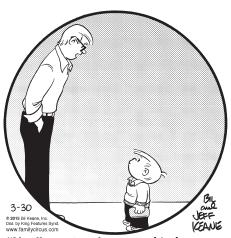
FAMILY CIRCUS | BILL KEANE



"No, I'm not embarrassed to be seen with an out-of-date phone.

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



NOW FLAP. WE'RE ALMOST

OUT OF GAS

ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



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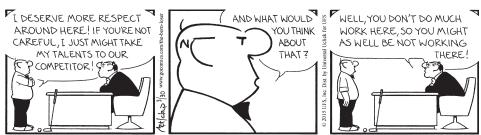




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BORN LOSER | ART SAMSON



PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ









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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE | CHRIS BROWNE





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HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER





FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON









GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS







Wife Who Doesn't Enjoy Sex **Got Bad Wedding Day Advice**

DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I've been married more than 20 years and have three children. What I haven't had is a real desire for sex — nor have I ever had, as far as I know, an orgasm. Before my wedding, my mother warned me that sex was overblown, uncomfortable and messy, but she said I had to put up with it if I wanted kids and a good marriage.

Movies, TV shows and ED ads all suggest that "normal" women are just looking for the next opportunity to jump into bed with their man. Am I a freak? Are there others like me? What do I tell MY girls as they grow up? — WAITING IN WICHITA

DEAR WAITING: Your mother did you no favor by saying what she did about sex. Sex can be "messy," but it is also supposed to be pleasurable, and both parties should be able to enjoy it. If sex is painful, then something is wrong.

I would never label you a freak. However, you may be asexual, because some people are. If you have never experienced an orgasm, you may have married a man who was also sexually inexperienced.

It's a mistake to judge what sex is supposed to be like from media and/or advertising. People pitching products can be notoriously unreliable, and some television shows and movies strive for shock value. Your gynecologist would be a far more reliable information resource.

As to what to tell your daughters, there are many books on the subject, and your gynecologist may be able to recommend some literature. But please do not give your daughters the same message your mother gave to you, because it was wrong.

DEAR ABBY: I have two daughters, "Mary Beth," 48, and "Anne," 50, who do not talk to each other. The last time we were all together was a family vacation in 2010. They live in different states, and I travel to visit them for the holidays. They have similar lifestyles - married, children, work outside the home - but

they don't reach out to each other. . When Mary Beth wrote her feelings

to Anne, they were viewed as hurtful and vindictive. I received a copy of the letter, but I didn't think they were. That was two years ago, and Anne never sent a reply. She said, "Oh, Mom, I don't know what to write. Can

vou help?" Frankly, I think Anne prefers the lack of contact with her sister, and that even though they are sisters there is no bond between them. What do you suggest? The silence is unbearable. I want to hear the "noise" again. — DISAPPOINTED MOM IN RENO

DEAR DISAPPOINTED MOM: Nowhere in your letter did you mention how Mary Beth feels about the fact that her letter may have caused an estrangement. As an adult, Anne should have responded to that

letter. It isn't unusual in families that are geographically separated for sibling bonds to loosen. Work, marriage and children can be profoundly distracting.

I'm advising you to continue to see both daughters, but not involve yourself in their relationship. I'm not sure what kind of "noise" you're looking for, but if you poke into this, it could be an explosion.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015:

This year you are able to easily grasp both sides of an issue. As a result, you might waffle over which point of view to support. You are extremely playful this year, as if you were a kid again. You will be surrounded by people who are in touch with their authentic selves. If you are single, that status easily could change, if you so desire. A friendship could play a strong role in your love life. If you are attached, the two of you often have different ideas about which people you should reach out to, so entertaining will be challenging. Just enjoy the different characters you bring together. LEO encourages

you to let go more often and have fun.
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)

* * * * You'll be energized and ready to yourself some freedom in how you approach this situation. Being flexible could become a high priority. Tonight: You are extremely verbal and direct.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

*** You can be very direct, but will that serve you well? Perhaps detaching and understanding more of what might be happening with each individual would be better. You will find a solution that works for everyone involved. Tonight: Head home, and buy a treat on the way.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

* * * * You could feel awkward in a discussion that makes you feel out of sorts. Worry less. Understand that your ability to reach out to this person has not changed -- he or she simply has turned

inward. Tonight: Get together with a friend. **CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)**

* ★ ★ Sometimes you become possessive. Security has always been a primary concern for you. Ask yourself what it will take to make you feel safer and more confident. You might need to have a discussion with several people who know you well. Tonight: Pay bills first.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★★ You'll realize that you are on a very expansive and fortunate path. Stop for a moment and look at everything that has occurred in recent

months. Is there an area of your life that you might want to change? Start putting more energy there. Tonight: Respond to someone's call.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★ Don't push yourself too hard. You might be irritated about the fact that you aren't getting the information you want. Resist causing an argument; you can get the same information from someone else. Tonight: Take a step back, and observe what's happening around you.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

* * * * You can't always make everyone happy, but you have a tendency to try hard to do so. Trying to be a ray of sunshine is natural, but it is not your job to make others happy. Trust that you have the wherewithal to handle any issue. Tonight: Head home early.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

* ★ ★ Take charge of a matter that affects others, and they will appreciate your efforts. Try not to be too demanding! The unexpected could throw your schedule into chaos. Relax, and let go of any controlling instincts for now. Tonight: A must

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

* ★ * ★ Allow yourself to see the big picture, even if an issue triggers you. Do whatever you need to do in order to avoid letting let a situation you. You nave the power and strength to ride out this matter. Your inner strength and discipline will emerge. Tonight: Relax to a good movie.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

* * * * * Deal with someone directly, rather than push others away. Not everyone understands the issues you are dealing with, nor do they need to. However, having a confidant might be important, as you'll need someone to bounce ideas off of. Tonight: Togetherness works.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Defer to others, and gain a better sense of direction through active conversation with a partner. You might realize that you're not as dependent as you had thought you were. Listen to a dear friend's suggestion, and everything will work out. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Without much effort, you seem to have put yourself in a pivotal position. Stay levelheaded when dealing with key people in your life. Aim for what you want in a meeting. A discussion will help others understand your direction. Tonight: Take a hard look at your finances.

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