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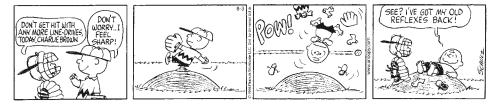
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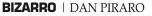


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GUESS WHO GOT AN AWESOME BOAT HORN FOR HIS BIRTHDAY, MR. B.?!

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl who lives with my mother and my mother's boyfriend. This man has changed my world, and not for the better. The one person I ever cared about has practically turned against me. My mom tried killing herself for this man

and chose him over me after she was released from the institution. I have been diagnosed with depression and have also tried to kill myself. I also have a habit of cutting myself. I stopped, but lately I have been wanting to start again. The only thing that has held me back is her threats of committing me to an institution.

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She threatened my boyfriend with the police if he ever spoke to me again after we broke up. When I confronted her, she insisted that she was right and someday I'd understand. She has turned into this person I hardly know, and it's because of her boyfriend's influence. Before, when she was upset she would just not talk to me, but now she calls me the most horrid things and won't apologize unless someone besides me tells her.

I feel so alone. I honestly do want to kill myself, but I haven't because I know it isn't the right thing to do, even if it may seem right. I have tried talking to her. She won't listen to me. What should I do? - HOPELESS AND ALONE IN FLORIDA

DEAR HOPELESS AND ALONE: Because you honestly do want to harm yourself, contact the doctor who diagnosed you with depression. However, if this is about your mother breaking up your romance by threatening to involve the police, you need to understand that the tactic wouldn't have worked unless he had something to fear.

The level of conflict in your home is not healthy. If you are still in school, discuss this with a trusted teacher or school counselor. In one more year you will be 18 and able to make decisions for yourself, but they shouldn't be based on your mother or her boyfriend. They need to be about what is truly best for you.

DEAR ABBY: I hate funerals. My grandfa-

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Boyfriend Has On Her Mother

DEAR ABBY

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grieve in different ways. An appropriate way to express your respect for the deceased and your support for the survivors would be to write a condolence letter expressing those feelings and sharing a happy memory with the grieving widow, widower or child. No rule of etiquette demands that you show up to a funeral — unless it happens to be your own.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet,

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A baby born today has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY. AUG. 3. 2013:

This year you will experience a lot of good luck if you are able to center yourself and follow your instincts. In fact, you might be surprised at how well you land. If you are single, the people you attract could be emotionally unavailable. Remember, it takes only one person to be the right one. If you are attached, the two of you make an excellent couple. Sometimes you enjoy going off together without anyone else; other times, you like having your own downtime. CANCER understands you better than you do!

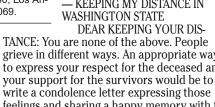
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-

ther died when I was 6, and one of my relatives held me over the casket and made me kiss his cold, dead face. It terrified me, and it's all I can remember of my grandfather. I force myself to recall any of the good times we had together, but that event still taints the good memory.

Since then, every funeral I have been to has had the same poisoning effect, no matter what the service was. Funerals are for the living, and I understand that many people feel the need for closure and the sharing of grief to begin healing. But I need to keep my grief and my faith private in order to heal.

I'm sure some people think my not showing up at a service is a sign of disrespect or just not caring. Nothing could be further from the truth. I prefer to remember the good times with the loved one, not the passing. My way of honor-

happy memories untainted. Am I wrong? Selfish or lazy? Weird or crazy? Please let me know because at my age I'm sure more of these events will happen. - KEEPING MY DISTANCE IN WASHINGTON STATE





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> even might be tempted to cancel other plans you made for later in the day. Tonight: Remember, you don't need to share everything!

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Once you join friends, whether it's for a community project or at a ballgame, you will have a great time. You'll discover a new sense of camaraderie with one of your friends or perhaps someone new. A loved one could become jealous. Tonight: Don't play into a control game.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

 $\star \star \star$ Know when to defer to an older friend or relative. You could be overwhelmed by everything you want to accomplish, especially when it comes to fulfilling others' wishes. Listen to news openly, and if you believe someone is wrong, avoid getting into an argument. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Be more forthright when dealing with

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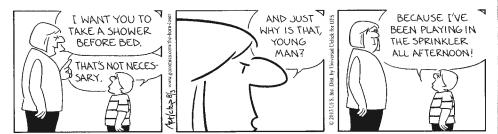
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Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You could be met by some resistance, even if you have good intentions. Focus on your family, specifically one or two individuals. If you have had a lot of difficulty with a particular person lately, today is not the day to smooth things over. Tonight: Stay close to home.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You could be overwhelmed by everything you want to get done. The good news is that you will enjoy crossing tasks and responsibilities off your to-do list. Someone might be upset if you do not make plans with him or her. Reach out to this person. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

 $\star \star \star$ Head to a fair or maybe a casino, as you naturally will have a great time around a lot of people. The observer in you will be delighted by the eccentric crowd around you. Keep to your budget, and don't allow your spending to get out of control. Tonight: Make it your treat.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You have a warmth about you that few people would think to doubt, as you are so genuine. Your natural charm draws in exactly what you desire. Through a loved one, you could meet someone very interesting who could become a long-term friend. Tonight: Just be yourself.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

 $\star \star \star$ Touch base with a loved one with whom you don't often have time to visit. Taking off for the day together could be immensely rewarding. You

situation more carefully. Your awareness of what is needed probably will not be appreciated by this person. Try to take a step back and observe more. Tonight: Go where there is great music.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Plan on spending some time with a friend or loved one you have not seen in a while. Whether it's running errands or seeing a movie together, you will bond on a deep level. One-on-one time keeps this connection close. Tonight: Say "yes" to a fun invitation.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

 $\star \star \star$ For a while, you might be OK with someone stealing the stage, but as the day goes on, you will notice that your temper starts to flare up. Try not to give so much of yourself away, and focus on staying levelheaded. Tonight: Claim responsibility for your share of a problem.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You have certain plans and projects that you feel you must complete no matter what. To your delight, you will complete them with ease, and you also will be able to fit in some fun shopping or join friends for a spontaneous get-together. Tonight: Choose a favorite stressbuster.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★★ Allow more of your creativity to flow. You might not recognize your limitations in a situation involving friends. Do not accept a leadership role, even if it is something as simple as throwing a party. In fact, remain as uninvolved as you can. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

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