

Mother dumps marital woes on her daughter's shoulders

DEAR ABBY: I am 21 and have a complicated problem. My mother, whom I love very much and who is one of the most wonderful women ever, has, at 41, found herself in a very difficult situation.

She recently confided to me that her marriage of almost 12 years to my stepfather has been extremely unsatisfactory — especially in the bedroom. He has absolutely no interest in the deed at all, and, as a normal, red-blooded woman, she does.

I suggested they seek professional guidance, but they have yet to do so. To further confuse the situation, Mom has found herself attracted to a 28-year-old co-worker who is also very attracted to



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her and has made his feelings known.

I am not sure how to advise her about this. On the one hand, it's wrong to have an affair. But on the other hand, you only get one life, and I want her to be happy. Mom is a wonderful woman and deserves everything good in life, and I don't know what to tell her. Please help, Abby. — IN A HOT SPOT IN TUCSON

DEAR IN A HOT SPOT: Your

mother may be a “wonderful woman,” but it was extremely inappropriate of her to try to involve you in her sex life. Please don't give this your blessing, or the person who will get the blame for it later is YOU.

Tell her again that she needs to resolve this problem with her husband and a marriage counselor. It's the mature way of handling the kind of problem she's dealing with.

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I are throwing a large 40th anniversary/60th birthday party for my parents and sending them on a trip as our gift to them.

In lieu of gifts, my sister sent out invitations that stated we would instead be graciously accepting donations to

help pay for the trip. Because the range of donations will vary from person to person, my sister has decided to give Mother a list detailing the amount given by each guest. She feels that because some folks may go “above and beyond” what others donate, our mother needs to know who the most generous gifts come from.

I am vehemently opposed to the idea. I feel that any donation that helps to pay for the trip is “above and beyond” anyone's obligation, and that their being part of the celebration is enough — regardless of how much they give.

I see no reason for my parents ever to know who gives what, and think that my sisters sharing the information is in terrible

taste. Your thoughts, please? — EM-BARRASSED IN PITTSFORD, N.Y.

DEAR EMBARRASSED: If the party and trip are a gift from you and your sister, I am mystified as to why the guests are asked to make contributions to foot the bill. I agree that any donation that will help to pay for the trip is above and beyond anyone's “obligation,” and for your sister to give your parents an accounting of what each guest forks over would be tacky in the extreme.

DEAR ABBY: A good friend of mine from work and her family are from Romania. They moved to the United States nine years ago. She, her husband and son have all just become

U.S. citizens. I am happy for them and proud to know them.

I would like to get them a gift in celebration, and I'm not sure what would be appropriate. Could you suggest something that you think would work? I'd appreciate any input you would give. — PROUD OF MY FRIEND, BROWNTOWN, WIS.

DEAR PROUD: How about giving them an American flag?

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TUESDAY 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	Dog Bounty	Dog Bounty	Dog the Bounty Hunter: Bonds of Love	Dog the Bounty Hunter (TVPG) (R)	Family Jewels (R)	Family Jewels (R)	Dog Bounty	Dog Bounty	
4 6	ABC	According to Jim (R)	According to Jim	To Be Announced	Boston Legal: Helping Hands (R) (HD)	KAKE News at 10	(35) Nightline (TV14)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)		
26 54	ANPL	The Most Extreme: Living Dead (TV G) (R)	Weird Nature: Relationships (TV G)	Animal Police: Buddy Beats The Odds	The Most Extreme: Living Dead (TV G) (R)	Weird Nature: Relationships (TV G)				
63 67	BRAVO	Work Out Jackie's mom visits. (R)	Work Out Party at Jackie's. (N)	Queer Eye (TV14) (N)	Work Out Party at Jackie's. (R)	Queer Eye (TV14) (R)				
7 11	CBS	Big Brother 7: All-Stars (N)	Rock Star: Supernova (N)	48 Hours Mystery (R)	News (N)	Late Show with David Letterman (R) (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)			
55 42	DISC	Dirty Jobs: Micro Algae Man (TV14) (R)	Dirty Jobs: Coal Miner (TV14)	Stunt (TVPG) (N)	Stunt (TVPG)	Oil, Sweat, MARS: Getting the Oil Pumping	Dirty Jobs: Micro Algae Man (TV14) (R)			
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Lizzie (TV G)	So Raven (R)	Zack & Cody (R)	Phil: Milking It (R)	So Raven (R)	“Read It and Weep” (06, Comedy) Chad Broskey, Marquise Brown. (NR)		
49 66	E!TV	Red Carpet Diva (R)	E! True Story (R)	The Girls	The Girls	E! News	The Daily	Saturday Night (HD)		
22 28	ESPN	Poker (Taped)	Poker (Taped)	Contender (TVPG)	SportsCenter (HD)	Baseball	NFL Live			
23 29	ESPN2	U.S. Open from Toronto, Canada	WNBA Game (Live)			Quite from New York	Streetball			
32 58	FAM	“Mrs. Doubtfire” (93) ★★ ★★ Disguised dad applies for housekeeper.			The 700 Club	Three Moons (R)				
35 -	FMC	“Nick Fury: Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.” (98) (NR)	“Die Hard” (88, Action/Adventure) ★★ ★★ (R)	“Ghost in Machine”						
53 45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Southwest-ern Flavors (R)	\$40 a Day	Tasty Travels (R)	Road Tasted	Ham on St.	Good Eats	\$40 a Day (R)	Tasty Travels (R)	
13 7	FOX	House: Sleeping Dogs Lie (TV14) (R) (HD)	Bones: Two Bodies in the Lab (R) (HD)	Fox Report	Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TVPG) (R)			
27 25	FX	70s	King	70s	“Hellboy” ★★ ★½ A demon combats evil for the government.					
30 27	FXSP	In Focus	Playbook	Dbl. Play	Rockies	MLB Baseball Rockies at Dodgers (Live)				
- 60	HALL	Walker: Trust No One	“McBride: The Doctor Is Out, Really Out”	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH			
5 -	HBO	Billie J King (TVPG)	“Without Limits” (97, Biography) ★★ ★★ Profiles Olympic star Steve Prefontaine. (HD)	Profiles	“Chicken Run” (00, Animated) ★★ ★★ Egg farm pullets take wing.	“Mr. & Mrs. Smith” (05, Action) ★★ ★★ (HD)				
62 44	HGTV	Designed	Bad Bath	Decorating	Curb Appl.	House Hunt	Buy Me	My Parents	Designer	Designed
58 48	HIST	Band of Brothers: Currahee Paratroopers. (TV14)	(25) Band of Brothers: Day of Days (TV14)	Sink the Tirpitz Terror of the North Atlantic. (TVPG)						
25 38	IND	Friends	Friends	Sex & City (TVMA)	Sex and City: One	Seinfeld (TVPG)	Seinfeld (TVPG)	(20) “Captain Ron” (92, Comedy) ★★ Kurt Russell. A disreputable man leads yuppies at sea.		
18 63	LIFE	(5:00) “Mind” (06)	“The Ticket” (97) ★★ Dangerous winnings.		Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Fraser	Fraser		
54 74	MTV	The Band 3	NEXT	My Own	Room Raid	Sucker Free on MTV	Sweet 16	Sweet 16	Key West	Key West
3 9	NBC	9 News (N)	ET (TV G) (HD)	Fear Factor: Young vs. Old (TV14) (N)	Last Comic Standing (TV14) (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R) (HD)	9 News (N)	(35) Jay Leno (HD)		
8 8	NBC	Old (TV14) (N)	Last Comic Standing (TV14) (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R) (HD)	KSN News at 10	Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14) (N) (HD)	Late Night (N) (HD)			
34 55	NICK	Sponge	Zoey 101	Full House	Hi-Jinks	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
2 2	PBS	Nova: Battle Plan Under Fire (R)	Tornado Glory			P.O.V.: Big Enough (TV G) (R)	BBC World News	(28) Python	Charlie Rose (N)	
38 71	SCIFI	Dead Like	Eureka: Alienated (N)	ECW Wrestling (Live)	Eureka: Alienated (R)	Dead Like: My Room				
61 72	SPK	Trek: Next: Violations	Police (TV14)	CSI: Crime (HD)	CSI: Crime (HD)	“Goldfinger” (64)				
39 43	TLC	Home Chef (R)	Home Chef (R)	While You Were Out: New York: Inside Out	Overhaulin': Junk in the Trunk (TV G) (R)	Rides: Foosie's 69 New Camaro. (TV G)	Overhaulin': Chip & Chris Flipped (TV G) (N)			
28 40	TNT	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Cold Case (HD)	The Closer (R) (HD)			
51 49	TRAV	Taste (R)	Taste (R)	Made (R)	Made (R)	Outdoors (TV G)	Taste (R)	Taste (R)	Made (R)	Made (R)
21 59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)	Griffith	Sanford	Sanford	Times	3's Co.	3's Co.	Sanford	Sanford
60 79	UNIV	La fea más bella	Barrera de amor	¡Qué madre	Vecinos	Primer imp	Noticiero	Hr de risa (TVPG)		
20 37	USA	Law & Order (HD)	“Bring It On” (00) ★★ ★½ Rival cheerleaders.	Law & Order (HD)						
12 3	WB	Friends (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Gilmore Girls: The Perfect Dress (R) (HD)	Gilmore Girls (R) (HD)	News2 @ Nine (N)	Raymond (TVPG)	Will (TV14)		
99 39	WGN	MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)				News	Becker	Home Videos		

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E S	E = Eagle Cable			S = S&T Telephone						
36 47	A&E	The First 48 Suspects hunted. (TVPG) (R)	The First 48: The Witness: The Trunk (R)	Dallas SWAT Officer rides bulls. (TV14)	Family Jewels (R)	Driving (TVPG)	The First 48 Suspects hunted. (TVPG) (R)			
4 6	ABC	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy (TV14) (R) (HD)	Primetime (N)	KAKE News at 10	(35) Nightline (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)			
26 54	ANPL	Into the Lion's Den Can humans and lions coexist? (TV G)	Animal Cops - Houston: Cody's Comeback	Into the Lion's Den Can humans and lions coexist? (TV G)						
63 67	BRAVO	Queer Eye (TV14) (R)	Last Comic Standing (TV14)	Last Comic Standing Comics compete for fame. (TV14)	America's Got Talent (TV14)					
7 11	CBS	Big Brother 7: All-Stars (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (R) (HD)	Without a Trace: Honor Bound (R) (HD)	News (N)	Late Show with David Letterman (R) (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)			
55 42	DISC	A Haunting: Demon Child (TVPG)	A Haunting: Demon Child (TVPG) (R)	Most Evil: Partners in Crime	48 Hours: Evidence: Where's Our Baby	A Haunting: Demon Child (TVPG)				
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Lizzie: Picture Day	So Raven (R)	Phil (TVY7) (R)	So Raven (R)	“The Thirteenth Year” (Fantasy) Chez Starbuck. Boy transforms into a merboy. (NR)			
49 66	E!TV	Simple	Simple	Simple	Child Star	Child Star	E! News	The Daily	Saturday Night (HD)	
22 28	ESPN	MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)					SportsCenter (HD)	Baseball	NFL Live	
23 29	ESPN2	U.S. Open from Toronto, Canada	City Slam	City Slam	Quite from New York	X Games 12: Day 2				
32 58	FAM	“Scooby-Doo” (02) The gang reunites. (PG)	Line	Line	The 700 Club	Hazzard (TVPG)				
35 -	FMC	“Tattle Tale” (93, Comedy) (PG)	“The Pick-Up Artist” (87) ★★	“Tattle Tale” (93, Comedy) (PG)						
53 45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Country Ham (TV G) (R)	Iron Chef America: Play vs. Pagano (R)	Throwdown	Road Tasted	Good Eats	\$40 a Day	Iron Chef America: Play vs. Pagano (R)		
13 7	FOX	NFL Football Exhibition: Colts at Rams (Live) (HD)				Fox Report	Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)		
27 25	FX	Married	Married	King	King	70s	70s	“Anger Management” Ordered to therapy.		
30 27	FXSP	In Focus	Rockies	Dbl. Play	Rockies	MLB Baseball Rockies at Dodgers (Live)				
- 60	HALL	Walker (TVPG)	“McBride: Anybody Here Murder Marty?”	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH			
5 -	HBO	“Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story” Dodgeball tournament (HD)	“The Ring Two” (05, Horror) Naomi Watts. Videotape indicates Samara has returned. (HD)	“War of the Worlds” ★★ ★½ Father protects kids as aliens attack. (HD)						
62 44	HGTV	Design Star (TV G) (R)	Divine	Landscape	House Hunt	House Hunt	Design	Big Style	Design Star (TV G) (R)	
58 48	HIST	Band of Brothers: Crossroads (TV14)	(10) Band of Brothers: Bastogne Surviving Bastogne. (TV14)	American Eats: Chocolate			To Be Announced	Band of Brothers: Crossroads (TV14)		
25 38	IND	Friends	Friends	“The Fugitive” (93, Action) Harrison Ford. An innocent doctor charged with his wife's murder seeks the real killer.			“First Shot: The President Is Down” (02) ★★ Agent foils militia.			
18 63	LIFE	“Friend of Family”	“Best Friends” (05) Friend kills friend. (NR)	Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Fraser	Fraser			
54 74	MTV	Fresh Meat	NEXT	My Own	Room Raid	Sucker Free on MTV	The Band 3	The Band 3	Run House	
3 9	NBC	9 News (N)	ET (TV G) (HD)	Name Is Earl (R) (HD)	America's Got Talent: Live Results Show	Windfall: Crash into You (TV14) (N) (HD)	9 News (N)	(35) Jay Leno (HD)		
8 8	NBC	Name Is Earl (R)	The Office (R) (HD)	America's Got Talent: Live Results Show	Windfall: Crash into You (TV14) (N) (HD)	KSN News at 10	Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14) (N) (HD)	Late Night (N) (HD)		
34 55	NICK	Sponge	Romeo!	Full House	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	
2 2	PBS	Sunflower	Kansas Spotlight	This Old House Hour (TV G)	Antiques Roadshow: Houston, Texas	BBC World News	Appearance	Charlie Rose (N)		
38 71	SCIFI	“Man-Thing” (05) (R)	Superhero (N)	Darkplace	Darkplace	“Dungeons & Dragons: Wrath” (05) (NR)				
61 72	SPK	Trek: Next (TVPG)	Police (TV14)	CSI: Crime (HD)	CSI: Crime (HD)	Unleashed (TVPG) (N)				
39 43	TLC	Home Chef (R)	Home Chef (R)	While You Were: Bayview: A Gift of Zen	Mostly True Stories: High Caliber Fuse	Sports Disasters: Extreme Outdoor (TVPG)	Sports Disasters: Dangerous Encounters			
28 40	TNT	“Almost Famous” Teen rock writer tours with a band.	“Almost Famous” Teen rock writer tours with a band.							
51 49	TRAV	Passport	Passport	Haunted (TVPG)	Weird: Mystery Spots	Passport	Passport	Haunted (TVPG)		
21 59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)	Griffith	Sanford	Sanford	Times	3's Co.	3's Co.	All Family	All Family
60 79	UNIV	La fea más bella	Barrera de amor	Aquí y ahora (TVMA)	Primer imp	Noticiero	Hr de risa (TVPG)			
20 37	USA	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	Law & Order (HD)		
12 3	WB	Friends (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Smallville: Hypnotic (R) (HD)	Supernatural: Hell House (R) (HD)	News2 @ Nine (N)	Raymond (TVPG)	Will (TV14)		
99 39	WGN	“George of the Jungle 2” (03, Comedy) ★				WGN News at Nine	Sex & City	Becker	Home Videos	

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E	S	E = Eagle Cable				S = S&T Telephone								
36	47	A&E	Dog the Hunter (R)	Dog Bounty	Family Jewels (R)	Inked (TVPG) (N)	Criss Angel (R)	Criss Angel (R)	Criss Angel (R)	Criss Angel (R)	Dog the Hunter (R)	Dog Bounty		
4	6	ABC	George Lopez	George Lopez	Lost: The Whole Truth (TVPG) (R) (HD)		Primetime: Medical Mysteries (N)	KAKE News at 10	(35) Nightline (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live				
26	54	ANPL	The Hippo: Africa's King of the River (TV G)		African River Goddess (TV G)		Animal Precinct: Amazing Recovery (TV G)	The Hippo: Africa's King of the River (TV G)		African River Goddess (TV G)				
63	67	BRAVO	Project Runway (R)		Project Runway (R)		Project Runway (N)	Project Runway (R)		Work Out Party at Jackie's. (R)				
7	11	CBS	Rock Star: Supernova (N)		Criminal Minds: What Fresh Hell (R) (HD)		CSI: NY: Live or Let Die (TV14) (R) (HD)	News (N)	Late Show with David Letterman (R) (HD)		Ferguson (TV14)			
55	42	DISC	Know: Hurricanes	Know: Poisson (R)	MythBusters: Diet Coke and Mentos (R)		MythBusters: Bullets Fired Up (TVPG) (R)	MythBusters: Penny Drop (TVPG) (R)	Know (TVPG) (R)	Know: Poisson (R)				
33	56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Lizzie: Pool Party (R)	So Raven (R)	Zack & Cody (R)	Phil (TVY7)	So Raven (R)	"Recess: School's Out" (01, Animated) ★★½ The eternal winter laser beam plot. (G)					
49	66	E!TV	E! Entertainment Specials (TVPG) (R)				Simple	Simple	El News	The Daily	Saturday Night (HD)			
22	28	ESPN	MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)				SportsCenter (HD)			Baseball	NFL Live			
23	29	ESPN2	U.S. Open from Toronto, Canada			Wednesday Night Fights from Ledyard, CT			Quite from New York			EOE Spec.		
32	58	FAM	"Stuart Little 2" (02) Mouse and friends.				Line	Line	The 700 Club		Hazzard: Jude Emery			
35	-	FMC	"The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox" (76)				"High Anxiety" (78, Comedy) Mel Brooks.			"Down Periscope"				
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Luscious Legs (TV G) (R)	Food Network Challenge: Hot Chels (R)		Feasting on Asphalt: I Smell Pork		Good Eats (R)	Tasty Travels (R)	Food Network Challenge: Hot Chels (R)				
13	7	FOX	House: House vs. God (TVPG) (R) (HD)		You Think You Can Dance: Top 4 Perform		Fox Report		Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TVPG) (R)			
27	25	FX	(1:00) 70s (TVPG)		King	King	70s	70s	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		
30	27	FXSP	In Focus	All Good	Dbl. Play	Rockies							MLB Baseball Rockies at Dodgers (Live)	
-	60	HALL	Walker: Case Closed			"McBride: It's Murder, Madam" (05) (NR)			MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH		
5	-	HBO	"Wedding" ★★ (HD)		"Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" (89) ★★½ Pair time travel. (HD)		"Wayne's World" (92) ★★½ Two friends try to sell their show. (HD)			HBO First Look (R)	Deadwood: Amateur Night (TVMA) (R) (HD)			
62	44	HGTV	Landscape	Want That!	Tech Toys	Outsiders	House Hunt	Worth What	Junk	House?	Landscape	Want That!		
58	48	HIST	Band of Brothers: Carentan (TV14)		(20) Band of Brothers: Replacements New troops join. (TV14)		(35) American Eats: Cookies		(35) TBA		Band of Brothers: Carentan (TV14)			
25	38	IND	Raymond (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	Raymond: No Fat	Raymond (TVPG)	Sex & City (TVMA)	Sex and City: One	(20) "What Lies Beneath" (00, Thriller) ★★ Woman probes student's disappearance. (HD)					
18	63	LIFE	"Devil in the Flesh"				"Love Thy Neighbor" Family threatened.							
54	74	MTV	Key West	NEXT	My Own	Room Raid	The Video	Step Up	MADE: Prom King (R)	MADE: Girly Girl (R)				
3	9	NBC	9 News (N)	ET (TV G)	Last Comic Standing (TV14) (N)			America's Got Talent (TV14) (N)			9 News (N)	(35) Jay Leno (HD)		
8	8	NBC	Last Comic Standing (TV14)			America's Got Talent (TV14) (N)			KSN News at 10	Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14) (N) (HD)		Late Night (N) (HD)		
34	55	NICK	Sponge	Just Kicks	Full House	Bel-Air	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different		
2	2	PBS	Dr on Call	Opinion (TVPG)	American Masters: Willie Nelson: Still Is Still Moving (TVPG)			Ind. Lens (TVPG)	BBC World News		As Time Go	Charlie Rose (N)		
38	71	SCIFI	"Spiders II" (01) ★ (R)		"Stinger" (06, Horror) ★½ Deadly cargo. (NR)			"Alligator II: The Mutation" Huge gator kills.						
61	72	SPK	Trek: Next (TVPG)		Police: Denver SUV		CSI: Crime (HD)		CSI (HD)		UFC Unleashed (R)			
39	43	TLC	Home Chef (R)	Home Chef (R)	While You: Miami: Ready for My Close Up		Micro Miracles Microsurgeons work. (TV G)		Untold Stories of the E.R.: Life and Limb			Untold ER: Mountain Lion Attack (TV14)		
28	40	TNT	Without a Trace (HD)		Without a Trace (HD)		Without a Trace (HD)		Saved: Triage (R) (HD)		Las Vegas (HD)			
51	49	TRAV	Alaska's Arctic (TV G)		Professional Poker Tour: Commerce A							Alaska's Arctic (TV G)	Poker Tour	
21	59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)		Griffith	Sanford	Living in	Times	3's Co.	3's Co.	Living in	Times		
60	79	UNIV	La fea más bella		Barrera de amor		Francisco (TVPG)		Primer imp	Noticiero		Hr de risa (TVPG)		
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)	Blue Collar TV (R)	Blue Collar TV (R)	One Tree Hill (R) (HD)		News2 @ Nine (N)		Raymond (TVPG)	Will (TV14)		
99	39	WGN	MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)							News (N)	Becker	Home Videos		