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"My mom says will you tell me when it's four o'clock, 'cause that's when I should go home."

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Steer Daughter To Counseling After Son-In-Law Is In Jail

DEAR ABBY

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Write Dear Abby at

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: We recently learned that our son-inlaw, "Mike," was fired from his job as a community service officer with the county. He committed seconddegree criminal sexual assault on two women inmates he was supervising and is now in the

process of going to court. We hope he'll be convicted and sent away so our daughter can put her life together. This has torn our family apart. We

don't know how to get through to her that she deserves so much better than this. She refuses to divorce him even though this was happening during their marriage and her pregnancy, She claims she's not being abused, but we have seen how controlling Mike has been throughout their courtship and mar-

How can we help her realize that life without him would be so much better and that sex offenders are never really "cured"? They tell us they are "con-stantly praying" and that "God has al-ready forgiven" him for what he has done. Any advice you can offer would be greatly appreciated. - WORRIED PAR-

DEAR WORRIED PARENTS: Your son-in-law's abuse of his authority is apwww.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. palling. But as long as he's still around and "constantly praying" (probably more for a sympathetic jury than forgiveness for what he did to those women), you won't get through to your daughter.

Fortunately, the justice system has sentencing guidelines for men who abuse their power the way Mike has, and he may be going away for a long, long time. Once he's gone, start talking to your daughter about counseling to deal with the trauma she has been through, and let a mental health professional shed some light on this. If the message comes from a person with no bias, it stands a better chance of getting through.

P.S. I wholeheartedly agree she would be better off without him.

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 Gemini all day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, NOV. 2, 2012:

This year you are direct and say what you think. Know that you can be open without having to hurt anyone's feelings, though do be aware that you will need to make a conscious effort. If you are single, your high magnetic energy attracts many potential sweeties. You often find that anger destroys relationships. Learn how to express your negative feelings before they evolve into more. If you are All the fighting between you has to do with separation. Is that the effect you want? GEMINI can be irritating. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dy-

namic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★ You could be more gruff than you realize. You say what you think and do what you say. Be careful, as some people are not used to your forthright style. Anger or hostility could come out with the wrong person. Ouch Tonight: Á force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ When you're frustrated, no other sign rivals

DEAR ABBY: I live in Arizona where the temperature can hit 100 degrees and we get 300-plus days of sunshine every year. I always have my 5-month-old

son wear his sunglasses when he goes outside, and I get the most asinine comments from total strangers! Everything from "Can I have his autograph?" to "Does he think he's cool?" How can they be so dumb? People, tiny eyes need protection too! – A NEW MOMMY DEAR NEW MOMMY: The individu-

als you describe aren't "dumb"; they are making a failed attempt at humor. However, I showed your letter to Beverly Hills ophthalmologist Peter Cornell, M.D., who told me:

"It's ideal for everyone – regardless of age – to protect their eyes from ultra-violet light. And it's advisable for babies to be protected when they're outside. But it is NOT as 'crucial' with children as it is for older individuals, because their bodies are better able to repair oxidative damage. That said, ultraviolet light is not the friend of anyone's eyes.

DEAR ABBY: I was married recently but kept my maiden name. As wedding gifts, we received two sets of towels monogrammed with my husband's last

initial, and a plaque for the front of the house -"House of (his last name), Established 2012."

While we appreciate this generosity, I'm sure we will not put the items to use. (The plaque was from a close family member on my husband's side who knew I would be keeping my name.) How do we han-dle this? – PERPLEXED NEWLYWED IN CLEVELAND DEAR PERPLEXED: Here's how: Consign the

plaque to your husband's man-cave (or toss it), use the towels for something other than display, and write a gracious thank-you to the family members who gave them to you for their thoughtfulness.

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grudge, a resolution is possible. You might be catering to someone more than you wish you were. Tonight: You are the partv!

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

 $\star\star\star$ Pressure builds among those around you. Delivering what you promised remains critical. You have the same expectation of others. Do not allow anyone to rain on your parade. Use care with a volatile roommate or family member. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

 $\star\star\star\star$ If you find yourself at an impasse, detach ... at least until you can get a variety of perspectives on the situation. You could be careless around machinery. Stay current with electrical and mechanical equipment. Tonight: Go with an unusual invitation.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Realize that you are doing an excellent job of juggling various interests. You understand where a parther is coming from, and you get his or her logic. You could be frustrated with yourself and your lack of self-discipline. Go for a walk rather than blow your top. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

 $\star \star \star$ Do you really think you can sit on your feelings and put up a front? Somehow your body language and fa-cial expressions will tell on you. You are better off gently expressing your anger and frustration with your words so that others can hear what you have to say. Tonight: Remain responsive to a key person in your life.

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BAG OF CHIPS AND A

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HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



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your ability to become overindulgent. You could be attacking your checkbook, or a partner might be acting as if money grows on trees. You'll want to assume control for now, so be sure to utilize your self-discipline. Toniaht:

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You come off much stronger and more rigid than you might realize, especially right now. You could hear some sharp words, which might be directed at you but really have nothing to do with you. Let those com-ments slide right off you. Tonight: All smiles, beaming into the night.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ You might want to funnel your energy — both negative and positive - into a project. You could be overwhelmed by everything that comes up. It would be better to incorporate your vigor into a pending project than to let it get out of control. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Zero in on what is happening within your immediate circle. A child or loved one could act up out of the blue. Tempers will flare, but as long as no one holds a

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SHHH!

WHATS WRONG

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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS





 $\star \star \star \star$ Focus on your ability to get a job done. A friend or loved one might want to pitch in at the last minute; however, you could be more rigid than you think, and someone else's style and organization might irritate you. Tonight: Out with a cohort.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Remain playful and open with others. You could become frustrated with a friend, or vice versa. Try not to get assertive, fussy and/or critical. Someone lets you know just how much he or she is aggravated. Avoid a reaction, if possible. Tonight: Follow the fun, and make sure there is music.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Be sensitive to a family member who might be distressed by the amount of time you spend with an older friend or a respected associate. The smart thing is to not get into it with this person - neither of you needs a fight right now. Tonight: Stay close to home.

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TO HEAR YOU!