

Mother-daughter rift puts dad in a tough spot

Dear Abby: My daughter, “Violet,” lives about two hours away. She and her mother (my wife) do not get along. Violet was always a rebellious, independent wild child, as well as the source of a lot of family problems. Violet and I also were estranged until we recently reconciled.

Yesterday, she sent me an email inviting me to lunch to celebrate my birthday. When I told my wife about the invitation, she responded, “Do what you want” in a tone and with a facial expression which said: “Go ahead, but if you do, you’ll be sorry.”

I have tried to reconcile these two women I love without success. My wife tells me she loves Violet but doesn’t like her, although she would like to have a better relationship with her. Violet tells me she blames her mother for her PTSD (her unofficial diagnosis) and wants nothing to do with her.

So do I go to lunch with my daughter and incur the wrath of my wife for what she would consider a betrayal, or do I decline the invitation from my daughter and risk alienating her again? — In The Middle In New Jersey

Dear In The Middle: Your wife is wrong to attempt to use you to punish her troubled daughter. It would benefit all three of you if Violet were properly diagnosed. Before having that birthday lunch, ask your doctor if he or she can give you the name of some doctors who specialize in diagnosing and treating PTSD. During the lunch, tell Violet you love her, but this split in the family isn’t good for any of you, which is why you are giving her the names of doctors who can help her work through her trauma. An alternative to that might be family counseling for the three of you.

Dear Abby: I reconnected with my high school first love. Unfortunately, both of us were married. His wife didn’t win her battle with cancer and passed away. I eventually got a divorce. All through this time, we were intimate, spending as much time together as we could. (We live in different cities.) It has been eight months since we reconnected, and I’m ready for a relationship. I know he’s nowhere near healed or close to ready to be in another relationship. This is the third time in our lives we have been brought together and couldn’t “be” together. I don’t know whether to let go or to wait. Please help. — One Who Got Away

Dear One: Perhaps the third time will be the charm because you are now both single. While you may have to wait for this man to finish grieving for the wife to whom he was unfaithful, it may be time for an honest conversation about your feelings for him and whether he’s on the same page. It is important you both figure out whether this is the real thing or just another attempt to resurrect a teenage romance.

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TONIGHT'S TELEVISION										AUGUST 28, 2025			
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	12:30	
BROADCAST CHANNELS													
WSAZ NBC	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Songs & Stories "Gloria Estefan"		Law & Order: SVU "The Accuser"		Law & Order "Sins of the Father"		News (N)	Tonight Show "Chris Pratt; Rose Byrne; mgk"		Seth Meyers	
WLPX ION	Chicago P.D. "The Real You"		Chicago P.D. "A Good Man"		Chicago P.D. "Donde Vives"		Chicago P.D. "Pink Cloud"		Chicago P.D. "Sympathetic Reflex"		Chicago P.D. "Into the Deep"		
TV-10	Sportswrap		** Evergreen (1934) Sonnie Hale, Jessie Matthews. 'TVG'				Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cheaters	Cheaters	Sportswrap		
WCHS ABC	Judge Judy	Ent. Tonight (N)	Celebrity Family Feud		The \$100,000 Pyramid		The \$100,000 Pyramid		Eyewitness News Live	Jimmy Kimmel Live!		Nightline (N)	
WCHS FOX	Big Bang	Big Bang Theory, The	MasterChef "Backyard BBQ"		The 1% Club "You're My Favorite Kicker!"		Eyewitness News at 10 Live (N)		iCRIME - Vargas	True Crime News	Modern Family	Last Man "Bullying"	
WOWK CBS	College Kickoff 2025		Big Brother Live (N)		Georgie & M.	Ghosts "His Girl Shiki"	Matlock "A Traitor in Thine Own House"		13 News at 11p (N)		Colbert "Liam Neeson; Elissa Slotkin"	After Midnight	
WKYT CBS	Wheel of Fortune	All Blue Special-KY	Big Brother Live (N)		Georgie & M.	Ghosts "His Girl Shiki"	Matlock "A Traitor in Thine Own House"		WKYT News		Colbert "Liam Neeson; Elissa Slotkin"	After Midnight	
WHCP CW	Draft Kings	Neighbor	Police 24/7 "Small But Mighty"		Police 24/7 "Too Much Whine"		WSAZ News at 10 O'Clock (N)		Neighbor	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Conners	
WTSF IND	Discovering the	Reflections	Gospel Truth w	Joni Table Talk	FlashPoint		Winner	Ted	Dr. Sam	Kenneth Copeland	Healing Time With	Joni Table Talk	
PUBLIC TELEVISION													
KET	PBS News Hour (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Virginia Beach Hour 2"		Doc Martin "Sons and Lovers"		Father Brown "The New Order"		BBC News	Kentucky Edition	Amanpour and Company (N)		
WPBY	PBS News Hour (N)		My Music With	Ask This Old House	Vienna Blood: Analyzing the Hidden Truths		Unforgotten on Masterpiece		Amanpour and Company (N)		This Old House	Ask This Old House	
WPBO	This Old House	Ask This Old House	Broad & High	Neighborhoods	Queens "The Modern Art of Murder: Part 2"		My Life Is Murder "Hidden Gems"		Amanpour and Company (N)		The Day	POV	
CABLE / SATELLITE CHANNELS													
A&E	Homicide "Bourbon Street Drive By"		Homicide Squad New "Friends & Enemies"		Homicide Squad New "Fight and Flight" (N)		Family Lockup "The Lost Brother" (N)		Homicide Squad New Orleans "In Plain Sight"		Homicide Squad New "Friends & Enemies"		
AMC	*** Twister (1996) Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt. 'TVG'		** Uncle Buck (1989) Amy Madigan, John Candy. 'TVG'				** The Great Outdoors (1988) John Candy, Dan Aykroyd. 'TVG'				** National Lampoon's Vacation (1983) 'TVG'		
ANPL	I Was Prey "Close to Home"		I Was Prey "Alone in the Wild"		I Was Prey "Fighting for Family"		I Was Prey "Backyard Bite"		I Was Prey "Grisly Encounters"		I Was Prey "Alone in the Wild"		
BRAVO	Housewives "The Truth Will Not Set You Free"		Housewives/OC "Truth Tellers & Lie Detectors"		Real Housewives "Next Stop, Marbella" (N)		The McBee Dynasty "Russian Invasion"		Housewives/OC "Truth Tellers & Lie Detectors"		Real Housewives "Next Stop, Marbella"		
CMT	Mom	Mom	Reba "The Break Up"	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	
CNBC	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		
CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 Live (N)		The Source With Kaitlan Collins Live (N)		CNN NewsNight With Abby Phillip Live (N)		Laura Coates Live Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360		
COM	The Office "Gossip"	The Office	The Office "The Promotion"		The Office	The Office	The Office "Mafia"	The Office "The Lover"	South Park	South Park "Got a Nut"	South Park	Mike Judge's	
CSPAN	Public Affairs Events Public affairs events, congressional hearings, speeches, and interviews.				America "Mount Vernon Naturalization Ceremony"				Public Affairs Events Public affairs events, congressional hearings, speeches, and interviews.				
DISC	Contraband: Seized "Operation Block-Blitz"		Contraband: Seized "Grandma's Day Out"		Contraband: Seized "Seedy Behavior"		Contraband "Judge, Jury and Executioner"		Contraband: Seized "Oh Brother, Not Another"		Contraband: Seized "The Tooth of the Matter"		
DISN	Ladybug "Daddycop"	Miraculous: Ladybug	*** Mulan (1998) Voices of Eddie Murphy, B.D. Wong, Ming-Na. 'TVG'		Electric Bloom		Electric Bloom	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Bluey	Bluey	
E!	** Jumanji (1995) Bonnie Hunt, Robin Williams. 'TVG'				** Jumanji (1995) Bonnie Hunt, Robin Williams. 'TVG'				E! News (N)		Please Don't Destroy: The Treasure of Foggy Mountain (2023) 'TV14'		
ESPN	College Football Boise State vs. South Florida Boise State at South Florida Live			Football Scoreboard	College Football Nebraska vs. Cincinnati Nebraska vs. Cincinnati Arrowhead Stadium hosts this tilt between Dylan Raiola's Nebraska squad and Cincinnati.						SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt Live (N)		
ESPN2	2025 US Open Tennis Men's & Women's Second Round From the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. Live (N)								NFL Live		Dana White's Contender Series: Next Level		
EWTN	Cathedrals Across America		The World Over "News" (N)		EWTN News	Holy Rosary (N)	Divine	Catholic "EWTNPAC"	Women of Grace	Fathers for Good	Daily Mass: Olam Daily Mass		
FDSOH	Reds Live Pregame	MLB Baseball	All the latest action from Major League Baseball.						Reds Live Postgame	Swing Clinic With Jimmy Hanlin			
FNC	The Ingraham Angle Live (N)		Jesse Watters Primetime Live (N)		Hannity Live (N)		Gutfeld! (N)		Fox News at Night Live (N)		The Five		
FOOD	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay "Fowl Shot"	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	
FREE	*** Encanto (2021) Stephanie Beatriz. 'TVG'		*** Tangled (2010) Voices of Zachary Levi, Mandy Moore. 'TVG'				Project Runway "Hit the Streets" (N)		The 700 Club (N)		Boy/World "Killer Bee"	Boy Meets World	
FS1	Greatest: College 2024: Michigan at Ohio St.		College Football Buffalo vs. Minnesota Buffalo at Minnesota Drake Lindsey takes over at quarterback for Minnesota in a 2025 season opener versus Buffalo. Live (N)						Joel Klatt Tom Brady		College Football Neb./Ohio St.		
FX	*** Avatar: The Way of Water (2022) Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver, Sam Worthington. When a familiar threat resurfaces, Jake and Neytiri must protect their children and their planet. 'TVG'								** Eternals (2021) Salma Hayek, Angelina Jolie. 'TVG'		Hayek, Angelina Jolie.		
FYI	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	
GAC	A Threat to Your Heart (2025) Anna Hutchison.		Love Can Surprise You (2023) David Lafontaine, Camilla Belle.				Fall Into Winter (2023) James Tupper, Lori Loughlin. 'TVPG'		A Threat to Your Heart (2025) Anna Hutchison.				
GOLF	LPGA Tour Golf FM Championship, First Round From TPC Boston in Norton, Mass.				Golf Central		LPGA Tour Golf FM Championship, First Round From TPC Boston in Norton, Mass.						
HALL	Providence Falls "An Impossible Promise"		Providence Falls Detectives Cora and Liam take fate into their own hands and rebel against the angels.				The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	
HGTV	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House "Sister Act in Cambodia and Mexico"		House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	
HIST	Pawn Stars "Battle-Pawn"		Hazardous History "Occupational Hazards"		Hazardous History "Food Fiascos"		Hazardous History "Perilous Play"		Hazardous History "Very Extreme Sports"		Hazardous History "Occupational Hazards"		
LIFE	NCIS "Jurisdiction"		NCIS "Guilty Pleasure"		NCIS "Moonlighting"		NCIS "Obsession"		NCIS "Borderland"		NCIS "Guilty Pleasure"		
MSNBC	The Weeknight Live (N)		All In With Chris Hayes Live (N)		The Briefing with Jen Psaki Live (N)		Last Word With Lawrence Live (N)		The 11th Hour With Stephanie Ruhle Live (N)		The Briefing with Jen Psaki		
MTV	Jersey Shore "Come On Eileen"		Jersey Shore "Angelina's Revenge" (N)		Jersey Shore "Angelina's Revenge"		*** Wedding Crashers (2005) Vince Vaughn, Owen Wilson. 'TVPG'						
MY ZTV	M*A*S*H "Bug Out"	M*A*S*H "Bug Out"	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	The Beverly Hillbillies	Honey-moon.	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Twilight Zone	Perry Mason "The Case of the Nervous Neighbor"	Dragnet		
NEWSN	Elizabeth Vargas Reports Live (N)		Cuomo Live (N)		On Balance With Leland Vittert Live (N)		Banfield Live (N)		Cuomo		On Balance With Leland Vittert		
NGEO	Lost Treasures "Hidden Secrets of Pompeii"		Lost Treasures "Secrets of the Colosseum"		Lost Treasures "Secrets of the Tomb Raiders" (N)		Lost Treasures (N)		Lost Treasures of Arabia: The		Lost Treasures "Secrets of the Tomb Raiders"		
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends "The One in Barbados"		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Big Bang Theory, The	Big Bang Theory, The	
OUT	Eastman's Hunting TV	Buckventures	Whitetail Freaks	Headhunters TV	Heartland Bowhunter	Drop Zone	Sporting Classics	Hunt Calling All Veterans	Eastman's Hunting TV	Buckventures	Whitetail Freaks	Headhunters TV	
PARMT	Two and a Half Men		Two and a Half Men		** I, Robot (2004) Bridget Moynahan, Will Smith. A homicide detective (Will Smith) tracks a dangerous robot in 2035. 'TVG'				*** The Fugitive (1993) Tom Lee Jones, Harrison Ford. 'TVPG'				
SYFY	*** Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban		*** Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005) Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe. Harry's friends help him prepare for a tournament with Europe's best student wizards. 'TVG'						*** Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007) 'TVG'				
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang Theory, The	Big Bang Theory, The	Big Bang Theory, The	Big Bang Theory, The	Big Bang Theory, The	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Jokes "Off the Wheels"	*** American Pie (1999) 'TVPG'		
TCM	** I Love Melvin (1953) Donald O'Connor.		**** Singin' in the Rain (1952) Debbie Reynolds, Gene Kelly. 'TVG'		90 Day Fight singles from the "90 Day" universe are ready to embark on a quest for love once again.		** Francis (1949) Patricia Medina, ZaSu Pitts, Donald O'Connor. 'TVG'		*** There's No Business Like Show Business (1954) Ethel Merman. 'TVG'				
TLC	Welcome to Plathville "The Secret"		Welcome "More to Love: The Birds and the Bees"		90 Day Eight singles from the "90 Day" universe are ready to embark on a quest for love once again.		90 Day Fiance: Other Way "Dis)Enchanted"		Welcome "More to Love: The Birds and the Bees"		Welcome "More to Love: The Birds and the Bees"		
TNT	** Ocean's Eight (2018) Sandra Bullock. 'TVG'		*** Ocean's Eleven (2001) Matt Damon, George Clooney. 'TVG'				*** Ocean's Twelve (2004) Brad Pitt, George Clooney. 'TVG'						
TOON	Big City Cricket Green, a mischievous but optimistic country boy, moves to the big city with his family.				Big City Greens "Best of Gloria and Renny"			Chibiverse	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	
TRU	Inside the 12	** Major League: Back to the Minors (1998) Corbin Bernsen, Scott Bakula. 'TVG'				** Major League: Back to the Minors (1998) Corbin Bernsen, Scott Bakula. 'TVG'				** Nacho Libre (2006) Jack Black. 'TVG'			
TVLAND	Raymond "The Letter"	Everybody Raymond	Raymond "Civil Wars"	Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond "Marie's Meatballs"		Everybody Raymond	Everybody Raymond	King "Vocal Discord"	The King of Queens	King "Like Hell"	The King of Queens	
USA	Law & Order: SVU "A Misunderstanding"		Law & Order: SVU "Forty-One Witnesses"		*** The Green Mile (1999) David Morse, Michael Clarke Duncan, Tom Hanks. A guard (Tom Hanks) thinks an inmate (Michael Clarke Duncan) has a supernatural power to heal. 'TVPG'								
VH1	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	*** Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome (1985) Tina Turner, Mel Gibson. 'TVPG'				My True Crime Story "Demetria Harrison"		Basketball Wives		Basketball Wives		
WE	S.W.A.T. "K-Town"		S.W.A.T. "Contamination"		S.W.A.T. "Fences"		S.W.A.T. "Ghosts"		S.W.A.T. "Crews"		S.W.A.T. "Payback"		