought a T-shirt was more important than her grandson, I would say, "You deserve a T-shirt that reads, 'I am a SELFISH MORON!'" — and pray that no folded flag "souvenir" ever graces that young man's home. — PROUD, GRIEVING AUNT IN VERMONT

DEAR AUNT: Amen. Please accept my profound sympathy for your family's loss.

DEAR ABBY: A tendency to become angry over nothing can be a sign of the onset of dementia. There can be no other excuse for the greed, insensitivity and utterly disgraceful

attitude that grandmother has exhibited. She should be down on her knees thanking the Lord, just as my mother did when I returned from combat, that her "souvenir" wasn't a body bag. — MATT IN POST FALLS, IDAHO

DEAR MATT: Several other readers also suggested that the grandmother might be becoming senile. I hadn't thought of that angle. Thank you for pointing it out.

DEAR ABBY: Adam's grandmother should consult her dictionary. GIFT: something bestowed or acquired without being sought or earned by the receiver.

That young man should send his grandmother a box of camel dung.

When my daughter was in the desert, she said it was plentiful and easily accessible. — PROUD MOM, FORKS, WASH.

DEAR MOM: In other words, "Sweets for the sweet."

DEAR ABBY: I'm a flight attendant who flies these heroes to and from the conflict. Let me set the record straight on behalf of these soldiers. They are not allowed the regular checked baggage allowance set by the airlines. The armed forces allow these men and women to take only what can fit in a duffel bag, plus their weapons and safety gear. — FLIGHT ATTENDANT IN ILLINOIS

TUESDAY EVENING							E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone		APR. 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	Cold Case Files (N) [G]		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Knievel's Wild Ride "Kaptain Undependable"		Crossing Jordan "Slam Dunk" [G] [G]		Cold Case Files [G]	
4	6	ABC	My Wife and Kids	George Lopez [G]	According to Jim (N)	Rodney (N) [G]	Blind Justice "Leap of Faith" (N) [G] (DVS)		News [G]	(:35) Night-line [G]	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) [G]	
26	48	ANPL	Dog Show "Eukanuba Tournament of Champions -- Ore."				Portland, Ore." Portland, Ore.		Dog Show "Eukanuba Tournament of Champions -- Portland, Ore." Portland, Ore.			
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [G]		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [G]		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "James J."		Revelations [G] (Part 1 of 6) [G]		The West Wing "Gone Quiet" [G]	
7	11	CBS	NCIS "Forced Entry" [G]		The Amazing Race 7 (N) [G]		Judging Amy "Too Little, Too Late" (N) [G]		News [G]	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman [G]		Late Late Show
24	50	DISC	Into the Death Zone "Hellfighters" [G]		Monster Garage "The rebuild of a 1954 Chevy."		American Chopper "Old-school bike."		Deadliest Catch "Alaskan crab fisherman."		Deadliest Catch "Long Sleepless Nights" (N)	
33	44	DISN	Braceface [G]	Kim Possible [G]	Lizzie McGuire [G]	Sister, Sister "I Do?" [G]	That's So Raven [G]	That's So Raven [G]	"Buffalo Dreams" (2005, Drama) Reiley McClen-don, Simon R. Baker, 'NR' [G]			
49	81	EITV	Jennifer Lopez: The El		True Hollywood Story [G]		Gastineau Heir		Howard S. [G]	Howard S. [G]	Saturday Night Live	
22	56	ESPN	ESPN's Bowling Night		Gridiron Stars		Baseball Tonight [G]		SportsCenter (Live) [G]		Outside Baseball	
54	57	ESPN2	(5:00) College Baseball		LSU at Tulane. (Live)		NBA Nation (Live) [G]				Schwab Schwab	
32	46	FAM	"Everything You Want" (2005) Shiri Appleby. [G]				Who? Who? Who?		The 700 Club [G]		Videos	Videos
59	-	FIT TV	Ultimate Goals [G]		No Opportunity Wasted		Extremists	Extremists	Ultimate Goals [G]		No Opportunity Wasted	
35	31	FMC	★★★ "A Guide for the Married Man" (1967)				★★★ "The Girl Can't Help It" (1956, Comedy)				★★★ "Quest for Fire"	
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Recipes from Louisiana. (N)		Roker on the Road	Roker on the Road	\$40-a-Day	\$40-a-Day	Iron Chef Chef Li Jinlun.		Emeril Live	
13	7	FOX	American Idol (Live) [G]		House "Babies & Bath-water" (N) [G] (PA)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [G]		Bob Newhart	Bob Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore
40	38	FX	Fear Factor [G]		King of Hill [G]	King of Hill [G]	★★ "Armageddon" (1998, Action) Bruce Willis, Billy				Bob Thornton.	
30	55	FXSP	Sports List [G]	Rockies	MLB Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at Colorado Rockies.		Rocky Mt. [G]		Rocky Mt. [G]		Sports List [G]	Best-Sports
5	14	HBO	(15) ★ "Spice World" (1997) Melanie Brown. The Spice Girls prepare for their first live concert.				★★★ "Father of the Bride" (1991, Comedy) Steve Martin. [G] PG [G]		Monster-in-Law [G]		Deadwood "E.B. Was Left Out" [G]	
62	67	HGTV	Designed Get Color		Decorating Mission	Designers' [G]	Designers' [G]	Design	House		Designed Get Color	
58	52	HIST	Breaking Vegas "Slot Scoundrel" (N) [G]		Targeted Osama bin Laden. [G]				Conspiracy? The Oklahoma City bombing. [G]		Breaking Vegas "Slot Scoundrel" [G]	
25	35	IND	Friends [G]	Friends [G]	Sex and the City [G]	Sex and the City [G]	(:10) Friends [G]	(:40) Friends [G]	(:10) ★★★ "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (1982, Comedy) Sean Penn, Phoebe Cates. [G]			
18	63	LIFE	"Caught in the Act" (TV) [G]		"Deadly Betrayal" (2002) [G]		Nicolette Sheridan. [G]		Golden Trippin' [G]	Golden Trippin' [G]	Secrets Barkers	The Nanny Challenge
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) [G]		MTV Cribs [G]	MTV Cribs [G]	Direct Effect [G]		Golden Trippin' [G]	Golden Trippin' [G]	Secrets Barkers	The Nanny Challenge
3	9	NBC	News [G]	Ent. To-night [G]	Will & Grace [G]	Scrubs [G]	Scrubs [G]	The Office (N) [G]	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Haunted"		News [G]	Tonight Show
8	8	NBC	Will & Grace [G]	Scrubs [G]	Scrubs [G]	The Office (N) [G]	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Haunted"		News [G]	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) [G]		Late Night
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob [G]	School [G]	Full House [G]	Fatherhood [G]	Fresh Pr. [G]	Cosby [G]	Roseanne [G]	Roseanne [G]	Fresh Pr. [G]	Fresh Pr. [G]
2	2	PBS	Nova "Nova sciencNOW" (N) [G] (DVS)		Colonial House "Harsh Reality" [G] (DVS)		Frontline "Death of a Princess" Public execution of an Arabian princess and her lover. (N) [G]				Charlie Rose (N) [G]	[G]
38	83	SCI FI	(5:00) Children of Dune		Children of Dune [G] (Part 2 of 3) [G]		Children of Dune [G] (Part 3 of 3) [G]		Children of Dune [G] (Part 3 of 3) [G]			
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure [G]		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn [G]		CSI: Crime Scn [G]		★★★ "Easy Money" [G]	
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [G]		Clean Sweep Gary just moved in with Jennifer.		In a Fix Building a bedroom addition. [G]		Mega Machines Cutting machines.		Overhaulin' Lance Armstrong's GTO. [G]	
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "Genius"		Law & Order [G] (DVS)		Charmed "Scry Hard"		Without a Trace [G]		The X-Files "Tunguska"	
51	86	TRAV	National Parks (N)		Made [G]	Made [G]	Alaska: Walk-Wild Side		National Parks [G]		Made [G]	Made [G]
21	82	TVLND	Highway to Heaven [G]		Griffith [G]	Leave [G]	Sanford All-Family [G]		3's Co. [G]	Farrah [G]	Cheers [G]	Cheers [G]
60	89	UNIV	Apuesta por un Amor [G]		La Madrastra [G]		Casos de la Vida Real [G]		Impacto [G]	Noticiero [G]	La Hora Derbez [G]	
20	34	USA	(5:30) ★★★ "The Bourne Identity" (2002) [G]		Friends [G]	Everybody-Raymond [G]	Gilmore Girls "To Live and Let Diorama" (N) [G]		One Tree Hill "Something I Can Never Have"		News [G]	Will & Grace [G]
12	3	WB	Friends [G]	Everybody-Raymond [G]	Gilmore Girls "To Live and Let Diorama" (N) [G]		One Tree Hill "Something I Can Never Have"		News [G]		Friends [G]	Will & Grace [G]
93	36	WGN	★★ "The Real Howard Spitz" (1998) [G]				WGN News at Nine [G]		Becker [G]	Becker [G]	Home Delivery	



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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 "Eliminating the Competition"		In the Line of Fire: The Protectors [G]		Airline [G]	Airline [G]	Crossing Jordan "Til Death Do Us Part" [G]		American Justice "Eliminating the Competition"	
4	6	ABC	Lost "Outlaws" [G] [G]		(:01) Alias "Another Mister Sloane" (N) [G] [G]		(:02) Eyes "Trial" (N) [G] [G]		News [G]	(:35) Night-line [G]	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Killswitch Engage.	
26	48	ANPL	Animal Face-Off "Elephant vs. Rhino" [G]		The Most Extreme Deadly snakes.		Animal Precinct "Unwanted Surprises" [G]		Animal Face-Off "Elephant vs. Rhino" [G]		The Most Extreme Deadly snakes.	
63	54	BRAVO	Project Greenlight [G]		Showdog Moms & Dads [G]		Showdog Moms & Dads (N) [G]		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "James J" [G]		The West Wing "The Indians in the Lobby" [G]	
7	11	CBS	60 Minutes Wednesday [G]		The King of Queens [G]	Yes, Dear [G]	CSI: NY "Til Death Do We Part" [G]		News [G]	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman [G]		Late Late Show
24	50	DISC	Into the Death Zone "Volcano Detectives"		Monster Garage [G]		American Chopper "Comanche 2" [G]		It Takes a Thief "Desperate Housewife" (N)		MythBusters "Quick-sand" [G]	
33	44	DISN	Braceface [G]	Kim Possible [G]	Lizzie McGuire [G]	Sister, Sister [G]	That's So Raven [G]	That's So Raven [G]	★★★ "A Sainly Switch" (1999, Fantasy) David Alan Grier, Vivica A. Fox. [G]			
49	81	EITV	Love Behind Bars				Crazy Life [G]	Dr. 90210 [G]	Howard S. [G]	Howard S. [G]	Saturday Night Live [G]	
22	56	ESPN	NBA Basketball: Spurs at Timberwolves					NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Sacramento Kings. [G]				
54	57	ESPN2	(5:00) MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.				MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) [G]					
32	46	FAM	★★ "The Man in the Iron Mask" (1998) Leonardo DiCaprio.				DiCaprio. [G]	Who? [G]	The 700 Club [G]		Videos	Videos
59	-	FIT TV	Low Carb [G]	Low Carb [G]	No Opportunity Wasted		Extremists [G]	Extremists [G]	Low Carb [G]	Low Carb [G]	No Opportunity Wasted	
35	31	FMC	★★★ "My Gal Sai" (1942) Rita Hayworth.				★★★ "Hush... Hush, Sweet Charlotte" (1965) Bette Davis.				Stripper [G]	
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Pairing wine and food. (N)		BBQ With Bobby Flay [G]	Foodnation [G]	Good Eats [G]	Good Eats [G]	Iron Chef America "Flay vs. Tsai"		Emeril Live "America's China Town"	
13	7	FOX	Simple Life [G]	Stacked (N) [G]	American Idol [G]	Life on a Stick (N)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [G]		Bob Newhart [G]	Bob Newhart [G]	Mary Tyler Moore [G]	Mary Tyler Moore [G]
40	38	FX	(4:00) "Armageddon"		Fear Factor [G]		King of Hill [G]	King of Hill [G]	★★ "Big Momma's House" (2000) Nia Long			
30	55	FXSP	MLB Baseball: Rockies at Phillies				Rocky Mt. [G]	Sports List [G]	Rockies [G]	Rocky Mt. [G]	Sports List [G]	Best-Sports [G]
5	14	HBO	(5:15) ★★ "Fairy Tale: A True Story" (1997) [G]		★★★ "Father of the Bride Part II" (1995, Comedy) Steve Martin, Diane Keaton. [G]	PG [G]			★★★ "Breakin' All the Rules" (2004) Jamie Foxx. [G]	PG-13 [G]	Whoopi: Broad.	
62	67	HGTV	Renovation Weekend		Want That Landscap [G]		Curb [G]		Design [G]	House [G]	Renovation Weekend	
58	52	HIST	Modern Marvels "Bullets"		Organized Crime: A World History "Russia"		Organized Crime: A World History [G]		Hooked: Illegal Drugs and How They Got [G]		Modern Marvels "Bullets"	
25	35	IND	Everybody-Raymond [G]	Everybody-Raymond [G]	Seinfeld [G]	Seinfeld [G]	Sex and the City [G]	Sex and the City [G]	(:10) ★★★ "Pretty in Pink" (1986, Drama) Molly Ringwald, Andrew McCarthy. [G]			
18	63	LIFE	"Perfect Romance"		★★ "The Object of My Affection" (1998) [G]		Golden [G]	Golden [G]	The Nanny [G]		The Nanny [G]	
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) [G]		Pimp Ride [G]	Punk'd [G]	Direct Effect [G]		MTV Cribs [G]	MTV Cribs [G]	Barkers [G]	Barkers [G]
3	9	NBC	News [G]	Ent. Tonight [G]	Revelations [G]	(Part 1 of 6) [G]	Revelations (N) [G]	(Part 2 of 6) [G]	Law & Order "Ain't No Love" [G]		News [G]	Tonight Show [G]
8	8	NBC	Revelations [G]	(Part 1 of 6) [G]	Revelations (N) [G]	(Part 2 of 6) [G]	Law & Order "Ain't No Love" [G]		News [G]	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) [G]		Late Night [G]
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob [G]	Unfabulous [G]	Full House [G]	Full House [G]	Fresh Pr. [G]	Cosby [G]	Roseanne [G]	Roseanne [G]	Fresh Pr. [G]	Fresh Pr. [G]
2	2	PBS	Roadshow FYI [G]	Scientific-Frontiers [G]	National Geographic's "Earth Invaders: The One		Strange Days on Planet Degree Factor" (N) [G]		BBC World News [G]	Two's Company [G]	Charlie Rose (N) [G]	[G]
38	83	SCIFI	Ripley-Believe [G]		Ripley-Believe [G]		Ripley-Believe [G]		★★ "Invasion" (1997) (Part 1 of 2) Luke Perry.			
41	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure [G]		Wildest Police Videos [G]		CSI: Crime Scn [G]		CSI: Crime Scn [G]		★★ "Bloodsport" [G]	[G]
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [G]		Clean Sweep Family clutter. [G]		In a Fix Finishing improvements to a home.		While You Were Out "Tulsa: Kiva" (N)		In a Fix: Key West Rescue- [G]	[G]
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "Hunters"		Law & Order "Juvenile"		★ "Gone in Sixty Seconds" (2000, Action) Nicolas Cage.					The X-Files [G]
51	86	TRAV	Colorado: River [G]		World Poker Tour (N)				Colorado: River [G]		World Poker Tour [G]	
21	82	TVLND	Highway to Heaven [G]		Griffith [G]	Leave [G]	Farrah [G]	Farrah [G]	3's Co. [G]	3's Co. [G]	Cheers [G]	Cheers [G]
60	89	UNIV	Apuesta por un Amor [G]		La Madrastra [G]		Don Francisco Presenta [G]		Impacto [G]	Noticiero [G]	La Hora Derbez [G]	
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU [G]		"Ring of Fire: Emile Griffith" [G]		Law & Order: SVU [G]		Law & Order: SVU [G]		Kojak [G]	Grace [G]
12	3	WB	Friends [G]	Everybody-Raymond [G]	Smallville "Spirit" (N) [G]		Jack & Bobby "A Child of God" (N) [G]		News [G]		Friends [G]	Will & Grace [G]
99	36	WGN	"Alice Through the Looking Glass" (1999) [G]				WGN News at Nine [G]		Becker [G]	Becker [G]	Home Delivery [G]	