

## FAMILY CIRCUS | BIL KEANE



'Good news, Mommy. I think I've finally outgrown these shoes I never liked.'

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# **Bad News Dampens Delight Over Best Friend's Generosity**

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: My husband's best friend gave us a very generous gift for our toddler. However, it arrived with the news that the baby he and his girlfriend are expecting may have serious complications, which could result in termination of the pregnancy. Abby, I am also expect-

ing. I know I should send them a thank-you note, but I don't want to sound overly cheerful when someone is obviously suffering. Is there a way to appropriately express our thanks in writing while still being sensitive? I want to show my concern without overstepping my boundaries. — LOST FOR WORDS

DEAR LOST: My advice is to stay Jeanne Phillips on message. Thank the man for his generous gift and say how much it is appreciated. If you wish to express concern for the difficult time they are going through, do so without going into detail. It's sufficient to say that he and his girlfriend are in your thoughts and prayers. Make no reference to your own pregnancy because in this communication it's not relevant.

DEAR ABBY: I work with the public and make small talk all day long. At the end of a busy day, I like to go to a neighborhood restaurant by myself for a quiet dinner. My problem is the owner, "Giovanni." He's a very nice man, and he'll sit down at my table to chat, often for the entire meal. To complicate matters, he speaks limited English and conversation with him is a chore.

I can't think of a polite way to ask that I be left alone without hurting his feelings and making future visits awkward. Any suggestions? - HUNGRY AND TIRED IN THE EAST

DEAR H AND T: A polite way to do it would be to say, "Giovanni, I like you very much. But I have had a hard day. All I want to do is sit down, eat my food and stare into space. Please understand." Unless he is very new to the hospitality, business he should re-

## 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 Scorpio and a Moon in Sagittarius if born before 6:03 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Capricorn.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR** TUESDAY, OCT. 28, 2014:

This year your style of communication could radically change. You even might decide to sign up for a class in writing. You sometimes become rigid in your thinking. Try to let go of this tendency a little more often; this transformation will allow you to relate to others more easily. If you are single, be honest with yourself about why you might be that way. As a result, you could decide to make some changes. If you are attached, the energy between you and your sweetle will become even stronger. You communicate with CAPRICORN easily. 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)

★★★★ An important phone call could fall to the wayside. Decide whether you have the willpower to deal with a very demanding pe

gard that as his cue to back off.

DEAR ABBY: I live with my parents and when my mom does laundry, she always asks

me if I want to throw any of my clothes in with hers and vice versa. The problem is, when the cycle is finished, she throws everything into the dryer — even items that will shrink or wrinkle. I've asked her not to do it, but she persists.

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Now, I know what you're going to say: "Do your own laundry." I have tried. But if Mom hears the wash finish before I do, she goes out and chucks everything into the dryer. Last week she shrank half my socks.

I can't think of a solution aside from doing my laundry when she is

out of the house, which would be difficult because she's retired. I'm starting to get frustrated. Any ideas? — FRUSTRATED IN **COLUMBUS** 

DEAR FRUSTRATED: If your mother is also forgetting other things, it's possible she may be in the early stages of dementia. However, if that's not the case, then your solution is practical — or consider taking your things to a laundromat. It would be less expensive than constantly having to buy new socks.

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open up to many possibilities once you get into the spirit of the moment. Do not make anything a bigger deal than it really is. Tonight: Consider what Halloween costume you might like to wear.

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

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  You have a lot to share, and so do others. It might be difficult to relax and socialize in a very demanding situation. A child or loved one could be temperamental. Your ability to connect with others will help ease this person's irritation. Tonight: Do what you want.

#### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ How you deal with a certain loved one will be more important than the immediate issue. You might not always have the best idea, but learning how to disagree while still being sensitive could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Happiest at home

## SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star$  Your rigidity sometimes gets you into a lot of trouble. You might not know how to loosen up and listen to controversial perspectives. Be sure there is validity in what you are hearing. Allow your creativity to evolve to a new level. Tonight: A talk is necessarv

# SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

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## **BEETLE BAILEY** | MORT WALKER



#### HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



### FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON

AHEM! LET'S GIVE THE AMAZING TALKING

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HEAD A DRINK, GENTLEMEN





# **GARFIELD** | JIM DAVIS



Be careful, as this individual's high energy suddenly could convert to anger. Tonight: A must appearance. Invite a loved one along.

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

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  You will be more restrained than usual as you seek out a more effective solution to a problem. You could be very much in your own head, and others might find it hard to distract you. Recognize that you need to detach from this situation. Tonight: Be imaginative.

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

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  You could be questioning a choice you've recently made that involves someone who can be a bit of a handful. You might disagree with this person about a recent expenditure or an allocation of funds. Think before you act. Tonight: Opt for some cozy moments.

### **CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)**

★★★★ Your emotional qualities help reinforce your innate intuitiveness. As a result, you will feel more connected to others than you have in a while. A loved one could be more in touch with his or her feelings than he or she lets on. Tonight: Enjoy the person you are with.

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

**BLONDIE** | YOUNG & DRAKE

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THESE BODYLESS HEADS, GENTLEMEN

THEY LEAK.

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 $\star \star \star$  You'll feel ready and energized to move a project toward completion. Your imagination will

## BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT

involving money. However, if you are honest with yourself, you know that you have a lot more to learn. Be open to others' ideas, and keep in mind that there are many different perspectives. Tonight: Let your curiosity speak.

#### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You will want to accomplish certain errands and tasks. You know how to screen calls effectively, but right now, you might suspect that big news is heading your way. Express your ideas with someone who really appreciates you. Tonight: Follow a friend's suggestion.

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

★★★ Maintain a low-profile, and observe what is going on by employing your fine listening skills. Note what is not being said. You might hear some information that you will want to share with someone you admire. Tonight: The two of you could talk till the wee hours.

#### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$  You seem to be on a winning path. You might be the vote that determines the commitment to a particular decision. An assertive friend could push you hard, and you are likely to get into it with this person. Take a step back for now. Tonight: Find your friends

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I HEAR YA, MR. B.! TRICK-OR-TREATERS I'M JUST STORING UP ENERGY BEFORE THE CRAZINESS STARTS, ELMO ANOTHER NAP THANKSGIVING PAVING OFF CHRISTMAS BILLS FOR THINGS EVERYONE RETURNS! YEAR-END FIRINGS! MR.B.? WEL ENJOY!

**MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM** | MIKE PETERS

