

Fall out may cause move

DEAR ABBY: My family and I have lived in this subdivision for 10 years. We are friendly with our neighbors. All of the children here play wonderfully together and are of various ages.

One of my neighbors, “Rachel,” and I were very close at one time, but we are recovering from a fallout involving her eldest daughter. We are



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trying to repair the friendship, but it has reached the point that I hate living here.

Rachel is jealous of anyone I spend time with if it's not her. She is constantly out in her yard, and I feel like she watches everything I do and who comes and goes. When I spend time with other neighbors, she retaliates with rudeness and with negative, insulting comments and behavior.

How can I get across to her that although we may have been close

friends at one time, we're now only friendly neighbors? — WANTS TO MOVE IN OHIO

DEAR WANTS TO MOVE: It appears Rachel has emotionally regressed to the grammar school level, where children assume that if they are friends they “own” each other. I see no reason to issue any proclamations. Get your message across by continuing to have an active social life with neighbors you enjoy and ignoring her sulkiness. If she makes a nasty comment, tell her: “You know, sniping is a very unattractive trait. It makes me want to see less of you rather than more.”

DEAR ABBY: My elderly mother lives in a small efficiency apartment. Last year, my out-of-town siblings —

all of whom live within 50 miles — visited her on Christmas Day with gifts she could not possibly use.

One sister brought a set of heavy crystal glasses. (Mother's hands shake, and she uses a plastic drinking cup with a handle.) Another sister brought a silver tea service (which I had to pack in a closet for her). My brother brought her two pieces of heavy luggage (which took up all the room in a closet).

Mama no longer is up to entertaining, and all those expensive gifts were useless to her. She has tried “hinting” that she doesn't need things like that, but they refuse to listen.

It would be so much more helpful if they would instead cook a meal for

Mama, or stop by a restaurant and bring her a meal when they visit. She isn't up to cooking, and a gift like that would not wind up packed away for the next generation.

When they visit, they usually stop by a restaurant and eat, but they never stop to consider that Mama would love a meal, too. I try to cook for her as often as I can, but I have a disabled child at home who is in and out of the hospital. When I do cook, I package meals for her that she can microwave and enjoy. What a help it would be if my siblings would do this.

Why don't people stop and take into consideration how a person lives and what his or her needs are before buying a gift? Thanks for letting me vent.

— CHRISTINE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR CHRISTINE: It may be that doing what you suggest takes too much time and energy. Or, in the case of your siblings, the motivation for the expensive gifts may be guilt. You can't change them, but I do recommend you remind them frequently how much your mother would appreciate it if they would bring her a nice meal when they visit. You'll be doing them — and her — a favor.

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SATURDAY EVENING										E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone		DEC. 17, 2005			
E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30			
36	47	A&E	City Confidential		Cold Case Files "Family Secret; Blood Trail"		American Justice "Double Life, Double Murder"		American Justice "Crib Death"		City Confidential				
4	6	ABC	(5:00) ★★ ★★ "The Sound of Music" (1965) Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer. A governess weds an Austrian widower with seven children.						News		(:35) Seinfeld	(:05) Seinfeld Star Trek: Enterprise			
26	54	ANPL	Austin Stevens: Snake-master (N)		Austin Stevens: Snake-master Rare snakes.		Reptile Kings: Search for the Lost Viper		Austin Stevens: Snake-master		Austin Stevens: Snake-master Rare snakes.				
63	67	BRAVO	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Cherry Red"		Cirque du Soleil: Alegria from acrobatic performers		The eighth production from Cirque du Soleil.		Cirque du Soleil: La Nouba Fantasy with acrobatic performance.						
7	11	CBS	College Basketball Kansas City		Wichita State at Missouri-Kansas City		48 Hours Mystery "Who Killed the Newlyweds?"		News		HDTV: The Big Picture	(:05) Alias "The Box"			
55	42	DISC	The New Detectives "Fatal Impressions"		Material Witness		Material Witness		Anaconda: Giant Snake of the Amazon		Amazon Abyss				
33	56	DISN	The Buzz on Maggie		The Buzz on Maggie		Naturally Sadie		Life With Derek		Life With Derek				
49	66	EITV	Gastineau		Gastineau		Girls		Girls		Saturday Night Live				
22	28	ESPN	NFL		NFL Football Denver Broncos at Buffalo Bills.						SportsCenter				
23	29	ESPN2	College Basketball: Cyclone Classic				College Basketball: Texas Tech vs. UNLV				Fastbreak				
32	58	FAM	"Christmas in Boston" (2005) Maria Sokoloff.				"Christmas in Boston" (2005) Maria Sokoloff.				"Picking Up-Off"				
35	-	FMC	★★★ "The Incident" (1967) Tony Musante.				★★★ "The Fly II" (1989) Eric Stoltz.				★★ "Predator 2"				
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live Throwing a great holiday party.		Holidays at Walt Disney World		Top 5: Holiday Hits Tasty holiday traditions.		Iron Chef America "Batali vs. Des Jardines"		Emeril Live Throwing a great holiday party.				
13	7	FOX	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back		St. Elsewhere "Amazing Face"		Mad TV Neil Patrick Harris. (N)		Blind Date	Blind Date			
40	41	FX	King of Hill	King of Hill	70s Show		70s Show		★★★ "Speed" (1994, Suspense) Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper.						
30	27	FXSP	Beyond the Glory		Boxing: Sunday		Poker Superstars		Poker		Barbershop	Broncos			
-	60	HALL	"Single Santa"		"Meet the Santas" (2005)		Steve Guttenberg.		"Meet the Santas" (2005)		Steve Guttenberg.				
5	-	HBO	(5:30) ★★ "Flight of the Phoenix" (2004) Dennis Quaid. ⚡ PG-13		★★ "Garfield: The Movie" (2004) Breckin Meyer. ⚡ PG ⚡				★ "Son of the Mask" (2005) Jamie Kennedy. Premiere. ⚡ PG ⚡		"Day-Tomorrow"				
62	44	HGTV	Dbl Take	Small	First Place		reDesign		Design		Design	City Grdn			
58	48	HIST	UFO Files "Britain's Roswell" (N)		UFO Files "Brazil's Roswell" (N)		Weird Weapons: The Axis (N)		Weird Weapons: The Ali-ies (N)		UFO Files "Britain's Roswell"				
25	38	IND	★★★ "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A boy defends his home against inept burglars.				(10) ★★ ★★ "The Truman Show" (1998, Comedy-Drama) Jim Carrey, Laura Linney.				(15) ★★ ★★ "Kate & Leopold" (2001)				
18	63	LIFE	"Murder at 75 Birch"		"Lethal Vows" (1999, Mystery) John Ritter.		★★★ "Eulogy" (2004, Comedy) Hank Azaria.								
54	74	MTV	True Life		True Life		True Life		True Life "I'm Jealous"		True Life				
3	9	NBC	Pregame Show	NFL Football	Denver Broncos at Buffalo Bills. From Ralph Wilson Stadium in Orchard Park, N.Y.				Stadium in		News	Saturday Night Live			
8	8	NBC	Law & Order "In God We Trust"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Beast"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Starved"		News		Saturday Night Live Jack Black; Neil Young. (N)				
34	55	NICK	School	Drake	All That	Amanda	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.			
2	2	PBS	Keeping Up	As Time Goes By	The Lawrence Welk Show		Red Green		Austin City Limits Cold-play performs. (N)		Soundstage "Martina McBride"	Tavis Smiley (N)			
38	71	SCI FI	"Jeepers Creepers"		★★★ "Shallow Ground" (2005) Stan Kirsch				"Tales From the Crypt-Bordello of Blood"						
61	72	SPK	(5:00) ★★ "Lionheart"		MXC		MXC		★ "The Mod Squad" (1999) Claire Danes.						
39	43	TLC	Clean Sweep "Clean Sweep, Fresh Start"		While You Were Out (N)		Property Ladder Helping a twin.		Moving Up English Tudor homes.		Trading Spaces Greatest Moments of 2005				
28	40	TNT	"Lara Croft Tmb"		★★★ "Spider-Man" (2002) Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe.				★★★ "The Mummy" (1999, Horror)						
51	49	TRAV	World Poker Tour				Globe Trekker		World Poker Tour						
21	59	TVLND	Sitdown Comedy		Griffith		Sanford	GoodTime	GoodTime	Happening!	Cheers	Night Court			
60	79	UNIV	Sábado Gigante						Impacto		Noticiero				
20	37	USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU				
12	3	WB	Star Trek: Enterprise "Borderland"		Feed the Children Holiday Special		Smallville "Red"		News		Sex and the City	Will & Grace			
99	39	WGN	Bulls Eye		NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls.				WGN News		Becker	Home Imp.			
											Presidio				

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36	47	A&E		★½ "Lake Placid" (1999, Suspense) Bill Pullman, Bridget Fonda.				Intervention				CSI: Miami "Pirated"				★½ "Lake Placid" (1999) Bill Pullman.			
4	6	ABC		(5:00) "Once Upon a Mattress" (2005)				Desperate Housewives				(:01) Grey's Anatomy				News (:35) Seinfeld Lawyer on the Line Diamond Adventures			
26	54	ANPL		Into the Lion's Den A zoologist lives among lions for three months.				Chasing Nature				Into the Lion's Den A zoologist lives among lions for three months.							
63	67	BRAVO		Law & Order: Criminal Intent				Inside the Actors Studio "Barbara Walters"				Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Blink"				Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Graansha"			
7	11	CBS		Cold Case "Frank's Best" (N)				"The Christmas Blessing" (2005, Drama) Neil Patrick Harris, Rebecca Gayheart.				News (:35) News				(:05) Alias "The Coup"			
55	42	DISC		Supervolcano A powerful supervolcano lies under Yellowstone National Park.								Tsunami (N)				America's Tsunami: Are We Next? (N)			
33	56	DISN		Phil of the Future		That's So Raven		Naturally Sadie		Life With Derek		Zack & Cody		That's So Raven		"Kim Possible: So the Drama" (2005) Voices of Christy Carlson Romano. Zack & Cody			
49	66	E!TV		Home Improvement: The El				True Hollywood Story				Girls				Home Improvement: The El True Hollywood Story			
22	28	ESPN		NFL		NFL Football Atlanta Falcons at Chicago Bears.								SportsCenter					
23	29	ESPN2		Series of Poker		Series of Poker				Series of Poker				Series of Poker					
32	58	FAM		★★ "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey.				Whose?				Videos		Videos		J. Osteen Feed			
35	-	FMC		★★★ "Phar Lap" (1983, Drama) Tom Burlinson.				★★★ "That Thing You Do!" (1996) Liv Tyler				"Key Exchange" (1985)							
53	45	FOOD		All Star Holiday Party (N)		Iron Chef America		Gingerbread Challenge		Behind the Bash		Sugar Rush		All Star Holiday Party					
13	7	FOX		The Simpsons (N)		The War at Home (N)		Family Guy		American Dad (N)		Remington Steele "In the Steele of the Night"		Fall Guy "Dirty Laundry"		Quincy, M.E. "By the Death of a Child"			
40	41	FX		(4:00) "Speed" (1994)				★★★ "Ever After: A Cinderella Story" (1998)				★★ "Daddy Day Care" (2003) Eddie Murphy.							
30	27	FXSP		College Basketball Valparaiso at Duke.				Beyond the Glory (N)				Boxing: Sunday		Spotlight		Poker			
-	60	HALL		(5:00) "Silent Night"		★★ "Unlikely Angel" (1996) Dolly Parton.		"Fallen Angel" (2003, Drama) Gary Sinise.											
5	-	HBO		"Anacostas: Hunt"		★★ "Paparazzi" (2004, Suspense) Cole Hauser. ⚡ PG-13 ⚡		(:15) ★★ "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burdury" (2004) Will Ferrell. ⚡ PG-13 ⚡				The Sopranos "Where's Johnny?"							
62	44	HGTV		Designed		Designed		All Out Christmas (N)		If Walls		Renovation		Buy Me Kitchen		Designed Designed			
58	48	HIST		Brothers in Arms: The Untold Story of the 502				Brothers in Arms: The Untold Story of the 502				Dogfights: The Greatest Air Battles Four famous air battles.		Brothers in Arms: The Untold Story of the 502					
25	38	IND		★★★★ "Forrest Gump" (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history.				★★★★ "Forrest Gump" (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright.											
18	63	LIFE		(5:00) ★★ "Human Trafficking" (2005) Mira Sorvino, Donald Sutherland.								Missing		Strong Medicine					
54	74	MTV		Next		Next		Next		Next		Next		Next		Challenge Challenge			
3	9	NBC		Dateline NBC				Tom Brokaw Reports (N)		★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo.				News (:35) Denver Huddle					
8	8	NBC		Tom Brokaw Reports (N)				★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo.				News (:35) 24 "11:00AM - 12:00 Noon"		(:35) Inside Edition (N)					
34	55	NICK		Zoey 101		News		Roseanne		Roseanne		Cosby		Cosby		Fresh Pr. Fresh Pr. Roseanne Roseanne			
2	2	PBS		Nature "Encountering Sea Monsters" (N)				Masterpiece Theatre "The Lost Prince" Prince John has epilepsy.				Globe Trekker "Cameron"				Mystery! "Hetty Wainthropp Investigates"			
38	71	SCI FI		(5:00) "The Forsaken"				★ "Dracula 3000: Infinite Darkness" (2004)				Surface "Episode 7"				Tripping Scare			
61	72	SPK		(5:00) "Kickboxer"				★ "The Mod Squad" (1999) Claire Danes.				★★★ "Scarface" (1983) Al Pacino.							
39	43	TLC		What Not to Wear Updating Kelly's style.				What Not to Wear "Ana"		What Not to Wear "Michaela"		What Not to Wear				"What Not to Wear" "Tanya"			
28	40	TNT		★★★★ "Spider-Man" (2002) Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe.				★★★★ "Scream 3" (2000) David Arquette, Neve Campbell.											
51	49	TRAV		Bermuda Tri.				Smithsonian		Amelia Earhart		Bermuda Tri.		Smithsonian					
21	59	TVLND		Little House				Griffith		Sanford		GoodTime		GoodTime		Sitdown Comedy Night Court Sanford			
60	79	UNIV		(5:00) La Parodia				Hora Pico		Ver Para Creer		Impacto		Noticiero		Tras la Verdad			
20	37	SUA		Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU			
12	3	WB		"Samantha: Holiday" ★★★★★ "The Wizard of Oz" (1939) Judy Garland, Frank Morgan. A tornado whisks a Kansas farm girl to a magic land.								News				Sex and the City Will & Grace			
99	39	WGN		24				24		WGN News		Replay		Sex & City		Becker Maximum Exposure			