

Woman still close with ex's mother

DEAR ABBY: I'm proud to say I always enjoyed a close relationship with my former husband's immediate family. Although we are now divorced, I've remained in frequent contact with my ex-mother-in-law.

The problem is I am in a new and serious relationship with another man, and I'm afraid if I tell him I still communicate with my ex's mother, he'll go berserk. I don't want to an-



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ger or hurt him, but feel he should know the truth. Above all, I don't want to sacrifice the friendship I have with my ex-mother-in-law. Please tell me how to handle this situation. — HOUSTON EX

Tell your gentleman friend the fact that you still have a relationship with the woman, and don't apologize for it. If the romance progresses, it will be very difficult to hide it.

Your letter raises a red flag. If a re-

lationship with your former mother-in-law would truly make him "go berserk," how will he handle other things he might not like about you? Please keep your eyes open and make no rash commitments.

DEAR ABBY: Please help me. I need to know if I should approach another mother about why my 10-year-old son was not invited to her son's birthday party.

We have lived in our close-knit neighborhood for three years. All of the other children on our street were invited, and they told my son all about it at school the next day. Now he feels left out and sad. Until now, he thought he was good friends with the birthday boy.

I know this sort of thing happens, but for a mother to organize a party and knowingly exclude one child doesn't seem right. How should I handle it, Abby? — SMALL-TOWN MOM IN IOWA

DEAR MOM: By all means ask the mother what happened. Since your son was the only child not invited to the party, shame on her for abetting that kind of exclusion.

However, before approaching the mother, invite the neighborhood children to your home and observe how they interact. There may be a reason your child was not welcome. If he's having relationship or behavior problems, now is the time to give him the social skills he will need for the rest

of his life.

DEAR ABBY: "Big Girl in Des Moines" said she felt good about getting results from her diet and exercise program, but complained that her boyfriend had turned into a "food cop." There may be a subtext going on in their relationship. It's possible that he's actually trying to sabotage her weight loss.

I know. My soon-to-be-ex-husband sabotaged every attempt I made to lose weight throughout our more than 20 years of marriage. He was always subtle about it. For instance, he'd tell me I'd been working hard and "deserved a treat" — or HE needed a treat and then he'd keep offering me "just a bite." It was amaz-

ing how suddenly he wanted to eat fatty meals at fast-food restaurants.

My husband worried I would lose so much weight that I'd decide I could do better than him. "Big Girl" should keep her eyes and ears open and stick to her diet. — SOON-TO-BE-EX IN RENO

DEAR SOON-TO-BE-EX: It's sad that your husband's insecurities were so great that he jeopardized your health and destroyed your marriage. (It seems that the excess weight you had been carrying around was HIM.)

CONFIDENTIAL TO "EX-HAUSTED IN MARYLAND": You and the children have suffered far too long. For their sake, listen to your attorney!

SATURDAY EVENING										JUNE 7, 2003	
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	
2	PBS	MWAH! The Best of the Dinah Shore Show	Daniel O'Donnell & Friends International singer Daniel O'Donnell.				Virsky: The Spirit of Ukraine		Austin City Limits "Joan Osborne"		
3	IND	(5:00) MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live)			"Evil Never Dies" (2003) Thomas Gibson. A professor and his protege resurrect a dead killer.				★★★ "Stir of Echoes" (1999) (PA) Kevin Bacon.		
4	ABC	Stanley Cup Playoffs Finals Game 6 -- New Jersey Devils at Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. (Live)				News		Chris Matthews	Powerball-Millionaire	Ent. Tonight	
5	HBO	(5:00) ★★ "Enough" (2002) Jennifer Lopez.		Legendary Nights		Boxing Arturo Gatti vs. Micky Ward. (Live)		★★★ "Ice Age" (2002) "PG"			
7	CBS	Price Is Right Million Dollar Spectacular		District "Untouchable"		Agency "Thanksgiving"		News	(:35) Drew Carey	(:05) Drew Carey	
8	NBC	★★★ "Carrie" (2002, Horror) (PA) Angela Bettis, Patricia Clarkson, David Keith. A telekinetic teen takes revenge on her cruel classmates.						News	Saturday Night Live Dan Aykroyd; Bey-once Knowles.		
11	TVLND	Jeannie	Jeannie	Jeannie	Jeannie	Jeannie	Jeannie	Jeannie	Jeannie	Jeannie	
12	ESPN	IRL Racing Bombardier 500. (Live)				Baseball		Sportscenter (Live)		Baseball Tonight (Live)	
13	FOX	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back		Equal Justice		Mad TV Puddle of Mudd.		Sexwars	
15	MAX	(5:45) ★★ "Just Cause" (1995, Drama) Sean Connery.		★★★ "She Creature" (2001, Horror) Rufus Sewell.		★★★ "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001, Action) Owen Wilson, Gene Hackman.		"PG-13"			
16	TNN	★ "Cyborg" (1989) Jean-Claude Van Damme.			Blind Date		Blind Date	Real TV	Real TV	Elimination	
17	DISN	Even Stevens	Even Stevens	Even Stevens	Even Stevens	Even Stevens	Even Stevens	Even Stevens	Even Stevens	Even Stevens	
18	LIFE	(5:00) "Resurrection"		"The Deliverance of Elaine" (1996, Drama)		What Should You Do?		Nanny		Nanny	
20	USA	(5:00) ★ "Derailed"		★★★ "The Arrival" (1996) Charlie Sheen.		Law Order Cl		★★★ "GoldenEye"			
21	SHOW	(5:25) ★ "Bio-Dome" (1996) Pauly Shore.		Boxing ShoBox: The New Generation. (ITV)		★★★ "Clockstoppers" (2002) Jesse Bradford. iTV Premiere.		"Jay and Silent Bob"			
22	TMC	(:15) ★★ "Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey" (1991, Comedy) Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter.			★★★ "You Can Count on Me" (2000, Drama) Laura Linney, Mark Ruffalo, Rory Culkin.		★★★ "The Man Who Wasn't There" (2001)				
23	MTV	Osbourne's	Osbourne's	Osbourne's	Osbourne's	Osbourne's	Osbourne's	Osbourne's	Osbourne's	Osbourne's	
24	DISC	Wild Child: The Story of Feral Children		Humanzee		Extreme Engineering		American Chopper Race-car-themed bike.		Monster Garage "Hot Dog Car"	
28	TNT	★★★ "Overboard" (1987) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell.			★★★ "Bird on a Wire" (1990) Mel Gibson.		16 Candles				
30	FXSP	PGA Tour See This		Boxing: Kirk Johnson vs. Lou Savarese		Beyond the Glory		Rocky Mt.		Rocky Mt.	
32	FAM	★★★ "The Bad News Bears" (1976, Comedy)				★★★ "Bushwhacked" (1995) Daniel Stern.		Jesse		Jesse	
33	NBC	Entertainment Tonight		★★★ "Carrie" (2002, Horror) (PA) Angela Bettis, Patricia Clarkson, David Keith. A telekinetic teen takes revenge on her cruel classmates.						News	Saturday Night Live
34	NICK	All That	Nick	Amanda	Skeeter	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	
36	A&E	American Justice "Duty, Honor... and Murder"		Cold Case Files "Mark of a Killer/Dead Ends"		Crossing Jordan "Secrets & Lies"		Paparazzi	Star Treatment	American Justice "Duty, Honor... and Murder"	
38	SCIFI	"Highlander 2"		★ "Highlander: Endgame" (2000) Adrian Paul.				★ "Highlander II: The Quickening" (1991)			
39	TLC	Maternity Ward "A Long Road"		Trauma: Life in the ER "A First Full of Trauma"		While You Were Out		Trading Spaces "London: Garden Flat"		Trading Spaces "Florida: Night Owl Lane" (N)	
40	FX	NASCAR Racing Busch Series -- Trace Adkins Chrome 300.				"44 Minutes: The North Hollywood Shootout"		Stings			
45	FMC	(:01) ★★ "Sworn to Silence" (1987, Drama)		(:01) Hour of Stars		(:01) ★★ "5 Fingers" (1952) James Mason.		Howard S.			Howard S.
49	EITV	Celebrities Uncensored		Showgirls		Saturday Night Live		Wild On... "Chile"		Howard S.	
51	TRAV	Extreme 4x4		Deadly Highways 1		Dangerous Highways		Extreme 4x4		Deadly Highways 1	
53	WB	(5:00) ★★ "Dangerous Game" (1993)		★★★ "Hero" (1992) Dustin Hoffman. A homeless man takes credit for a petty crook's brave act.		News		Cosby Show		"The Descendant"	
54	ESPN2	College Baseball NCAA Super Regional Game 2 -- Teams to Be Announced.				NHRA Drag Racing		X-Games Rev.			
58	HIST	Last Mission A B-29 air strike ends World War II.				Hiroshima: The Decision to Drop the Bomb		Great Blunders		Last Mission A B-29 air strike ends World War II.	
59	HLTH	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.		Workout		Bodies		Bodies	
60	UNIV	Sábado Gigante		Workout		Bodies		Health Specials			
62	HGTV	Decorating		Designing		Mission		Designers' Design			
99	WGN	★★★ "Bull Durham" (1988) Kevin Costner.				MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Los Angeles Dodgers. (Live)					

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MONDAY EVENING										JUNE 9, 2003		
		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	
2	PBS	Antiques Roadshow "San Diego, California"			Ken Burns American Stories The birth of bebop; the death of Glenn Miller over the English Channel.			News	Being Served	Business Rpt.	BBC World News	
3	IND	★★★ "Groundhog Day" (1993) Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell. A TV weatherman is trapped in a Feb. 2 time warp.					★★★ "Dave" (1993) Kevin Kline. A presidential look-alike takes over for the ailing leader.			"Groundhog Day"		
4	ABC	Stanley Cup Playoffs Finals Game 7 -- Mighty Ducks of Anaheim at New Jersey Devils. (Live)					News	(:35) Night-line	(:(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Tyra Banks. (N)			
5	HBO	★ "The Cat's Meow"		★★ "Prince Valiant" (1997, Adventure) Stephen Moyer.		On the Record Harrison Ford; John Mellencamp.		Curb Your Enthusiasm	Curb Your Enthusiasm	★ "Life or Something Like It" (2002)		
7	CBS	King of Queens		Yes, Dear	Everybody-Raymond	Still Standing	CSI: Miami "Kill Zone"	News	(:35) Late Show (N)	(:37) Late Late Show		
8	NBC	Fear Factor		For Love or Money (N)		Meet My Folks "The Schmidts"		News	(:35) Tonight Show (N)	(:37) Late Night		
11	TVLND	Fantasy Island			Sanford	Bewitched	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Jeannie	MacGyver	
12	ESPN	LPGA Golf: Conagra Foods Skins Game					MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Anaheim Angels. (Subject to Blackout)					
13	FOX	Test the Nation (iTV) Viewers and a studio audience take an IQ test. (Live)					Fox Report With Shepard Smith	LAPD: Life on the Beat	LAPD: Life on the Beat	Paid Program	Paid Program	
15	MAX	(5:00) ★★★ "Trapped in Paradise"			(6:50) ★★★ "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993, Comedy) Robin Williams, Sally Field.			★ "Juwanna Mann" (2002) Miguel A. Nunez Jr.			On Set: MIB II	
16	TNN	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.		WWE Raw		
17	DISN	Boy Meets World	Smart Guy "Love Bug"	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire	★★★ "D3: The Mighty Ducks" (1996, Comedy) Emilio Estevez, Jeffrey Nordling.				
18	LIFE	What Should You Do?		"Going Underground" (1993) Joanna Kerns.				Golden	Golden	Nanny	Nanny	
20	USA	2003 World Stunt Awards (N)					★★ "Metro" (1997) Eddie Murphy.		Stunt Awards			
21	SHOW	(:05) ★★★ "The Score" (2001) Robert De Niro. A veteran safecracker is lured into a final heist. 'R'					I Do, I Don't	(:45) ★★ "Vanilla Sky" (2001) Tom Cruise. iTV. A callow playboy is disfigured and charged with murder.	"R"			
22	TMC	(5:45) ★★ "Rat Race" (2001) Rowan Atkinson, John Cleese.					(:45) ★★★ "Bandits" (2001, Comedy-Drama) Bruce Willis. A neglected wife hooks up with two quirky bank robbers.			★★★ "Backdraft" (1991) Kurt Russell.		
23	MTV	Direct Effect			MTV Special			Players	Angels	Road Rules Road Rules		
24	DISC	Untamed Indonesia "Island Castaways"			Great Croc Trail			Now See This! (N)		Monster House "An island paradise. (N)		
28	TNT	Law & Order (DVS)			Law & Order "Deceit"			Boomtown		Law & Order "Denial"		
30	FXSP	NASCAR Rocky Mt.			Rocky Mt. 54321			Best Damn Sports Show Period (Live)		X-Files "Mind's Eye"		
32	FAM	★ "Bye Bye, Love" (1995)			Matthew Modine.			Whose?	Whose?	700 Club		
33	NBC	News	Ent. Tonight		Fear Factor		For Love or Money (N)		Meet My Folks "The Schmidts"		News	
34	NICK	SpongeBob		Amanda	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cosby	
36	A&E	Biography: Harrison Ford			"The Daughters of Cain" (1996) John Thaw. A retired university fellow is stabbed to death.			Third Watch		Biography: Harrison Ford		
38	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1			Stargate SG-1			Stargate SG-1 "Seth"		Crossing	Twilight Z.	
39	TLX	While You Were Out			Home Again			Home Again		Secrets of Forensic Science		
40	FX	Married...		Married...		Buffy Vampire		Buffy Vampire		★ "Down to You" (2000)		
45	FMC	"Charlie Chan"			(:13) "Dead Men Tell"			(:15) ★★ "Breaking Point" (1976) Bo Svenson.			"All the Right Moves"	
49	EITV	Good to Be Good to Be			Celebrities Uncensored			Showgirls		Showgirls		
51	TRAV	Dangerous Animals			Hawaii's National Parks			Glacier Park		Dangerous Animals		
53	WB	Friends		Everybody-Raymond		7th Heaven "Monkey Business"		7th Heaven "Monkey Business Deux"		News		
54	ESPN2	Little League Baseball					Baseball Tonight (Live)		Sportscenter (Live)		Outside Baseball	
58	HIST	Mail Call		Mail Call		Blood From a Stone A treasure-hunter tracks a stash of uncut diamonds. (N)			History's Mysteries		Mail Call	
59	HLTH	Doctors Diaries			Workout			Bodies		Health Specials		
60	UNIV	Rebecca			Entre el Amor y el Odio			Cristina		P. Impacto		
62	HGTV	Interiors			Mission			Curb		Designers'		
99	WGN	"Gideon Oliver: Sleep Well Professor Oliver"					News		Rockford Files		In the Heat of the Night	