

FAMILY CIRCUS | BIL KEANE

KEANE "Mommy, it's not fair! I'm the only one around here who doesn't get to have a sister!"

THE INVISIBLE MAN'S SELFIE

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I DON'T UNDERSTAND !...

YES?

BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE





Daughter's Absentee Father Is Present For His Other Kids

DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

Phillips, and was

Dear Abby is written

by Abigail Van Buren,

also known as Jeanne

DEAR ABBY: For 2 1/2 years I have taken care of my daughter without the help of her fa-ther. He pays child support only when the courts threaten to throw him in jail, but he never comes to see her. When he does come by, it's not to see or spend time with her, it's to try and get sex from me. Sometimes I give in and give it to him as an itch to

scratch. He recently got "married" and now has four other children. The last time he was over. I noticed that he has all his children's initials tattooed on his arm except our daughter's, and it bothered me.

I only want what is best for my little girl, and I have made it clear that if he isn't a part of her life now, that he needs to stay away until she's an adult. I don't want her to be hurt by a part-time or sometimes dad. I guess my question is, is it OK to be angry that he doesn't recognize her as his child but does his other four? — PO'D IN OHIO

founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write DEAR PO'D: Oh, goodness gra-Dear Abby at cious, yes. And because you don't www.DearAbby.com or want your child to be hurt by this P.O. Box 69440, Los Anman, I'm advising you to quit geles, CA 90069. being his booty call. There are other ways to scratch an itch, depending upon whose itch it is. If you continue seeing him under these circumstances, you could wind up being the mother of another one of his children, God forbid.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this hoping that anyone who is in a supervisory position at work will see it and think before pressuring employees to buy popcorn, cookies, wrapping paper, trinkets, chocolate bars, etc., for their children's schools or organizations. This is extortion. I have tried saying, "No, thank you," but I get such a bad attitude from my supervisor that I end up ordering something - usually the cheapest item — to avoid the drama.

I can't afford to drop \$20 here and there on items I wouldn't otherwise buy or eat. It's a lot of money to employees who haven't had wage or benefit increases in more than four years. I can barely keep my car filled with gas and

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 following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Scorpio and a Moon in Sagittarius if born before 12:43 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6, 2013:

This year you might develop a more serious tone than you have had in past years. You are determined to achieve your goals. Woe to anyone who might decide to interfere with your path. You know where you are going, and you will not be sidetracked. If you are single, you might attract someone who is equally as determined as you are. Working out a relationship will take a lot of mutual respect. If you are attached, the two of you will head in a new direction after years of discussion. You will be thrilled to enter a new phase of your life together. CAPRI-CORN is as stubborn as you are!

have to unroll coins sometimes to pick up food for dinner a day or two before payday.

PLEASE tell bosses and managers not to solicit sales from employees. It's tacky! — TURNED OFF IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR TURNED OFF: I'm happy to get the word out because I agree that the sales tactic

your supervisor is using is tacky. Parents who do this for their children deny the kids the experience of doing the selling and learning to cope with rejection if prospective customers don't buy.

Because you don't have \$20 to spare, you might be able to deflect the "attitude" by offering a small donation — a dollar or two — to the cause. But if you can't spare any money, then stiffen your spine and don't let yourself be made to feel guilty. Buying things you don't need is not part of your job description.

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law wrote the following to my husband in a birthday card: "I couldn't find a card that really fit you. None of them said 'sweet, kind, sexy, lovable, friendly, intelligent, or one of the best brothersin-law ever,' so I'm telling you in

my own words. If I could get ahold of my husband's money, I'd send you on a cruise.'

Was this appropriate? I don't think so. My husband says she didn't mean anything. Help? SHOCKEĎ IN TENNESSEE

DEAR SHOCKED: Speaking of cruises, throw your sister-in-law a lifesaver, because I think she went overboard.

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direction. You'll see a personal matter differently after a conversation with a partner. Tonight: Chat over a relaxed dinner.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Allow your creativity to emerge in your dealings with a fun, childlike person. A partner could add some magic to your day. This person might be unusually romantic and/or sentimental. Enjoy this phase, for it won't last forever. Tonight: Time for a midweek break.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

★★★★ You might feel out of sync with a personal issue, and you could be viewing your finances with an eye to costs. You might not be able to talk sense into someone else right now. This person can see only what his or her rose-colored glasses permit. Tonight: Head home early.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Say what you think, as others might not understand where you are coming from otherwise. Be direct, and drop all manipulation. Understand your choices and explain your logic. Others will agree or disagree; you have no control here. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



BEETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



THE BORN LOSER | ART SANSOM



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



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)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Be direct in your dealings. Know that change is very possible if you share what your objective is with others. A partner or loved one will understand what is going on. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: A friend needs to share more with you.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. You could be dealing with a loved one far differently from how you had intended because of a vagueness that surrounds this person. Until you are a little surer of vourself. hold off on making a decision. Tonight: A close encounter

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ You could be more in sync with someone than you might realize. You'll need to think through an offer longer than you might have anticipated. Investigate alternatives before you commit to one course of action over another. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Someone around you could be verv controlling and serious. You know that this person has good intentions, despite all the flak you are receiving. Understand what is happening. He or she might want more control, and is unlikely to admit it. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Pace yourself; you have a lot of ground to cover. You might want to revise your schedule, and approach a situation with more sensitivity and

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT BRIGHT LEAVES FALLING, CREATING I LIFE TO THINK THIS IS AMAZING! A CARPET BENEATH OUR FEET. IT'S LIKE POETRY. OFITAS n STOMPING ON THAT'S REALLY 云 BEAUTIFUL, TREE POOP. P DAD. POETF 15

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON







SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

 $\star \star \star$ You express yourself through your body language and expressions. Without intending to, you could be building your personal life on rocky foundations. Even in a talk, you might not choose to reveal your thoughts. Tonight: Buy a few necessities on the way home.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You know what to say, but you might prefer to say nothing right now. You rarely reveal your more emotional side. Others are drawn to you; they can't seem to stay away. Don't be shy. Discuss what you think is a great idea. Tonight: Where the fun is.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

 $\star \star \star$ You might not be comfortable with a project, a key person and/or yourself. You'll need to take some time to sort through what is bothering you. Follow through, and take care of yourself first. Only then will you be able to be helpful to others. Tonight: Make it early.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ A meeting might prove to be more important than you initially thought. You might want to bring others together to get the ball rolling. Don't hesitate to take better care of yourself first. You often do too much for others and not enough for yourself. Tonight: Find your friends.

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