

"Billy's sellin' all the Halloween candy he didn't like.'

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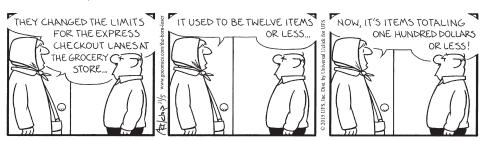


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Daughter Avoids Mom's Calls After Exhausting Day At Work

DEAR ABBY: My mother calls me all the time. I answer sometimes, but sometimes I don't because I feel she wants to know too much about my life.

I work full time with the public. When I get home, I'm tired. I have talked to people all day long, and I really don't feel like entertain-

My mother tends to be negative, snotty and, most of the time, offensive. If there's a storm or an accident on the news, she calls me repeatedly until I call back. Who wants to call

someone back who acts that way? I try to be positive and upbeat. Sometimes she drains my energy. Do you have any advice for me? – PUT OFF IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

DEAR ABBY DEAR PUT OFF: Yes. Explain to Jeanne Phillips your mother that at the end of the day you don't have the energy to carry on a lengthy conversation with her. It wouldn't be rude; it's the truth. If she calls because she's worried that the bad news she hears in the media could be about you, tell her that you have her listed as someone to contact if there is an emergency. Continue to be positive and upbeat, and stop hiding from your mother.

DEAR ABBY: Would you PLEASE say a few words to those discourteous individuals in the gym who, even at 6 a.m., think it's all right to sit on a piece of exercise equipment, texting, while others wait to complete their weight-training workouts and get to work? - TED ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR TED: The first rule of basic etiquette ANYwhere is to show consideration for the people around you. This applies not only to gym-goers who hog the equipment while texting, but also to the ones who carry on extended conversations while straddling the treadmill, sitting on equipment others are waiting to use, and failing to wipe away the perspiration they dripped on the machines while they were exercising.

Oh! And let's not overlook those who

slather on perfume before going to the gym, despite the fact that as one sweats the odor is magnified - or worse, people who "forget" to use deodorant. (Have I covered it all?)

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 and the only job I have is baby-sitting. My brother and his

girlfriend ask me to baby-sit their two kids, ages 9 and 6. They haven't paid me for the last five times I've watched them. They say I should do it for free because it's my niece and

Shouldn't I get paid? What should I do? Shouldn't they pay me for the other times before I watch them again? - WORKING TEEN IN IOWA

DEAR TEEN: If you had another way of earning money, I would say that, yes, you should watch your niece and nephew occasionally

without charging. However, if your brother and his girlfriend agreed to pay in the past and have suddenly stopped, they are taking advantage of you. If that's the case, you have the right to deny your services until you

receive what they owe. A word of advice: This will happen less often if you communicate in advance that you charge for baby-sitting, how much you want to be paid and you expect that to happen at the time of service.

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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

A baby born today has a Sun in Scorpio and a Moon in Virgo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, NOV. 5, 2015:

This year you open up to a world full of potential. Some of these opportunities come from the people you know, whereas others are a result of you being in a lucky period. You can practically wish upon a star and have your wish come true. Know what you want, and go for it. If you are single, you will have to fight to keep that status and choose not to commit. However, recognize that others see you as being highly desirable. If you are attached, you and your significant other will happily proceed down the path you both have laid out. Make it OK to take emotional risks. VIRGO usually is critical.

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 feel as if the time has come to take control of a difficult situation. This is likely to cause a commotion for some, but a resolution you. Trust your efforts when it comes to your work ethic. You make a big difference. Tonight: A partner

has a nice way of saying "thank you." **TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)**

★★★★ Despite someone else's attitude, which might hurt you on a deep level, you'll keep it together. You succeed because of your resourcefulness. Pressure builds because you would like to be acknowledged. Give it up, and refuse to push

Tonight: Let your imagination take the lead. **GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)**

* * * * A matter revolving around your home might keep you grounded, perhaps even more than you would like. Know that, despite the demanding nature of what is going on, your home life will be a source of happiness in the near future. Tonight: Avoid complications.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You come up with the right words at the right time. Communication could be overwhelming. You might be more optimistic and positive than you realize. You'll be able to melt any resistance from a dear friend or loved one. Tonight: In the thick

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★ ★ ★ Balance your checkbook before you take

a risk. The gamble might be worth it, but be aware of the implications involved. A close associate could challenge your decision. Listen to what is being said, as there is likely to be some validity here. Tonight: Indulge a little.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

* * * * * You could be challenged by a loved one. This person might give you the cold shoulder or do something else that he or she believes will draw you in. Let him or her know what your plans are, but express your appreciation nonetheless. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

* ★ * You might act as if you have a secret that might be too big or too wonderful to keep to yourself. Stay mum. Focus on routine matters, and try to infuse them with more energy and creativity. Don't hesitate to share your ideas. Tonight: Vanish quietly, then do what you want!

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21) *** * You can't help but succeed with all

the support, ideas and energy around you. You could do well, even without others' help, as you are unusually creative and dynamic right now. Go off and manifest what you want to happen. Tonight: A little extra oomph goes a long way

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

** Your attitude could be a real game-changer. People respond much better to positive energy. If you feel isolated, hold up the mirror. Only you can change how you present yourself. Ask friends for some feedback to help you turn the corner. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

*** * If you back off and take a long, hard look at what is going on, you might like what you see. There could be a profound disagreement between you and another person. One of you is far more imaginative than the other. Learn how to

compromise. Tonight: Consider a getaway AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

* * * * * A partner or loved one will pull you away from a problem. You could be awestruck by this person's suggestions. You'll see a plethora of options as a result. Slow down before committing. Sit on your impulsiveness a little longer. Tonight: Time to be with a favorite person!

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You might not intend to be as critical or as challenging as you are today. You could hear a comment or two, which you probably would prefer not to acknowledge. Rather than create any uproar. ignore the comment. Watch the other party's reaction. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

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