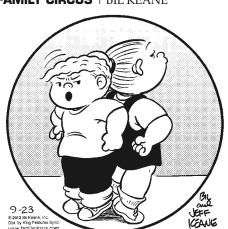
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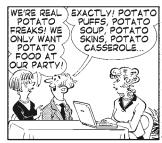
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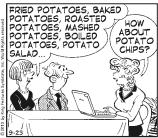






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Daughter Of Murdered Mom Should Learn The Truth In Time

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DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter was murdered by her boyfriend. They had an 18month-old daughter, "Bella." All three were living together when he shot her, but we don't know what room Bella was in when it happened.

Another family member (I'll call her Lucy) took Bella into her home, and Bella calls her Mom. Lucy has been taking Bella to the prison to visit her father, but has told her he is her uncle. I told Lucy I thought it would be better to wait until Bella is old enough to understand, THEN tell her what happened and let her decide whether she wants to visit her fa-

Bella went into the closet one day and came out holding a Tshirt with her mother's picture on it, asking, "Who is this?" Lucy's only response was, "You know you aren't allowed in my closet. Take that back!" She never answered the question.

I have a framed photo of Bella's mother on my wall. The last time Bella was here, I noticed her looking out of the corner of her eye and scowling at the picture. I was the only one who no-

Bella is now 4, and I can't accept that Lucy thinks it's OK to lie to her. I feel it should be Bella's decision whether to visit her dad. Am I wrong? How should this be handled so Bella isn't traumatized any more than need be? Because of these incidents, I'm almost convinced she should have some kind of counseling, but perhaps she's too young. This is why I desperately need advice, in the best interest of the child. — BELLA'S GREAT-

DEAR GREAT-GRANDMA: Is Lucy a member of your family or the murderous boyfriend's? I find it hard to comprehend that a family member of the victim would drag a toddler to a prison to visit the lowlife who killed her mother.

I do not think it is healthy to lie to children. This situation will explode when Bella finally learns that the woman she has always called "Mom" isn't her mother, and the man in the orange jumpsuit not only isn't her uncle but killed her birth mother. That poor girl won't know whom she can believe and

could have trust issues that affect her relationships for the rest of her life. Does she need counseling now? No. But will she when she finds out about the deception? You bet!

DEAR ABBY: What is your opinion about females and car maintenance? My mother raised me alone and taught me to be independent. She would not let me drive an automatic car until I had mastered driving a standard (stick shift). I was also not allowed to drive until I was able to perform basic, essential tasks changing a tire, checking the oil and maintaining all fluid levels.

I am thankful and appreciate that I have these skills. However, I know many women today who can't perform these tasks and would rather make it a "man's

job." I think every woman should have these skills. Where do you stand? - IN-DEPENDENT LADY IN FLORIDA DEAR INDEPENDENT LADY: I stand beside you. There is no guarantee that a woman will

have a man to "take care" of her — in fact, the opposite is more likely to be true. However, if she can't learn the basics of taking care of her car, she should be sure that she's a member of AAA.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Virgo and a Moon in Taurus

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, SEPT. 23, 2013:

This year you often are emotional yet direct. You will make sure others get your message. You will demand responses as well, but you won't always receive the answers you want or need. Others view you as an intimidating presence. If you are single, you are quite desirable. You know how to draw someone in and make this person feel safe. If you are attached, the two of you might become more argumentative than you have been in the past. On the other hand, you will kiss and make up behind closed doors. CANCER's moods could drive you crazy.

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)**

★★★ You will be at the start of an adventure and not even be aware of it. Sometimes, when you get angry, you experience a revitalization of sorts. Others might not be as a clear as you are about what is happening. Understand that your efforts could distance others. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Taking action and even yelling a bit will be healthier than holding in your feelings. You might be more expressive and content in the long run as a result. The people around you could be jolted at first, but they will like the new, more expressive you. Tonight: Let the party begin.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★ Listen to news, and be willing to accept some good luck. You might need to spend a little to make a little. Understand what is happening with a close relative you care a lot about. Try to avoid a bothersome topic. Tonight: Get some extra R and R -- you will need it for tomorrow.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Listen to someone's positive feedback. Your ability to touch base with others and bring people together will emerge. Your optimism abounds. Keep a strong sense of direction in a meeting. Help keep your peers centered. Tonight: Join several friends, and catch up on news.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Understand what is happening with a friend or relative. Tempers could flare with ease, and that might include you, too! Opportunities

come out of the blue and push you to decide just how involved you want to be in other matters. Tonight: Your irritability could be close to the sur-

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to defer to someone who appears to have a bigger scope of the future than you do. You'll feel as if you need to control your temper and avoid getting into any problems. You see the benefits, but do you see the liabilities? Tonight: Relax to a favorite pastime.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

*** Deal with a key person in your life directly. You often might try to avoid having a discussion with this person. You could be worried about some anger emerging, but you will be a lot better off in the long run if you have this conversation. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Others will say whatever they want, and as a result, you could be taken aback by what you hear. Understand that there is much more going on here than meets the eye! News from a distance could force you to make yet another decision. Tonight: Read between the lines.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You easily could become irritated by news that points to a need for change. You also might be frustrated -- that is, until a close associate or loved one makes a caring gesture. Know that you can count on this person. Tonight: Put on a great piece of music and let your mind drift.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ There is a distinction between someone sounding off because they can rather than someone being angry and out of control. Observe what is happening with a partner. You need to be aware. Several people make very caring gestures toward you. Tonight: Defer to a loved one.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ Pressure builds on the homefront, mainly because you don't let others know your true self. You might feel off-kilter, but you will choose not to share that with anyone. Make an effort to complete a project, or at least give it a head start. Tonight: Ever playful, letting off steam.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

* ★ * ★ * Your imagination will resolve a fight, but you might forget to tell the other party. Make sure everyone you deal with is on the same page. Use your ingenuity to take off a lot of pressure. Touch base with a child in your life. Tonight: It is Monday, but kick up your heels anyway.

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