

Good idea, bad choice

DEAR ABBY: I am an outdoorsman with 20-plus years of experience in backpacking and camping. I'm very happy that the woman I'm planning to marry enjoys these activities with me, but she has very little experience.

Last Christmas, she bought a tent for us to use on our outdoor adventures, knowing that I was shopping around and comparing models and trying to find the perfect one. She was very excited to see me tear off the wrapping paper, and I truly appreciate her affection and effort. However, the tent she purchased is much too heavy and bulky to use for backpacking.

We are young and have modest incomes, and we both value thriftiness, so should I ask her to return the tent and purchase one that would be more suitable for our adventures? Or should I keep quiet, purchase the lightweight tent that I desire, and use her gift just when she and I are traveling together on less demanding outings? How can I get the tent I need without dampening her enthusiasm for outdoor activities? — OUTDOORSMAN IN LOVE

DEAR OUTDOORSMAN: Explain that you love her for wanting to surprise you, but some things are better selected together — such as wedding rings and houses. I am almost



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positive that she'll understand your logic if you put it that way. However, if she doesn't, then pack up the tent and suggest that the two of you take a short hike together with HER carrying it.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to ask your advice on how to deal with a dear friend of many years. She informed my husband and me last week that she is pregnant "accidentally" for the second time by a man she doesn't want to be with.

She spent several hours crying and looking for support and advice from me, but I am not sure how to give it. You see, after two miscarriages last year, my husband and I are trying very hard to conceive again. I am taking progesterone and going through a huge mental and physical struggle to have a child, and it is difficult for me to console her in her pregnancy complaints and upset over the circumstances of her condition (for the second time!).

I just want to cry out to her that I would give my right arm to have the child she is carrying. She knows my

situation, and I have tried to tell her how hard this is for me. I am not sure how to save my sanity and still be a friend to her. Please help! — HURTING IN WRIGHTSVILLE, PA.

DEAR HURTING: Your friend's egocentricity is shocking under the circumstances. If she had any empathy for your situation, she would not have sought out your shoulder to cry on. Because I can't "fix" her, the best advice I can offer is to tell her exactly what you have told me. If she's going to remain your friend, she needs to hear it.

DEAR ABBY: My godparents will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary soon. However, one of them is suffering from Alzheimer's and is in a nursing home.

I would like to send a care package to honor their special day, but I don't know what to include since the Alzheimer's patient can't use many of the things some elderly people might enjoy. Any suggestions? — DEVOTED GODCHILD

DEAR DEVOTED: I am sure that if you created an album of special memories for the couple, it would be deeply appreciated. Also, some tapes or CDs of music from "their era" — the '40s, '50s and '60s — might bring them both pleasure.

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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	Cold Case Law student killed. (TVPG)		Cold Case Files (TVPG)		Justice Gunned down. (TVPG)		Justice Killed patients. (TVPG)		Cold Case Law student killed. (TVPG)	
4 6	ABC	"Wonderful World of Disney: Lilo & Stitch" (02, Animated) ★★ (PG) (R) (HD)		The Evidence (N) (HD)		KAKE News at 10 (:35) Insider (:05) Entertainment Tonight					
26 54	ANPL	Big Cat Challenge Lives of big cats		African King A look at the life of a male lion.		Wild Kingdom: Danger Under the Ice		Big Cat Challenge Lives of big cats		African King A look at the life of a male lion.	
63 67	BRAVO	Law & Order: Criminal Intent: Want (HD)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent: (TV14) (HD)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent: (TV14) (HD)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent: (TV14) (HD)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent: Want (HD)	
7 11	CBS	48 Hours Mystery (N)		"Deep Impact" (98) Robert Duvall. Earth braces for the arrival of a massive comet. (R) (HD)		Eyewitness News (:35) Drew Carey		Lethal Swarms: Killer Bees (TVPG)		Shark Hunter: Great White (TVPG)	
55 42	DISC	Shark Hunter: Great White (TVPG)		Killer Jellyfish 'Invisible' killer. (TVPG)		Killer Squid Quest for killers. (TVPG)					
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)		Naturally (TV G)		Life Derek (TV G)		Zack (TV77)		Hannah (TV77)	
49 66	EITV	SNL: Jennifer Lopez		SNL: Drew Barrymore		SNL: Jennifer Aniston		Chelsea H. The Soup		Dr. 90210 (TV14)	
22 28	ESPN	2006 FIFA World Cup: Quarterfinal (Replay)		Baseball Tonight (HD)		SportsCenter (HD)		Baseball Tonight (HD)			
23 29	ESPN2	Today at Wimbledon from Wimbledon, England				City Slam		City Slam		City Slam	
32 58	FAM	Grounded		Grounded		Grounded		Grounded		Grounded	
35 -	FMC	"Warning Sign" (85) ★★ Sam Waterston. (R)		"Shooting Elizabeth" (92, Comedy) (PG-13)		"Warning Sign" (85)					
53 45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Italian Challenge (TV G)		Food Challenge: Bama-cue Cook-Off		Food Network Challenge: BBQ Circuit		Iron Chef America: Batali vs. Dufresne		Food Challenge: Bama-cue Cook-Off	
13 7	FOX	⚡ (5:30) NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup in Daytona Beach (Live) (HD)				Mad TV (TV14) (R)		Blind Date (TVPG)		Blind Date (TVPG)	
27 25	FX	"Radio" (03, Drama) ★★½ Coach befriends mentally challenged man.		"Welcome to Mooseport" (04, Comedy) ★★							
30 27	FXSP	All-Star Action		Dbl. Play Rockies		⚾ MLB Baseball Rockies at Mariners (Live)					
- 60	HALL	"Johnson County"		"Desolation Canyon" (06, Western) Patrick Duffy, Stacy Keach.							
5 -	HBO	"The Skeleton Key" (05) ★★½ Secret room.		(:15) "A Cinderella Story" (04, Comedy) ★★ Sam is excited to meet her Web beau. (HD)		"Must Love Dogs" (05) ★★ Teacher endures the dating scene.		Entourage (TVMA)			
62 44	HGTV	reDesign Divine		Your Sign? Design		Design		Facelift		reDesign Divine	
58 48	HIST	Time Machine: Kennedy's: The Curse of Power Kennedy clan weathers tragic loss. (TVPG)				The Kennedy Assassination: Beyond Conspiracy Americans' conspiracy beliefs. (TVPG)		Time Mach. Clan weathers loss. (TVPG)			
25 38	IND	⚾ (5:00) MLB Baseball Baltimore Orioles at Atlanta Braves from Turner Field (Live) (HD)		"Lethal Weapon 2" (89, Action) Mel Gibson. Cop duo tangles with a smuggling kingpin with diplomatic immunity.		"Str. Disaster" ★★					
18 63	LIFE	"1st to Die" (03) (R)		"Sharing the Secret" (00) Eating disorders.		"My First Mister" (01) A rebellious teen. (R)					
54 74	MTV	MADE: Girly Girl		MADE: Soccer Player		MADE: Dance Team		MADE: Rapper			
3 9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight		Dateline NBC (N)		"Bridget Jones's Diary" (01, Comedy) A London woman searches for Mr. Right. (R) (HD)		9 News (N) (:35) SNL (TV14)			
8 8	NBC	Dateline NBC (N)		"Bridget Jones's Diary" (01, Comedy) A London woman searches for Mr. Right. (R) (HD)		KSN News at Saturday Night Live (TV14) 10					
34 55	NICK	"Rugrats in Paris: The Movie"		The X's		Bel-Air		Roseanne		Cosby	
2 2	PBS	Appearance As Time Goes		Lawrence Welk: Indiana (TV G)		RedGreen (TVPG)		Austin City Limits: Ben Harper (TV G) (R)		Soundstage (TV G) (HD)	
38 71	SCIFI	"Mansquito" (05) (R)		"Jolly Roger: Massacre at Cutter's Cove"		"Jason X" (02, Horror) ★½ Future Jason. (R)					
61 72	SPK	CSI: Crime: Burked		Amazing (TV14)		Disorderly Cond		Fight (Replay)			
39 43	TLC	Wild Weddings: Super Wedding Bloopers		While You Were: Kyle: Tex-Zen Samurai		Moving Up: Vietnam to Kach Khan (TV G)		Trading: Tuscora: North Camino Splendor		Trading: Trading Spaces: Psychic Solutions	
28 40	TNT	"Rush Hour 2" (01) ★★½ Conspiracy in China.		"Men in Black" (97) ★★½ Agents watch aliens.		"8 Legged Freaks"					
51 49	TRAV	World Poker: WPT Bad Boys of Poker II		Iconoclast		World Poker: WPT Bad Boys of Poker II					
21 59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)		Griffith		Sanford		Times			
60 79	UNIV	Sábado gigante (TVPG)				Primer imp		Noticiero		Otro rollo (TV14)	
20 37	USA	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)	
12 3	WB	Star Trek: Enterprise: Affliction (TVPG)		Friends (TVPG)		Friends (TVPG)		Star Trek: Enterprise: Bound (TVPG)			
99 39	WGN	Funny Things		Caught on Tape		WGN News at Nine		Sex & City		Becker	

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36 47	A&E	Flip House: What The Heck- Write A Check		Undercover Neo-Nazi movement. (TV14)		Intervention: Corinne (TV14)		CSI: Miami: Cop Killer (TV14)		Flip House: What The Heck- Write A Check	
4 6	ABC	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (R)		Desperate Housewives (TVPG) (R) (HD)		Grey's Anatomy: Break on Through (R) (HD)		KAKE News at 10 (:35) KAKE Sports		(:05) Lawyer Sports Machine	
26 54	ANPL	K9 Boot Camp				Wolf Within Dog versus wolf.		K9 Boot Camp			
63 67	BRAVO	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (HD)		Inside the Actor's Studio: Johnny Depp		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (HD)		Treasure Hunters Lewis & Clark. (TVPG)		"Bram Stoker's Dracula" (92, Horror) ★★★	
7 11	CBS	Cold Case: Ravaged (R) (HD)		"How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (03, Comedy) ★★ Kate Hudson. (PG-13) (R) (HD)		10 Days" (03, Comedy) (R) (HD)		Eyewitness News (:35) News News		(:05) Alias: Countdown	
55 42	DISC	Blue Planet: Seas of Life: Coral Seas		Blue Planet: Seas of Life: Tidal Seas (TV G)		Blue Planet: Seas of Life: Open Ocean		Blue Planet: Seas of Life: Seasonal Seas		Blue Planet: Seas of Life: Coral Seas	
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)		Naturally (TV G)		Life Derek (TV G)		Zack: A Prom Story		Hannah (TV77)	
49 66	EITV	The Girls		The Girls		The Girls		The Simple		The Simple	
22 28	ESPN	⚾ MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)						SportsCenter (HD)		World Cup	
23 29	ESPN2	Poker (Taped)		Poker (Taped)		Poker (Taped)		Poker (Taped)		Poker (Taped)	
32 58	FAM	"Malibu's Most Wanted"		Wannabe rap star.		"Malibu's Most Wanted"		Wannabe rap star.		Lakewood Children	
35 -	FMC	"The Chosen" (81, Drama) Robby Benson.				"May Wine" (90) (R)		"Paris, Texas" (84, Drama) ★★★			
53 45	FOOD	Food Network Charity Book		Iron Chef America: Play vs. Burke (TV G)		Food Challenge: Elvis Birthday Cake		Ham on St. Good Eats (TV G)		Iron Chef America: Play vs. Burke (TV G)	
13 7	FOX	(:5:30) "Men of Honor" (00) ★★ Fact-based tale of the U.S. Navy's first black diver. (R) (HD)				Remington Steele: Elegy in Steele		Fall Guy: Ready, Aim... Die!		Quincy: The Clear Air Die!	
27 25	FX	"Radio"		"Welcome to Mooseport" (04) ★★		Heated mayoral race.		"Starksy and Hutch" Detectives vs crime.			
30 27	FXSP	Bloopers		List		Poker Superstrs		PRIDE Fighting		Rockies	
- 60	HALL	"Lonesome Dove" ★★★		★ Men seek adventure.		"Lonesome Dove" ★★★		Men seek adventure.		"Gone to Texas"	
5 -	HBO	(:4:45) "The Hunt for Red October" (90)		"Catwoman" (04, Action) between criminal and hero. (PG-13) (HD)		★ Halle Berry. Fine line (PG-13) (HD)		The Wire: Amsterdam (TVMA)		Deadwood: Full Faith and Credit (TVMA)	
62 44	HGTV	Designed		Designed		Open House reZONED		Housewares 2006		Designed	
58 48	HIST	The Revolution: Declaring Independence		The Revolution: American Crisis (TVPG)		The Revolution: Path to World War (TVPG)		American Eats: Pizza Social food. (TVPG)		The Revolution: Declaring Independence	
25 38	IND	"Remember the Titans" (00) Black football coach replaces popular white coach at newly-integrated school. (HD)		"Remember the Titans" (00) Black football coach replaces popular white coach at newly-integrated school. (HD)		"Remember the Titans" (00) Black football coach replaces popular white coach at newly-integrated school. (HD)					
18 63	LIFE	"On Thin Ice" (03) ★½		"28 Days" Antics force party girl into rehab.				Medium: Lucky		Strong (TVPG)	
54 74	MTV	NEXT		NEXT		The Band 3		Run House		Ride	
3 9	NBC	Dateline NBC (N)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (R) (HD)		Crossing Jordan (TV14) (R) (HD)		9 News (N) (:35) Over- (HD)	
8 8	NBC	(:5:00) Dateline NBC (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (R) (HD)		Crossing Jordan (TV14) (R) (HD)		KSN News at (:35) TBA 10		(:05) 24: Day 2: 11:00 PM-12:00 AM (TV14)	
34 55	NICK	Zoey 101		Nick News		Full House		Bel-Air		Roseanne	
2 2	PBS	Nature: Condition Black (TVPG) (R)		Great Performances Meryl rison Keillor (TV G) (N) (HD)		Strep appears with Gar- rison Keillor (TV G) (N) (HD)		Globe Trekker: Southeast USA (TV G)		Mystery: Jericho: A Pair of Ragged Kicks	
38 71	SCIFI	Twilight		Twilight		Twilight		Twilight		Twilight	
61 72	SPK	Video Justice II		Caught on Tape		Caught on Tape2		Caught on Tape3		Blade: Series: Pilot	
39 43	TLC	Sports Disasters: Extreme Danger (TVPG)		99 Most Bizarre: Self Inflicted Injuries		99 Most Bizarre: Survival Stories (TV14)		99 Most Bizarre: Stunt Disasters (TV14)		99 Most Bizarre: Medical Mistakes (TV14)	
28 40	TNT	"Men in Black" (97) ★★½		Agents watch aliens.		"Rush Hour 2" (01) ★★½		Conspiracy in China.		"Deep Blue Sea" ★★½	
51 49	TRAV	Supercars (TV G)		Houseboats (TV G)		Lake Homes (TV G)		Supercars (TV G)		Houseboats (TV G)	
21 59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)		Griffith		Sanford		Sanford		Times	
60 79	UNIV	(:5:00) Cantando por un sueño				Mexico decide		NU: México decide		NU: México decide	
20 37	USA	Law & Order (HD)		4400: Gone, Part 2		Dead Zone: Panic		Law & Order (HD)		4400: Gone, Part 2	
12 3	WB	Reba (TVPG) (R)		Reba (TVPG) (R)		Charmed: Kill Billie: Vol. 1 (R)		Charmed: Saving Private Leo (TV14) (R)		WB2 News at Nine (N) (R)	
99 39	WGN	24 (TV14)		24 (TV14)		News		Replay		Sex & City	