FAMILY CIRCUS | BILL KEANE



"As soon as he's done singing, he'll want us to clap for him.

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 Donation Of Eggs Is **Fertile Ground For Discussion**

DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were chatting recently and the subject of sperm donation came up. He surprised me by saying he's vehemently against it, and then compared it to selling your body as in prostitution. He also mentioned he thinks it's disgusting because any kids we would potentially have might end up dating their half-siblings. We let the issue drop, but Abby, I have a

In my early 20s, I participated in an egg donation program to support couples who were unable to get pregnant on their own. At the time, I didn't think much about it. I didn't want kids — and I doubt if I ever will — so I figured it was my contribution to the gene pool without having to raise little humans myself.

I never told my husband about it because it happened before we met. I do know that some of my eggs were successfully transplanted.

Should I tell my husband about my donations or keep quiet? We don't have kids, but are talking about trying in the near future. Would it be wrong for them to go out into the world not knowing about their half-siblings? — FERTILE MYRTLE

DEAR MYRTLE: The time to have spoken up was when your husband aired his feelings on the subject of sperm donation and infertility issues. You did a wonderful thing and with good reason. Your husband should be made aware of that, with no apologies.

If you do decide to start a family, considering that there are half-siblings out there, it would be wise to advise your children to have genetic testing done with their prospective spouses. (Because there are diseases caused by recessive genes, it's a good idea anyway.)

However, unless you are sure that you want to bring a child into this world, you shouldn't become a parent.

DEAR ABBY: I am 29 and on the fence about what to do. My 32-year-old boyfriend of a year and a half, "Aiden," proposed while we were in Europe last month. Aiden is a

sweet guy who would do anything for me. I waffled and said I had to think about it. He $\,$ bought a lovely engagement ring that he still has in his possession. We do not live

Aiden says he's certain he wants to spend his life with me. My problem is, I don't want to

marry him. I am a professional, and Aiden is a tradesman with no money. Even though he kisses the ground I walk on, I don't think I'd be happy in the long term with him and would always wonder if I could have done

On the other hand, I am almost 30 and want children. It seems that nice guys who want to commit are in short supply. Should I settle for Aiden? Breaking up with him, as I did a few months ago for a couple of weeks, would crush him. But he has little social life and no hobbies

 just me. — CONTEMPLATING IN ALBERTA, CANADA

DEAR CONTEMPLATING: Nice guys who want to commit may be in short supply, but please do THIS nice guy a favor and end the relationship before you hurt him any more than you already have. Tradesmen can be good providers, husbands and fathers, and Aiden has much to offer a woman who can appreciate him fully. Clearly, that's not you, so

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Leo if born before 2:12 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Virgo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015:

This year no one will question your efficiency or your strong drive. Ideas inspire you. You enjoy a good brainstorming session. You can be critical and snippy when you're in a bad mood. Your ability to detach will be tested, as you often seem to be too involved in the here and now to see the big picture. If you are single, romance could enter your life from out of the blue sometime before September. This person could prove to be very special to you in the long run. If you are attached, the two of you might disagree about vacations and where to go, but you are great at home, all nestled in and sharing a favorite pastime. VIRGO has a cold side.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★ Use the first half of the day for any matter that needs a creative solution. By the second half of the day, you will be in the mood to complete a project that has been on the back burner. Your energy should be focused on your long-term financial needs. Tonight: Be more fun-loving

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

*** * You suddenly might have an energy boost. Choose how you want to direct this vitality. Perhaps you'll want to play with a child or loved one. Know that this drive isn't likely to go away for a while. Express your feelings in such a way that they

can be heard. Tonight: As you like it. **GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)**

*** Reach out to a key person in your life in the morning. Later on, you could be working on a project where you won't want to be bothered. Don't

swallow your anger; instead, consider expressing your feelings. Tonight: Settle in for a cozy evening. **CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)** * * * * Speak your mind. If you encounter a financial snafu, don't hesitate to backtrack and

see where it has come from. Conversations in the

afternoon might be filled with a lot of information. A

discussion will allow you to see the other side of an issue. Tonight: Meet up with a pal. LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

* ★ ★ Someone who has been laid-back is

likely to do a sudden reversal. You might be dealing with someone you barely recognize, as he or she could be unusually upset. Getting communication flowing could be nearly impossible at the moment.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★ ★ You might be out of sorts in the morning, but by midafternoon, you'll feel more like your old self. A discussion with a partner or close associate will flow more easily. A one-on-one talk will bring results that please you. Tonight: Be your friendly self.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

* * * * A last-minute detail could slow you down. A talk on an individual level is likely to ease some of the tension. You might note how unpredictable an associate has been and continues to be. You can count on some surprises from this person! Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

* * * You can continue to take the lead, if you so desire. An afternoon meeting will bring results that make you feel as though the effort was worth it. A loved one might let you know that it is time to spend some quality time together. Tonight: Where

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might be letting go as much as you can. You are likely to encounter an obstacle in the afternoon with someone you must answer to. You could find this person to be fussy and difficult at the present moment. Do what you must. Tonight: In the

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

* * * * You will be tired of pushing so hard to achieve the results you want. A partner has been very supportive, yet you might decide to go on your own with a particular idea. You could be wondering what is going on in someone else's mind. Tonight: Look beyond the obvious.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

* * * * You deal well with others. You'll be able to open up to the intricacies of someone else's thought process. Your listening skills seem to be improving as well, as you're able to read between the lines. Avoid untested assumptions. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

* * * * Work on a project in the morning, and you'll be noticed in the afternoon. You might find that you are surrounded by people you never dreamt you would be in the same room with. Toss yourself in the middle of a conversation. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

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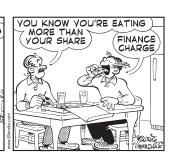
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