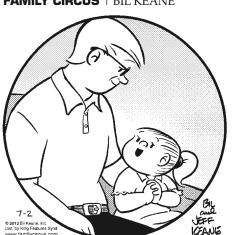
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"Sometimes when you hurt inside, the only medicine that'll help is a great big hug.'

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Husband Wanting Good Loving Should Be Good Lover Himself

DEAR ABBY

■ Dear Abby is written

by Abigail Van Buren,

also known as Jeanne

Pauline Phillips. Write

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'll bet you've gotten a ton of mail about "Mike in Missouri" (March 15), who was worried about his wife's declining sex drive. While your point about hormone levels is a good one, it could be something simpler than that.

I am a wife who would love to have sex more often, but I'm TIRED! I work full-time and do most of the household chores. I also do most of the cooking.

When my husband heads up to the bedroom at 10 o'clock and gives me that "come hither look," I'm not in the mood for sex. I'm thinking about the two loads of laundry and the sink full of dishes that still need to be done. Or I'm trying to remember whether I signed that permission slip for our daughter and making a mental note about picking up my prescriptions on the way to a client meeting in the morning.

Speaking of prescriptions, is Phillips, and was Mike's wife perhaps on birth control pills? Those can decrease a founded by her mother, woman's sex drive. I took a par-Dear Abby at ticular pill for a year before realwww.DearAbby.com or izing how much it killed my P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. desire. My doctor changed the prescription. Although there's a big difference, I'm still too tired to do much about it most days.

However, my husband has figured out I have more energy in the mornings, so his timing is better on those "come hither looks." Now if I could only get him to help out more with the chores ... — G. IN DAYTON,

DEAR G.: Thank you for sharing. And you're right — readers wasted no time flooding my office with comments on this topic:

DEAR ABBY: After conversations with women of all ages, I have concluded that more often than not, it is the husband who has caused the wife's sex drive to diminish, not hormones or other physical problems.

Ask Mike how he treats his wife on a daily basis; whether he has habits or hygiene that are off-putting; whether he indulges in

pornography; whether he has taken care of his health and appearance. After 17 years, is he a good lover?

Many women are as dissatisfied with their sex lives as their complaining husbands are. Anyone who wants to have a satisfying sex partner needs to BE one. — OVER 50 AND

STILL INTERESTED DEAR ABBY: A woman's sex drive is a complex issue that in my experience has nothing to do with her hormone levels. A decline can occur at any age even though she has no obvious medical issues. The most common causes are stress, unresolved and deeply buried sexual issues, concern about body image, empty nest syndrome, distraction with family problems, worry over work or finances, and the side effects of medications such as antidepressants. — SAN DIEGO

GYNECOLOGIST DEAR ABBY: When sex was mind-blowing for me was when I felt the most loved by my husband. The way he treats me has changed over the years, and lately I'm so turned off that I can no longer physically respond to him. Often, a woman loses inter-

est in sex because her partner makes her feel like he has lost interest in HER. At the beginning of a relationship, both people do special things for each other to

show their affection. These are the things women need. To continue feeling loved, each woman has different emotional needs that can stay the same or evolve as life's circumstances change. The bottom line is, if men want their

wives to want them physically, they need to learn what their wives want emotionally and then do a lot of it. Pay attention to her, communicate, make her a priority. I'm amazed that so many men don't understand how enormous the payoff would be if they made the effort to make their wives feel they are still special. — OUTTA HERE SOON

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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 following each sign

A baby born today has a Sun in Cancer and a Moon in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013:

This year marks an important time in your life. Expect good fortune and opportunity to meet. Make choices that suit you. You are initiating a 12-year cycle, so make sure that you are keeping your eye on the long-term as well as the short-term. If you are single, you will meet someone who will enrich your life. What type of relationship evolves from there depends on you. If you are attached, you enter one of those warm, connected years where your bond grows stronger. TAURUS is loyal.

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)**

HH Be careful with any type of spending, even if it is something as basic as doing someone else's budget. The wise Ram will make no commitments right now. Focus on a recent assessment you've made, and figure out what you need to get rid of. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★★ You have the skill set to manage many different interests, but you might feel overwhelmed. You'll want to manage a situation differently and move forward with a project. Prioritizing will help diminish your to-do list more efficiently. Tonight: Happiest at home.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Listen to what someone wants to share; help this person form a game plan to get there. You suddenly might discover that there is a change in how you proceed. Your sense of humor will emerge regarding a discussion involving money. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost anything.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You know which way to go and why you are heading in that direction. You can explain only so much to others; otherwise, you might miss the opportunity. Timing is critical right now. A sense of humor goes far when dealing with a problem.

Tonight: What would make you happy? LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Know how to say "no." Your wittiness might be best kept to yourself for the time being. Make a point of saying "hello" more often to that ac-

quaintance who makes a difference in your life. Understand what must happen in order to get a project off the ground. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone whose opinion you trust. You need to get feedback, but it needs to come from someone who is not involved in the outcome. Be willing to put out ideas that you typically would judge as not workable. Tonight: Let your imagination lead the way.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

* ★ ★ ★ Examine what you want and expect from a family member. This person often becomes very innovative when dealing with you. Maintain a good attitude, but find a different approach. Oneon-one relating is not that easy for this person. Tonight: Have a long chat with a friend.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

* ★ ★ ★ Someone seems to command more attention and decides to take the lead in a situation. Generally, center stage is your turf. How you handle this reversal will be telling of who you are. You can't control others, so stop any manipulative thoughts. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Not everyone is as determined or focused as you might be at the moment. How you speak to someone, and your expectations for this person's responses, might need revision. Choose to allow your feelings and thoughts to flow more openly. Tonight: Schedule some more free time.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ Build on an existing bond. You know what to expect, and you'll find it easy to be open with this person. Open up to new possibilities, and test them out on this friend, who just might come back with yet another idea. Let the brainstorming session begin! Tonight: Ever playful.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You might discover that the best path right now is the tried-and-true. Though normally you are more unconventional, if you want to succeed, you'll need to bend a little more. Real estate, a parent and security all are factors that need serious consideration. Tonight: Stay close to home.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

*** You know what you like, and you're capable of creating it. Get on the phone or send out some emails to initiate conversations with those whom you might impact by deciding to move in a new direction. Brainstorm away. Tonight: You might be amazed by what emerges.

YOU THINK

BEHAVE?

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