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"Nope, it's a clarinet. Saxophones come with curves

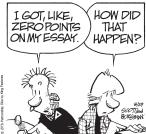
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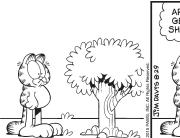






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Girls Cry Foul When Dad's Fiancee Bad-Mouths Mom

DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My fiancee of three years, "Ellen," is wonderful to me and she loves my daughters dearly. However, when it comes to my ex-wife, Ellen can be downright nasty.

I divorced my ex-wife many years ago because she wasn't good to me, but my kids see her half the time and love her because she's their mom, and I encourage them to do that. Ellen says nasty things about her in front of my kids, and of course my kids don't like it and tell me about it. When I confront Ellen about it, she tells me I stick up for my ex more than her and tries to make me feel guilty.

My kids are my world, Abby. I love Ellen, but I refuse to lose my kids because my fiancee can't control her mouth. I don't know what to do. If I lose Ellen because of my ex, I'll be devastated. Do you have any advice for me? - CAN'T WIN IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR CAN'T WIN: Try asking Ellen how she would feel if she were in your daughters' shoes and someone constantly said nasty things about HER mother. I'll bet she wouldn't like it one bit.

You say Ellen loves your daughters - yet she persists in doing something she knows is painful for them. That isn't loving behavior, nor is it kind or sensitive. My advice is to tell Ellen she needs to do some work on quelling her insecurity and hostility because she's driving your daughters away, and they are your world. And add that if you hear she's continuing to make nasty comments about their mother, although it pains you, you will miss her.

DEAR ABBY: Every time my girlfriend and I go out somewhere and we run into friends of hers - mainly females - they always make a point of telling me how lucky I am to have her. Mind you, she is gorgeous, and I do feel lucky. But I'm not bad-looking either.

What is a proper response for me to give? It's beginning to get irritating. – ALSO A GOOD CATCH

DEAR ALSO A GOOD CATCH: The proper response is, "Isn't she terrific? She's not only gorgeous, she's (then list several of her other virtues)." Remember, this is not a competition. The more you build your girlfriend up to her girlfriends, the better YOU will come across. And of course, she should do the

same for you whenever the opportunity presents itself.

DEAR ABBY: How come when people ask what kind of sports you do and stuff like that, they always direct it to my brother or my dad? They never ask me – I'm a girl – or my mom. I consider it rude and sexist. I feel I should do something about it, but I'm not sure what. Please help me. – CLAIRE IN SAN

DEAR CLAIRE: People who do this obviously don't know your

family well, or they would already know the answer to the question. That tells me they are only trying to make polite conversation.

Because it bothers you, I think you should tell your father and brother how it makes you feel. Perhaps the next time they're asked, they could make a point of mentioning that you're involved in sports, too, so you can be part of the conversation.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates

A baby born today has a Sun in Virgo and a Moon in Aquarius if born before 4:41 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, AUG. 29, 2015:

This year you often see both sides of an argument. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is going on around you. In situations involving constant ups and downs, consider that both sides might be right! If you are single, you certainly will have an entourage of admirers to choose from. Your charisma seems to draw others to you like a magnet. If you are attached, you might find that often you and your sweetie tend to be on opposite sides of an ongoing debate. Remember to support each other, even when you don't agree. PISCES

can be as emotional as you can be cynical. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Dif-

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

* ★ ★ While you generally are an extrovert, today you'll opt for some privacy and time away from the here and now. A Full Moon could be problematic and irritating. Your instincts to head for the hills might be right-on. Choose a solo adventure today.

Tonight: In the whirlwind of living. **TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)**

* * * * A friend might be a source of frustration for you today. You could cause a loved one to feel deprived in some sense because of your preoccupation with another matter A special desire is likely to become a reality in the near future. Tonight:

Celebrate the moment **GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)**

* * * * You could be in the position of wanting more from a personal matter than the other party does. Focus on what is happening with an older relative. Your help could make a big difference in what happens with this person. Get into the mo-

ment. Tonight: A must appearance. **CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)**

* * * * * An opportunity to head down a new path appears. You could be in a situation where you meet someone very different who helps you see his or her world. Some of you might experience greater knowledge through travel or education. Tonight: Juggling many different opportunities.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22) ★ ★ ★ You might have made a miscalculation

that could hurt you financially. You will want to understand what choice backfired and why you went down this road. This piece of information could affect your decision-making in the long term. Tonight: Listen to a loved one's news.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

 $\star\star\star\star$ You'll have your hands full with a dear friend. You have a personal matter that is important for you to handle. Others could interfere with your progress. The Full Moon is causing an either-or situation to evolve. Work on finding a solution. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

* * * * * You could be taken aback by all that surrounds you and everything you need to do. Fatigue plays a bigger role in your choices than you realize. If you feel like retreating rather than responding to what seems like a demanding world, please do. Tonight: Not to be found.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

* * * * * Suddenly a child or loved one wants all your attention, while you might have other plans involving friends. Rather than start a conflict, could you be open to mixing everyone together? This solution might not be natural for you, but it will be effective. Tonight: Go for naughty

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You might have gone a long way to nandie a very important matter. However, otners still might challenge your actions and stir up some confusion. This, too, will pass. Reach out to a family member for some feedback. Tonight: Don't internalize everything you are hearing.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

* ★ * What you hear could be partially off. Don't take what is being said as fact or a given. Know that you are likely to hear nearly the opposite story later on. Somewhere in between lies the reality. Be clear in what you are requesting. Tonight:

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

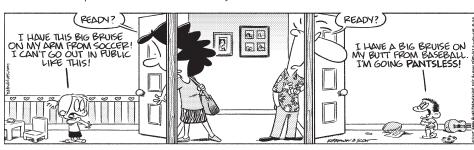
* * * * Be aware of what your finances are saying as well as what your heart wants. Confusion reaches a new level, partially because you have not taken in all the facts that are needed. Pull back, and vou will gain a better understanding. Tonight: Go along with the moment.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

* * * * * You might want to use your charisma to make a difference. Your ability to come to an understanding evolves. How you feel about a personal matter could change after you get an earful from the other party. Do not make assumptions. Tonight: Go with the flow.

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