

# FAMILY CIRCUS | BIL KEANE



"No, I don't think anybody is interested in how many potato chips you can put in your mouth."

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# **Condolences To Old Friends**

# Are Better Late Than Never

DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

Phillips, and was

Dear Abby is written

by Abigail Van Buren,

also known as Jeanne

founded by her mother,

Pauline Phillips. Write

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of four years, "Joey," is a kind and loving person. Recently the father of one of his close childhood friends died. We live a plane ride away, and Joey could not get time off work to attend the services.

I assumed Joey called his friend and family to extend his sympathies. During our last visit home, I found out he had not reached out to them. I'm upset that he didn't,

hurt by it. At this point, what can Joey do to make things right? Why wouldn't he make the call in the first place? — SMOOTHING IT OVER IN SAN ANTONIO

and I know the friend was deeply

DEAR SMOOTHING IT OVER: Joey may not have reached out because he didn't know what to do, which would have been to call and extend his condolences or send a card or handwritten note. He may have procrastinated because he didn't know what to say and was afraid he'd say the wrong thing.

say the wrong thing. The way to fix this would be for Joey to pick up the phone, apologize to his friend for not calling sooner, and confess that he knows he was wrong for not doing so. All he needs to say after that is that he's sorry be needs to say after that is that he's sorry there Beck

he needs to say after that is that he's sorry for his friend's loss, which he knows must have been painful. Then he should be quiet and listen.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter-in-law allows her 2-year-old daughter to run around naked before bath time and at other times. They have been visiting us, and there are also other people in the house and yard. The child's mom tells her to say, "Look at these buns!" and laughs.

We feel this is inappropriate and dangerous. How can we get through to her that it's not right? — CONCERNED GRANDMA IN EAU CLAIRE, WIS.

DEAR GRANDMA: While I don't think that allowing a child to run around nude at home

# 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 Virgo and a Moon in Aquarius all day.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, SEPT. 16, 2013:

This year your traditional choices no longer have the same appeal. An interest in healing encourages you to move in the direction of a New Age lifestyle -- perhaps you'll even decide to become a vegan. You might opt to add some zest to your work life, too. If you are single, you easily connect with members of the opposite sex, but they might have difficulty dealing with your vibrant personality. Be patient. If you are attached, note when you become irritated with your sweetie. You could see a pattern develop. AQUARIUS knows how to challenge you and make you smile is dangerous, I do agree that encouraging a child to run naked and say, "Look at these buns!" is unwise. The response it brings ("Ha, ha, ha — isn't she cute!") teaches the little girl that this is a way to get attention. While this may be amusing at 2, it is setting a pattern that will attract the wrong kind of atten-

tion when she is 4, 5 or 6. Envision her mooning the firstgrade class! Perhaps you can make your daughter-in-law understand by showing her this column. I certainly hope so.

DEAR ABBY: I am an asexual college student with a question about dating. When should I tell someone that I'm asexual? I'm not really "out" — mostly because I don't feel the need to talk about it — but I'm not ashamed of it, either. What do you think? — NEW ENGLAND "ACE"

DEAR ACE: I see no reason to announce it at a first meeting because it's nobody's business. The time to tell someone you are asexual is after you have gotten to know the person well enough to be comfortable sharing information.

In case you don't realize it, you are not the only asexual person out there. Because there's so much emphasis on sex and sexual orientation in our society, it might help you to know that an organization exists which enables asexuals to connect with each other. It's the Asexual Visibility and Education Network (AVEN), and you can find it on the Internet at asexuality.org.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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to integrate your knowledge of what goes on behind the scenes. Laughter surrounds you. Tonight: Refuse to get involved in a hassle.

# VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Throw yourself into your work or whatever your plans might be. Be flexible if a partner or associate starts adding an element of chaos, as this person makes your life more exciting. Do not push him or her away; instead, try to enjoy these moments. Tonight: Unwind. Let go of stress.

#### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

★★★ You could feel as if you are being pushed by an assertive friend. This person wants you to follow him or her on a certain path. You might not like his or her reaction after you indicate that you will make your own choices. This, too, will pass. Tonight: You need to have more fun.

# SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

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 $\star \star \star$  It will feel as if everyone has a different agenda from yours. Know that they might want you to follow theirs. Keeping the peace could be diffi-



#### **GARFIELD** | JIM DAVIS



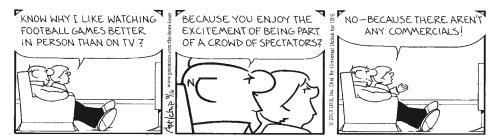
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VOMITING.

# 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)

★★★ You easily could be unnerved or irritated today. Funnel these feelings into a positive outlet. Getting some exercise will help, as will carrying a project or two to completion. A child or loved might be provocative. Know that this behavior is only temporary. Tonight: Lie low.

# TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

 $\star \star \star$  You could become very stubborn when faced with unusual insights or behavior. Holding on to the status quo will not work. Face facts, and integrate them into your thinking. Others will admire the clarity that you are able to offer as a result. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

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

★★★★★ When the unexpected occurs, detach rather than react. You could witness odd behavior from friends, loved ones or co-workers. You initially might be taken aback or concerned, but realize that what is happening will have a very good outcome. Tonight: Reach out to a friend.

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

★★★★ You could be worried about your finances, yet you still might overindulge since you don't want to deal with the obvious. Stop, take a deep breath and reverse course. You might have to disappoint someone, so let him or her down gently. Tonight: Time to design a new budget.

# LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might feel challenged by certain events, conversations or new information. You don't need to feel that way -- you have the capacity

# BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



★★★ A domestic or real-estate matter will consume your attention. You also might discover something unexpected. Don't allow your focus to wander far from your objectives in the future. Know that you might need to have someone play devil's advocate. Tonight: Pay your bills.

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

 $\star \star \star \star$  You might be consumed by a sudden change of direction. The unexpected keeps forcing you to make adjustments. Know that what is happening is for the better. Others could be experiencing a similar situation, but not going with the flow. Tonight: Listen to an irate friend.

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

★★★ You might want to stay home or play it low-key. Make that OK. Be very decisive in how you handle your finances. Count your change and make sure your accounts are balanced. If you feel lucky, buy a lotto ticket. Tonight: Dive headfirst into a long-overdue household project.

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