

# Teen, family grasp for answers following best friend’s suicide

**DEAR ABBY:** My 15-year-old daughter’s best friend took her life today. My daughter is devastated.

As a parent, I don’t know what to do. I’m afraid to go to bed this evening because I want her to fall asleep before me. It hurts not being able to take that pain from your child. I want to hold her in my arms tonight. She needs her space, but I don’t know how to help her.

I don’t know how it feels to be so young and lose a best friend by her own hand. What can I do? — **HOW DO I TAKE THE PAIN AWAY**

**DEAR HOW:** The smartest thing you and the parents of other friends of the deceased girl can do is to see that your children have access to grief counseling by a professional. When a tragedy like this happens, many schools offer it to the students, but if this isn’t being offered at the school your daughter and her friend attended, then the parents should step in.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 22 and will graduate from college soon. I have worked hard for the last four years and will graduate with two degrees.

Recently, I decided to throw away all my makeup. I rarely wore it, and I think



DEAR ABBY

I am beautiful without it. Now that I’m about to enter the job market, I’m worried society won’t see me as looking professional without it. I have appropriate dress clothes and I’m comfortable without the added “fluff” of makeup, but how will others see me? Is makeup a necessary part of the business attire?

I want to go into job interviews with as much confidence as possible and do well in my career. Also, if I wear makeup to an interview, will it be necessary for me to wear it on a daily basis once I get a job? Please enlighten me. — **BARE AND BEAUTIFUL**

**DEAR B AND B:** Employers expect applicants to put their best foot forward during a job interview. But unless wearing makeup is part of the job description, I don’t think it’s a requirement.

How others will view you

depends upon how well you perform the job for which you’re hired. If you do it well, you will be respected. If you don’t, no amount of makeup will put you in a better light. Being well-groomed does not necessarily mean wearing makeup.

**DEAR ABBY:** What do you think of taking young children into a prison to visit an uncle? The kids are 3, 4 and 6 and endure a 12-hour car ride each way. I stay out of it and haven’t said a word to the parents, but I don’t think this is the smartest idea. — **CARING BYSTANDER**

**DEAR BYSTANDER:** You don’t say how often these visits happen, but if it’s often, it seems to me that a 12-hour drive (each way) would be very hard on small children. If you are a friend or relative and live nearby, I’m sure it would be appreciated if you volunteered to watch the kids while the parents make the drive. Have you considered it?

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Instructions for play: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

That’s all there is to it. There’s no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. It’s fun. It’s challenging. It’s addictive!

Solving time is typically from 10 to 30 minutes, depending on your skill and experience.

The solution for today’s puzzle will be published in Saturday’s paper. Or you can go to [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com) to find the solution.

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5	1	4	8	6	7	2	3	9
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## HOROSCOPES

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

There is no harm in being ambitious, Aries. But a little humility to accompany that ambition can go a long way. Accept any recognition you earn in an appropriate manner.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Your desires make it seem like anything is within reach this week, Taurus. You may have to work a little harder to achieve your goals, but hard work is its own reward.

### GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Postpone chores that are not essential, Gemini. This way you can make the most of your upcoming free time with friends and family. You deserve a little break now and again.

### CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, try to avoid stretching yourself too thin in the coming weeks. Your ambition and energy are at an all-time high, but if you do not slow down, you can easily get burnt out.

### LEO - July 23/Aug 23

It’s impossible for people to try to contain all of your energy this week, Leo. Direct your energy in a positive way and use it to reach your goals.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Express your feelings without any inhibition, Virgo. Others will appreciate your honesty, especially if you employ some tact when sharing your opinions.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, no matter how crazy your life is right now, you still manage to come out looking no worse for wear. You have a handy way of making lemonade out of sour lemons.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Your long-term career opportunities are looking good, Scorpio. If you do what makes you happy, you will always end up on top and financial rewards will follow.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, although you see lucrative career opportunities at every bend, you are not ready to make a big change. You will know when the moment has come to make a change.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Proceed gently if you want to make any real progress, Capricorn. You’re feeling more optimistic, but you still need to exercise caution. Common sense can keep you grounded.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, friends may arrive at your home with plans for fun and adventure. Any kind of celebration or social situation is what you crave right now. Go ahead and enjoy yourself.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Don’t worry about a potential conflict, Pisces. In due time you will realize this was nothing to get worked up about.

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 25  
Alicia Keys, Singer (34)

JANUARY 26  
Eddie Van Halen, Guitarist (60)

JANUARY 27  
Rosamund Pike, Actress (36)

JANUARY 28  
Nick Carter, Singer (35)

JANUARY 29  
Greg Louganis, Athlete (55)

JANUARY 30  
Vanessa Redgrave, Actress (78)

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

1 Ignored

the limit

5 Sweet

treats

10 Dugout,

e.g.

12 Rust, for

one

13 Broadway

backer

14 Pigeon

perch

15 King of

France

16 CEO’s

deg.

18 Carpet

feature

19 Sere-

naded

21 History

class

topics

22 Signs of

sorrow

24 “Twilight”

writer

25 Diving

descents

29 Conks out

30 Rehab

target

32 Sushi

choice

33 Put away

34 Road

sealer

35 Diploma

holders

37 Hear

again

### DOWN

1 Battle

souvenirs

2 Succeed

3 Car part

4 Female

rabbit

5 Rum

mixer

6 Reduce

drastically

7 Abduct

8 Whodunit

awards

25 Violent

9 Oozes

26 Interact

39 Carry on

40 Company

division

41 Garden

starters

42 Take it

easy

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Previous Puzzle

- 11 Shade
- 27 Miniature
- 28 Alarms
- 29 “The Rehearsal”
- 31 Secret
- 33 Pharaoh
- 36 Flop
- 38 Corn unit

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### ACROSS

1 Atomizer’s

output

5 Go over

21, in

blackjack

9 — Carlo

10 Door

sign

12 English

county

13 “— Rae”

14 Consider

the same

16 Make a

choice

17 Istanbul

native

18 Tremors

21 Glimpse

22 Pulled

gently

23 Marine

mammal

24 Uncool

26 Unruly

crowd

29 Business

bloc

30 Naked

31 Mine rock

32 Horse-

related

34 Really

impressed

37 Beneath

38 Soda

bottle

size

39 Bakery

workers

40 “Take

— Train”

41 Singer

Bennett

### DOWN

1 Place

for a

muezzin

2 Under-

write

3 Chop-

house

order

4 Printed

matter

5 Still of

films

6 First

numero

7 Cox-

swain’s

call

8 Helped

out

in an

office

9 Track

contests

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Previous Puzzle

- 11 “Dog-gone!”
- 26 Horse with
- 27 Cantan-
- 28 Saloon
- 29 Spring
- 30 Con game
- 33 Throw in
- 35 Petite
- 36 Memo-

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