Soaps control wife's life

I have been married more than 50 years, and all she does is watch soap operas every afternoon. I have invited her to lunch and other outings only to be told, "OK, but I gotta be home by noon to watch my

If the mailman or UPS arrives with a package between noon and 4 and I'm not



abigail van buren

dear abby

there, Myra ignores the bell. We have three adult children. If any of them call during that time, she'll refuse to talk to them even if it's an emergency. Once, it was our older daughter calling to say our son had been taken to the hospital with a major heart attack. Myra's sister died of a stroke one afternoon two years ago. My wife didn't learn about it until the following morning.

On weekends, Myra is always in a bad mood because she says, "My soaps aren't

on today." (The housecleaning doesn't get done then, either, unless I do it.)

What's wrong with people like her? It's not the housework, Abby. I just wish my wife would realize there's more to life than soap operas. Can you think of a way to convince her to get a life, so to speak? - BORED HUSBAND IN AKRON, OHIO

DEAR HUSBAND: I'll try, but you have to realize that you are dealing with someone who is severely addicted. Your wife gets a "rush" from watching her 'soaps," and as her behavior on weekends shows, she goes into withdrawal if she doesn't get her "fix."

There may be a solution to this problem. Cable television companies now offer cable boxes that allow viewers to record their favorite television shows on a hard drive for later viewing. I recommend you look into it. If it's not available in your area, visit an electronics store and see what recording devices it has in stock.

However, as to convincing your spouse"to get a life" and start living it with you, it may already be too late for that. So make sure you have a life of your own by inviting others to join you for lunch and other outings. That might be what it takes to sober her up

DEAR ABBY: My sister "Peggy's"

daughter was married recently. She is 54, and it was her third marriage. Her invitation stated, "No gifts, please." My son and nephew gave the couple a card. Peggy promptly called them both and

informed them that when a wedding invitation states, "No gifts, please," it means that the couple doesn't need household

items, that they should be given money instead.

I am aghast that Peggy would take it upon herself to reprimand my son and nephew and solicit money from them. What do you think of this? Incidentally, my nephew was married two years ago. My niece was invited and never sent a gift to them. - BLOWN AWAY IN BEND,

DEAR BLOWN AWAY: Where do I begin? For openers, no mention of gifts should have been on the invitation - and that includes "No gifts, please." Where your sister got the crazy idea that the phrase means "give money instead" I will never know. And for her to chastise your son and nephew for not giving her thricemarried daughter money was off the charts. Christmas is coming, and I have

the perfect gift suggestion for her — a book on etiquette.

DEAR ABBY: Is it proper for people to throw themselves a housewarming party? My husband and I are looking into buying our first home, and I'd love to have one. What, exactly, are the rules? Do you have to be newlyweds? I have never been to one or know anyone who has ever had one. Is it still done? — CU-RIOUS IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR CURIOUS: It is customary for new homeowners, after getting settled in, to invite friends and family over for a housewarming. You don't have to be newlyweds — just new homeowners. Generally, the host and hostess send invitations to prospective guests and provide the food and beverages. And the guests bring gifts for the house. That's all there is to it! Good luck with yours.

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26	54	ANPL	Growing Up "Hyena"	I(N) . I		"		Growing Up "Hyena"		Growing Up "Walrus"		
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7	11	CBS	College Football: SEC Championship	The Academy of Country sary Celebration (N)		Music's 40th Anniver-				(:05) Alias " sion"	(:05) Alias "The Confession"	
55	42	DISC	I Shouldn't Be Alive "Swept Away"	I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Humanzee		Wild Child: The Story of Feral Children		
33	56	DISN	The Buzz on Maggie	Naturally Sadie	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	Matthew Bro	or Gadget" (1 derick. 'PG' 🖸	999) ©	(:35) Phil of the Future	
19	66	E!TV	50 Most Outrageous TV			Saturday Ni	<u> </u>	Dr. 90210			Howard S.	
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32	58	FAM	Santa Claus	A Very Barry Christmas				Drummer Drumr II		Stinglest Man in Town		
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38	71	SCIFI	"Gargoyles: Darkness" ★ ★½ "The Hulk" (2003,							★★½ "The Shadow"		
61	72	SPK				Most Amazing Videos ★★ "Street Fighter" (19						
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63	67	BRAVO	The West Wing		The West Wing "The Black Vera Wang"		The West Wing "We Killed Yamamoto"		The West Wing "Posse Comitatus"		The West Wing "20 Hours in America"	
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22	28	ESPN	Countdown		Figure Skati	ng Cup of Ru	issia. From St. Petersburg,		Russia. (Taped)		SportsCenter	
23	29	ESPN2	Women's Co	ollege Baske	tball	Code	Rodeo Wrangler National		Finals Third Round.		Rodeo	
32	58	FAM	★★ "Jack Frost" (1998)		Michael Keat	on.	Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Clu	b	Videos	Videos
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53	45	FOOD	Emeril's Christmas Party		Unwrapped (N)	Unwrapped "Holidays"	The Secret Life Of "Christmas" Christmas.		Iron Chef "Crab" Crab battle.		Emeril's Christmas Par- ty	
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58	48	HIST	Boys' Toys (N)		Boys' Toys		Battlefield Detectives The siege of Masada.		Battlefield Detectives (N)		Boys' Toys	
25	38	IND	Friends	Friends	Friends "Pi- lot"		Family Guy		★★★ "Lethal Weapon" Danny Glover.		(1987, Action) Mel Gibson,	
18	63	LIFE	"On 2nd Day"		"Recipe for a Perfect Ch				Will-Grace		Golden	Golden
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8	8	NBC	Owner"			Medium "Bei O'Leary's Co	w"	News	(:35) The To With Jay Le	no (N)	Late Night	
34	55	NICK		Oddparents				Roseanne	Roseanne	,	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
2	2	PBS	On Eagle's Wing The story of Scottish migration.				Visions of G The Rhine flo	ermany: Alo ws through G				
38	71	SCIFI	(4:00) "Jurassic Park" The Triangle (N)					The Triangle				
61	72	SPK	Maximum E		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn	
39	43	TLC	vamping dor	m rooms.			Amazing Medical Sto- ries "Second Chances"		Trauma: Life in the ER "The Long Haul"		Untold Stories of the E.R. Stab wound. (N)	
28	40	TNT	Law & Order "Seer"		Law & Order		Wanted (N)		Wanted		Wanted "Lips Are Lips"	
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Weekend Movie Schedule

SATURDAY

MORNING

10:35 35 FMC Movie "Fo-Roy Del Ruth.

11:00 40/41 FX Movie "Twins" (1988, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito, Kelly Preston. A gerected by Ivan Reitman.

AFTERNOON

12:55 25/38 IND Movie "As Good as It Gets" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt, Greg Kinnear. A mean-spirited New York author finds love with a waitress.

1:00 20/37 USA Movie "Get Shorty" (1995, Comedy) John Travolta, Gene Hackman, conspires to break into the Bacon. Astronauts Jim Lovell, movie business. Directed by Fred Haise and Jack Swigert Barry Son-nenfeld.

Mask of Zorro" (1998, Adventure) Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins, Catherine Zeta-Jones. Zorro's protege

crosses swords with a return-

Campbell. lies Bergere" (1935, Musical thing's Gotta Give" (2003, Ro-Comedy) Maurice Chevalier, mance-Comedy) Jack Nichol-Merle Oberon. A French son, Keanu Reeves. A music Bont. nightclub star is conned into executive falls for the mother masquerading as his business- of his young girlfriend after man look-alike. Directed by having a heart attack in her age to the Bottom of the Sea" home. Directed by Nancy

Meyers. 'PG-13' "From Russia With Love" netically enhanced man seeks Connery, Lotte Lenya, his shortchanged twin. Di- Daniela Bianchi. James Bond races the Russians to locate a

Terence Young. Wedding Singer" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Christine Taylor. Philip Kauf-man. A 1980s wedding crooner at-Directed by James L. Brooks. tempts to find true love. Directed by Frank Coraci.

"Apollo 13" (1995, Historical try to return to Earth, after an 28/40 TNT Movie "The explosion aborts the April edy) Cher, Nicolas Cage, 1970 moonshot. Directed by Ron Howard. 'PG'

SUNDAY

MORNING 11:00 28/40 TNT Movie

ing tyrant. Directed by Martin "Twister" (1996, Drama) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton, Cary 2:45 5 HBO Movie "Some- Elwes. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device. Directed by Jan de

AFTERNOON

12:00 35 FMC Movie "Voy-(1961, Science Fiction) Walter Pidgeon, Barbara Eden. The 3:00 61/72 SPK Movie admiral of an atomic submarine tries to stop the Van Allen (1963, Adventure) Sean radiation belt from cooking Earth. Directed by Irwin

Allen. 'PG' 40/41 FX Movie "Rising top secret device. Directed by Sun" (1993, Drama) Sean Con-nery, Wesley Snipes, 4:0025/38 IND Movie "The Harvey Keitel. Detectives investigate a murder at a Japanese corporation. Directed by

1:00 28/40 TNT Movie "Clear and Present Danger" (1994, Drama) Harrison Ford, 5:00 63/67 BRAVO Movie Willem Dafoe, Anne Archer. Jack Ryan battles Colombian Rene Russo. A sly hoodlum Drama) Tom Hanks, Kevin drug lords and villainous feds. Directed by Phillip Noyce.

2:00 12/3 WB Movie "Moonstruck" (1987, Com-Olympia Dukakis. A Brooklyn bookkeeper falls for her fiance's brother. Directed by Norman Jewison.