

# Harassment is illegal

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my mid-30s, recently divorced for the second time. I was married for 13 years.

Abby, my ex won't leave me alone. He calls me constantly, and if I won't talk to him, he starts threatening me. Hanging up on him doesn't work; it makes him that much angrier. He threatens to damage my vehicle, and says he has people watching my daughter when she goes out on the one night that she is allowed.

He will call and tell me where she went, who she was with and what time she came home. He has me watched, too. I don't go out except to work and to the grocery store. Calling the police is not an option because that will just make it even worse on me. Please help me. — BEING WATCHED, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR WATCHED: There is a name for the harassment you and your daughter are receiving. It's called STALKING. Although you may not be aware of it, there is a law against stalking in Alabama. After I read your letter, I contacted your chief of police and read it to her. She advises that you should document every incident — which can in-



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•dear abby

clude recording those threatening phone calls — and file a police report.

I wish you had been more specific about the reason for your reluctance to inform the police. If you are frightened because your ex-husband is somehow connected to law enforcement, this crime should be reported to Internal Affairs so they can investigate the charges. The longer you remain silent, the longer his intimidation will continue.

DEAR ABBY: I married late, to a wonderful man I'll call "Juan." Our courtship was very brief. We are fine. My problem is his family.

Everyone was very cordial at first, but during a brief rough patch early on in our marriage, his family made it clear where the line was drawn — me on one side, all of them on the other. (I have no immediate family of my own, just a couple of close girlfriends I consider to be "family.") Juan was caught in the middle.

Since then, we have come to an understanding regarding holidays, birthdays, etc. If I work the holiday, Juan spends it with his family. If not, he's home with me for the majority of it, but makes a short visit to them. (We live in the same town.) We split Juan's birthday. If someone from his family phones the house, I'm pleasant, but other than that we don't speak.

My question concerns my elderly mother-in-law. There's a language barrier, and she usually believes what anyone tells her, which early on was unflattering where I was concerned. Due to her advanced age, there will be a funeral I have to contend with at some point. I feel I should be there for Juan when the time comes, but I have absolutely no desire to be around any of the rest of his family. What should I do? — JUAN'S WIFE

DEAR WIFE: When the time comes, take your cue from your husband. If he would like you to be there, then attend the funeral with him and be pleasant to his family. If he prefers to go alone, you'll be off the hook.

P.S. Between you and me, you should be prepared to go. When a man loses his mother, he usually wants the person closest to him to be near him — and that should be you.

## SATURDAY EVENING

		6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30
E S		E = Eagle Cable				S = S&T Telephone					
36/47	A&E	<b>"Jaws"</b> ('75, Horror) ★★½ Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. A New England beach community is terrorized by a giant great white shark. (PG)				<b>"Jaws"</b> ('75, Horror) ★★½ Shark attack. (PG)					
4/6	ABC	<b>"Cast Away"</b> ('00, Drama) ★★ A plane crash strands an airfreight exec on a deserted isle in the Pacific for more than four years. (R) (HD)				KAKE News at 10 (TVPG)					
26/54	ANPL	The Most Extreme: Speed (TV G)				NASCAR Goes Animal Crew Drivers' pets. Stealth Hunters					
63/67	BRAVO	<b>"Jurassic Park"</b> ('93, Science Fiction) ★★½ Sam Neill, Laura Dern. A billionaire invites scientists to inspect his dinosaur amusement park.				<b>"Jurassic Park"</b> A billionaire invites scientists to inspect his dinosaur amusement park.					
7/11	CBS	NCIS: Enigma (TVPG) (R) (HD)				Without a Trace: Second Sight (R) (HD)					
55/42	DISC	A Haunting: Hell House (TVPG)				Anatomy of Sex Mating responses. (TV14)					
33/56	DISN	Emperor's (TV G)				The Suite (TVY7)					
49/66	EITV	El Story (TVPG)				The Girls (TV G)					
22/28	ESPN	Gameday (Live)				Basketball (Live)					
23/29	ESPN2	Basketball (Live)				Pro Bowl Skills Competition (Replay)					
32/58	FAM	<b>"Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"</b>				<b>"Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"</b>					
35/-	FMC	<b>"Scandal Sheet"</b> ('85, Made for TV) ★★ (NR)				<b>"Death Hunt"</b> ('81) ★★ Charles Bronson. (R)					
53/45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Italian Challenge (TV G)				Mario, Full Boil					
13/7	FOX	Cops (TV14) (R)				America's (TVPG)					
27/25	FX	<b>"Tears of the Sun"</b> ('03) ★★½ Squad must rescue doctor from rebels.				<b>"Bulletproof Monk"</b> ('03) ★★ Monk trains thief.					
30/27	FXSP	Arena Football Colorado at Nashville (Live)				FSN Live Coll. Hook (Taped)					
-/60	HALL	<b>"Love's Journey"</b>				<b>"Back to You and Me"</b> Woman goes home.					
5/-	HBO	('51) "Elektra" ('05) Assassin aids girl. (HD)				<b>"Welcome to Mooseport"</b> ('04, Comedy) ★★ Former president runs for mayor. (PG-13) (HD)					
62/44	HGTV	Design Divine				1st Place reDesign					
58/48	HIST	Nostradamus: 500 Years Later				Nostradamus and his devious forecasts. (TVPG)					
25/38	IND	<b>"Jerry Maguire"</b> A successful agent for sports celebrities begins his own company after a moral epiphany leads to his unemployment. (R)				<b>"When Strangers Appear"</b> ('01, Mystery)					
18/63	LIFE	<b>"Identity Theft"</b> ('04)				<b>"Patient 14"</b> ('04, Drama) ★★ Super hearing.					
54/74	MTV	Block Prty: Cut Ups				Block Prty (TVMA)					
3/9	NBC	9 News (N) Olympic Zone (HD)				Winter Olympics Skiing, speedskating, bobsledding (HD)					
8/8	NBC	Winter Olympics Skiing, speedskating, bobsledding (HD)				KSN News at 10 (HD)					
34/55	NICK	Guide Drake				All That Amanda					
2/2	PBS	Appearance As Time Go				Lawrence Welk: Salute to Sinatra (TV G)					
38/71	SCIFI	<b>"Watchers"</b> ('98) (R)				<b>"Rottweiler"</b> ('04) A dog seeks revenge. (R)					
61/72	SPK	King of Vegas (TV14)				MXC					
39/43	TLC	Clean Sweep: Digging Out the Man Room				While You Were Out: Austin: Cyclarama					
28/40	TNT	NBA TipOff				NBA All Star Weekend from Houston (Live)					
51/49	TRAV	World Poker Tour: Aruba Classic				J. Osbourne (TV14)					
21/59	TVLND	Prairie: Growin' Pains				Griffith Sanford					
60/79	UNIV	Sábado gigante (TVPG)				Primer imp Noticiero					
20/37	USA	Law & Order (HD)				Law & Order (HD)					
12/3	WB	Star Trek: Enterprise: Demons (TVPG)				Smallville: Calling (TVPG)					
99/39	WGN	<b>"Three Amigos"</b> ('86) ★★ Stars go South. (PG)				WGN News at Nine					

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E S		E = Eagle Cable				S = S&T Telephone					
36/47	A&E	24: Day 2: 8:00pm - 9:00pm (TV14) (HD)				Undercover Neo-Nazi movement. (TV14)					
4/6	ABC	Extreme Makeover: Kubena Family (TVPG)				Desperate Housewives (TVPG) (N) (HD)					
26/54	ANPL	The Most Extreme: The Best of the Best Countdown of the top twenty animals. (TV G)				The Most Extreme: Speed (TV G)					
63/67	BRAVO	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (HD)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (HD)					
7/11	CBS	Cold Case: Committed (TVPG) (R) (HD)				<b>"Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines"</b> ('03, Sci-fi) minator goes gunning for a resistance leader. (HD)					
55/42	DISC	Engineering the Impossible (TV G)				Extreme Engineering: Arizona Cardinals					
33/56	DISN	Phil: The Giggles (TV G)				Life Derek (TV G)					
49/66	EITV	50 Most Outrageous TV Moments				#1 Single The Girls					
22/28	ESPN	Poker from Las Vegas (Replay)				Knight Sch (Taped)					
23/29	ESPN2	Wom Bball (Live)				Strong Man The Contender: East Coast Pride					
32/58	FAM	<b>"The Sixth Sense"</b> ('99, Thriller) ★★½ Doctor seeks truth. (PG)				Line					
35/-	FMC	<b>"The Legend of Hell House"</b> ('73) ★★ (PG)				<b>"Die Hard"</b> ('88, Action/Adventure) ★★ Bruce Willis. (R)					
53/45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Emeril's Pizza Party (TV G)				Iron Chef America: Batali vs. Murphy (TV G)					
13/7	FOX	Simpsons (R)				War at Home (R)					
27/25	FX	<b>"Bulletproof Monk"</b> ('03, Action) ★★ Monk trains thief.				<b>"The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen"</b> ('03) ★★					
30/27	FXSP	College Bball UCLA at Southern California				PRIDE Fighting					
-/60	HALL	<b>"Jane Doe"</b> ('05) (NR)				<b>"Mystery Woman: At First Sight"</b> ('06) (NR)					
5/-	HBO	('50) "Envoy" ('45) "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed" ('04) ★★ Classic foes.				('15) "Taxi" ('04) ★½ Queen Latifah, Jimmy Fallon. Taxi driver has tips for a green cop. (HD)					
62/44	HGTV	Designed Designed				Want That reZONED					
58/48	HIST	Secret Superpower Aircraft: Fighters				Secret Superpower Aircraft: Bombers					
25/38	IND	<b>"O Brother, Where Art Thou?"</b> ('00, Comedy) ★★ Chain gang fugitives seek stolen loot.				<b>"O Brother, Where Art Thou?"</b> ('00, Comedy) ★★ Chain gang fugitives seek stolen loot.					
18/63	LIFE	<b>"Her Spouse"</b> ('03) ★				<b>"Killer Instinct: From"</b> ★½ Troubled FBI agent					
54/74	MTV	True Life				True Life: I'm Jealous					
3/9	NBC	Winter Olympics Skiing, figure skating, bobsledding (HD)				True Life: I'm Obese					
8/8	NBC	('50) Winter Olympics Skiing, figure skating, bobsledding (HD)				KSN News at 10 (HD)					
34/55	NICK	Zoey 101				Romeo!					
2/2	PBS	Nature: Animals Behaving Worse (TV G) (N)				Masterpiece Theatre: Bleak House (N)					
38/71	SCIFI	<b>"The Abyss"</b> ('89)				<b>"Mermaid Chronicles Part 1"</b> ('01, Horror)					
61/72	SPK	<b>"Young Guns"</b> ('88)				<b>"Young Guns II"</b> ('90, Western) Outlaws flee.					
39/43	TLC	Now See This! (TVPG)				Now See This! (TVPG)					
28/40	TNT	NBA TipOff				2006 NBA All Star Game from Houston (Live)					
51/49	TRAV	Outdoors (TV G)				Alaska's Arctic (TV G)					
21/59	TVLND	Prairie (TV G)				Griffith Sanford					
60/79	UNIV	Bailando por un sueño				Primer imp Noticiero					
20/37	USA	<b>"K-PAX"</b> ('01) ★★ A psychiatrist treats a delusional man.				Law & Order (R)					
12/3	WB	Reba (TVPG) (R)				Reba (TVPG) (R)					
99/39	WGN	24 (TV14) (HD)				24 (TV14) (HD)					

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## MONDAY EVENING