

Mom worries about child with beer

Dear Dr. Brothers: My child just graduated from middle school, and I noticed a disturbing trend in the clothing of some of the kids he hung around with at the year-end picnics and parties that we took him to. A lot of the boys — and some girls — were wearing T-shirts or baseball caps with commercial brand names on them advertising beer companies and different types of liquor. I don't think I want my son to wear this kind of thing at the age of 14. Am I being silly, or does this kind of advertising influence kids' behavior? — K.B.

Dear K.B.: You've got some ammunition, because I am going to give you an emphatic "yes." Those who study such things agree that this kind of advertising can and does influence teen behavior with respect to alcohol. As you probably know, the legal age for drinking normally is 21, yet kids are being exposed to items such as backpacks and baseball caps that make them walking billboards for the liquor and beer industries. And yes, this does coincide with more underage kids drinking.

A study during the past several years by some researchers at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and presented to the Pediatric Academic Societies in Washington, D.C., found that 14 percent of the 2,400 middle-school students studied owned at least one alcohol-related piece of gear. A quarter of those who wore the stuff said they drank alcohol — about twice



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as many as the kids who didn't have promotional items. In the New Hampshire study, those who owned the branded T-shirts were a group who were older, had tried smoking, had friends who drank and generally weren't doing very well in school. Perhaps a different set of friends is called for?

Dear Dr. Brothers: A new family has moved in next door, and while I was glad to have more children for mine to play with, I'm not too keen to hear that the neighbors' three kids are allowed to have computers and TVs right in their bedrooms. My kids are not. So I foresee a lot of nagging ahead! But seriously, I am wondering if I can trust these people to keep the kids away from danger on the Internet. We have parental controls on our computers, and we strictly supervise the kids' usage (they are 7 and 10). I have yet to talk to my neighbor about this, so I would like to know, Will I be insulting her if I ask what assurances she has that she is doing the right thing? — N.D.

Dear N.D.: Let's sort out your concerns. You want your children to watch only certain TV shows, and

to be protected by parental controls on the computer. And I imagine you aren't too keen on them going into chat rooms or commenting on others' blogs or even starting one of their own (if they haven't already). This is a tall order, but it might be a good idea to invite the new family for a barbecue and then ask all the kids for ideas on how to stay safe. Clear it first with the other family so there are no ugly surprises or awkward pauses. You don't want to give them the impression that you don't agree with their care-free (or is it very trusting?) parenting style. Often kids are harder on themselves than adults would be. If the kids don't want to participate in this exercise at all, you might simply tell the neighbor you'd be happy to host the play dates, or help her install a few simple safeguards for her computer when it's her turn to play hostess. I think the kids are far less likely to get into trouble if you let them help with all this — and load the TV and computer with some adventure games (nonviolent) that you are willing to loan to the neighborhood newcomers.

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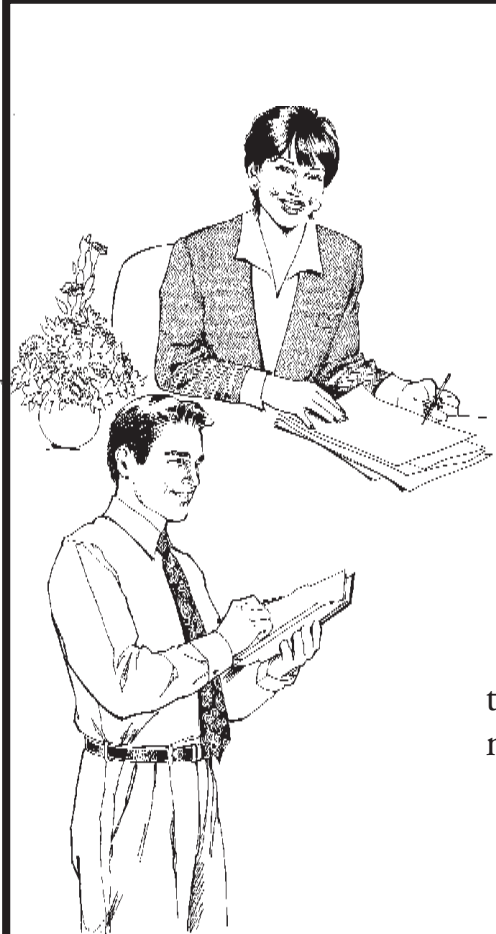
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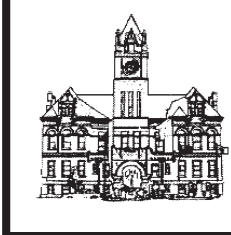


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	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30											
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Good Morning Kansas Saturday		Good Morning America (N) (CC)		Good Morning Kansas Saturday		That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Emperor New	Replacements											
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	Today (N) (CC)		Paid Program		Paid Program		Babar (EI) (CC)	Friend Rabbit	Jane-Dragon	Zula Patrol	Pen-guins	Veggie-Tales	PGA Tour Golf: BMW Championship										
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	The Early Show (N) (CC)				News (N)				U.S. Open Tennis: Men's Semifinals. From Flushing, N.Y. (Live) (CC)														
K15CG (2)	Thomas-Friends	Bob the Builder	Market-Market	Lassie's Pet Vet	Bob the Builder	Thomas-Friends	Beren. Bears	Biz Kid\$ (CC)	Score-board	Motor-Week (N)	Wood-wright	Victory Garden											
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		College Gameday (Live) (CC)						College Football										
USA (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	House Pilot (CC)		House Paternity (CC)		House Occam's Razor (CC)		House Maternity (CC)												
TBS (38)	(5:10) Movie: Planes, Trains		Movie: Groundhog Day ★★½ (1993) A TV weatherman's day keeps repeating. (CC)		Movie: In Good Company ★★★ (2004, Comedy-Drama) Dennis Quaid. (CC)		Movie: The Perfect Man ★★ (2005) (CC)																
WGN (39)	Paid Program	Adelante Chicago	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Funnist Pets	Funnist Pets											
TNT (40)	(5:00) Movie: A Few Good Men (1992, Drama) Tom Cruise. (CC)		Law & Order Past Imperfect		The Closer Split Ends (CC)		Law & Order Divorce (CC) (DVS)		Movie: Heat ★★½ (1995) Al Pacino.														
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	World's Strangest UFO Stories (CC)		Dirty Jobs Turkey and potatoes. (CC)		Smash Lab Runaway Big Rig		Discovery Project Earth Infinite Winds												
A&E (47)	Flip This House An Inspector Calls (CC)		Flip This House House on High (CC)		Flip This House (CC)		Busi-ness Sell This House!		Movie: Pulp Fiction ★★½ (1994) John Travolta. (CC)														
HIST (48)	Heavy Metal The Challenger tank.		American Eats Ice Cream Ice cream.		Wild West Tech Freak Shows II (CC)		UFO Files UFO sightings. (CC)		Gangland Gangster City Chicago. (CC)		Gangland Deadly Triangle (CC)												
NICK (55)	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	OddPar-ents	OddPar-ents	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Barn-yard	Mighty B	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob											
DISN (56)	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Imag. Movers	Imag. Movers	Imag. Movers	Imag. Movers	Movie: The Incredibles (2004)												
FAM (58)	Step by Step	Step by Step	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	Full House	Full House	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Movie: Sky High											
HALL (60)	Little House on the Prairie (Part 1 of 2)		Little House on the Prairie (Part 2 of 2)		Little House on the Prairie The Hunters (CC)		Movie: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home ★★½ (1995) Jason James Richter.		Movie: Iron Will														

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KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	College Foot.	College Football: Teams to Be Announced. (Live)																		
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	(11:00) PGA Tour Golf: BMW Championship -- Third Round. From St. Louis. (Live) (CC)					College Football: San Diego State at Notre Dame. (Live) (CC)																		
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	(10:00) U.S. Open Tennis: Men's Semifinals. From Flushing, N.Y. (Live) (CC)																		Paid Program	CBS News				
K15CG (2) (2)	Yankee Shop	This Old House	Ask This Old	Home-time (N)	Jerry Baker Gardening	America's Home Cooking: Family Favorites Family recipes for everything from soups to desserts. (CC)																		
ESPN (28) (28)	(11:00) College Football: Teams to Be Announced. (Live)				College Football Scoreboard (Live) (CC)			College Football: West Virginia at East Carolina. (Live)																
USA (37) (37)	House Dr. House treats a nun. (CC)			House The Socratic Method (CC)		House Fidelity (CC)			House Poison (CC)			House DNR (CC)			House Control (CC)									
TBS (38) (38)	(11:15) Movie: The Perfect Man ★★ (2005) Hilary Duff.			Movie: Save the Last Dance ★★★ (2001, Romance) Julia Stiles. (CC)			Friends (CC)			Sex and the City			Sex and the City			Ray-mond		Ray-mond						
WGN (39) (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)			Soul Train (CC)		Movie: State and Main (2000) A film crew wreaks havoc in a small Vermont town.					American Idol Rewind Top 4 to 3				America's Funnies Home Videos (CC)									
TNT (40) (40)	(11:00) Movie: Heat ★★★½ (1995, Crime Drama) Al Pacino. (CC) (DVS)				Movie: Die Hard ★★★½ (1988, Action) A New York policeman outwits foreign thugs in an L.A. high-rise.								Movie: We Were Soldiers ★★★½ (2002, War) Mel Gibson											
DSC (42) (42)	Inside the Twin Towers (CC)			Inside the Twin Towers		Tuna Wranglers (CC)			Tuna Wranglers (CC)			Engineering the Impossible (CC)			Engineering the Impossible (CC)									
A&E (47) (47)	(10:30) Movie: Pulp Fiction ★★★½ (1994) John Travolta.				Movie: Batman ★★★ (1989) The Caped Crusader vows to rid Gotham City of the Joker. Jack Nicholson.								The Anatomy of 9/11 The final 102 minutes of the World Trade Center. (CC)											
HIST (48) (48)	Gangland Street gangs in the military.			Shockwave (CC)		Shockwave (CC)			Shockwave (CC)			Extreme Marksman (CC)												
NICK (55) (55)	The Fairly OddParents (CC)				Mighty B		Mighty B		Barn-yard		Barn-yard		Spon-geBob		Spon-geBob		Spon-geBob		Spon-geBob					
DISN (56) (56)	(11:00) Movie: The Incredibles (2004)			Zack & Cody		Zack & Cody		That's-Raven		That's-Raven		Cory in House		Hannah Montana		Hannah Montana		Zack & Cody		Zack & Cody				
FAM (58) (58)	(11:30) Movie: Sky High ★★★½ (2005) Michael Angarano. (CC)				Movie: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ★★★ (2005, Fantasy) Voldemort lays a trap for Harry at the Triwizard Tournament. Daniel Radcliffe.																			
HALL (60) (60)	(11:30) Movie: Iron Will (1994) A teenager enters a grueling 522-mile sled dog race.				Movie: Mighty Joe Young ★★★½ (1998, Adventure) Charlize Theron. (CC)								Movie: Pollyanna ★★★ (1960, Drama) Hayley Mills, Jane Wyman. (CC)											

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KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Count-down	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup -- Chevy Rock & Roll 400. From Richmond, Va. (Live)								News	Wednesday	Idol Rewind							
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Chuck Chuck Versus the Truth	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News (N)	Saturday Night Live	Tina Fey; Carrie Underwood. (CC)									
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (N) (CC)	Paid Program	U.S. Open Tennis: Women's Final. From Flushing Meadows, N.Y. (Live) (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News (N) (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	Without a Trace Damage Done (CC)										
K15CG (2)	American Soundtrack: Doo Wop's Greatest Hits (CC)				Daniel O'Donnell at Home in Ireland (CC)		The Who at Kilburn 1977 (CC)		Soundstage Stevie Nicks (Part 1 of 2)										
ESPN (28)	College Football	Scoreboard	College Football: Miami at Florida. (Live) (CC)						SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		College Football Final (Live) (CC)								
USA (37)	House Mob Rules (CC)		House Heavy (CC)	House Role Model (CC)	House Babies & Bathwater (CC)	Psych Talk Derby to Me (CC)		Law & Order: SVU											
TBS (38)	King of Queens	King of Queens	Movie: Failure to Launch ** (2006) Matthew McConaughey, CC			Movie: My Best Friend's Wedding *** (1997, Romance-Comedy) Julia Roberts.			Movie: The Perfect Man ** (2005) (CC)										
WGN (39)	MLB Baseball: Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Chicago White Sox. U.S. Cellular Field. (Live) (CC)				WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Scrubs (CC)	RENO 911!	RENO 911!	24 (CC)									
TNT (40)	(4:30) Movie: We Were Soldiers (CC)		Movie: Saving Private Ryan **** (1998, War) U.S. troops look for a missing comrade during World War II.			Tom Hanks. (CC)		Movie: Air Force One *** (1997) Terrorists hijack the president's plane. (CC)											
MSC (42)	The Ice Hotel (CC)		The Future Is Wild		The Future Is Wild		Mos. vs. Wild Ireland (CC)		How It's Made		The Future Is Wild								
A&E (47)	I Missed Flight 93 (CC)		Movie: Flight 93 (2006) Passengers revolt against terrorist hijackers on Sept. 11. (CC)				The Sopranos Members Only (CC)		The Sopranos Join the Club (CC)		Movie: Flight 93 **½ (2006) (CC)								
HIST (48)	Tougher in Alaska Dangerous Roads		Ice Road Truckers Edge of the Earth		Ice Road Truckers Mechanical Mayhem		Ice Road Truckers Big Blizzard (CC)		Ice Road Truckers Arctic Whiteout (CC)		Ice Road Truckers Edge of the Earth								
NICK (55)	iCarly (CC)	iCarly (CC)	Drake & Josh	iCarly (CC)	Drake & Josh	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Family Matters	Family Matters								
DISN (56)	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Cory in House	Phineas and Ferb	Movie: The Shaggy Dog ** (2006, Comedy) Tim Allen, Robert Downey Jr..			Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	That's Raven	Cory in House								
FAM (58)	(5:00) Samurai Girl (Part 1 of 3) (CC)		Samurai Girl (N) (Part 2 of 3) (CC)				Samurai Girl (Part 2 of 3) (CC)		Fresh Prince		Fresh Prince								
HALL (60)	(4:00) Movie: Pollyanna (1960)		Movie: The Parent Trap *** (1998, Comedy) Reunited twins try to get their parents back together. Lindsay Lohan. (CC)				Movie: Annie *** (1999, Musical Comedy) Victor Garber, Alicia Morton. (CC)												