### FAMILY CIRCUS | BILL KEANE



"Wouldn't it be easier if we just **TEXTED Santa our wish list?** 

### **BIZARRO** | DAN PIRARO



**ZITS** | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN









**PICKLES** | BRIAN CRANE









FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



BORN LOSER | ART SAMSON







**PEANUTS** | CHARLES M. SCHULZ









**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE** | CHRIS BROWNE





**BEETLE BAILEY** | MORT WALKER





HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER





FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON









**GARFIELD** | JIM DAVIS



# Wife's Birthday Gag Gift **Turns Out To Be A Turn-On**

**DEAR ABBY** 

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, I turned 50 and my co-workers held a small celebration. When we celebrate birthdays, we all have agreed to regift an item (usually a gag

One of my presents was a black leather miniskirt and matching vest. I never planned on wearing it, but my husband, "Tom," and I were invited to an '80sthemed Halloween party and I didn't want to spend a lot of money on a costume, so we decided to go as a rock star and his groupie.

I left work early to get ready for the party. When Tom arrived home, he couldn't keep his eyes or hands off me. We never made it to the party and had the best sex we'd had in vears. Before that night, our love life had been practically nonexistent.

Abby, please remind readers to always keep intimacy in their relationships. Apparently, Tom and I just needed to be creative and spice things up a little. — HAPPIER IN PENNSŶLVANIA

DEAR HAPPIER: That's a great suggestion. Now I know why your jack-o'-lantern was

DEAR ABBY: I was married for six years and had three children with my husband. He always said he hated people who cheat on their spouse, but then he had an affair with a married co-worker, a woman who had three kids. We had a huge argument about it. I called her names and he beat me up. I called the police, he was arrested, jailed, and I filed

It has been six years and I have moved on, but I'm still angry over their cheating. They got married and invited mutual friends who knew of their affair. All of them attended the

When I questioned a few of them about why they didn't tell me he was cheating on me, they said it was "none of their business." (Oddly enough, those people thought nothing of socializing with the cheaters.)

I'd like to know how many of your readers would tell someone their spouse was cheating. I know I would, because affairs aren't innocent fun.

Just to add to the end of my story, my ex and his trophy wife are now divorcing after three years of marriage. The reason? He caught her cheating! – THE EX-MRS. IN ILLINOIS

DEAR EX-MRS.: These "friends" may not have told you because they either didn't want to get involved, or they had already chosen whose side they planned to be on.

I suspect many readers will want to chime in on your question. And I also suspect that, unlike years ago when folks opted to remain silent, the majority will say they feel the spouse has a right to know because

they would want to be told.

DEAR ABBY: Please provide advice on hugging a woman without it seeming like I am more interested in experiencing a free feel of her breasts than in just hugging her. Any help or suggestions will be appreciated. - HEALTHY AMERICAN MALE

DEAR H.A.M.: If you are hugging women you don't have much of a relationship with, your intention could be misconstrued. If you think your attempt to be warm and friendly might be regarded as making a pass, then you shouldn't do it, or you may be considered less a "healthy American male" than a creepy lecher.

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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 Sagittarius and a Moon in Leo.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR**

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10, 2014:

This year you open up to more adventure, which allows your creativity to surge. You easily could become known as an "idea person." You always seem to land on your feet, even if you give in to your innate impulsiveness. If you are single, you will have your pick of suitors. Your biggest dilemma will be choosing whom to date. If you are attached, your sweetie might be taken aback at times by your spontaneity. Indulging him or her with tokens of your affection will help. LEO makes a delightful playmate.

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)**

\* \* \* \* \* A friend could be hot under the collar as of late, particularly today. A vague sense of confusion surrounds a project, yet someone you respect adds clarity. This person is full of ideas; brainstorm with him or her more often. Tonight: Midweek break.

# TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Venus, your ruling planet, changes signs and helps you see the big picture. Travel could be part of your life in the next few weeks. Do not get yourself into a rigid situation or become involved with an unusually controlling individual. Tonight: Head home early.

# **GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)**

\* \* \* \* \* You'll choose the right words and naturally say the right thing. Nevertheless, someone might decide to poke holes in your logic. Be gracious and willing to debate the pros and cons of this person's position. A one-on-one conversation could clear the air. Tonight: Out and about.

# **CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)**

★★★★ Take some time today to do some shopping. You will enjoy yourself, as you're likely to find several special gifts. A difficult friend might have you wondering what is going on with him or

her. Listen to what he or she has to share. Tonight: Visit with a loved one. LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

\* \* \* \* \* You'll feel great interacting with others. Your attitude is likely to be more caring toward

people you might not know well but who play a key role in your daily life. Conversations could go beyond the usual "hello/goodbye" exchange. Tonight: Act as if the world is your oyster.

### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

\* ★ ★ Be sensitive to the changes happening around you. You might want to take a nonreactive stance for a few days. Your intuition will be in high gear, so give yourself time to verify these impressions. Take some time to indulge a loved one. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

\* \* \* \* You have the ability to create more of what you want. You understand the art of diplomacy and of saying the right thing to build up others' confidence. As a result, you'll make people feel better about themselves. Tonight: Join a friend for some holiday eggnog

# SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

\* \* \* \* Take charge of a responsibility, even if it means having to avoid a family member. Your understanding marks your interactions. Someone close to you will admire the way you handle this matter and will let you know in his or her own way. Tonight: Till the wee hours

# SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You will want to approach a matter differently, as you suddenly might be able to see the whole issue in a new light. It's possible that you won't be able to convince someone else of the usefulness of your plans. Count on going alone on this path. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

# CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

\* \* \* \* You might enjoy being closer to a loved one. A family member or domestic situation could add some stress to your interactions. Worry less, and go forward. You'll be able to handle this matter in a creative way. Time is on your side. Tonight: Make time for a close friend.

# AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

\* \* \* \* \* You could be unusually assertive, and others might be having a strong reaction. Understand that you are triggering these reactions; they are not occurring from out of the blue. Use caution with funds when your mind is elsewhere. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

# PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

 $\star\star\star\star$  "All work and no play" could be a difficult goal to accomplish. In fact, it might be impossible to rein in your imagination today. Your effectiveness could be enhanced if you opt to give yourself a healthy break. Tonight: Run some errands on the way home.

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# BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT







NO PROBLEM .. I BROUGHT IT

OVER EARLY SO YOU'D HAVE PLENTY OF SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

**BLONDIE** | YOUNG & DRAKE



**MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM** | MIKE PETERS

