

Blast from past makes case against tattoos

DEAR ABBY: You have printed letters about tattoos, so I thought you might get a kick out of my experience.

Two summers ago, my sister "Julie" confided that her daughter, "Whitney," had decided to get a tattoo before returning to college in the fall. Julie was upset about it, but could not change her daughter's mind because Whitney is on a full



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scholarship and didn't need anyone's approval. Julie asked if I could talk Whitney out of it, and I racked my brain trying to think of something to say that would sway her.

A few weeks later, our families got together to celebrate Julie's 50th birthday. Whitney was there with her boyfriend. After we all had enjoyed ice cream and cake, I took Whitney and her boyfriend into the living

room and popped in a videotape of a party my husband and I had thrown during the disco craze of the '70s. There we were in our leisure suits, gold chains, permed hair, platform shoes and having a great time.

Whitney and her boyfriend were rolling on the floor with laughter. They couldn't believe that "look" was actually the craze at the time. "Yes," I said, "that was the style. But as times changed, styles changed, and what was once 'in' was soon 'out.'"

At that moment, Julie and her husband walked into the living room dressed in retro clothes and wigs. It was like we were in a time warp. They were followed by Grandma and

Grandpa, who had applied fake tattoos to their arms and shoulders. Whitney was stunned to see her normally conservative grandparents so out of character.

It was then that we reminded Whitney we had been able to buy different clothes and change our hairstyles when the fad was over, but tattoos are forever.

Disco clothes and wigs: \$85.

Fake tattoos: \$30.

The look on Whitney's face: priceless!

(To date, no tattoos for Whitney.) — CREATIVE IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR CREATIVE: Your letter: a gem.

Sometimes a picture is worth a

thousand words. You made your point with an object lesson that was far more effective than any lecture would have been. Thanks for the chuckle!

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 17-year-old guy with a big problem. Almost a year ago I got together with a girl I'll call Sara. I was told she had feelings for me. Little did I know what I was getting myself into.

Sara and I have been together ever since. She has always had problems with depression. I want to break up with her because she tries to control my life, but when I tell her we can't be together, she gets sad and cuts herself later.

It has gotten so bad that I'm afraid

if I DO break up with her, she might do something drastic — like commit suicide. I'm scared. What should I do? — NO NAME, CITY OR STATE

DEAR NO NAME, CITY OR STATE: This is too big a problem for you to handle on your own. Talk to your parents, or a trusted teacher, coach or counselor and tell him or her what you have written to me. Sara needs professional help. Whether or not she is doing it intentionally, she is making you a prisoner of emotional blackmail.

Sara may be upset and angry when you divulge her problem, but in the long run, it's the biggest favor you could do her.

TUESDAY EVENING										JUNE 10, 2003									
	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30									
2	PBS	Nova "18 Ways to Make a Baby" (N) (DVS)	Bloodlines: Technology Hits Home (N) (N) (DVS)		Cambodia's Killing Fields (N) (N) (DVS)		News	Being Served	Business Rpt.	BBC World News									
3	IND	"Evil Never Dies" (2003) and his protege resurrect a dead killer. (Live)	Thomas Gibson. A professor		MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Oakland Athletics. From the Network Associates Coliseum in Oakland, Calif. (Live)														
4	ABC	Time to Live	According to Jim (N) (DVS)	Less Than Perfect (N) (DVS)		NYPD Blue "Das Boots" (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	(:35) Nightline (N) (DVS)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (N) (DVS)										
5	HBO	(:15) *** "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" J.K. Rowling's student wizard has his first adventure. (N) (DVS)			(2001) Daniel Radcliffe. PG (DVS)		*** "Ice Age" (2002, Adventure) Voices of Ray Romano. (N) PG (DVS)			"Sweetest Thing" (N) (DVS)									
7	CBS	JAG "Dangerous Game" (N) (DVS)		Guardian "The Dark" (N) (DVS)		Judging Amy "People of the Lie" (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	(:35) Late Show Bruce Willis; Damien Rice. (N) (DVS)	(:37) Late Show (N) (DVS)										
8	NBC	Dog Eat Dog (N) (N) (DVS)		Last Comic Standing (Series Premiere) (N) (N) (DVS)		Last Comic Standing Semifinals. (N) (N) (DVS)	News (N) (DVS)	(:35) Tonight Show (N) (N) (DVS)	(:37) Late Night (N) (N) (DVS)										
11	TVLND	Father	Father	Father	Father	Father	Father	Father	MacGyver "Slow Death"										
12	ESPN	PGA Golf: Conagra Foods Skins Game				Baseball Tonight (Live)	Sportscenter (Live)	Outside	Baseball										
13	FOX	American Juniors (N) (N) (DVS)	Keen Eddie "Horse Heir" (N) (N) (DVS)			Fox Report With Shepard Smith (N) (DVS)	LAPD: Life on the Beat	LAPD: Life on the Beat	Paid Program	Paid Program									
15	MAX	(5:30) *** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell. (N) R (DVS)		(:45) *** "Eight Legged Freaks" (2002, Science Fiction) David Arquette. (N) PG-13 (DVS)			"Love and a Bullet" (2002, Action) Treat. Premiere. (N) R (DVS)												
16	TNN	Real TV (N) (DVS)	Real TV (N) (DVS)	Real TV (N) (DVS)	Real TV (N) (DVS)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener. (N) (DVS)	*** "Rocky V" (N) (DVS)										
17	DISN	Boy Meets World (N) (DVS)	Smart Guy (N) (DVS)	Sister, Sister (N) (DVS)	Even Stevens (N) (DVS)	Sister, Sister (N) (DVS)	Lizzie McGuire (N) (DVS)	A teacher changes the lives of some Latina students. (N) (DVS)											
18	LIFE	(5:00) "Sex & Mrs. X"		"Murder or Memory? A Moment of Truth Movie"			Golden	Golden	Nanny (N) (DVS)	Nanny (N) (DVS)									
20	USA	*** "Nothing to Lose" (1997) (N) (DVS)			JAG (N) (DVS)		Dragnet (N) (DVS)		Nash Bridges (N) (DVS)										
21	SHOW	"Heartbreakers" (N) (DVS)	(:35) ** "Clockstoppers" (2002) Jesse Bradford. iTV. (N) PG (DVS)			(:15) *** "Legally Blonde" (2001, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon. iTV. (N) PG-13 (DVS)			*** "Four Dogs Playing Poker" (2000) R (DVS)										
22	TMC	(:15) *** "Hoosiers" (1986, Drama) Gene Hackman, Dennis Hopper, Barbara Hershey. (N) (DVS)				(:15) *** "The Medicine Show" (2001) Jonathan Silverman, Natasha Gregson Wagner. (N) (DVS)			*** "Hardball" (2001) Keanu Reeves. (N) (DVS)										
23	MTV	Direct Effect (N) (DVS)		Osbourne	Osbourne	Osbourne	Osbourne	Osbourne	Osbourne	Real World "Paris" (N) (DVS)									
24	DISC	Untamed Indonesia "Magical Forest"		Frozen Kingdom		FBI Files "John Gotti: Convicted"		New Detectives: Forensic Science		New Detectives: Forensic Science									
28	TNT	Law & Order (N) (DVS)		Law & Order "Angel"		Charmed "Oh My Goddess" (N) (DVS)			X-Files (N) (DVS)										
30	FXSP	MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Minnesota Twins. (Subject to Blackout)				Rocky Mt. (N) (DVS)	See This	Rocky Mt. (N) (DVS)	Rocky Mt. (N) (DVS)	Rocky Mt. (N) (DVS)									
32	FAM	*** "A Walk in the Clouds" (1995, Drama)				Whose? (N) (DVS)	Whose? (N) (DVS)	700 Club (N) (DVS)	Caroline Rhea Show (N) (DVS)										
33	NBC	News (N) (DVS)	Ent. Tonight (N) (DVS)	Dog Eat Dog (N) (N) (DVS)		Last Comic Standing Semifinals. (N) (N) (DVS)		News (N) (DVS)	(:35) Tonight Show (N) (N) (DVS)										
34	NICK	SpongeBob (N) (DVS)	Amanda (N) (DVS)	Cosby (N) (DVS)	Cosby (N) (DVS)	Cheers (N) (DVS)	Cheers (N) (DVS)	3's Co. (N) (DVS)	3's Co. (N) (DVS)	Cosby (N) (DVS)									
36	A&E	Biography: Kurt Russell: Heavy Hitter		Cold Case Files Alligators help to solve a murder investigation. (N) (DVS)		Unknown Encounter (N) (DVS)		Crossing (N) (DVS)	Twilight Z. (N) (DVS)	Farscape (N) (DVS)									
38	SCIFI	Ghost Stories VI (N) (N) (DVS)		Most Haunted (N) (DVS)		Undercover Stings: Secrets & Spies (N) (DVS)		Sports Collisions and Cracksups (N) (DVS)	Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends Revealed (N) (DVS)										
39	TLC	Married... (N) (DVS)	Married... (N) (DVS)	Buffy Vampire (N) (DVS)		Cops (N) (DVS)	*** "Ransom" (1996, Suspense) Mel Gibson, Rene Russo. (N) (DVS)												
45	FMC	(:01) Shirley Mania		(:01) *** "Patton" (1970, Biography) George C. Scott, Karl Malden. (N) (DVS)		Wild On... (N) (DVS)	Howard S. (N) (DVS)	Wild On... (N) (DVS)											
49	EITV	Michael Jackson: The El		True Hollywood Story (N) (DVS)		Secrets (N) (DVS)		World's Best (N) (DVS)											
51	TRAV	World's Best		Secrets (N) (DVS)		Smallville "Red" (N) (DVS)		Smallville "Rush" (N) (DVS)											
53	WB	Friends (N) (DVS)	Everybody-Raymond (N) (DVS)			Smallville "Rush" (N) (DVS)		News (N) (DVS)		Friends (N) (DVS)	Will & Grace (N) (DVS)								
54	ESPN2	Boxing: Tuesday Night Fights				Aerobics Ch. (N) (DVS)		Cheerlead (N) (DVS)	Interruption (N) (DVS)	Baseball (N) (DVS)	ATPA (N) (DVS)								
58	HIST	Deep Sea Detectives Unexplained tragedies. (N) (DVS)		UFOs: What You Didn't Know (N) (DVS)		Modern Marvels "James Bond Gadgets" (N) (DVS)		History's Mysteries (N) (DVS)	History's Mysteries (N) (DVS)	Deep Sea Detectives Unexplained tragedies. (N) (DVS)									
59	HLTH	Doctors Diaries (N) (DVS)		Workout (N) (DVS)	Bodies (N) (DVS)	Health Specials (N) (DVS)		Doctors Diaries (N) (DVS)	Workout (N) (DVS)	Bodies (N) (DVS)									
60	UNIV	Rebecca (N) (DVS)		Entre el Amor y el Odio (N) (DVS)		Ver Para Creer (N) (DVS)		P. Impacto (N) (DVS)	Noticiero (N) (DVS)	En las Mejores Familias (N) (DVS)									
62	HGTV	Ground Landscap (N) (DVS)		Room (N) (DVS)	Decorating (N) (DVS)	House (N) (DVS)	Curb (N) (DVS)	Ground (N) (DVS)	Landscap (N) (DVS)	Room (N) (DVS)	Decorating (N) (DVS)								
99	WGN	*** "Gideon Oliver: Tongs" (1989, Adventure)				News (N) (DVS)		Rockford Files (N) (DVS)											



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	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30			
2	PBS	Sunflower Journeys	Kansas Arts Today	New This Old House Hour	Frontline/World Political crisis in Venezuela. (N)		News	Keeping Up	Business Rpt.	BBC World News			
3	IND	★★ "Dumb & Dumber" (1994, Comedy) (PA) Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels, Lauren Holly.			(:15) ★★★ "The Naked Gun" (1988, Comedy) Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley. Premiere.				(:15) ★★★ "Heart Condition" (1990)				
4	ABC	That's Incredible: The Reunion		Global Extremes: 4Runners	Primetime Thursday (N)		News	(:35) Nightline	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)				
5	HBO	"The Time Machine" (N)		(:45) ★★★ "The Middle Passage" (2000) Narrated by Maka Kotto. 'NR'	(:15) ★★ "Someone Like You" (2001, Comedy) Ashley Judd, Greg Kinnear.		PG-13		★★★ "My House in Umbria" (2003)				
7	CBS	Amazing Race 4 (N)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Got Murder?"	Without a Trace "The Friendly Skies"		News	(:35) Late Show Harrison Ford; Chris Elliott.	(:37) Late Late Show				
8	NBC	Friends	Scrubs	Will & Grace	Frasier		ER "One Can Only Hope"	News	(:35) Tonight Show (N)	(:37) Late Night (N)			
11	TVLND	Fantasy Island		Sanford	Bewitched	Griffith	Leave	I Love Lucy	Jeannie	MacGyver			
12	ESPN	Golf Best of U.S. Open Championship -- First Round. (Same-day Tape)					Sportscenter (Live)		Sportscenter				
13	FOX	Stupid Behavior	30 Seconds to Fame (N)	Pulse (N)		Fox Report With Shepard Smith	LAPD: Life on the Beat	LAPD: Life on the Beat	Paid Program	Paid Program			
15	MAX	"Excess Baggage" (N)		(:45) ★★★ "Beverly Hills Cop" (1984, Drama) Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold.	R'	Set: In-Laws	★★★ "Working Girl" (1988, Comedy-Drama) Melanie Griffith, Harrison Ford.		R'				
16	TNN	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Real TV	Real TV			
17	DISN	Boy Meets World	Smart Guy	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire	★★★ "Cadet Kelly" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Hilary Duff, Christy Carlson Romano.					
18	LIFE	(5:00) "Secrets" (1992)		★★ "Deadly Web" (1996) Gigi Rice.		Gigi Rice.	Golden	Golden	Nanny	Nanny			
20	USA	★★★ "Clear and Present Danger" (1994) Harrison Ford.				(DVS)	JAG		Nash Bridges				
21	SHOW	★★ "Down to Earth" (2001, Comedy) Chris Rock. iTV.			PG-13	★★★ "City Hall" (1996) Al Pacino. A boy's death threatens a New York mayor's administration. R'			★★★ "We Were Soldiers" (2002) Mel Gibson. iTV.				
22	TMC	(:10) ★★ "Mr. Rice's Secret" (1999, Drama) David Bowie.				(:45) ★★ "Ghosts of Mississippi" (1996) Alec Baldwin. A prosecutor repopens the case against Medgar Evers' killer.				★★★ "The Man Who Wasn't There" (2001)			
23	MTV	Direct Effect		Pre-Show	2003 MTV Movie Awards				Post Show	First Year (N)			
24	DISC	Extreme Australia		Mysterious Realm of the Lobster Life cycle.		New Detectives: Forensic Science	Critical Rescue "Camille's Wrath" (N)	Journey to the Center of the Earth					
28	TNT	Law & Order		(DVS)	★★★ "Sleeping With the Enemy" (1991)			★★★ "Sleeping With the Enemy" (1991)					
30	FXSP	MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Minnesota Twins. (Subject to Blackout)					Rocky Mt.	See This	Rocky Mt.	Rocky Mt.			
32	FAM	★★★ "Au Pair" (1999) Gregory Harrison.				Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	Caroline Rhea Show				
33	NBC	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Scrubs	Will & Grace	Frasier	ER "One Can Only Hope"		News	(:35) Tonight Show		
34	NICK	SpongeBob	Amanda	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cosby	Cosby		
36	A&E	Biography "James Coburn" (N)		"Columbo: A Trace of Murder" (1997, Mystery) Peter Falk, David Rasche, Barry Corbin.			Third Watch "Faith"		Biography "James Coburn"				
38	SCIFI	(5:00) *** "Invasion" (1997) Luke Perry, Rebecca Gayheart.					Crossing	Crossing	Farscape "Losing Time"				
39	TLC	While You Were Out "Miami: NW 101 Way"		Home Again	Home Again	Secrets of Forensic Science		Scene of the Crime "Dawn Spring"		Scene of the Crime "The Tin Man" (N)			
40	FX	Married...		Married...	Buffy Vampire	Buffy Vampire		★★ "The Great White Hypo" (1996) Peter Berg					
45	FMC	(5:32) ★★★ "The Grapes of Wrath" (1940)				(:01) Summer Solstice	Making the Connection		"French Connec."				
49	EITV	Beverly Hills 90210: The E! True Hollywood Story				Love Chain	Anna	Howard S.	Howard S.	Wild On...			
51	TRAV	Jack Hanna's Top Ten		Vegas Revealed		Magic Road Trip (N)		Jack Hanna's Top Ten		Vegas Revealed			
53	WB	Friends	Everybody-Ramond	O'Keefes "Football"	O'Keefes "Jobs" (N)	Jamie Kennedy Experiment		News	Friends	Will & Grace			
54	ESPN2	NHL Awards (Live)			Big League		Baseball Tonight (Live)		Sportscenter		Outside	Baseball	
58	HIST	Modern Marvels "Engines"		UFOs: What You Didn't Know		Modern Marvels "Gadgets"		History's Mysteries	History's Mysteries	Modern Marvels "Engines"			
59	HLTH	Doctors Diaries		Workout	Bodies	Health Specials		Doctors Diaries		Workout	Bodies		
60	UNIV	Rebecca		Entre el Amor y el Odio		Aqui y Ahora		P. Impacto	Noticiero	En las Mejores Familias			
62	HGTV	Weekend	Landscap	Designing Designers		House		House	Weekend	Landscap	Designing	Designers'	
99	WGN	"Gideon Oliver: The Last Plane From Coramaya"				News		Rockford Files		In the Heat of the Night			