

# Mother-in-law too nice

DEAR ABBY: I have a unique problem. My mother-in-law is too nice. She insists on taking my children once or twice a week so that she can have her own time with them — often taking them on fun outings for entire afternoons or evenings. I am not invited. Although she cannot refuse to let me come, any time I do, she makes me feel that I am intruding. I guess she likes to “play mom,” and my presence interferes.

While I appreciate the fact that she goes out of her way to develop a good relationship with my children, it bothers me that she demands to see them so often and at my exclusion. Am I just being selfish for feeling left out? In my family, the attitude was always “the more the merrier.” We have a good relationship otherwise.

— LEFT OUT IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR LEFT OUT: Many people reading this column would fall on their knees and kiss the ground if their parents or in-laws treated their children the way yours does. However, because you feel left out, it's time to have a frank talk with “Granny” and tell her that you would like to be able to join some of those outings without feeling that you are intruding, as you have been made to feel — however inadvertently — in the past. She may not be aware of the



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message she has been conveying.

DEAR ABBY: I believe my husband is headed for a nervous breakdown, and I don't know what to do. He is having a mid-life crisis. His hair is thinning very quickly, and he's having a problem sexually. Things have gotten so bad that I'm contemplating filing for a divorce.

Can you please tell him that he is not alone, and that there are many men his age experiencing the same problems? Please tell him that there is help. — DESPERATE IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR DESPERATE: Of course your husband is not alone. And the proof of it lies as near as your television set, with its endless ads for Viagra, Levitra and other “male enhancements.” Add to that the testimonials for hair replacement surgery, and it adds up to many thousands of men and many millions of dollars for available treatments.

This is not the time to leave your husband. What you should do is urge him to discuss his concerns with his

doctor, because what is “ailing” him can almost certainly be fixed.

DEAR ABBY: I have two active boys who are 8 and 2 1/2. We are going on a 12-hour road trip to a family wedding. I shared with my mother-in-law that I am dreading the long ride and am trying to think of ways to keep the boys occupied. We have a DVD player and are taking books, toys, etc. on the trip.

I was shocked to hear my mother-in-law suggest that I give the boys Benadryl to put them to sleep. This is not the first time I have heard someone say this. Is this common practice? My husband and I would never do such a thing. Isn't that child abuse? — APPALLED IN FREMONT, CALIF.

DEAR APPALLED: I would certainly call it child endangerment. Children should not be given medications without a doctor's prescription. If I were you, I'd start that trip at night, when the children are normally sleeping. And bring along lots of things to keep them entertained. I would also schedule stops at regular intervals so they don't get cabin fever. But drug them? Never.

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## SATURDAY EVENING

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E S		E = Eagle Cable				S = S&T Telephone					
36 47	A&E	“Windtalkers” (‘02, Drama) ★★ Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach. Navajo Indians use their native tounge as code to help US Marines in WWII.				American Justice: Daught-er Dearest					
4 6	ABC	“Wonderful World of Disney: A Bug’s Life” (‘98, Action/Adventure) ★★★ (G) (R) (HD)				The Evidence: Stringers (TV14) (N) (HD)					
26 54	ANPL	Pet Star: Dancing Pet Stars (TV G)				Wild Kingdom: Rumble in the River (TV G)					
63 67	BRAVO	Project Runway: Finale; Part Two				“Bridget Jones’s Diary” A thirty something woman struggles to take control of her life. (R)					
7 11	CBS	Cold Case: Strange Fruit (TV14) (R) (HD)				CSI: Miami: Dead Air (TV14) (R) (HD)					
55 42	DISC	MythBusters: Bullets Fired Up (TVPG)				Guests of The Ayatollah (TVPG)					
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)				Life Derek (TV G)					
49 66	EITV	50 Cutest Child Stars: All Grown Up				SNL (TV14)					
22 28	ESPN	Coll. Wrld Ser. from Omaha, Neb. (Live)				Baseball Tonight (HD)					
23 29	ESPN2	IndyCar Series from Richmond, Va. (Live)				NHRA Qualifying (Taped) (HD)					
32 58	FAM	“Grease” (‘78) Tough-guy teen loves goody-goody girl.				“Grease 2” (‘82, Musical) The greasers protect their turf.					
35 -	FMC	“Alien Nation” (‘88) ★★ Mandy Patinkin. (R)				“Zardoz” (‘73, Sci-fi) ★★ Sean Connery. (R)					
53 45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Summertime Desserts (TV G)				Unwrapped: Summer Snacks (TV G)					
13 7	FOX	Cops (TVPG) (R)				America’s Most Wanted (TVPG)					
27 25	FX	Happy Hour				NASCAR (R)					
30 27	FXSP	MLB Baseball Rangers at Rockies (Live)				Rockies					
- 60	HALL	“Jules Verne’s Mysterious Island” (‘05, Action) Isolated island. (NR)				MASH					
5 -	HBO	“Ray” (‘04) ★★ “Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith” (‘05, Science Fiction) Anakin Skywalker becomes Darth Vader.				“Cinderella Man” (‘05, Drama) ★★½ Russell Crowe. Boxer regains prizefighting status.					
62 44	HGTV	reDesign Divine				Design					
58 48	HIST	The True Story of Alexander the Great Alexander of Macedon conquers the most powerful kingdom on earth. (TVPG)				Mega Movers: Tower Crane; Beach					
25 38	IND	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Tampa Bay Devil Rays from Tropicana Field (Live) (HD)				“Tommy Boy” (‘95, Comedy) ★★ Chris Farley. Underachiever takes over dad’s business.					
18 63	LIFE	“Frozen with Fear”				“Sketch Artist” (‘92) ★★ Cop sketch artist. (R)					
54 74	MTV	Fast Inc. Key West				Key West Key West The Band 3					
3 9	NBC	Connect Kids 9 Who Care (HD) (HD)				Dateline NBC (N)					
8 8	NBC	Dateline NBC (N)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (R) (HD)					
34 55	NICK	“Kangaroo Jack” (‘03, Comedy)				Sponge					
2 2	PBS	Appearance As Time Go L. Weik (TV G) (N)				RedGreen (TVPG)					
38 71	SCIFI	“Terminator 2” (‘91)				“Android Apocalypse” Android prejudice.					
61 72	SPK	Fighter (TVPG)				Fighter: Full House					
39 43	TLC	What Not to Wear: Melanie (TVPG)				What Not to Wear: Laura (TVPG)					
28 40	TNT	“Forrest Gump” (‘94) Simple man transforms lives around him. (HD)				“Runaway Jury” (‘03, Drama) Gun lawsuit.					
51 49	TRAV	Wrld Poker				Iconoclast					
21 59	TVLND	3’s Co. 3’s Co. Behind the Camera				3’s Co. 3’s Co. 3’s Co. 3’s Co.					
60 79	UNIV	Sábado gigante (TVPG)				Primer imp Noticiero					
20 37	USA	Law & Order (HD)				Law & Order (HD)					
12 3	WB	Star Trek: Enterprise: Bound (TVPG)				Paid Pro-gramming Friends (TV14)					
99 39	WGN	⊙ (5:00) MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)				WGN News at Nine					

## SUNDAY EVENING

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E S		E = Eagle Cable				S = S&T Telephone					
36 47	A&E	Flip This House: The Haunted House				Investigative: The Agony of Ecstasy (TVPG)					
4 6	ABC	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (R)				Desperate Housewives (TVPG) (R) (HD)					
26 54	ANPL	Meerkat (TV G)				Meerkat (TV G)					
63 67	BRAVO	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (HD)				Inside the Actor’s Studio: Dustin Hoffman (TVPG)					
7 11	CBS	Cold Case: 8 Years (TVPG) (R) (HD)				“Enough” (‘02, Suspense/Thriller) A battered wife on the run decides to fight back. (R) (HD)					
55 42	DISC	Deadliest Catch: Pribilof Stare (TVPG)				Deadliest Catch: Race Against The Ice					
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)				Life Derek (TV G)					
49 66	EITV	E! Story (TVPG)				The Girls					
22 28	ESPN	⊙ MLB Baseball: Teams TBA (Live) (HD)				⊙ SportsCenter (Live) (HD)					
23 29	ESPN2	2006 NCAA College World Series (Live) (HD)				NHRA Supernationals: Final Eliminations (Taped) (HD)					
32 58	FAM	“Dirty Dancing” (‘87) ★★½ Teen finds love.				“Dirty Dancing” (‘87) ★★½ Teen finds love.					
35 -	FMC	“Without a Trace” (‘83) ★★ Kate Nelligan. (PG)				“Life of Jimmy Reardon” (‘88) Originals					
53 45	FOOD	Emeril: Italian Favorites with Mario Batali				Iron Chef America: Batali vs. Dufresne					
13 7	FOX	Simpsons (R)				Family Guy (R)					
27 25	FX	“Cold Creek Manor” (‘03, Drama) ★½ Threatened couple.				“Welcome to Mooseport” (‘04) ★★ Heated mayoral race.					
30 27	FXSP	PRIDE Fighting				Monte Carlo					
- 60	HALL	“Falling in Love” Young lovers.				(‘45) American Creed (TV G)					
5 -	HBO	“500” “Million Dollar Baby” (‘04) ★★½ (HD) First				(‘15) HBO “Madagascar” (‘05) ★★½ Zoo animals experience outside world. (PG)					
62 44	HGTV	Designed				Summer Ideas					
58 48	HIST	Rome: Engineering an Empire Greatness and terror of Rome. (TVPG)				The Revolution: American Crisis (TVPG)					
25 38	IND	“Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star” (‘03) ★★ Former TV child star misses spotlight.				“Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star” (‘03) ★★ Former TV child star misses spotlight.					
18 63	LIFE	“Girl Like Me” (‘06)				“Innocents” (‘00, Thriller) A cellist is framed.					
54 74	MTV	Fresh Meat				Fast Inc.					
3 9	NBC	Dateline NBC (N)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (R) (HD)					
8 8	NBC	(5:00) Dateline NBC (N)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (R) (HD)					
34 55	NICK	Zoey 101				Let’s Just					
2 2	PBS	Nature: Under Antarctic Ice (TV G) (R)				Mystery! (TVPG) (N)					
38 71	SCIFI	(5:00) Spooked				Countdown to Doomsday					
61 72	SPK	The Ultimate Fighter: The Ultimate Final				Ultimate Final					
39 43	TLC	People (TV G)				People (TV G)					
28 40	TNT	“Half Light” (‘06, Thriller)				★½½ A mother’s loss.					
51 49	TRAV	Cheaters (TVPG)				World Poker: WPT Bad Boys of Poker II					
21 59	TVLND	(5:00) Behind Camera				3’s Co.					
60 79	UNIV	Cantando por un sueño				3’s Co.					
20 37	USA	Law & Order (HD)				4400: Gone, Part 1					
12 3	WB	Reba (TVPG) (R)				Reba (TVPG) (R)					
99 39	WGN	24 (TV14) (HD)				24 (TV14) (HD)					

## MONDAY EVENING

		6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	
E	S	E = Eagle Cable				S = S&T Telephone						
36	47	A&E	Undercover Neo-Nazi movement. (TV14)		Ku Klux Klan: A Secret History KKK evolves from Reconstruction era. (TVPG)			Crossing Jordan: Second Chances (HD)		Undercover Neo-Nazi movement. (TV14)		
4	6	ABC	Wife Swap: Thompson/Askam (TVPG) (R)		Supernanny: Larmer Family (TVPG) (R)		How to Get the Guy (TVPG) (N)		KAKE News at 10 (N)	(35) Nightline (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)	
26	54	ANPL	Crocodile Hunt: Search for a Super Croc		Animal Cop: Unwanted Backyard Discovery		Miami Animal Police: Exotic City (TVPG)		Crocodile Hunt: Search for a Super Croc		Animal Cop: Unwanted Backyard Discovery	
63	67	BRAVO	The Real Housewives of Orange County		The Real Housewives of Orange County		The Real Housewives of Orange County		The Real Housewives of Orange County		The Real Housewives of Orange County	
7	11	CBS	King of Queens (R)	How I Met the Girl (R) (HD)	Two & 1/2 (R) (HD)	New Adv. (R) (HD)	CSI: Miami: Free Fall (TV14) (R) (HD)		Eyewitness News	(35) Late Show with David Letterman (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)	
55	42	DISC	Biker Build-Off: Matt Hotch v. Rick Fairless		Chopper: Jr./Sr. Military Tribute Bike 2		American Chopper: Comanche 3 (TVPG)		American Chopper: POW/ MIA 3 (TVPG)		Biker Build-Off: Matt Hotch v. Rick Fairless	
33	56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Lizzie (TV G)	So Raven (TVY7)	Jack: French 101	Phil: Team Diffy	So Raven (TVY7)	"The Country Bears" ('02, Family) ★ A young bear helps reunite an old band. (G)			
49	66	EITV	Ashlee	GB	The Simple	The Simple	7 Deadly	The Soup	E! News	SNL (TV14)	The Daily	
22	28	ESPN	2006 NCAA College World Series (Live) (HD)				Baseball Tonight (HD)		SportsCenter (HD)		Baseball Outside	
23	29	ESPN2	((5:00) MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)				Golf from Gaylord, MI (Taped) (HD)		Quite from New York			
32	58	FAM	Kyle XY: Pilot		Falcon Erin gets wild.		Line	Line	The 700 Club		Kyle XY: Pilot	
35	-	FMC	"Joanna" ('68) ★★ Genevieve Waite. (R)				"The Other Side of Midnight" ('77) Marie-France Pisier, John Beck.					
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Irish Pub Grub (TV G)		Unwrapped (TV G)		Secret (TV G)	Secret (TV G)	Good Eats (TV G)	\$40 a Day (TV G)	Unwrapped (TV G)	
13	7	FOX	Hell's Kitchen: 9 Chefs (TV14) (R)		Hell's Kitchen: 8 Chefs (TV14) (N)		Fox Report		Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TVPG) (R)	
27	25	FX	Married	Married	King	King	70s	70s	"Behind Enemy Lines" ('01) Soldier survival.			
30	27	FXSP	In Focus List		Rockies		MLB Baseball Rockies at Angels (Live)					
-	60	HALL	Walker (TVPG)		"Ordinary Miracles" Temporary custody.				MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH
5	-	HBO	"The Phantom of the Opera" ('04) ★★½ Grosesque composer. (HD)		"The Grudge" ('04) ★★ Female student uncovers deadly curse. (HD)				Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel		"The Skeleton Key" ('05) ★★½ Secret room.	
62	44	HGTV	Cash Attic	Cash Attic	Ext. Homes	House Hunt	House Hunt	Open House	Design	Double	Cash Attic	Cash Attic
58	48	HIST	An Alien History of Planet Earth (TVPG)		Psychic History Clairvoyant visits. (TVPG)		Deep Sea: Disaster of Napoleon's Fleet		Hooked: Illegal Drugs: Cocaine (TVPG)		An Alien History of Planet Earth (TVPG)	
25	38	IND	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Family (TV14)	Family (TV14)	"Batman Returns" ('92, Drama) ★★½ Michael Keaton. Batman battles a grotesque Penguin.			
18	63	LIFE	"Scared Silent" ('02)		"Cheater's Club" ('06)		Therapist danger. (NR)		Lovespring	Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Frasier
54	74	MTV	MADE	NEXT	Parental	Room Raid	Sucker Free on MTV		Fast Inc.	Fast Inc.	Fresh Meat	Fresh Meat
3	9	NBC	9 News (N)		ET (TV G)		Treasure Hunters (TVPG) (R)		Medium: Too Close to Call (TV14) (R) (HD)		9 News (N) (35) Jay Leno (HD)	
8	8	NBC	Treasure Hunters (TVPG) (R)		Treasure Hunters (TVPG) (N)		Medium: Too Close to Call (TV14) (R) (HD)		KSN News at 10 Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14) (N) (HD)		Late Night (R) (HD)	
34	55	NICK	Sponge	Unfabulous	Full House	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne
2	2	PBS	Antiques Roadshow: Kansas City (TV G) (R)		History (TV G) (N)		How Art Made: More Humankind		BBC World News		My Family Charlie Rose (N)	
38	71	SCIFI	Stargate: Revelations		Stargate: Descent		Stargate: Full Circle		"Leeches!" ('03) ★ Giant leeches. (R)			
61	72	SPK	Trek: Next (TVPG)		Police (TV14)		CSI (TVPG)		CSI: Spark of Life		CSI: Crime: 4 x 4	
39	43	TLC	Home Chef: Marah	Home Chef: Lara	While You Were: Providence: Pet Haven		Killing the Kid: A Taste of the Future (TV G)		People (TV G)	People (TV G)	We're Killing the Kids: Food For Thought	
28	40	TNT	Law & Order (HD)		The Closer: Slippin'		Saved: Living Dead		The Closer: Slippin'		The X-Files: Nisei	
57	49	TRAV	Cultures (TVPG)		Tribal Rites (TVPG)		Edible: Costa Rica		Cultures (TVPG)		Tribal Rites (TVPG)	
21	59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)		Griffith	Sanford	Sanford	Times	Benson	All Family	Benson	Benson
60	79	UNIV	La fea más bella		Barrera de amor		Cristina (TV14)		Primer imp	Noticiero	La hora de (TVPG)	
20	37	USA	Law & Order (HD)		WWE Raw (Taped)		WWE Raw (Taped)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)	
12	3	WB	Friends (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	7th Heaven: Moving Ahead (TV G) (R)		7th Heaven: Highway to Cell (TV G) (R)		WB2 News at Nine (N)		Raymond (TVPG)	Will: Ben? Her?
99	39	WGN	Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Sex & City	Becker	Home Videos	