

Woman content being childless

DEAR ABBY: I am a female who is almost 38 years old. Most of my adult life has been spent in school, working or traveling. It is only in the last two years that I have met someone and settled down somewhat — although we are not married. We are both artists, so much of our time is filled doing the things that we love and believe in. Neither of us feels a giant void in our relationship or our lives that needs to be filled by a baby.

In the past year or so, several of my co-workers and other people I barely know keep asking, “When are you going to have a baby?” or, “You only have a couple more years — aren’t you going to have a baby?” or, “Don’t you want kids?”

Abby, my family doesn’t even ask me these questions! I think they are extremely rude and intrusive, and I resent the simple-minded assumption that just because a person has a uterus and ovaries she must make a baby. How should I respond to these questions? — CHILDLESS AND HAPPY IN TEXAS

DEAR CHILDLESS AND HAPPY: There are several ways to handle questions that are nobody’s business. One is to deflect the question by asking another: “Why do you ask?” Or, “Why do you think that’s any of your business?” Alternatively, if you really want the person to back down, you can reply, “If it were any of your business, you’d al-



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ready know the answer to that question. Please don’t ask me again!”

DEAR ABBY: My mother was diagnosed with colorectal cancer that spread to her liver. Over the last five years, she has put up a brave fight, smiling through her surgeries, years of chemo and constant pain. The doctors now say there’s nothing more they can do. Basically, Mom is at home waiting to die.

I recently moved back with my parents so I can help Dad with Mother’s care. I’m glad I can take time off and spend quality time with them. I am 23 and love them both.

My concern is, my father rarely speaks about Mother’s illness. We joke about it, mostly to avoid a sad, uncomfortable situation. I’m dealing with this like my dad does. I rarely talk about it, and when I do, I make a joke. I have tried discussing how I feel with friends, but most of the time they stop me because it’s hard for them to hear. I have also tried talking about things with Dad, but I don’t want to make him sad. I start to lose it every time he tears up, so now I avoid the subject.

I don’t know who to talk to. Sometimes I feel it’s pointless to try because talking won’t change the situation. But my feelings are becoming overwhelming, and I need to let them out. Can you help me? — OVERWHELMED IN ARIZONA

DEAR OVERWHELMED: I’m sorry your mother isn’t doing well. However, I’m sure your presence is a great comfort to both of your parents.

It is very important that both you and your father find an outlet where it’s safe to talk about your feelings because they are normal. Although it may be painful, and probably tearful, tears can be healing. The American Cancer Society has programs for people with cancer and their families, including excellent support groups. You do not have to go through this difficult time alone, so please don’t wait to make contact. Find a program in your area by visiting www.cancer.org and typing in your ZIP code. There is also an online community where people can chat anytime they feel the need 24/7. Although it’s a cancer survivors’ network, families are welcome, too. You’re in my prayers.

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36	47	A&E	Meth: A County in Crisis (TV14)		Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Airline (TVPG)	Crossing Jordan (TV14) (HD)		Meth: A County in Crisis (TV14)	
4	6	ABC	According Jim (HD)	Rodney (N) (HD)	Commander in Chief (TVPG) (N) (HD)		Boston Legal: The Cancer Man Can (N) (HD)	KAKE News at 10 (N)		(.05) Jimmy Kimmel (TV14)	
26	54	ANPL	Chasing Nature: Golden Orb Web Spider		The Most Extreme: Builders (TV G)		Spider Files: Australia's Tarantula (TV G)	Chasing Nature: Golden Orb Web Spider		The Most Extreme: Builders (TV G)	
33	67	BRAVO	Project Runway: Social Scene		Queer Eye: David P. (TV14)		Queer Eye: Bachelor Party: Ryan M. (TV14)	Project Runway: Social Scene		Party/Party: Gay Weddings	
7	11	CBS	NCIS: Boxed In (TVPG) (N) (HD)		People's Choice Awards 32nd annual gala (TVPG)		Craig Ferguson hosts the	Eyewitness News		The Late Show with David Letterman (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)
35	42	DISC	Most Jobs: Living Dangerously; Part 2		Dirty Jobs: Avian Vomitologist (TV14)		MythBust Jumping in elevators (TVPG)	Most Jobs: Living Dangerously; Part 2			
33	56	DISN	Kim (TVY7) Proud (TVY)		Sister (TV G)	Phil (TVY7) (G)	So Raven (TVY7)	So Raven (TVY7)			
29	66	EITV	El True Hollywood Story: Goldie and Kate				Gastineau GB	SNL: Jennifer Aniston		101 Craziest TV	
22	28	ESPN	College Bball (HD)		Basketball (Live)			SportsCenter (HD)		Fast Break	Outside
23	29	ESPN2	College Basketball (Live) (HD)		NBA Nation (Live) (HD)			The Season NFL Films		Hollywood	Quite
22	58	FAM	"The Sandlot" ('93) ★★½ New kid joins team.		Line	Line	The 700 Club	Home Video		Home Video	
35	-	FMC	"Dirty Mary Crazy Larry" ('74, Crime Drama)				Madeleine Stowe.	"Dirty Mary" ('74) ★★			
33	45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Emeril's Hen House (TV G)		Restaurant Success		\$40 a Day	\$40 a Day		Iron Chef: Battle Bell Pepper (TV G)	Emeril Live: Wonderful Pork (TV G)
13	7	FOX	Bones: The Man on Death Row (R) (HD)		House: Failure to Communicate (TV14) (HD)		Fox Report	Blind Date (TVPG)		Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TVPG)
27	25	FX	King		King	70s	70s	"X2" ('03, Action) ★★½ Heroes battle evil government agent. (PG-13)			
30	27	FXSP	Total Ftbl		Broncos	Poker	Monte Carlo	Best Sports		Spotlight	Total Ftbl
-	60	HALL	Walker (TVPG)		Matlock (TVPG)		Matlock (TVPG)	MASH		MASH	MASH
5	-	HBO	(.500) "Spider-Man 2" ('04) ★★½ (PG-13) (HD)		(.15) "Stark and Hutch" ('04, Comedy) ★★½ Detectives try to stop a drug dealer. (HD)			"Love Actually" ('03, Romance) Hugh Grant. Tales of love and life around Christmas. (HD)			
32	44	HGTV	Designed	Remix	Decorating	Mission	House Hunt	Buy Me	My Parents	Designer	Designed
38	48	HIST	Mail Call (TVPG)	Mail Call (TVPG)	Modern Marvels: Engineering Disasters 3		Modern Marvels: Mountain Roads (TVPG)		The Wrath of God: Blizzards: Whiteout!	Mail Call (TVPG)	Mail Call (TVPG)
25	38	IND	Friends (TVPG)	Friends (TVPG)	Sex & City (TVMA)	Sex & City (TVMA)	Daisy (TVPG)	Seinfeld (TVPG)	"The Whole Nine Yards" Woman plots to get her husband killed.		
18	63	LIFE	"On the Line" ('98) ★★		"Point Last Seen" ('99) ★★ Missing child. (NR)		Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Gold Girls		Gold Girls
54	74	MTV	MADE	NEXT	My Own	Room Raid	Direct Effect (TVPG)	True Life	Barkers		Barkers
3	9	NBC	9 News (N) (HD)	ET (TV G)	Fear Factor: Psycho Fear Factor 2 (TVPG)		Scrubs (TV14) (N)	Scrubs (TV14) (N)	9 News (N) (HD)		(.35) Jay Leno (HD)
8	8	NBC	Fear Factor: Psycho Fear Factor 2 (TVPG)		Scrubs (TV14) (N)	Scrubs (TV14) (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) (HD)	KSN News at 10 (HD)		The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (HD)	Conan O'Brien (HD)
34	55	NICK	Sponge	Guide	Full House	Fatherhood	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne		Cosby
2	2	PBS	Nova: Nova scienceNow (N) (HD)		Country Boys Part 2. (N)			BBC World News	Hardware		Charlie Rose (N)
38	71	SCIFI	"Cabin by the Lake"		"Stephen King's Riding the Bullet" ('04)			"Firestarter Rekindled" ★★ Gifted girl in peril			
31	72	SPK	Exposure (TV14)		Police (TV14)		CSI: Unbearable	CSI: King Baby		"Shade" "The Dean."	
34	48	TLC	While You Were: Atlanta: Brutalist Beauty		Martha (TV G)		Rides: Summer School (TV G)	Overhaul: Desperate Impound (TV G)		Beyond the Bull Professional riders. (TVPG)	
38	40	TNT	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Closer (TV14)	Cold Case		X-Files: The Colony	
51	49	TRAV	Las Vegas (TVPG)		Made	Made	Vegas Do's (TVPG)	Las Vegas (TVPG)		Made	Made
21	59	TVLND	Prairie (TV G)		Griffith	Sanford	Times	Times	What's Hap		Cheers
30	79	UNIV	Contra viento y		Alborada		Casos de la vida real	Primer imp		Noticiero	La hora Derbez
20	37	USA	Law & Order (HD)		"A Man Apart" ('03) Ongoing drug war. (R)		Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)			
12	3	WB	Friends (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Gilmore Girls: The Perfect Dress (N) (HD)		Supernatural: Scarecrow (N) (HD)	WB2 News at Nine (N)		Friends (TVPG)	Will (TV14)
39	39	WGN	DaVinci's (TV14)		DaVinci's (TV14)		WGN News at Nine		Sex & City	Becker	Home Videos

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36	47	A&E	The First 48: Point Blank; Shoot Out (TVPG)		The First 48: Dead Man Running; Crash		Dallas SWAT SWAT team cases. (TV14)	Crossing Jordan: Slam Dunk (TV14) (HD)		The First 48: Point Blank; Shoot Out (TVPG)	
4	6	ABC	Dancing with the Stars competition. (TVPG) (N)		Crumbs (N) (HD)		Primetime (N)	KAKE News at 10 (N)		(.05) Jimmy Kimmel (TV14)	
26	54	ANPL	All New Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G)		All New Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G)		Animal Precinct: Rooftop Rescue (TV G)	All New Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G)		All New Planet's Funniest Animals (TV G)	
33	67	BRAVO	Aflac Presents Brian Boitano Skating Spectacular				"The Outsiders" ('83, Drama) C. Thomas Howell. Gang members tough it out in the 1960s.	Queer Eye: Bachelor Party: Ryan M. (TV14)			
7	11	CBS	CSI: Miami: Killer Date (TV14) (R)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (R) (HD)		Without a Trace: From the Ashes (R) (HD)	Eyewitness News		The Late Show with David Letterman (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)
35	42	DISC	Nigel Largest snake. (TV G)		I Shouldn't Be Alive: Jaws of Death (TVPG)		I Shouldn't Be Alive: Shark Survivor (TVPG)	Diary of a Shark Man (TVPG)		Nigel Largest snake. (TV G)	
33	56	DISN	Kim: All the News (TVY)		Sister Slime Party (TVY)		So Raven (TVY7)	So Raven (TVY7)			
29	66	EITV	El True Hollywood Story: Who's the Boss?				GB	SNL: Hilary Swank		101 Craziest TV	
22	28	ESPN	PGA Tour. (Live)		Basketball (Live)			SportsCenter (HD)		Gameright	Outside
23	29	ESPN2	(.5:30) Figure Skating from St. Louis, Missouri (Live) (HD)		(HD)			Hollywood		Quite	Fig Skating (Replay)
22	58	FAM	"The Waterboy" ('98) ★★½ "Football" hero.		Line	Line	The 700 Club	Home Video		Home Video	
35	-	FMC	"Used People" ('92, Comedy-Drama) ★★				"Sugar Hill" ('93, Crime Drama) ★★ (R)	"Less than Zero" ★★			
33	45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Fruit Desserts (TV G)		Food Network Challenge: Pastry Daredevils		Iron Chef America: Battle vs. Dufresne	Iron Chef: Battle King Crab (TV G)		Emeril Live: Sweet and Savory Puddings	
13	7	FOX	70s Mac (N) (HD)		That 70s Show (R)		The O.C.: The Safe Harbor (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Fox Report		Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)
27	25	FX	Married		Married	King	King	70s		Cops	Cops
30	27	FXSP	To Be Announced		To Be Announced			To Be Announced			Barber.
-	60	HALL	Walker (TVPG)		"The Parent Trap" ('61) ★★½ Twins devise plot to reunite the family.			MASH		MASH	
5	-	HBO	"Ray" ('04) (.45) "Addams Family Values" ('93, Comedy) ★★½ Family hires serial-killer for a comedy. (HD)				HBO First	Inside the NFL: '05-'06 #18 (TVPG)		"The Grudge" ('04) ★★ Deadly curse. (HD)	
32	44	HGTV	Big Style	reDesign	Divine	Challenge	House Hunt	House Hunt	Design	1st Place	Big Style
38	48	HIST	Time Machine: Banned from the Bible Ancient writings omitted from the Bible (TV G)				Declassified: John Lennon (TVPG)	Secrets: Cain and Abel: A Murder Mystery		Time Machine: Banned from the Bible (TV G)	
25	38	IND	Friends (TVPG)	Friends (TVPG)	"Jerry Maguire" A successful agent for sports celebrities begins his own company after a moral epiphany leads to his unemployment. (R)			(.10) "Jerry Maguire" ('96) ★★½ Sports agent.			
18	63	LIFE	"You Belong" ('98)		"Vanished Without a Trace" ('99) ★★ (NR)		Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Gold Girls		Gold Girls
54	74	MTV	MADE	NEXT	My Own	Room Raid	Direct Effect (TVPG)	NEXT	MTV Cribs		MTV Cribs
3	9	NBC	9 News (N) (HD)	ET (TV G)	Will & Grace (N) (HD)	Four Kings (N) (HD)	Name Is Earl (N) (HD)	(.59) ER: Split Decisions (TV14) (N) (HD)	KSN News at 10 (HD)		The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (HD)
8	8	NBC	Will & Grace (N) (HD)	Four Kings (N) (HD)	Name Is Earl (N) (HD)	The Office (N) (HD)	(.59) ER: Split Decisions (TV14) (N) (HD)	KSN News at 10 (HD)		The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (HD)	Conan O'Brien (HD)
34	55	NICK	Sponge	Romeo!	Full House	Bel-Air	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne		Cosby
2	2	PBS	College Track: Expect the Best (TV G)		This Old House Hour (TV G) (N)		Raising Cain Problems that beset boys, including poor school performance (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		
38	71	SCIFI	"Sabretooth" ('02) ★½		"Caved In: Prehistoric Terror"			"Crocodile" ('00) ★ Croc chows on teens. (R)			
31	72	SPK	Exposure (TV14)		Police (TV14)		CSI: Spark of Life	CSI: Crime: 4 x 4		MXC	MXC
39	43	TLC	While You Passion and energy. (TV G)		Martha (TV G)		Thinking?: When Humans Fly (TVPG)	Sports Disasters: Crash and Burn (TVPG)		Miami Ink: More Money, More Problems	
28	40	TNT	NBA Basketball (Live) (HD)		NBA Basketball (Live) (HD)			NBA Basketball (Live) (HD)			
51	49	TRAV	Cheats and Scams 2		Flight	Flight	Houseboats (TV G)	Cheats and Scams 2		Flight	Flight
21	59	TVLND	Prairie (TV G)		Griffith	Sanford	Times	Times	What's Hap		Cheers
30	79	UNIV	Contra viento y		Alborada		Acqui y ahora (TVMA)	Primer imp		Noticiero	La hora Derbez
20	37	USA	Law & Order (HD)		"Hulk" ('03, Adventure) ★★½ Eric Bana. You wouldn't like him when he's angry!			Beauty and the Geek		WB2 News at Nine (N)	Friends (TVPG)
12	3	WB	Friends (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Smallville: Fanatic (N) (HD)			WB2 News at Nine (N)		Friends (TVPG)	Will (TV14)
39	39	WGN	"First Blood" ('82, Action)		Veteran enraged.		WGN News at Nine		Sex & City	Becker	Home Videos

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36	47	A&E	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Inked (TVPG)	Inked (TVPG)	Rollergirls: No Pain No Jane (TV14)	Crossing Jordan: Devil May Care (HD)		Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Dog Bounty (TVPG)
4	6	ABC	Lost: Revelation (TV14) (N) (HD)		Lost: The 23rd Psalm (TV14) (N) (HD)		Invasion: Us or Them (TV14) (N) (HD)		KAKE News (35) Nightline (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel (TV14)	
26	54	ANPL	New Breed Vets with Steve Irwin: Tsunami		Animal (TV G)	N.Shore G)	Animal Precinct: Body of Evidence (TV G)		New Breed Vets with Steve Irwin: Tsunami		Animal (TV G) N.Shore G)
33	67	BRAVO	Project Runway: Team Lingerie		Project Runway: Social Scene		Project Runway: Window Shopping		Queer Eye: Bachelor Party; Ryan M. (TV14)		Project Runway: Social Scene
7	11	CBS	Still Standing (HD)	Yes, Dear (N) (HD)	Criminal Minds: What Fresh Hell (N) (HD)		CSI: NY: Dancing with the Fishes (R) (HD)		Eyewitness News	The Late Show with David Letterman (HD) Ferguson (TV14)	
35	42	DISC	Superships: The Ferry Ulys- ses & The Cat		MythBusters: Paper Crossbow (TVPG)		Stunt Survivor		Dirty Jobs: Avian Vomologist (TV14)		Superships: The Ferry Ulys- ses & The Cat
33	56	DISN	Kim (TVY7)	Proud (TVY)	Sister (TV G)	Phil (TV7)	So Raven (TV7)	So Raven (TV7)	"Brink!" (98) ★★ A talented in-line skater must choose between his friends and money. (NR)		
29	66	E!TV	E! Story (TVPG)		Dr. 90210 (TV14)		The Girls	The Girls	SNL: Jason Bateman		101 Craziest TV
29	68	ESPN	⚡ Basketball (Live)		⚡ College Basketball (Live) (HD)		(HD)		⚡ SportsCenter (HD)		Fast Break Outside
23	29	ESPN2	⚡ Basketball (Live)		⚡ College Basketball (Live) (HD)		(HD)		⚡ Basketball (Live)		
32	58	FAM	"The Sandlot 2" New gang of baseball kids.				Line	Line	The 700 Club		Home Video Home Video
35	-	FMC	"Miller's Crossing" (90)		★★★ Gabriel Byrne.		"Downtown" (90, Crime)		★★★ Forest Whitaker.		"Miller's Crossing"
33	45	FOOD	Good Eats Culinary com- edy. (TV G)		Behind the Bash	Sugar Rush	Good Eats: Ham on St. My Pod		Iron Chef: Yellowtail Bat- tle (TV G)		Emeril Live: Doin' Dough (TV G)
13	7	FOX	That 70s Show (R)	Slacked (N) (HD)	Nanny 911: Graham Family (TVPG) (N)		Fox Report		Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TVPG)
27	25	FX	4(00) "X2" (03) ★★★		King	King	70s	70s	"Undisputed" (02, Drama) Ving Rhames. (R)		
20	32	FXSP	Total Ftbl	Spotlight	Buffalo	Poker Superstrs	Best Sports		Playbook	Total Ftbl	BDSSP
-	60	HALL	Walker: Tall Cotton		"The Colt" (05, Drama) ★★½ Civil War colt.			MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH
5	-	HBO	Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel		"The Addams Family" ★★½ Family fortune. (91, Comedy)			(45) "The Terminal" (04, Drama) A man is denied entrance to the U.S. and has to live in the airport terminal. (HD)			
32	44	HGTV	Kitchen	Want That!	Buy Me	Cash Attic	House Hunt	You Get	D. House	FreeStyle	Kitchen Want That!
58	48	HIST	Modern Marvels: Rubber (TVPG)		Modern Marvels: Metal (TVPG)		Modern Marvels: Fire (TVPG)		The Cavanaugh (TVPG)		Modern Marvels: Rubber (TVPG)
25	38	IND	Raymond (TVPG)	Raymond: The Plan	Raymond (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Sex & City (TVMA)	Sex & City (TVMA)	Daisy (TVPG)	"Zoolander" (01, Comedy) ★ A male model is brainwashed to kill.	
18	63	LIFE	"A Woman Hunted"		"The Wrong Girl" (99) ★½ Son's girlfriend.			Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
54	74	MTV	MADE	NEXT	My Own	Room Raid	Direct Effect (TVPG)		NEXT	NEXT	NEXT There&Back
3	9	NBC	9 News (N) ET (TV G)		E-Ring: Breath of Allah (TV14) (N) (HD)		Biggest Losr SE: Engaged Couples (TVPG)		Law & Order: Family Friend (TV14) (N) (HD)		9 News (N) (35) Jay Leno (HD)
8	8	NBC	E-Ring: Breath of Allah (TV14) (N) (HD)		Biggest Losr SE: Engaged Couples (TVPG)		Law & Order: Family Friend (TV14) (N) (HD)		KSN News at (35) The Tonight Show with 10 Jay Leno (HD)		Conan O'Brien (HD)
34	55	NICK	Sponge	Unfabulous	Full House	Bel-Air	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Bel-Air Bel-Air
2	2	PBS	Walking the Bible (HD)		Country Boys Conclusion and visits a college (N)		Chris tries to get a GED		BBC World News		As Time Go Charlie Rose (N)
38	71	SCIFI	"Tremors 4" (04) ★★		"Tremors 3: Back to Perfection" (01) ★★			"Firestarter Rekindled" ★★ Gifted girl in peril			
31	72	SPK	Exposure (TV14)		Police (TV14)		CSI: Big Middle		CSI: Compulsion		"Ghostbusters II"
39	43	TLC	While You Thanks to you, mom. (TV G)		Martha (TV G)		The New Detectives: Family Plots (TVPG)		The New Detectives: Scattered Clues		Psychic Witness: Fall of the Serial Killer
28	40	TNT	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Homicide (TVPG)		Vegas (TV14)		"Stigmata" (99) ★★½
51	49	TRAV	Guide (TVPG)		Wild Poker				Guide (TVPG)		World Poker
21	59	TVLND	Prairie (TV G)		Griffith	Sanford	Sit Down	Times	Times	Times	Griffith Griffith
30	79	UNIV	Contra viento y		Alborada		Francisco (TVPG)		Primer imp		Noticiero La hora Derbez
20	37	USA	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)
12	3	WB	Friends (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	One Tree Hill: Brave New World (N) (HD)		Beauty and the Geek: Casting Special		WB2 News at Nine (N)		Friends (TVPG) Will (TV14)
39	39	WGN	Becker	Becker	Home Impr.		Home Impr.		WGN News at Nine		Sex & City Becker Home Videos