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Little Thefts From Garden Add Up To Big Annoyance

DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

home park. Because my coach isn't huge. I have a nice little backyard where I have a small vegetable garden and a lovely lemon tree.

One day while I was tending my garden, the woman who lives behind me came over to say hello and admire my vegetables. When she saw I have Swiss chard growing, she exclaimed, "Oh, I will have to pick some because my daughter loves

I was dumbfounded. She has room to plant her own little garden, but never does. She has helped herself to lemons, too. When I saw her doing it, I was again too shocked to say anything. She doesn't ask; she just helps herself.

What do I say at times like these? We live so close and there are no fences ... yet. — FUMING IN VISTA, CALIF.

DEAR FUMING: Unless you are willing to draw the line, your neighbor will continue to assume that silence is consent. So pay the woman a visit, and tell her you would prefer that she ASK permission before helping herself to anything in your garden. And if that doesn't stop her, make installing that fence a priority.

DEAR ABBY: Nowadays, I'm learning about the deaths of family members and friends by email, and I'm uncertain how to respond. I always send thoughtful, personal handwritten notes of condolence. But how best to acknowledge or respond to the email?

It seems wrong to ignore it in favor of sending a letter via the Postal Service, because my message will take a while to reach the bereaved. But it also seems wrong to say, Oh, so sad to hear the news" in an email, as if that was the sum total of my thoughts. What to do? — CARING OUT WEST DEAR CARING: Here's what I do. I pick up

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 has a Sun in Sagittarius and a Moon in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, NOV. 25, 2014:

This year you could prove to be a financial wizard. You'll listen to your sixth sense when it comes to taking any risks. Don't always count on your impulsiveness being right. Generally this is the case. but not every time. If you are single, your love life could be wild and unpredictable. It would be wise not to consider a relationship "long term" until it actually is. If you are attached, the two of you could add a lot of fire to your bond. A trip to a new spot could invigorate your bond. CAPRICORN offers wise advice.

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)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Remain flexible despite a friend's rigidity. At a certain point, you are likely to feel rebellious. Someone else will know how to move this person gently off his or her position, but you might

DEAR ABBY: I live in a 55-and-older mobile the phone and CALL the person who sent the email, or a member of the family that suffered the loss. I express my sympathy and find out the details — such as where and

when the funeral or memorial will be held, and if I can send flowers or make a donation. THEN I write the condolence note.

Tuesday, 11.25.14

DEAR ABBY: When I come home from work, errands or whatever, my wife is often on the phone. I find it rude that she won't put the phone down for a moment to say hello and, if the call needs to be returned, tell me briefly what it's about. Is that unreasonable?

My wife walks into another room with no explanation, never straying from the call, and continues talking for another 10 or 20 minutes. What do you think of this? - CRAVING ATTENTION IN COLORADO

DEAR CRAVING: I agree that it would be more loving if she acknowledged your presence with a smile and a "Hi, Honey — I'll be off the phone in a few minutes." However, for you to expect her to report who she's talking to and what they have been discussing seems not only nosy on your part, but could be considered controlling.

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particular enterprise. You could be taken aback by some adjustments you might need to make. A roommate or family member also could be out of sorts. Tonight: Take the high road.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You could be disappointed by a loved one's unexpected reaction. Understand that you can't change anyone, even if you think you can. This person will need to work through his or her issues alone. Allow your creativity to find a different approach. Tonight: Time to party!

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

 $\star \star \star$ You might be upset by someone's words -- in fact, you could develop a cavalier attitude as a result. You won't want to make any financial commitments at this point in time. Emphasize your compassion in a conversation with a friend or loved one. Tonight: Make it early.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

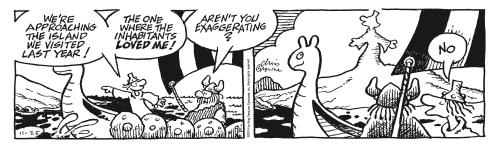
 $\star \star \star \star$ You are likely to be disappointed by someone's knee-jerk reaction. Try not to make the situation any worse than it already is. Someone could change his or her tune when you least expect it. Tonight: Wherever you are, others will want to be.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You could be taken aback by all the



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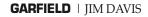
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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON













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TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★★ Your ability to visualize different routes to the same end will emerge. A loved one's intentions might startle you when you grasp what he or she has in mind. A discussion could shed some light on whether this person is willing to be flexible. Tonight: Listen to great music.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ You'll prefer to deal with one person individually. Discussions could evolve to a new level of understanding as a result. You might question whether you can trust this person, as he or she easily closes down in situations that you assume are easy. Tonight: Move in a different direction.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Defer to others, especially since they seem to have strong feelings about a certain situation. You could have difficulty with someone you look up to, as he or she might prefer you to have a more hands-on approach. Recognize your limits. Tonight: Accept a fun invitation.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You'll be committed to completing a project, and you will focus all of your energy on this

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ground you need to cover. Your focus continues to be on a financial matter that you'll want to clarify. If you did just what you wanted, you could cause a problem. Tonight: Carefully weigh the pros and cons of what you want to do.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

**** Whereas others seem to fumble under the pressure, you'll endure and flourish. A family member might throw a boomerang in your path, but you're likely to jump right over it. Be careful, as a conversation with a friend could have a heavy tone. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

 $\star \star \star$ Understand that you'll need to deal with someone with whom it is nearly impossible to have an open, honest conversation. Look for ways to maximize your energy, and don't allow this person -- or anyone else -- to deplete it. Tonight: Put distance between you and others.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ While others mope around, you'll bring friends together for a meeting. You will accomplish a lot with an open discussion. Let people know that their ideas are valued; they'll appreciate it and feel more included. Tonight: Where the crowds are

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