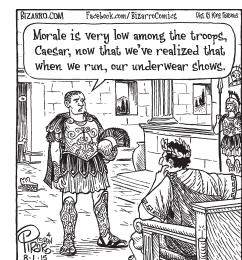


"They have LOTSA animals here! Why couldn't we bring Barfy and Sam?"

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# **Jail Is Just Punishment For DUI Even Though No One Got Hurt**

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am normally a law-abiding citizen. I was pulled over a half-block away from picking up my son and charged with

I don't dispute the facts, but I didn't injure anyone. I had taken prescription meds (the meds did have warnings) in addition to having drunk three beers two hours earlier. I hurt myself and my son, because he needed me to pick him up. I didn't put anyone else in jeopardy. No one was physically hurt.

I did not contest that I should lose

my license for a year, but I do contest jail time. I feel if they are going to put me in jail, they should have put away the men who rear-ended my sister and niece and caused them lasting injuries.

I don't deny my guilt. I suggest only that I am less guilty than others. Abby, what do you think? — PULLED OVER SOMEWHERE IN THE USA

DEAR PULLED OVER: I think you are just as guilty as the individuals you mentioned, but because of pure luck you didn't cause anyone physical harm. What you did was irresponsible because it could have placed your son in jeopardy. Pointing at "the ones who got away" is a waste of time.

This unfortunate incident should serve as a reminder about the importance of reading the labels and following the directions on medications, and paying attention to the problems that can occur when they are mixed with alcohol.

DEAR ABBY: My dog has been invited to a birthday party for another dog, but he won't be attending because of a health issue. Can you give me some insight into what the protocol is for doggy birthday party gifts? I have asked a few people and received varied responses ranging from "nothing" to "Are you nuts?" to a gift card, dollar-store gift basket or a gift basket with doggy treats and toys. I'd like to know how to handle this so my friend — the dog's mom — won't be offended if I give too little, or nothing. — DOGGONE GIFT IDEA

DEAR DOGGONE: If you or your dog cannot attend a gift-giving party, neither of you is obligated to send a gift. However, if you want to be supportive, you can give your friend's dog something as elaborate as a gift

basket or as simple as a doggy chew

P.S. Someone who would deem your gift to be "too little" isn't much of a friend.

DEAR ABBY: I am a boy in middle school and have a friend I've known since kindergarten. We are good friends at school, but his mother seems to dislike me.

**DEAR ABBY** I have given this a lot of thought and cannot understand why she doesn't like me. I want to change her opinion, but I don't know how without making the problem worse. What can I do? — MISUNDERSTOOD IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR MISUNDERSTOOD: You appear to be mature for your age. It's possible that the woman's attitude has nothing to do with you personally. Because you feel she doesn't like you, I think you should tell her how you feel and why, and ask her if you can change

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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 Leo and a Moon in Aquarius if born before 8:36 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR **SATURDAY, AUG. 1, 2015:**

This year you often go back and forth between different points of view. This behavior is unusual for you, as you generally are very clear about what you think and how you feel. You seem to be gaining more insight into others and their motives. You also see more possibilities than in the past. If you are single, the ability to see past the obvious enhances your dating potential. If you are attached, the two of you move to a new level of understanding because of your ability to walk in each other's shoes. You have the skills and wisdom to make peace more often and walk away from dissension. PISCES creates some interesting scenarios with his or her

imagination.
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)

ation. If a quarrel breaks out, it might be best to think carefully before speaking. Share a desire to do something unique. You could be surprised by all the options you have. Tonight: Be willing to call it an early night if need be

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

\* \* \* ★ Respond to an older relative's request or desire. Though you might not always agree with this person's suggestions, you will be able to make plans that will be enjoyable to you both. A partner also suddenly could become more flexible. Tonight: Only where the fun is.

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

★ ★ ★ You might be uncomfortable with the present situation, as it demands that you detach from your intense emotions and reassess your stance. Use caution with you finances; you are likely to spend more than you should because of your frustration. Tonight: A must appearance.

**CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)** \*\* \* You might want to spend time with a special person. What is stopping you? You might need to join in this person's plans. Make that OK rather than be irritable. Stay confident that your time will come, especially if you learn to relax more.

# Tonight: Go where there is music

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22) \* \* \* \* A loved one makes guite the offer.

and you want to say "yes." So, what's the problem? You could be irritated by something unrelated that needs to be handled. You will gain a new perspective if you choose to detach. Then, clear out the issue. Tonight: Go along with plans.

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

\* \* \* \* You could be at your wits' end. Be aware of what seems to be limiting you in a key situation. You might have difficulty clearing out a hassle during the day. Know that you will succeed. Friends and family seek you out, so be more available. Tonight: The party goes on.

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

\* \* \* \* Your sense of direction might point you toward a child or loved one. The two of you will have a wonderful time just hanging out together. Your ability to move forward and respond to a favorite person allows for a close relationship. Tonight: Know when to call it a night

# SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

\* \* \* \* \* You might be in a situation that demands your time and attention, especially if it involves your domestic life. You could see a major change occur in how you view others. You suddenly will feel less needy and more open. Be less critical. Tonight: Entertain from your pad.

# SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

\* ★ ★ Your playfulness emerges when having various conversations. Some of the talks might be in person, while others could be over the phone. Before you know it, you'll have plans on top of plans! Be more upbeat and direct than you have been in the past. Tonight: Visit a close friend.

# CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

\* \* \* \* Be more forthright and direct in how you handle a problem. Be clear and sure of yourself. Know that you don't need to push so hard in order to please someone. Perhaps some of this person's demands aren't realistic. Tonight: Treat someone else to dinner.

# AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You'll sense others' interest in you. If you are attached, maintain a friendship with this person; otherwise, you might want to get to know him or her better. Make plans involving loved ones. You will help an uptight person feel more optimistic. Tonight: Go with the moment.

#### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20) \*\*\* \* \* You might want to appreciate and

understand a different perspective in order to resolve the problem at hand. As a result, you will feel more open and less restricted. You suddenly could be made aware of a new option. Tonight: Suddenly,

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