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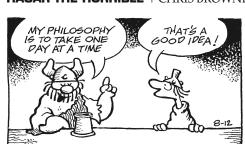






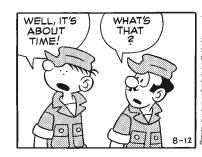


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# **Woman Mistaken For Cougar** Wants A Big Cat, Not A Cub

**DEAR ABBY** 

30s and have an 18-year-old daughter. When I am alone or out with my girlfriends, I am constantly hit on by younger men. My girlfriends

say it's because I don't look my age and that I should feel flattered. Well, I am not a "cougar," and I don't get turned on by younger men. I find it offensive when I am approached by them.

While my single friends are being asked on romantic dates by professional older men. I'm being asked on dates by struggling college boys who have no car, no job and cramped living quarters with three other roommates. Give me a break!

It has reached the point that I Jeanne Phillips just pretend to be married. But it's starting to bother me that mature men don't find me attractive. I have stopped wanting to go out because of this. What

should I do? — IN A FUNK IN FRESNO
DEAR IN A FUNK: Where's your sense of humor? Instead of telling these young men you're married, why not tell them something closer to the truth — that you're old enough to be their mother and ask if they happen to have a single uncle.

Seriously, if the only men who pay attention to you are men in their early 20s, your problem may be the way you're packaging the product you're trying to sell. Your makeup, hairstyle and attire may send the wrong message, and that's why men in your target demographic aren't showing an interest. Talk to your friends about this and see what they have to offer.

DEAR ABBY: I have a stressful job but do not work "regular" hours. I also care for my aged mother, which is like having another job. Because of this, I have little time to myself or to relax. During warm weather I enjoy taking an occasional break on my back deck,

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single woman in my late whether reading materials for work, enjoying a novel or catching a quick nap. Frequently, I'll transact business on my cellphone.

Anytime my neighbor sees me sitting on my deck, he'll come out of his house. He thinks it's funny to say things like, "Boy, I wish I could be like you and not have to work," or

'Must be nice to just sit around." The first few times it was funny, but I no longer find it humorous especially when I'm stressed out about work or my mother. Yester-

day I warned him, "Don't go there!" How can I nicely let my neighbor know his joke is now stale and no longer appropriate? With all the pressure I'm under, he's making even a quick break stressful. — BE-

HIND THE 8-BALL IN OHIO DEAR BEHIND THE 8-BALL: Your neighbor may be a tad jealous of what he perceives as all your free time, or he may be a one-joke wonder who's trying to be friendly. But the nicest and most direct way to get your message across would be to explain that you're not only working from home, but also caring for your mother — and when you take these breaks, SOLITUDE is necessary.

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#### |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 Leo and a Moon in Pisces

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR** TUESDAY, AUG. 12, 2014:

This year you have the good fortune of starting a new luck and life cycle. Make the most out of this period, and go after what you want. If you are single, you will enjoy yourself immensely, yet you probably will meet someone of significance who makes your heart flutter. If you are attached, your sweetie will benefit from your good mood and your desire to make him or her happy. You both will benefit from the good vibes and increasingly loving moments you share. SAGITTARIUS encourages

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 might wake up thinking "It's just another day," but you'll discover otherwise. Someone is likely to compliment you in a way that delights you. Your imagination suddenly could take off as a result. Tonight: Enjoy time with a friend or loved one.

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

★★★ You will be determined to have your way, and you might start acting like a bull in a china shop. Worry less, and good feelings will be the natural outcome. Trust that someone else will see the same path you do, once his or her defenses are down. Tonight: Do only what you want.

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

★★★ Pressure seems to build with someone you need to answer to. You might feel as if demands keep coming in from left and right. You could be overwhelmed by a situation and all the calls, texts and knocks on the door. Be easygoing and responsive. Tonight: In the limelight.

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

★★★★ Look past the obvious. Detach if you become triggered. You might be looking at a situation from a limited perspective. Reach out to some one at a distance, and a conversation about a trip will be likely. You need a change of scenery. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

# LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Venus enters your sign this morning. This stellar change only adds to your desirability

and your need to enjoy the good life. Though you are unlikely to toss your plans to the wayside, you certainly might have a more easygoing attitude. Tonight: Go along with a friend's suggestion.

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

★★★★ Others will seek you, but you might need some alone time. Decide not to worry so much. If you are single, use caution in the next few weeks; you are likely to attract emotionally unavailable people during this period. Tonight: The only

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

★★★★★ Venus -- your ruling planet -- moves into a position where you will be able to pull white rabbits out of a black hat. Settle in and give some thought as to what you would like to manifest in the next few weeks. Your popularity is likely to soar. Tonight: As you like it

# SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You might decide to unleash your intense intellect and resourcefulness. Others might be taken aback by the quality or depth of a conversation. You do not need to explain to anyone what you want at this moment. Tonight: Add some vitality

# SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ If you feel that an agreement or situation is off, pull back some. Honor your feelings, and ou will be OK. Family matters might be on the back burner, which also might add an element of confusion. A friend will show you his or her caring. Tonight: Head home early.

# CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You could feel as though a personal matter is out of whack. Know what you expect to get from a situation. A loved one will support you in your feelings; however, a friend might not be on the up-and-up. Be more observant. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

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

★★★★ Others are likely to come through for you once you let them know that you need some help or support. You could feel as if you are in a nowin situation, but with some different perspectives and feedback, you will realize that there is a solution. Tonight: Hang with friends.

# PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You are bound and determined to show your competency. You could take someone's harsh comments personally, but that would be a mistake. Stay centered and focused. You know what you want -- head in that direction. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

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# **BABY BLUES** | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT







WE'RE WITH

**BLONDIE** | YOUNG & DRAKE





**MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM** | MIKE PETERS

