

Daughter struggles to reveal details of her mom's violent death

DEAR ABBY: My mother was murdered by a serial killer about 16 years ago. Whenever the subject of parents comes up at work, I don't know what to tell people when they ask about my mom.

I am 26. Once in a while, they will ask me about what happened to her, but when I open my mouth to say something, I get nervous and start blushing. This might be because I know people get uncomfortable when you talk about stuff like this. I also feel weird telling them that my mother was a prostitute and that's how she was murdered. Sometimes I say she was in an "accident" — but that's a lie.

Can you give me any advice on the proper way to discuss this in the office without it being weird for me or the other person?

— MOTHERLESS DAUGHTER IN WASHINGTON
DEAR MOTHERLESS DAUGHTER: The fact that you become "nervous" when trying to discuss what happened to your mother means — to me — that you are still traumatized by the circumstances of her death. (Frankly, that's understandable.) When someone asks about your mother, it's not necessary to give chapter and verse unless you want to. Tell the person your mother passed away many years ago, which is the truth. If you are pressed for details, say that the topic is painful and change the subject. You are under no social obligation to bare your soul to anyone.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 24-year-old female with a problem. I work at a small business with six employees and 12 contracted associates. My problem concerns one of the female associates, "Stella."

Over the past year, Stella has made sexual advances toward me. She asks me to come over and watch movies while her husband is away; she asks for hugs while I'm busy with customers, and shows me her new undergarments. When I told Stella I was uncomfortable with the situation she placed me in, she became upset and accused me of being rude, unprofessional and sexually discriminatory.

I have brought this to the attention of my employer. He says he had a talk with her and that it will stop, but it hasn't. I love my job and don't like being treated this way, yet I feel my only option is to leave. Can you please help?

— UNCOMFORTABLE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: Leaving is NOT your only option. Document the times, dates and examples of the sexual harassment. Give copies to your boss and explain that the conduct has continued. According to my employment law expert, Nancy Bertrando, if the boss doesn't deal with this, you should file a



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complaint with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing. (It is listed in your phone book under Government Agencies.)

DEAR ABBY: I am being married in May. I want to wear my wedding gown to the airport and on the plane. Is this common? Is it proper? Please let me know.

— BRIDE-TO-BE, TERRE HAUTE, IND.

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: There is no "law" against it, but I would recommend against wearing your bridal gown to the airport because the idea is impractical. Airport floors are dirty and could soil the gown. A trip up or down an escalator could tear the hem. The compulsory security screening could also create a problem, and so would the seating on the aircraft.

It would be much better to do what brides traditionally do: After the reception, change into comfortable traveling clothes and leave your wedding gown at home.

DEAR ABBY: A new family moved into our neighborhood a couple of weeks ago. They have this little tube tacked next to their front door they call a "me-zoo-zah." I'm embarrassed to ask them what it's for. Have you ever heard of one, and can you answer my question?

— CURIOUS IN IRVINE, CALIF.

DEAR CURIOUS: The little tube is a MEZUZAH, and it's hung on the doorposts of the homes of observant Jewish people. The cylinder contains a parchment scroll inscribed with verses from the Old Testament written in Hebrew, which remind the dwellers every time they leave or enter to be faithful to the Commandments and to Jewish values. (One wit has suggested that the tubes are actually electrically charged to "zap" any anti-Semite who tries to enter!)

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column ever since I immigrated to the United States from Asia in 1990. It has been a very useful tool for me in learning about your culture.

Now I need your help. I am going back to work soon, and it is hard on the kids. They do not want to go to day care after school — they are 10 and 5 — but they cannot stay home alone. They still need supervision.

The reason I am going back to work is because we need the money. My husband was laid off after 30 years working at one company.

However, he cannot take early retirement because he is still too young.

Should I mention to the kids that we are heading for financial trouble, so that's why they have to go to day care? Please reply ASAP. My husband has found a job, but we need the extra income.

— FAITHFUL READER IN TEXAS

DEAR READER: Tell your children that you love them and are doing what you feel is best for them. However, telling them your family is "headed for financial trouble" might be a burden that is too heavy to place on them. It's enough to say that you have taken the job temporarily because the family "needs the money right now." They will be able to understand that without becoming frightened or insecure.

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law writes family newsletters that she sends to all her siblings and their spouses. All of the names of the sisters-in-law are listed at the top of the letters except for my name — which is conspicuously absent.

If my husband and I were newlyweds, I'd assume that this lack of courtesy was an innocent oversight. However, we're rapidly approaching our 25th wedding anniversary, and we have been married longer than any of the other siblings.

When I complain to my husband, he says I'm making too much out of it. Should he say something to his sister on my behalf, or should we both continue pretending not to notice? For the record, my sister-in-law and I have always been friendly to each other.

Please, Abby, don't reveal my name or location. I don't want to create any friction in the family or be embarrassed any further.

— HURT IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR HURT: I can't help but wonder why it has taken you nearly a quarter of a century to ask this question. Your husband should have dealt with this matter years ago. However, because he has not, my advice to you is to pick up the phone and humorously ask your sister-in-law if she's finally ready to "accept you into the family." And when she asks why you're asking that question — point out her omission.

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Award special because 'it's from Kansas'

LAWRENCE (AP) — Health concerns kept photojournalist and filmmaker Gordon Parks from accepting the William Allen White Foundation National Citation in the state where he grew up. But in a videotaped presentation at the University of Kansas, the 93-year-old Parks said Kansas remains his home.

Parks, a former Life magazine photographer who directed "The

Learning Tree," "Shaft" and "Shaft's Big Score," also said he wants to be buried in the eastern Kansas town of Fort Scott, where he grew up.

"That is my home and that is what I want to go back to," he said, near the end of a taped interview by CBS correspondent Byron Pitts.

Ann Brill, dean of the university's School of Journalism and Mass Communications, presented

Parks with the award several weeks ago at his home in New York City. That videotaped presentation and Pitts' interview were both shown Friday. Parks, who no longer travels, said he wanted to accept the award in Lawrence, "but my doctor said no." While Parks has received many honors over his long career, he said the William Allen White Foundation award headed the list because "it's from Kansas."

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WEEKDAYS FEBRUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 20

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLB/ABC 4 (6)	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America				Martha		The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		The Ellen DeGeneres Show	
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News Cont'd		News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG 2	BBC World	Body Electric	Caillou	Mister Rogers	Beren Bears	Cliff Pup	Big Big World	Dragon Tales	Sesame Street		Teletubbies	Barney-Friends
ESPN 28	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Game-night	Fast-break
USA 37	XX Olympic Winter Games Cont'd		Varied Programs									
TBS 38	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Dawson's Creek		Movie				Becker	Becker
WGN 39	Changing	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbillyies	Hillbillyies	Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.	
TNT 40	Angel		Charmed		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC 42	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	American Chopper		American Chopper		Varied Programs			
A&E 47	Classroom		Varied Programs						City Confidential		American Justice	
HIST 48	Varied Programs											
NICK 55	Oddparents	Oddparents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	Backyardigans	Dora the Explorer	LazyTown	Max & Ruby	Dora the Explorer
DISN 56	Breakfast Bear	Higglytown	Einsteins	JoJo's Circus	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Koala Brothers	Rolie Polie	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	Rolie Polie
FAM 58	Kong-Series	Spider-Man	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	The 700 Club		Living the Life	Gilmore Girls	Step by Step		Full House	Full House
HALL 60	New Morning		The Waltons		The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Diagnosis Murder	

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLB/ABC 4 (6)	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Judge-Brown	Judge-Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wild News
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Insider	Jeopardy!	XX Olympic Winter Games		News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News
K15CG 2	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs		Clifford-Red		Cyber-chase	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Post-cards	Zoom	Business
ESPN 28	Winter X-Games	Varied Programs					1st and 10	Rome-Burning	Around the Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter	
USA 37	Varied Programs										Olympic Ice	
TBS 38	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
WGN 39	News		Magnum, P.I.		Da Vinci's Inquest		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Moesha	Moesha	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
TNT 40	Judging Amy		NYPD Blue		Law & Order		Law & Order		Charmed		Charmed	
DSC 42	Varied Programs		The New Detectives		The FBI Files		Varied Programs		It Takes a Thief		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
A&E 47	Cold Case Files		Varied Programs						City Confidential		American Justice	
HIST 48	Modern Marvels		Varied Programs									
NICK 55	Go Diego	Lazy-Town	Rugrats	Varied Programs			6teen	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Grown Up	Danny Phantom	
DISN 56	Higglytown	JoJo's Circus	Lilo & Stitch	Whiskers	Varied Programs				That's-Raven	Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody	
FAM 58	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven	
HALL 60	Matlock	Varied	Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Family Ties	Family Ties	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLB/ABC 4 (6)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Dancing With the Stars (Live) (CC)		Crumbs (N) (CC)		Primetime (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	XX Olympic Winter Games From Turin, Italy. Figure skating; snowboarding; speed skating; skeleton. (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Without a Trace Honor Bound (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Survivor: Panama - Exile Island (ITV)		The This Old House Hour (CC)		Antiques Roadshow (CC)		BBC World	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
K15CG 2	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Sun-flower	In Our Prime		College Basketball: Marquette. (Live) (CC)		Georgetown at Marquette. (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	Game-night	Baseball Tonight	
ESPN 28	2006 NFL Pro Bowl	Skills Competition			College Basketball: Marquette. (Live) (CC)		Georgetown at Marquette. (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	Game-night	Baseball Tonight	
USA 37	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Criminal Intent			WWE Monday Night Raw (CC)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS 38	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Home Alone (1990) A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house.				Movie: Grumpier Old Men ★★½ (1995, Comedy) Jack Lemmon. (CC)			
WGN 39	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: The Mod Squad ★ (1999, Drama) Claire Danes, Giovanni Ribisi. (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)			
TNT 40	NBA Pregame	NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Chicago Bulls. (Live) (CC)			NBA Basketball: Houston Rockets at Phoenix Suns. (Live) (CC)		Supersonic Speed Demons (CC)		Black Sky: Winning the X Prize (CC)		Inside the NBA	
DSC 42	Wild and Weird Rockets (CC)	Black Sky: Winning the X Prize (CC)			Space Shuttle: Countdown		How High Can You Fly? (CC)		Crossing Jordan Blue Moon (CC)		The First 48 (CC)	
A&E 47	The Dark Side of Parole (CC)	The First 48 (CC)			The First 48 (CC)		Dallas SWAT (CC)		The First 48 (CC)			
HIST 48	Modern Marvels Hoover Dam (CC)	Discoveries			Decoding the Past Lost Worlds (N) (CC)		Declassified Viet Cong (N) (CC)		Zero Hour Terror in Tokyo (CC)		Discoveries	
NICK 55	Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Romeo! (CC)	Full House	Fresh Prince	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
DISN 56	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Movie: Life Is Ruff (2005) A teenage slacker adopts a stray dog. Kyle Massey. (CC)		The Emper-		Sister, Sister		Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible
FAM 58	Smallville Tailisman (CC)		Movie: Never Been Kissed ★★ (1999, Comedy) A young reporter goes under cover at a high school.		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)	Home Videos	Home Videos
HALL 60	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger 6 Hours		Walker, Texas Ranger Wedding Bells (CC)				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLB/ABC 4 (6)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Dancing With the Stars The Results		In Justice The Public Burning (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	XX Olympic Winter Games From Turin, Italy. Figure skating; snowboarding; alpine skiing; skeleton; ski jumping. (CC)		Close to Home Parents on Trial		NUMB3RS Convergence (ITV)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Ghost Whisperer Mended Hearts (CC)		Market-Market		Kansas Legislature State issues. (Live)		BBC World	Red Green	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
K15CG 2	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Wash. Week	Kansas Week		2005 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.		2005 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	Game-night	Baseball Tonight	
ESPN 28	NBA Basketball: All-Star Celebrity Game. (CC)				2005 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.		2005 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	Game-night	Baseball Tonight	
USA 37	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Law & Order: SVU		Monk Mr. Monk and Little Monk (CC)		House Fidelity (CC)		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS 38	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Planes, Trains and Automobiles ★★ (1997, Comedy) Steve Martin. (CC)				Movie: Turner & Hooch ★★½ (1989, Comedy) Tom Hanks. (CC)			
WGN 39	Home Videos	Movie: The Pelican Brief ★★ (1993) An inquisitive law student becomes the target of assassins. (CC)			WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)			
TNT 40	Law & Order: Bad Girl (DVS)	Law & Order: Narcosis Files (DVS)			NBA Basketball: T-Mobile Rookie Challenge. From Houston. (Live) (CC)		Inside the NBA		Movie: The Year of the Yao ★★ (2004) Shaquille O'Neal. (CC)			
DSC 42	The FBI Files Deadly Stranger	The FBI Files Deadly Stranger			The FBI Files Robin the Hood (CC)		A Haunting Springfield, Ill. (CC)		The FBI Files Deadly Stranger		The FBI Files Deadly Stranger	
A&E 47	American Justice	Biography The Brady Bunch Remembering "The Brady Bunch." (CC)			Biography: William Shatner		Biography: William Shatner		American Justice: Carrie Culberson		Biography The Brady Bunch (CC)	
HIST 48	Modern Marvels Future Tech (CC)	Ermy's Vietnam	R. Lee Ermy returns to Vietnam. (CC)		Heroes Under Fire Viet Cong invasion.				High Hitler (CC)		Ermy's Vietnam (CC)	
NICK 55	SpongeBob	Cats-crat	Avatar-Last Air	The X's (CC)	Danny Phantom	Danny Phantom	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Roseanne	Roseanne
DISN 56	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Movie: Twitches (2005, Fantasy) Reunited twins use magic against evil. Tia Mowry. (CC)		Phil of Future		Sister, Sister		Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible
FAM 58	Smallville Forsaken (CC)		Movie: Under the Tuscan Sun ★★ (2003, Romance) Diane Lane. (CC)		Whose Line?		Whose Line?		The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos
HALL 60	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger Legends		Movie: The Locket ★★ (2002, Drama) Vanessa Redgrave, Chad Willett. (CC)				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)

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