

Words fail to describe situation

DEAR ABBY: I am a 35-year-old lesbian. I have a wonderful partner and we have an amazing 10-year-old son. My problem is, we seem to offend people when we refer to ourselves as a “family.” I have had people correct me, sometimes even suggesting that I refer to my family as “my friend and my son” or “my friend and her son” (depending on who they think is



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the biological mother). Abby, this woman is more than my friend. She's my partner, my life mate, my support and my co-parent. We try to be sensitive to people's beliefs and not call each other “wife” or refer to our union as a “marriage,” but how far do we have to take this? We are a family. Our son calls us both “Mom.”

We aren't “in your face” with our lifestyle, but to deny our partnership is to deny our son his fam-

ily. We generally refer to each other as “my partner,” which I think is an inoffensive term, but even that can send some people into a snit.

How should we handle people who want to redefine us? Why is it so hard for them to acknowledge that, untraditional though we may be, we are a family? — TRYING NOT TO OFFEND IN TEXAS

DEAR TRYING NOT TO OFFEND: Forgive me if this seems negative, but some people are so rooted in their fundamentalist ideology that they cannot and will not change. Please don't waste your time or breath trying to reach or teach them. The way to handle people who want to force you into

their mold is to avoid them. Try it. You'll be a lot happier, and so will they.

DEAR ABBY: My grandson, “Curtis,” will be 5 this year. I have promised him since he was old enough to walk and talk that I'd take him to Disney World for his fifth birthday. It has always been taken for granted that we'd include my youngest daughter and her best friend, “Trish.”

At the time we discussed the trip, Trish's parents had good jobs. However, fast-forward several years and things have changed. Both of them have lost their jobs. Their home was foreclosed on, and they now live in a rental house and struggle to make ends meet.

I am also having a hard time financially, but I have been diligent in saving what I can to take Curtis to that magical place he has always dreamed of. We plan to fly there and stay on the grounds, which can be quite expensive.

Would it be rude to ask that Trish's parents at least pay for her ticket into the theme park? We never discussed who would be paying. My family thinks it would be rude, and would jeopardize Trish's chances of coming with us. When people invite my kids anywhere, I have always offered to repay the family for the expenses involved. I don't want to hurt or offend anyone. What should I do? — READY TO GO IN HOUS-

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DEAR READY TO GO: It would not be rude to tell Trish's parents when your trip is scheduled, and what the costs involved will be. As a matter of fact, it would be presumptuous of them to expect you to foot the bill for their daughter. If the cost is too great for them at this time, a nice gift from Disney World would at least let Trish know you were thinking of her while you were away.

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TUESDAY EVENING										E= Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone										OCT. 25, 2005															
E	S	6 pm				6:30		7 pm		7:30		8 pm		8:30		9 pm		9:30		10 pm		10:30													
36	47	A&E		Cold Case Files				Police hunt a hotel murderer.				Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Crossing Jordan "Believers"				Cold Case Files				Police hunt a hotel murderer.							
4	6	ABC		Charlie Brown		Rodney (N)				Commander in Chief "First... Do No Harm"				(:01) Boston Legal "Men to Boys" (N)				News		(:35) Nightline		(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live				Jerry Tarkanian. (N)									
26	54	ANPL		Beastly Countdown "Slackers"				The Most Extreme Temper tantrums. (N)				Weird, Bad & Ugly				Beastly Countdown "Slackers"				The Most Extreme Temper tantrums.															
63	67	BRAVO		Celebrity Poker Showdown																		The West Wing "Third-Day Story"				The West Wing "Liftoff"				The West Wing "The Hubbard Peak"					
7	11	CBS		NCIS "The Voyeur's Web" (N)				The Amazing Race: Family Edition (N)				Close to Home "Divine Directions" (N)				News		(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N)		Late Late Show															
55	42	DISC		It Takes a Thief "Party Crashers" (N)				Mega-Excavators: Reshape the World				Extreme Engineering				Firehouse USA: Boston				Dirty Jobs "Bio-Diesel-Man" (N)															
33	56	DISN		Kim Possible		The Proud Family				Sister, Sister		Phil of the Future		That's So Raven		That's So Raven		★ ★ "Tower of Terror" (1997, Mystery) Steve Guttenberg, Kirsten Dunst. [E]																	
49	66	EITV		Angelina Jolie				Britney and Kevin				High Price of Fame				THS Investigates: Mind of a Serial Killer																			
22	28	ESPN		Series of Poker				Series of Poker				Bound for Glory (N)				Top Hands		SportsCenter		Baseball															
23	29	ESPN2		Figure Skating: Skate America										Figure Skating Grand Prix Final. From Beijing.										Hollywood				Frankly							
32	58	FAM		★ ★ ★ "Ghost" (1990, Fantasy)				Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore.				Who's?				The 700 Club				Videos				Videos											
35	-	FMC		★ ★ ★ "Robin Hood" (1991) Patrick Bergin.								★ ★ ★ "The Fly" (1958)				Vincent Price.				★ ★ ★ "The Fly" (1958)															
53	45	FOOD		Emeril Live Quick and easy recipes. (N)				Restaurant Makeover		Recipe for Success		\$40-a-Day		\$40-a-Day		Iron Chef "Battle Red Snapper" Red snapper.				Emeril Live "Emeril's Pizza Party"															
13	7	FOX		MLB Baseball World Series Game 3 -- Chicago White Sox at Houston Astros or St. Louis Cardinals.																		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith				Maury									
40	41	FX		Fear Factor				King of Hill		King of Hill		'70s Show		'70s Show		★ ★ ★ "Identity" (2003)				John Cusack, Ray Liotta.															
30	27	FXSP		Football		All-Access				Football		Football		Myers		Best Damn Sports Show		Spotlight		Football		Best-Sports													
-	60	HALL		Walker, Texas Ranger				★ ★ ★ "Ordinary Miracles" (2005) Jaclyn Smith.				M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H																	
5	-	HBO		(5:30) ★ ★ ★ "Madhouse" (1990) "PG-13"				(:15) ★ ★ "Alien vs. Predator" (2004, Science Fiction) Sanaa Lathan. R "PG-13" [E]				Rome "Stealing From Saturn"				Rome Caesar weighs Pompey's counteroffer.																			
62	44	HGTV		Designed		Design				Decorating		Mission		Designers		Designers		Design		Designer		Designed		Design											
58	48	HIST		History's Mysteries				Historical monsters. (N)				History's Mysteries				Sea travel.		Man Moment Machine				A bouncing bomb. (N)		Conspiracy? Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.				History's Mysteries				Historical monsters.			
25	38	IND		Friends		Friends				Sex and the City		Sex and the City		(:15) Sein-feld		(:45) Sein-feld		(:15) ★ ★ ★ "Cool Runnings" (1993) Leon. Based on the true story of Jamaica's 1988 bobsled team.																	
18	63	LIFE		(5:00) "Human Trafficking" (2005)				Mira Sorvino, Donald Sutherland.								Will-Grace		Will-Grace		The Golden Girls															
54	74	MTV		TRL (ITV)				Real World		Real World		Real World		Real World		Real World		Real World		Real World		Real World		Real World											
3	9	NBC		News		Ent. Tonight		The Biggest Loser				Former adversaries align in a beachside challenge. (N)				My Name Is Earl		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ghost"		News		(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		Late Night											
8	8	NBC		The Biggest Loser				Former adversaries align in a beachside challenge. (N)				My Name Is Earl		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ghost"		News		(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		Late Night															
34	55	NICK		SpongeBob				School		Fresh Pr.		Fatherhood		Fresh Pr.		Cosby		Roseanne		Roseanne		Fresh Pr.		Fresh Pr.											
2	2	PBS		Nova "Ancient Creature of the Deep"				Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories (N)				Frontline/World				A battle for a gold mine. (N)				BBC World News		Hardware		Charlie Rose (N)											
38	71	SCIFI		"Dracula 3000"				★ ★ ★ "Frankenstein" (2004) Parker Posey.								★ ★ "Prince of Darkness" (1987, Horror)																			
61	72	SPK		Maximum Exposure				Wildest Police Videos				CSI: Crime Scn				CSI: Crime Scn				"Santa's Slay" (2005)															
39	43	TLC		While You Were Out				Martha Richard Simmons. (N)				Rides A clone of James Dean's 1955 Porsche.				Overhaulin' "Illegal Fowl" (N)				Overhaulin' "Customs" (N)															
28	40	TNT		Law & Order				Law & Order				Las Vegas				Cold Case				The X-Files "Milagro"															
51	49	TRAV		Taste		Taste				Made		Made		Weird Travels		Taste		Taste		Made		Made													
21	59	TVLND		Little House				Griffith		Sanford		GoodTime		All-Family		3's Co.		TV Land		Cheers		Sanford													
60	79	UNIV		Contra Viento y Marea				La Esposa Virgen				Casos de la Vida Real				Impacto		Noticiero		La Hora Derbez															
12	37	WB		Law Order: CI		★ ★ "The Hunted" (2003) Tommy Lee Jones.								Law Order: CI																					
20	3	WB		Friends		Everybody-Raymond		Gilmore Girls (N)				Supernatural "Hook Man" (N)				News				Sex and the City		Will & Grace													
99	39	WGN		Da Vinci's Inquest				Da Vinci's Inquest				WGN News at Nine				Sex & City		Becker		Da Vinci's Inquest															

WEDNESDAY EVENING														OCT. 26, 2005																		
E S		6 pm		6:30		7 pm		7:30		8 pm		8:30		9 pm		9:30		10 pm		10:30												
36	47	A&E	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Inked "Diz-zle Redux"	Inked	Crossing Jordan	Sight Unseen	Crossing Jordan	Sight Unseen	Crossing Jordan	Sight Unseen	Crossing Jordan	Sight Unseen	Crossing Jordan	Sight Unseen	Crossing Jordan	Sight Unseen	Crossing Jordan	Sight Unseen	Crossing Jordan	Sight Unseen										
4	6	ABC	George Lopez (N)	Freddie (N)	Lost "Adrift" A new predator in the ocean.	Invasion "The Hunt" (N)	News	(:35) Nightline	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Kaci Brown. (N)	26	54	ANPL	Emergency Vets	Venom ER	Animal Precinct "Delivered From Danger"	Emergency Vets	Venom ER	63	67	BRAVO	The 100 Scariest Movie Moments	The 100 Scariest Movie Moments	The 100 Scariest Movie Moments	The West Wing "The Hubbert Peak"	The West Wing "The Dover Test"						
7	11	CBS	Still Standing	Yes, Dear	Criminal Minds	Women go missing in Seattle.	CSI: NY "Dancing With the Fishes" (N)	News	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N)	Late Late Show	55	42	DISC	It Takes a Thief "Little Women"	Deadliest Season: Alaskan Crab Fishing	SOS: Coast Guard Rescue "Deadly Waters"	Extreme Engineering "El Cajon Dam"	MythBusters "Confederate Rocket" (N)	33	56	DISN	Kim Possible	The Proud Family	Sister, Sister	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	"Twitches" (2005, Fantasy)	Tia Mowry. Reunited twins use magic against evil. "NR" [E]			
49	66	EITV	It's So Over: 50 Biggest Celebrity Break-Ups!	Palms	Taradise	Howard S.	Howard S.	Filthy Rich: Cattle Drive	22	28	ESPN	Shark	Shark Tourn.	Shark Tourn.	Shark Tourn.	SportsCenter	Baseball	23	29	ESPN2	Bodybuilding	Bodybuilding	Bull Riding	Bull Riding	Hollywood	Frankly						
32	58	FAM	*** "Batman Returns" (1992, Adventure)	Michael Keaton.	Whose?	The 700 Club	Videos	Videos	35	-	FMC	*** "That Thing You Do!" (1996)	Liv Tyler	*** "Return of the Fly" (1959)	Vincent Price.	"Return of the Fly"	53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live "Candy Treats"	Behind the Bash	Sugar Rush	Good Eats	Good Eats	Iron Chef "Broccoli"	Emeril Live "Our Favorite Sweets" Sweets.						
13	7	FOX	MLB Baseball World Series Game 4 -- Chicago White Sox at Houston Astros or St. Louis Cardinals.	Blind Date (N)	Blind Date (N)	Maury	40	41	FX	(5:00) *** "Identity"	King of Hill	King of Hill	'70s Show	'70s Show	*** "Phone Booth" (2002)	Colin Farrell.	30	27	FXSP	Football	Spotlight	Sports List	Poker Superstars	Best Damn	Sports Show	Playbook	Football	Best-Sports				
-	60	HALL	Walker, Texas Ranger	"The Long Shot" (2004, Drama)	Julie Benz.	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	5	-	HBO	"Stuck on You" (2003)	*** "Vanity Fair" (2004)	Reese Witherspoon. A woman climbs the social ladder in 19th-century England. PG-13 [E]	*** "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004)	Vince Vaughn. [E]	One Night Stand	62	44	HGTV	Kitchen	Want That	Buy Me (N)	Cash Attic	Designed	What Get	Design	House	Kitchen	Want That	
58	48	HIST	Prophecies, Miracles and Mystics	Bible Mysteries Enig-mas.	Modern Marvels "Commercial Fishing"	Automaniac	Extreme motorcycles.	Prophecies, Miracles and Mystics	25	38	IND	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	(:15) *** "A Walk to Remember" (2002, Romance)	Shane West, Mandy Moore.	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	Golden	Golden	54	74	MTV	TRL (ITV)	Laguna	Laguna	Direct Effect	Hard Rock	Video	Seventeen	Seventeen
3	9	NBC	News	Ent. Tonight	E-Ring "Toy Soldiers" (N)	The Apprentice: Martha Stewart (N)	Law & Order "Fluency"	News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	34	55	NICK	SpongeBob	Unfabulous	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	2	2	PBS	A Cemetery Special (N)	Destination America (N)	Destination America (N)	BBC World News	As Time Goes By	Charlie Rose (N)	
38	71	SCIFI	"Queen of the Damned"	"John Carpenter Presents Vampires"	CSI: Crime Scn	Wildest Police Videos	CSI: Crime Scn	While You Were Out	Martha Linda Dano. (N)	Katrina's Children: Lost in the Storm	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Miami Ink	Yoji finds he still has a lot to learn.	"The Cable Guy" (1996)	51	49	TRAV	American Casino	World Poker Tour	World Poker Tour	21	59	TVLND	Little House	Griffith	Sanford	TV Land	All-Family	3's Co.	Night Court	Cheers	Sanford
60	79	UNIV	Contra Viento y Marea	La Esposa Virgen	Don Francisco Presenta	Impacto	Noticiero	La Hora Derbez	20	37	USA	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	12	3	WB	Friends	Everybody-Raymond	One Tree Hill (N)	Related "Hello, Del!" (N)	News	Sex and the City	Will & Grace	
99	39	WGN	Race Car	Race Car	HomeTeam	WGN News at Nine	Sex & City	Becker	Da Vinci's Inquest																							



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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	47	A&E	Cold Case Files "A Man Scorned; The Dungeon"			Cold Case Files		The First 48		Crossing Jordan "Pay-back"		Cold Case Files "A Man Scorned; The Dungeon"			
4	6	ABC	Alias "Out of the Box" (N)			Night Stalker (N)		Primetime		News	(:35) Night-line	(:(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live			
26	54	ANPL	The Planet's Funniest Animals			The Planet's Funniest Animals (N)		Animal Precinct Agents find pitbulls.		The Planet's Funniest Animals		The Planet's Funniest Animals			
63	67	BRAVO	Inside the Actors Studio Rosie O'Donnell.			Celebrity Poker Showdown (N)			The West Wing "The Dover Test"		The West Wing				
7	11	CBS	Survivor: Guatemala -- The Maya Empire (N)			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Spark of Life"		Without a Trace "Honor Bound" (N)		News	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late Show			
55	42	DISC	It Takes a Thief "Good Cop, Bad Cop" (N)			Debunked! Secrets of the Stone Spheres		MythBusters "Brown Note"		Beyond Boundaries (N)		A Haunting in Georgia			
33	56	DISN	Kim Possible: The Proud Family			Sister, Sister		Phil of the Future		That's So Raven		That's So Raven			
49	66	E!TV	Holly. Secrets			Holly. Secrets		Holly. Secrets		Howard S.		Howard S.			
22	28	ESPN	(5:30) College Football			Boston College at Virginia Tech.			SportsCenter		Baseball		NFL Live		
23	29	ESPN2	Series of Poker			Boxing: 1975 Ali vs. Frazier III			Boxing: 1975 Ali vs. Wegner		Hollywood		Frankly		
32	58	FAM	★★ "Urban Legend" (1998, Horror)			Jared Leto.		Whose?		Whose?		The 700 Club			
35	-	FMC	★★★ "Unfaithfully Yours" (1984, Comedy)			★★★ "The Curse of the Fly" (1965)			Carole Gray		"The Curse of the Fly"				
53	45	FOOD	Emeril's Tricks & Treats			Spooky Cake & Candy Cook-Off		Iron Chef America "Mori-moto vs. Sanchez"		Iron Chef Rice battle.		Emeril's Tricks & Treats			
13	7	FOX	MLB Baseball World Series Game 5 -- Chicago White Sox at Houston Astros or St. Louis Cardinals.						The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		Maury				
40	41	FX	(5:00) "Phone Booth"			King of Hill	King of Hill	'70s Show	'70s Show	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		
30	27	FXSP	High School Football			Stamper		Insider	Best Damn	Sports Show	Barbershop	Football	Best-Sports		
-	60	HALL	Walker, Texas Ranger			"Out of the Woods" (2005, Drama)			Ed Asner.		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H			
5	-	HBO	Costas NOW			(:15) ★★ "Love Don't Cost a Thing" (2003, Romance-Comedy)			Nick Cannon. R "PG-13" [E]		Inside the NFL				
62	44	HGTV	Small	reDesign	Design	Designers'	House	House	Design	First Place	Small	reDesign			
58	48	HIST	History's Mysteries Aliens.		History's Mysteries Cov-er-ups.			Conspiracy? Passenger jet explodes.		Modern Marvels Jet-powered aircraft.		History's Mysteries Aliens.			
25	38	IND	Friends	Friends	★★★ "The Mask of Zorro" (1998, Adventure)			Antonio Banderas. Zorro's protege crosses swords with a returning tyrant.		(:40) ★★ "Desperado" (1995)		Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek.			
18	63	LIFE	"Mary Higgins Clark"			★★ "The Crying Child" (1996)			Finola Hughes		Will & Grace	Golden			
54	74	MTV	TRL (ITV)			Video	Run	Direct Effect	Run	Run	Band	Band			
3	9	NBC	News	Ent. Tonight	Joey	Will & Grace	The Apprentice (N)		(8:59) ER "Time of Death"		News	Tonight Show			
8	8	NBC	Joey	Will & Grace	The Apprentice (N)			(7:59) ER "Time of Death"		News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Late Night			
34	55	NICK	SpongeBob	Romeo!	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.			
2	2	PBS	Frontier House "Survival"			The This Old House Hour (N)			Best of the Beatles		BBC World News				
38	71	SCIFI	"Book of Shadows"			★★★ "The Ninth Gate" (1999, Horror)			Johnny Depp.		★★★ "Frailty" (2002) Bill Paxton.				
61	72	SPK	Maximum Exposure			Wildest Police Videos			CSI: Crime Scn		Psychic Witness "Shattered Family"				
39	43	TLC	While You Were Out			Martha Rosie O'Donnell. (N)			Mysteries of Noah's Flood		Psychic Witness Psychics help catch killers. (N)				
28	40	TNT	NBA Preseason Basketball						NBA Preseason Basketball: Warriors at Suns				Shawshank		
51	49	TRAV	More Billionaire Toys			American Lake Homes			Millionaire Motor Homes		More Billionaire Toys		American Lake Homes		
21	59	TVLND	Little House			Griffith	Sanford	GoodTime	Al-Family	3's Co.	Night Court	Cheers	Sanford		
60	79	UNIV	Contra Viento y Marea			La Esposa Virgen			Aqui y Ahora		Impacto	Noticiero	La Hora Derbez		
20	37	USA	Law Order: CI			★★ "The Story of Us" (1999)			Bruce Willis, Michelle Pfeiffer.		Law Order: CI				
12	3	WB	Friends	Everybody-Raymond	Smallville "Thirst" (N)			Everwood "Connect Four" (N)		News		Sex and the City	Will & Grace		
99	39	WGN	★★★ "The Horse Whisperer" (1998, Drama)						Robert Redford.		Sex & City	Becker	Da Vinci's Inquest		