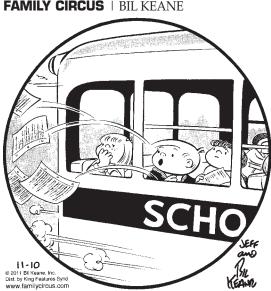
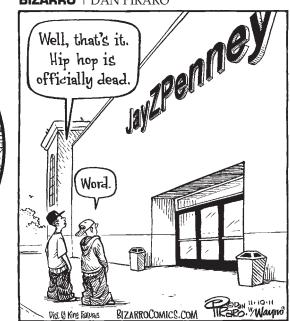
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"OH, NO! They'll never believe this excuse."

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# Sting Of Sudden Disinheritance **Leaves Grandchild Feeling Hurt**

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DEAR ABBY: I am in a happy and healthy long-term relationship. Since neither of us wants kids, we don't feel the need to marry. Because I don't want children, my grandmother has decided I don't

deserve any inheritance. She has rewritten her will, leaving everything to my younger cousin who is the only grandchild likely to have children.

It makes me feel awful, as though I am not worthy in her eyes because of my choice. It isn't about the money, Abby. My feelings are hurt because my grandmother can't accept me without a child.

Is there a way to broach the subject without sounding like I'm just after her money? — DISINHERITED GRAND-CHILD IN COLORADO

DEAR DISINHERITED: How do you know you have been written out of your grandmother's will? Did she tell you or did you hear it from someone else?

It would not be confrontational to tell your grandmother you were hurt when you heard the news because it made you feel "less than." The decision whether or not to have a child is a personal one, and couples who don't want to be parents are likely to make less than wonderful ones.

Your grandmother may or may not have changed her will because of your choice, but it's also possible that she would like her assets to be passed down to grandchildren and beyond. You'll never know unless you ask.

DEAR ABBY: What does someone who is an older adult do when she needs to be held and listened to, and when she has no one to do this with her?

I'm sure I'm not the only woman who has found herself in this situation. What do others do when

this is needed? Sometimes I just need to be held, listened to and reassured. — IÓWA READER

DEAR READER: The need for human contact is part of the human condition, and I can tell you what

I did before I met my husband: When I was feeling down, I'd ask a friend for a hug, a willing ear and some reassurance. I can't imagine anyone refusing. At some point everyone needs what you're asking for.

Other ways to combat the blues include staying occupied with hobbies that interest you, socializing with friends and getting regular exercise. If readers would like to chime in and share what they do, I'll be glad to pass along their suggestions.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I stopped at a rest stop to use the facilities. I noticed a man with a little girl who appeared to be about 3 years old go into the men's bathroom. I wanted to ask if he would like me to take the child into the women's bathroom while he waited outside the door for me to return her to him, however I hesitated and didn't do it.

When my husband came back to the car I asked him what the child encountered in the men's bathroom. He said

she had to pass by the urinals with the men urinating. I felt terrible for not speaking up.

Would it have been wrong to volunteer to take the little girl into the women's bathroom? Perhaps I'm too sensitive to matters like this, but I haven't seen it addressed anywhere. — CONCERNED IN FLORIDA

DEAR CONCERNED: What the child encountered when her father took her into the men's bathroom was probably a line of men with their backs to her. and I assume he took her into the stall toilet. However, it would have been kind of you to volunteer, and probably very much appreciated.

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## ACQUELINE 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 following each sign.

A baby born today, Nov. 10, 2011, has a Moon in Taurus and a Sun in Scorpio.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, NOV. 10, 2011:

This year you can open up to new changes and greater possibilities. You see the world more openly. You sometimes see how opposites can be the same, at least in their core issues. You could swing between whether to do what you want to do and what you think you would like to do. Another scenario could be whether to do what you want or what is right or will work. You will discover that for you, one path works better than the others. If you are single, establishing a new relationship with your birthday on a Full Moon guarantees suitors, but not necessarily peaceful relating. If you are attached, the two of you look to a better year, but you need to have equality. You might note your differences more than your similarities. TAURUS

can be extremely challenging.
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)**

★★★★ You suddenly become far more sedate and caring. How could all of this have happened? You made a big splash the past few months. Now this? We cannot say that others aren't wistful for the person of the past, but they will like your caring even more now. Tonight: Make it your treat.

# **TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)**

\*\*\*\* The Bull roars. The Full Moon focuses on you and only you. Don't be shy or too patient. Now is the time to move, especially if you have been eying a particular goal -- that is, if you want a yes answer. Tonight: Juggling others' concerns.

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

★★★ Know that sometimes the less said the greater the impact you have. Knowing what you want and being willing to move forward and make it so are part of the recipe. Now the best move is to watch and check out

#### where others are coming from. Tonight: Vanish. **CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)**

★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Listen to what is being said between friends, then observe what is happening. You might be a little tired of a situation that keeps repeating itself. Be direct in your conversations. Tonight: Where the fun is.

#### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Take a stand if you must. Others always respond to your leadership. You have a sudden concern about making money. Push comes to shove faster than you can believe, especially if you have a different point of view. Tonight: A must appearance.

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

 $\bigstar\, \star\, \star\, \star\, \star$  Display your customary efficiency. Some people could find you a little demanding in the next few weeks. You just have all this energy and need to keep your focus. Understanding will evolve. Tonight: Look beyond the obvious.

#### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22) \*\*\* Rethink a personal matter with the person in-

volved. A discussion helps both of you bond more closely, no matter what. Anger will keep building if you don't discuss the issue. Do it sooner rather than later. Tonight: Toaetherness builds SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

#### ★★★★★ Defer to your significant other. No matter how you look at a situation, it is changeable. Try accepting

and opening up. Your ability to deal with the impossible emerges. Others are in sync with your thoughts. Understand where the similarities are rather than the differences. Tonight: Let another person choose. SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

# ★★★★ Touch base with others' needs and desires.

With that type of nurturing, people cannot help but respond. Let defiance go -- it is an immediate reaction, nothing more. Structure your plans around what works. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

#### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19) \*\*\*\* Allow more creativity into your ideas, ac-

tions and conversations. Please note the high response to your ingenuity. You might consider projecting in this manner more often. A friend would like more attention. Tonight: Let the good times begin.

# **AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)**

★★★ A key person is on the bandwagon about a new beginning. You cannot shut this person down. Opposing him or her would be a lesson in futility. Why do that to yourself, or to anyone else? Tonight: Dinner for two.

# PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★★ You want to understand what is going on. Not everyone is as willing to calmly discuss a situation as you are. Rather than get into a disagreement, flow with the moment knowing that anything is changeable. Tonight:

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