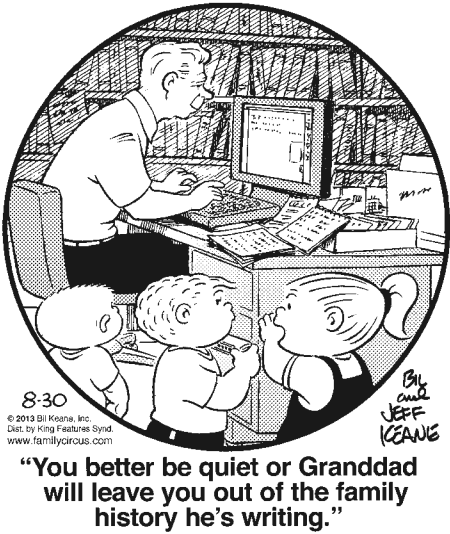


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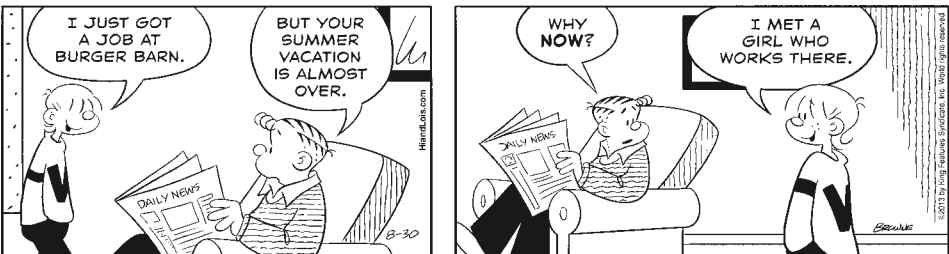
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Daughter's Body Tattoos Are Slap In The Face To Parents

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have two beautiful, hardworking daughters we brought up as loving, respectful parents. Recently, "Kellie," 25, got tattoos covering her right arm, leg and ankle as well as her shoulders. They are visible unless she wears long sleeves and long pants.

This has ruined our relationship because it shows how little she thinks of us as parents, and how disrespectful of our feelings she is to put the tattoos where everyone can see them. She knows we don't like tattoos because we have mentioned it to her and voiced our disappointment when she got the first one on her ankle.

I can't sleep at night or look at my daughter knowing how little she cares about our feelings. I feel it's a slap in the face that she doesn't honor, respect or love us. What do you think? — BESIDE MYSELF IN FORT WORTH

DEAR BESIDE YOURSELF: I think it is time you toned down the high drama. What's done is done. If you do not appreciate the person your daughter is BENEATH her skin, you will lose her. And THAT would be a tragedy!

DEAR ABBY: I have a 20-plus-year high school friend who is fighting ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). I have developed a close relationship with him and his parents. His mom has shared some of his comments with me, but he hasn't shared those thoughts with me himself. The comments are, "I want to die," or, "I want to go home to God."

I think listening and being a supportive friend is what I can do for him, but I'm at a loss as to what to say to his mother. I don't know what advice to give her so she can be supportive in her conversations with her dying son. — DEEP SORROW IN OHIO

DEAR DEEP SORROW: I agree that listening and being supportive is what you can do best for your friend. When the son raises the subject again with his mother, she should tell him that she loves him and will see that his wishes

are carried out, even though losing him will be losing a part of herself.

When you see the mother again, ask if he has an advance directive for medical decisions in place. In it, a person can specify that only palliative care is preferred.

A group that offers guidance in drafting these important documents — and one to which I contribute — is Compassion and Choices. The toll-free number is 800-247-7421. If your friend does not have an advance directive, it's important that he make one now.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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The noise is loud and extremely disruptive, and lasts about an hour because he goes over and over the same area. We work and would like to enjoy the few hours we have in the evening and relax. Any ideas? — TIRED OF

THE NOISE IN MONTANA

DEAR TIRED OF THE NOISE: If you're on speaking terms with this neighbor, you should ask him if he would please manicure his lawn at a different time because the noise is disruptive. If he is unwilling to cooperate, check with the city to find out if there are any noise ordinances in place. If there are, you can report the noise as a nuisance.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Virgo and a Moon in Gemini if born before 4:33 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, AUG. 30, 2013:

This year you will see a big difference in what occurs between you and others. You will make a new friend who will be more receptive to you. If you are single, meeting someone through this person's circle of friends could prove to be significant to your life history. If you are attached, the two of you will realize a long-term dream that you both have wanted. You are in a year when you wish upon a star, and more often than not, it will come true! CANCER is a loyal friend.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★★ Stay focused. Keep the lines of communication open, but choose to discuss only what's necessary. Your mood, as well as others', will be changing rapidly in the near future. Once one individual opens up, others will follow suit. Tonight: Go with the flow.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Though you might be out of sorts at first, know that what you're looking for is readily accessible. Open up talks with a loved one. You might be surprised by what you hear, given that you might not be around your family as much as you might like. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Curb a need to be possessive, and simply trust what is going on. Be willing to express your thoughts and find out where a friend is coming from. You might discover that you are spending too much money. Still, use your judgment. Tonight: It is OK if someone else wants to treat.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might want to relax and let go, but a surprise visit from a superior or friend will set the pace of your day. In fact, you might not realize how essential you are to others right now. People feel as if they need you. Be gracious. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend well.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Understand that you can't control issues or people. You can control only yourself and your responses. Others can choose to do whatever they want. By withdrawing and allowing others to make

their own choices, in time, there will be a better rapport. Tonight: Follow suggestions.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ With as many people as there are seeking you out, it will be almost unbelievable that you are choosing to work on a project instead of socializing. Mixing the two is fine if you complete what you must. Someone around you could be quite serious. The world is your oyster.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Others turn to you for advice. You might not be in a position to help a particular person, but you can point him or her to a different source for feedback. This person will feel empowered. You might have helped him or her by honoring your limitations. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★★ You have the gift of seeing more in interactions and discussions than others see. You understand that each action creates a response. Realize that you can't pull this person away from his or her choices of the past. Tonight: Put on some great music to escape from the here and now.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Others will make an effort to influence an important matter involving your finances. Honor what is going on, as it only can benefit you. If you keep feeling doubtful, know that it comes from within yourself and not from the other parties involved. Tonight: Dinner with a loved one.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Listen to news that is forthcoming, and be aware that everyone has a different perspective. An important offer or request might be woven into a conversation. Understand that what you see evolving could offer a positive outcome. Tonight: Be around those you most enjoy.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Honor who you are throughout the day. Sometimes you might be so quick to give a knee-jerk reaction that others could be put off. Express your authenticity more often, and resist getting tied up in an intense, fast pace when possible. Tonight: Spend some time with friends.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You might want to see a personal matter in a different light, and you will ... once you stop reacting. Others could offer different perspectives that might prove helpful. Many more doors will open as a result, and you will be happier. Tonight: Be creative when coming up with plans.

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