

DEAR ABBY

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**Dear Abby:** My sister is a pathological liar who causes rifts between family members. She tries to turn us against each other. We must constantly check with each other to find out if what she has said about each of us is true. We can't understand why she's this way. None of the rest of us is. When I have asked her, "Why are you lying about me, us, etc.?" she tells me, "I did not lie." I think she believes her lies.

We have all encouraged her to seek therapy, but she denies that she has a problem. We are at a loss at how to help her. We want a good relationship with her, but we don't know how at this point. Should we distance ourselves from her?

— *Sib Trouble in Alabama*

**Dear Sib Trouble:** You have two ways to go in dealing with your sister. Either accept that she's disturbed and give little credence to ANYTHING she says that's of a divisive nature, or do as you are inclined and distance yourselves.

**Dear Abby:** I'm 15 and my mother makes me go to church every Sunday. I don't like going. I believe in God, but I feel awkward when people ask me about it. My mother makes everything bad until she gets her way. I have tried talking to her about it, but she doesn't listen to me. I don't know what to do.

— *Dilemma in Texas*

**Dear Dilemma:** Your mother isn't listening to you because she is convinced that she is doing the right

thing FOR you. Not knowing how fervent she is about her church and her religion, it's hard to predict how she would react if you tried to turn this into less of a power struggle and more of an adult conversation.

As it stands, you are a minor, and as long as you live under her roof, she makes the rules. When you are 18 and can live on your own, the decision of whether you want to continue going to church every Sunday will be yours. This may seem hard, but if your mother is unwilling to talk this through with you, you will have to be patient.

**Dear Abby:** I lost my dear mother-in-law two years ago. She was a wonderful person, and I miss her. However, since her death, my in-laws have gone into overdrive ordering and gifting the family with items imprinted with her picture or with "in memory of" on them. There are plaques on chairs, memory gardens, pictures everywhere, T-shirts with her likeness, bumper stickers and items of jewelry. At what point do you conclude that this is unhealthy and enough is enough? Sometimes I feel like I'm living in a shrine dedicated to her.

— *Sensitive Situation*

**Dear Sensitive:** Your in-laws are grieving. I'm not sure it would be helpful to tell them that what they are doing is inappropriate. It would be kinder to quietly dispose of the unwanted items as you would any other gift you can't use.

YOUR HOROSCOPE By Madalyn Aslan

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021:** Strong, steadfast and charitable, create and keep healthy boundaries, or else you can be swept away in other people's problems. This year, you are recognized for your innovative contributions and your work with a successful team. Be open to a change that lets you take your lifestyle up several notches. If single, be discerning. If attached, ask your partner for more help when you need it. **CANCER** knows how to nurture.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★ You might be asked to take on responsibilities that you'd prefer to leave to someone else. Those in charge know that your dynamic energy is needed in this situation. The experience will ultimately raise your profile. Tonight: Be patient with stressed-out friends.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★ Dive right in when you're asked to share your wisdom with someone who's eager to learn. You can convey a step-by-step process clearly and fully. Expect a text or email from out of the country. Tonight: Re-read an old book.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★ Practice the art of receiving. It really is possible for a gift to be given with no strings attached. Let a friend give you the treat you so richly deserve. Your heartfelt thanks will flow freely. Tonight: Think romantic thoughts.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★ A client, close friend or romantic partner will tug at your heartstrings today. Be a good listener and offer your support, but don't let anyone's negative energy bring you down. Make a long-delayed amorous advance. Tonight: Time for love.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★ Make time for a workout, swim or long walk. Vigorous exercise supports your mental health and makes your body even stronger. You could meet a likeminded friend while you're engaged in an activity you love. Tonight: Update your planner.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★ Join a friend for online shopping and keep each other's spending in check. Shop for artwork to brighten your living space. You could find something valuable in the attic or basement. Plan a gathering to show it off. Tonight: Humorous essay.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★ Look through old photos, diaries and other memorabilia from your childhood. Continue your online genealogical searches. You are bound to find more informative and surprising facts. Get in touch with relatives to share the news. Tonight: Count your blessings.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★ Care for tools you use every day. Your car could use a maintenance check, or your phone might need an update. Preventive maintenance stops trouble from getting in your way. An old school friend could reach out. Tonight: Read in bed.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★ Go after an opportunity to earn extra money with a fun and profitable side hustle. Add to your savings and accumulate enough cash to support your insatiable passion for learning and travel. The energy you need is there. Tonight: Strategize.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★ Your quest for success could lead to a self-help course. You're always looking for new ways to be the best at what you do. An old boss or supervisor might contact you with an interesting proposal. Tonight: Use your headphones.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★ Let your imagination run wild, and the solution to a problem will be more obvious than you thought possible. Your colleagues will be astounded at your creative approach, and you'll be rewarded for your ingenuity. Tonight: Network with intriguing contacts.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ Tackle a problem or project by asking for help from your friends. Let people gather together as they assist you. You'll transform a grueling task into a fun and entertaining way to laugh and play. Tonight: Turn lemons into lemonade.

Garden corner

How to avoid planting deer food

BY LIZ DOUVILLE

The Bulletin

There are many old and well-known sayings regarding time and place. Some biblical, some humorous and always good reminders for the progression of our days. With that in mind, it's time for the annual "What to do? A deer ate my plants!"

And this is the place where it happens.

The deer that happily prance through our landscape are the mule deer, whitish rump, black-tipped tail and huge ears. May to June is when you will see deer mamas with possibly two fawns. According to a Cornell University Extension publication, a lactating doe requires 4,500 calories daily. Another source states the daily needed food is 7 to 10 pounds. When you think of those calories as buds, leaves, tender shoots and flower parts, that adds up to lots of foraging.

I am convinced our drought conditions of over a year have caused the deer to eat anything and everything far beyond what they have browsed in the past. The "faithful five" have never touched my lavender, partridge feather, tanacetum densum or woolly thyme, until early spring of 2020. Some may say it might have been another critter. No, I watched them enjoy their meal, so I know who did the deed. You can identify deer damage by the show of jagged or torn edges on the stems left behind. It will not be a neat cut by any means. These are strong landscaping plants, so I know they will recover but won't be as lush as two years ago.

Plants that thrive in public plantings are good hints as to plants that deer may lightly browse or hopefully pass up entirely. Pay attention especially to the area



Bulletin file

A deer stretches for a crabapple branch. From mid-April to June, deer frequently raid gardens, targeting sprouting herbaceous plants, bulbs and emerging tree buds.

around the Old Mill District. We are fortunate that our local nurseries are knowledgeable and stock plant materials that are deer resistant.

Fuzzy-leaved plants are difficult for deer to swallow — think of dusty miller and how often it is used in public plantings. Lamb's-ear, the artemisia family, fern leaf yarrow, liatris and beds of iris are popular. You will also note the absence (generally) of large plantings of hosta. I tried, but it was like a three-month Thanksgiving dinner. I finally gave up and dug them out last summer.

Deer tend to shy away from plants with strong odors. Pungent herbs that have a lemony, minty, sagey taste make good choices. Chives, garlic, the alliums are often intermingled with annuals.

We want to be good gardeners by fertilizing our plants in the spring to give them a good start. We may be a little too heavy-handed and end up being part of the problem by encouraging the lush green, tender growth the deer are waiting for. Wouldn't it be better to start building the fertility of the soil naturally instead of relying on chemicals being applied once a month?

Time flies and before you know it, it's July and the time the deer are most interested in the veggie starts you just planted.

This means we need to go to the extreme measure of "exclusion." Exclusion doesn't mean just a wooden or 6-foot-high wire fence. A deer won't go over a barrier if they can't see a clear landing spot on the other side. If you value your food crop, create a hoop planting area. The hoops can be PVC pipe or bended metal covered with bird netting or row cover.

Deer are creatures of habit. They develop a habit of movement, using the same path for an approach direction and a second path for a departing direction. You can break that traffic pattern by using a heavy strength monofilament fishing line, stretched across the approach starting about 18 inches above ground level and tied off either to a tree or pole. I used that technique to fence off a corn patch one year. Three outstanding books are: "Creating a Deer & Rabbit Proof Garden," by Peter Derano; "50 Beautiful Deer-Resistant Plants," by Alan L. Detrick and "Deer-Resistant Design," by Karen Chapman.

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