

Single women have replies for questions



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DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading one of your columns on why a woman could be president. Then, at the bottom, a woman signed "On the Spot in Tucson" asked what she should say when people ask her why she isn't married yet. You advised her, "Just tell the truth — 'the right person hasn't asked me.'"

can't ask a man to marry HER? Surely, if women can be president, women can ask men to marry them. Her answer should be, "I haven't met a man (or woman) I want to marry!" — JOAN JACOBUS, MEMBER OF N.O.W.

DEAR JOAN: Not only can women ask men to marry them, but many do. However, the woman

who wrote that letter asked because the question made her feel defensive, and your response might make a man feel like he wasn't worth considering. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was 44 before I married, and my wonderful husband was well worth the wait. When I was asked why I wasn't married, I used to say, "Just lucky, I guess." Sometime during my single years, I finally realized that if one isn't happy being single, he or she will not be happy being married either. That attitude prepared me for a husband, delightful adult stepchildren and beautiful grand-

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DEAR CONTENT: I couldn't agree with you more. You're a wise lady.

DEAR ABBY: I had a great-aunt who lived to be 91 and never married. Her response to that question was, "Because I never met a man who deserved to be as happy as I could make him!" — KATHRYN C. IN CINCINNATI

DEAR KATHRYN C.: I think I know why no one ever popped the question.

DEAR ABBY: I, too, was plagued by that annoying and rude question. I had the following posted on my desk at work for in-

PIRATION: I'M NOT MARRIED BECAUSE:

- (1) You haven't asked me yet.
- (2) Because I just love hearing people ask me that question.
- (3) My fiancé is waiting until after the parole is granted.
- (4) I'm still hoping for a shot at Miss/Mr. America.
- (5) I already have enough laundry to do, thank you!
- (6) I'm afraid my parents would drop dead from sheer happiness.
- (7) What? And lose all the money I've invested in personal ads?
- (8) I'm married to my career — although recently we have been

considering a trial separation.

(9) If I married, I'd have to forfeit my \$10 million trust fund. — USED TO BE THERE TOO, SEATTLE

DEAR USED TO BE THERE TOO: The common thread that runs through your responses is humor. And it's better to respond with humor to some questions than to become defensive. I'm sure it's not a question that is intended as a putdown. In fact, more often than not it is a roundabout way of saying, "I'm surprised a person as attractive as you hasn't been snatched up." And that's a compliment.

| TUESDAY EVENING | | E= Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone | | | | | | | | | |
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| E | S | 6 pm | 6:30 | 7 pm | 7:30 | 8 pm | 8:30 | 9 pm | 9:30 | 10 pm | 10:30 |
| 36 | 53 | A&E | Biography: Jeffrey Dahmer: Monster Within | Cold Case Files Missing wife; a gas attendant is shot. | Third Watch "A Hero's Rest" | Biography: Jeffrey Dahmer: Monster Within | | | | | |
| 4 | 6 | ABC | 8 Simple Rules (Season Finale) (N) (G) | According to Jim (N) | Less Than Perfect (N) | Super Millionaire (N) (G) | News (G) | (:35) Nightline (G) | (:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (G) | | |
| 26 | 48 | ANPL | Venom ER | Venom ER (N) | Animal Cops Detroit "Rush Hour Rescue" | Venom ER | Venom ER | Venom ER | Venom ER | | |
| 63 | 54 | BRAVO | Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "John Z." | Showbiz Moms & Dads (N) | Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Rob M." | The West Wing "Gone Quiet" (N) | News (G) | (:35) Late Show Charlie Sheen, Jack Hanna. (N) | Showbiz Moms & Dads (N) | | |
| 7 | 11 | CBS | Navy NCIS "The Weak Link" (N) (G) | Tell Me a Story: The Man Who Made 60 Min. | Judging Amy "Sex, Lies and Expedia.com" (N) | News (G) | (:35) Late Show Charlie Sheen, Jack Hanna. (N) | The Late Late Show | | | |
| 24 | 50 | DISC | Reels! | The Master of Deception (G) | The FBI Files "Hunter's Target" (G) | The FBI Files "Criminal Enterprise" (G) | News (G) | (:35) Late Show Charlie Sheen, Jack Hanna. (N) | Animal Face-Off "Anacoda vs. Jaguar" (N) | | |
| 33 | 44 | DISN | Kim Possible | The Proud Family (G) | Even Stevens (G) | Sister, Sister (G) | Sister, Sister (G) | Lizzie McGuire (G) | ★★ "Hounded" (2001) Tahj Mowry. A boy accidentally kidnaps his principal's pooch. "NR" (G) | | |
| 49 | 81 | EITV | McCarthy-Story | American Idol | Mary-Kate & Ashley | Howard S. | Howard S. | Celebrities Uncensored | | | |
| 22 | 56 | ESPN | NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal Game 6 -- Teams TBA. | SportsCenter (Live) (G) | | | | Outside Baseball | | | |
| 54 | 57 | ESPN2 | NHL Hockey: Flyers at Lightning | NHL 2Night | Baseball | Kickboxing | Kickboxing | Fastbreak | Kickboxing | | |
| 32 | 46 | FAM | ★★ "Mr. Baseball" (1992) Tom Selleck. | Who? Who? Who? | The 700 Club (G) | Funnest Home Videos | | | | | |
| 59 | - | FIT TV | Bodies In Shape | Workout Fitness | Peak Performance (G) | Bodies In Shape | Workout Fitness | | | | |
| 35 | 31 | FMC | (:01) Hour of Stars | Making the Connection | (:01) ★★ "The French Connection" (1971) | "It Happened" | | | | | |
| 53 | 68 | FOOD | Emeril Live | Roker on the Road | Foodnation | Food Finds | Amer. Festivals | Iron Chef "Suckling Pig" Suckling pig battle. | Emeril Live | | |
| 13 | 7 | FOX | American Idol Three compete. (Live) (N) (G) | 24 "Day 3: 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon" (N) (G) | The Fox Report With Shepard Smith | Cagney & Lacey "Insubordination" (G) | Kojak "Elegy in an Asphalt Graveyard" (G) | | | | |
| 40 | 38 | FX | Buffy Vampire | Married... Married... | Cops (G) | Cops (G) | ★★ "Commando" (1985) Rae Dawn Chong | | | | |
| 30 | 55 | FXP | MLB Baseball: Rockies at Reds | Rocky Mt. | The Best Damn Sports Show Period | Rocky Mt. | Il, Max (N) | | | | |
| 5 | 14 | HBO | "National Security" (45) ★ "Half Past Dead" (2002, Action) Seagal, Morris Chestnut. (G) PG-13 (G) | Steven | Troy: HBO First Look | ★★★ "28 Days Later" (2002) Cillian Murphy. A virus turns humans into vicious beasts. "R" | | | | | |
| 62 | 67 | HGTV | Designed Sensible | Decorating Design | Designers' Designers' | Home Design | Designed Sensible | | | | |
| 58 | 52 | HIST | Deep Sea Detectives "Destroyer Down" (N) | Tactical to Practical (N) | Wild West Tech "Train Tech" (N) (G) | Snowbound: The Curse of the Sierra (G) | Deep Sea Detectives "Destroyer Down" (N) | | | | |
| 25 | 35 | IND | (5:30) MLB Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live) | ★ "Snake Eyes" (1998) Nicolas Cage. A local cop must solve a high-profile assassination. (G) | ★ "Snake Eyes" (1998) Nicolas Cage. A local cop must solve a high-profile assassination. (G) | ★ "Snake Eyes" (1998) Nicolas Cage. A local cop must solve a high-profile assassination. (G) | (:40) ★★ "Red Heat" (G) | | | | |
| 18 | 63 | LIFE | Providence (G) | ★★ "Locked in Silence" (1999) Marc Donato. | Golden Golden | The Nanny | The Nanny | | | | |
| 23 | 77 | MTV | TRL (G) | MTV Special (G) | Direct Effect (G) | Prime Time Players (G) | Real World | | | | |
| 3 | 9 | NBC | News (G) | Ent. Tonight | The Most Outrageous Game Show Moments 2 | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Mean" (N) | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Head" (N) | News (G) | The Tonight Show | | |
| 8 | 8 | NBC | The Most Outrageous Game Show Moments 2 | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Mean" (N) | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Head" (N) | (:35) The Tonight Show (N) (G) | (:37) Late Night (N) | | | | |
| 34 | 43 | NICK | Oddparents Sabrina | Full House Full House | Cosby | Cosby | Roseanne | Roseanne | Cosby | Cosby | |
| 2 | 2 | PBS | Colonial House Gov. Weyers returns without his family to take charge of his colony. (N) (DVS) | Now With Bill Moyers | BBC World News | That's My Boy | Charlie Rose (N) (G) | | | | |
| 38 | 83 | SCIFI | "Tales-Crypt" | ★★ "Vampire in Brooklyn" (1995) (G) | ★★ "The Uninvited" (1996) Sharon Lawrence. | | | | | | |
| 61 | 41 | SPK | Real TV (G) | Real TV (G) | Real TV (G) | Real TV (G) | Deep Space 9 | Oblivious | Oblivious | | |
| 39 | 51 | TLC | While You Were Out Fitting a biker's needs. | Clean Sweep "The Toy Factory" (N) | In a Fix Unfinished tasks. (N) | Repo Men: Stealing for a Living "Repo Pirates" (N) | Overhaul "School's Out" (N) | | | | |
| 28 | 37 | TNT | Law & Order (DVS) | Law & Order "Expert" | Charmed "Spin City" (G) | Angel (G) | The X-Files (G) | | | | |
| 51 | 86 | TRAV | Food Crazy (G) | Made Made | Road Trip (G) | Food Crazy (G) | Made Made | | | | |
| 21 | 82 | TVLND | GreenAcre GreenAcre | Leave Leave | Griffith Griffith | 3's Co. 3's Co. | Cheers (G) | Cheers (G) | | | |
| 60 | 89 | UNIV | Mariana de la Noche | Bajo la Misma Piel | AI Filo de la Ley | Impacto | Noticiero | En las Mejores Familias | | | |
| 20 | 34 | USA | Law & Order | ★★ "The Quest" (1996) | Roger Moore (G) | Law & Order | Karen Sisco (G) | | | | |
| 12 | 3 | WB | Friends (G) | Everybody-Raymond | Gilmore Girls "Raincoats and Recipes" (G) | The WB's Superstar USA Auditions continue. | News (G) | Friends (G) | Will & Grace (G) | | |
| 99 | 36 | WGN | ★★★ "Bean" (1997) Rowan Atkinson. (G) | WGN News at Nine (G) | Becker (G) | Becker (G) | Elimidate | 5th Wheel | | | |

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| 36 | 53 | A&E | Biography: Christina Onassis: Everything | American Justice "Death of a Bride" (G) | City Confidential (G) | Third Watch "True Love" (N) (G) | Biography: Christina Onassis: Everything | | | | |
| 4 | 6 | ABC | My Wife and Kids | My Wife and Kids | The Bachelor (Season Finale) Jesse makes his final choice. (N) (G) | News (G) | (:35) Nightline (G) | (:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live New Found Glory. | | | |
| 26 | 48 | ANPL | The Crocodile Hunter Diaries | The Crocodile Hunter Diaries (N) | Animal Cops Detroit "House of Cats" (G) | The Crocodile Hunter Diaries | The Crocodile Hunter Diaries | | | | |
| 63 | 54 | BRAVO | Showbiz Moms & Dads (N) | Showbiz Moms & Dads (N) | Keen Eddie "Inciting Incident" (N) | The West Wing "The Indians in the Lobby" (G) | Showbiz Moms & Dads (N) | | | | |
| 7 | 11 | CBS | 60 Minutes II (G) | The King of Everybody-Queens II Raymond | 48 Hours Investigates (G) | News (G) | (:35) Late Show Kiefer Sutherland. (N) | The Late Late Show | | | |
| 24 | 50 | DISC | Natural Born Winners | Intimate Truths of the Canela Tribe (G) | More Than Human "Cave Drawings" (G) | We Got Him: Capturing Saddam | Suicide Bombers (N) | | | | |
| 33 | 44 | DISN | Kim Possible | The Proud Family (G) | Even Stevens (G) | Sister, Sister (G) | Lizzie McGuire (G) | ★★★ "Lassie" (1994) Thomas Guiry. "PG" (G) | (:45) Kim Possible | | |
| 49 | 81 | EITV | Laci Peterson: The El True Hollywood Story | Celebrities Uncensored | Howard S. | Howard S. | Celebrities Uncensored | | | | |
| 22 | 56 | ESPN | NHL Hockey: Conference Final Game 6 | Baseball Tonight (G) | SportsCenter (Live) (G) | Outside | Baseball | | | | |
| 54 | 57 | ESPN2 | MLB Baseball: Giants at Cubs | MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (G) | | | | | | | |
| 32 | 46 | FAM | ★★ "The Great Outdoors" (1988) Dan Aykroyd. | Who? Who? Who? | The 700 Club (G) | Videos | Videos | | | | |
| 59 | - | FIT TV | Bodies In Shape | Workout Fitness | Peak Performance (G) | Bodies In Shape | Workout Fitness | | | | |
| 35 | 31 | FMC | (:01) Hour of Stars | Making the Connection | (:01) ★★ "The Seven Year Itch" (1955) | (:01) Hour of Stars | (:01) ★★ "Miracle on 34th Street" (1994) | | | | |
| 53 | 68 | FOOD | Emeril Live Beach party ideas. | Good Eats | Good Eats | Good Eats | Good Eats | Iron Chef "Lamb" | Emeril Live Beach party ideas. | | |
| 13 | 7 | FOX | That '70s Show "Going Mobile: The Seeker" (N) | American Idol One more contestant is voted off. | The Fox Report With Shepard Smith | Cagney & Lacey "Old Debts" (G) | Kojak "The Goodluck Bomber" (G) | | | | |
| 40 | 38 | FX | ★★ "Commando" (1985) Rae Dawn Chong | ★★★ "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995) Bruce Willis, Jeremy Irons. | | | | | | | |
| 30 | 55 | FXP | MLB Baseball: Rockies at Reds | Rocky Mt. | The Best Damn Sports Show Period | Rocky Mt. | Il, Max (N) | | | | |
| 5 | 14 | HBO | (5:30) ★★ "Mr. Wrong" (1996) PG-13 (G) | (:15) ★★ "The In-Laws" (2003, Comedy) Michael Douglas, Albert Brooks. (N) PG-13 (G) | Three Sisters: Searching for a Cure (N) (G) | The Sopranos Tony thinks of an old flame. | | | | | |
| 62 | 67 | HGTV | House Spaces | Weekend Mission | Curb Curb | Home Restore | House Spaces | | | | |
| 58 | 52 | HIST | Modern Marvels "Aircraft Carrier" (G) | Modern Marvels "T-34 Russian Victory" (G) | Modern Marvels Russian small arms. (N) | Hardcore History Mars. | Modern Marvels "Aircraft Carrier" (G) | | | | |
| 25 | 35 | IND | Seinfeld (G) | Seinfeld (G) | Seinfeld (G) | Seinfeld (G) | ★★★ "Lethal Weapon" (1987, Drama) Gibson, Danny Glover. (G) | (PA) Mel | "Universal Soldier" | | |
| 18 | 63 | LIFE | Providence (G) | "Blind Obsession" (2001) Brad Johnson. | Wild Card (G) | The Nanny | The Nanny | | | | |
| 23 | 77 | MTV | TRL (G) | Direct Effect (G) | Prime Time Players (G) | Pimp Ride | | | | | |
| 3 | 9 | NBC | News (G) | Ent. Tonight | Friends (G) | The West Wing "Memorial Day" (N) (G) | Law & Order "C.O.D." (Season Finale) (N) (G) | News (G) | The Tonight Show | | |
| 8 | 8 | NBC | Friends (G) | The West Wing "Memorial Day" (N) (G) | Law & Order "C.O.D." (Season Finale) (N) (G) | News (G) | (:35) The Tonight Show (N) (G) | (:37) Late Night (N) | | | |
| 34 | 43 | NICK | Oddparents Sabrina | Full House Full House | Cosby | Cosby | Roseanne | Roseanne | Cosby | Cosby | |
| 2 | 2 | PBS | Scientific American Frontiers "Future Car" | Secrets of the Dead "D-Day" How the Allied invasion resulted in victory on June 6, 1944. (N) (G) | BBC World News | Two's Company | Charlie Rose (N) (G) | | | | |
| 38 | 83 | SCIFI | (5:00) "Sleepwalkers" | ★★★ "The Dark Half" (1993) (PA) Timothy Hutton. (G) | "Candyman 3: Day of the Dead" (G) | | | | | | |
| 61 | 41 | SPK | Real TV (G) | Real TV (G) | Real TV (G) | Real TV (G) | Deep Space 9 | Deep Space 9 | "Cheech-Next" | | |
| 39 | 51 | TLC | While You Were Out Fitting a biker's needs. | Clean Sweep Disagreement. (G) | In a Fix Uncut tiles in kitchen. (N) | What Not to Wear Lack of style hurts singer. | Clean Sweep "Handbag Hell" | | | | |
| 28 | 37 | TNT | NBA Basketball: Conference Playoffs -- Teams TBA | Inside the NBA (G) | Law & Order (DVS) | The X-Files | | | | | |
| 51 | 86 | TRAV | Secrets (G) | World Poker Tour "Caribbean Poker Adventure" | Secrets (G) | World Poker Tour | | | | | |
| 21 | 82 | TVLND | GreenAcre GreenAcre | TV Land Moguls (N) | Cosby Soap (G) | The A-Team | Cheers (G) | Cheers (G) | | | |
| 60 | 89 | UNIV | Mariana de la Noche | Bajo la Misma Piel | Don Francisco Presenta | Impacto | Noticiero | En las Mejores Familias | | | |
| 20 | 34 | USA | Law & Order | Law & Order | Monk (G) | Law & Order | The Dead Zone (G) | | | | |
| 12 | 3 | WB | Friends (G) | Everybody-Raymond | Smallville "Covenant" (Season Finale) (N) (G) | Angel "Not Fade Away" (Series Finale) (N) (G) | News (G) | Friends (G) | Will & Grace (G) | | |
| 99 | 36 | WGN | ★★★ "Crocodile Dundee II" (1988, Comedy) | WGN News at Nine (G) | Becker (G) | Becker (G) | Elimidate | 5th Wheel | | | |

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| 36 | 53 | A&E | Cold Case Files A victim's niece starts an advocate group. | Teen Thrill Killers Teens kill out of curiosity. (G) | Third Watch "Duty" (N) | Cold Case Files (G) | | | | | |
| 4 | 6 | ABC | Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (N) | Stephen King's Kingdom Hospital (N) (G) | Super Millionaire (N) (G) | News (G) | (:35) Nightline (G) | (:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (G) | | | |
| 26 | 48 | ANPL | Amazing Animal Videos Animal rescues. (G) | Most Extreme "Daredevils" (G) | Animal Cops Detroit Puppies with heatstroke. | Amazing Animal Videos Animal rescues. (G) | Most Extreme "Daredevils" (G) | | | | |
| 63 | 54 | BRAVO | Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Rob M." | Celebrity Poker Showdown "Winners' Round" The first five games' winners compete. (G) | The West Wing "The Women of Qumar" (G) | Celebrity Poker Showdown "Winners' Round" | | | | | |
| 7 | 11 | CBS | CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Early Rollout" | CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Rape victim. (N) | Without a Trace "Bail" (Season Finale) (N) (G) | News (G) | (:35) Late Show Kate Hudson; Outkast. (N) (G) | The Late Late Show | | | |
| 24 | 50 | DISC | Orangutans -- The High Society (G) | How to Survive "The Will to Live" | New Detectives: Forensic Science | Mega-Tsunamis (G) | Ultimate Blast: Eruption at Krakatau (G) | | | | |
| 33 | 44 | DISN | Kim Possible | The Proud Family (G) | Even Stevens (G) | Sister, Sister (G) | Lizzie McGuire (G) | ★★★ "Lady and the Tramp II: Scamp's Adventure" (2001) "G" (G) | (:40) Re-cess (G) | | |
| 49 | 81 | EITV | American Idol | Mariah Carey: THS | Anna Bares All | Howard S. | Howard S. | Celebrities Uncensored | | | |
| 22 | 56 | | | | | | | | | | |