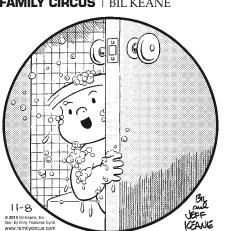
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"Mommy, can we load some more bubbles in the bathtub?

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Unhappy Blond Sees Red In Battle Over Hair Color

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm 17 and my mom won't let me dye my hair! Earlier this year she finally let me color it red, which I have wanted for years. I went blond for my sister's wedding, but I'm naturally blond and I don't like it be-

cause it's boring. A ton of people compliment me on my hair, but I don't care what people think, I just want to be me and not anyone else.

So, my mom is being too controlling. She says I have to stay blond until I can pay for it myself, and I don't have a job. My parents are very strict and I would never be allowed to get a tattoo, but I want my red hair back. How do I go about convincing her that no matter how much people love the blond, I don't like it and I want a change? — NATU-RAL BLOND IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR NATURAL BLOND: When a person changes hair color more than twice in one year, it can seriously damage the hair. Also, red is the hardest color to keep up because it tends to oxidize and turn "brassy." (I am speaking from experience.) It can also be expensive.

If you want to "go red" once you're working and can afford it, you can make your own decision. But in the meantime, listen to your mother — she's looking out for your interests.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my 20s and finishing up two degrees at university. I am an only child, and my mother is one of the youngest among 10 siblings, so I have many

I have always been the "good one," the one who is responsible, not addicted to drugs and who has a promising future. Because of this, my childless aunts and uncles and those with irresponsible children have looked to me for moral support and guidance during their golden years. Many of them are now in their

Abby, I already have to take care of my parents as they grow older. This stress as an only child and the "responsible cousin" weighs heavily on me. What would you advise?

DEAR GOOD ONE: Recognize what your limitations are and pace yourself accordingly. As you start your professional life and, eventu-

ally, your own family, it's important that you not allow yourself to be spread so thin you make yourself

Your first responsibility must be to yourself, your immediate family and your parents. If looking out for your aunts and uncles becomes more time- and energy-consuming than you can handle, consider enlisting the help of a social worker.

DEAR ABBY DEAR ABBY: During meals, my girlfriend uses her fingers to push the food on her plate onto her fork. She does it not only when we're at home — just the two of us — but

also out in public at restaurants. This can't be proper manners, can it? How can I get her to stop without upsetting her? Or am I better off not bringing up the subject? — UNCERTAIN IN

SAN FRANCISCO
DEAR UNCERTAIN: What your girlfriend is doing is considered poor table manners. Because she's having trouble maneuvering her food onto her fork, suggest to her that she should do what some Europeans do — push it onto the fork using the blade of her knife.

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ACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Scorpio and a

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, NOV. 8, 2014:

This year you seem to be a very different person from the one your close loved ones know. You become much more open and trusting. You still might choose to discuss heavy, bottom-line issues, but ultimately there is newfound sociability in you. If you are single, you might be overly anxious to find Mr. or Ms. Right. Be patient, and you are likely to meet a potential suitor through a friend or loved one. If you are attached, the two of you often can be found cozying up together, laughing and smooching. GEMINI likes your mind and loves to

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

Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-Śo-so; 1-Difficult **ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)**

★★★★ You seem to be filled with ideas that please an older relative. This person relates best on a one-on-one level with you, and he or she appreciates that special time. You might decide to do the unexpected; be careful with how you explain what you've done. Tonight: At a favorite spot

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You will want to try a different approach with a money matter or when doing some shopping. You recently might have decided that spending less would be more beneficial or efficient. You seem ready to test that thought. Tonight: Make it

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ You could have a conflict with someone involving the nature of your plans. You might want to spread your wings, but this person seems more interested in some one-on-one time. Aim to make both of you happy. Tonight: The world is your

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Allow greater give-and-take between you and a loved one, as this person will want to hear more of your opinions. At this moment, you might decide to read a book or watch a movie at home because you need some downtime. Tonight: Not to be found.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You are likely to head toward your friends with a goal in mind. Your ability to get past a problem is noteworthy. Once you see your pals,

you might discover that the world seems to revolve around them. Be open in a conversation. Tonight: Only what you want to do.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You could be extra tense about a situation that surrounds your personal life. Be willing to walk away from a problem to enjoy a child or loved one. You, too, need a day of leisure once in a while. Know when to say "no" to more responsibilities. Toniaht: In the limeliaht.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance, and make a point of catching up on his or her news. Investigate alternative pastimes that would delight both of you. Your mind could start to wander, as you might want to detach from the here and now. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You might want to head in a new direction and touch base with a loved one. You would love this person's company on a day trip to a favorite spot. Those closest to you often leave you feeling enchanted. Tonight: Togetherness is the

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You can't seem to restrain your adventurous personality, nor would anyone want you to. You tend to draw an interesting circle of people toward you, whether you're at a party or just having lunch with friends. Tonight: Opt for more together-

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ You might have been putting off some work or a project. Now is the time to start working on it, as long as you can discipline your social per-sonality. You also could decide to blend them together. Know that you have options. Tonight: You might want to call it an early night.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★★ You have a way of evoking the wild child in nearly everyone you meet. Your ability to give others permission to reveal themselves will be clear. As a result, you are likely to experience some memorable moments with a loved one. Tonight: The party goes on.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★★ Your personality melts boundaries, and it also allows others to be themselves. You might choose to spend a relaxing day at home with family. If you are single, you could be surprised by who strolls through your door. Be sure to keep an open mind. Tonight: Order in.

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