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Love Is A One-Way Street For **Cautious Teenage Girl**

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 15 and have been dating this guy for two weeks. I have known him for three years. I really like him and he makes me happy.

He has already told me he loves me, but I don't say it back because I'm not going to say it until I'm absolutely sure I do. I know it bothers him, but Abby, am I right for not saying it back? Please answer fast because I need your help. - TEEN IN NEW YORK

DEAR TEEN: You are absolutely right. Although you have known this young man for three years, now that you are dating, the character of your relationship has changed. If he seems hurt that you're not saying "I love you" back, just tell him you need time because this is all new to you. It's truthful.

DEAR ABBY: I finished college a year ago and officially moved out of my parents' house. I then moved across the country for a job.

For the past three months I have been dating this great guy. I never dated as a teenager, and while I talk to my parents frequently on the

phone, I have yet to mention him because I'm shy about it and don't know how they would react to me dating.

I don't want the relationship to go on for months and not tell them because I feel like they will treat it as if I'm a teenager dating for the first time. This is a serious adult relationship and not like a teen's first boyfriend. How do I tell them? - ADULT RELATIONSHIP IN ARIZONA

DEAR ADULT: While you're not experienced, you're no teenager. Your parents can minimize the importance of your relationship only if you allow them to. Granted, you are a late bloomer — but you are also an adult. The longer you keep this a secret, the harder it will be for you to open up.

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 Pisces if born before 6:06 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2013: This year you open up to many changes, and

vou'll feel fortunate to be able to make the necessary adjustments. Lady Luck seems to be in your back pocket. You are at the beginning of a 12-year cycle; the first year is usually very fortunate. If you are single, you could meet quite a few potential suitors. What this situation forces you to do is decide what type of relationship you want. If you are attached, the two of you likely are about to begin a new phase in your relationship. ARIES knows how to get people energized, including you.

One way to introduce the subject would be to start saying "we" when you talk about where you're going and what you're doing. If they ask who the "we" is, you can then tell them you met a man named "John" a short while ago, that he seems nice, that you are

seeing him, etc. Be prepared for questions and don't be defensive. They should be overjoyed at the news you are dating.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 13 and read your column every day. My parents fight a lot. When they fight, I try to get in between them and keep it down. It's not very effective, though. I don't want their fighting to leak out. Therapy doesn't seem possible.

Do you have some tips to keep them from fighting with each other? I'm an only child and don't have any relatives who live nearby. — THE REFEREE

DEAR REFEREE: Parents fight for many reasons, none of them having to do with you. The problems could be lack of money, job stress or something in their relationship with each other that isn't working.

If it were possible for you to fix their marriage, I would advise you how to do it, but the only people who can do that are your parents themselves - if they are willing. If their fighting escalates to violence, rather than put yourself in the middle, you should call the police.

What teens need to know about sex. drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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few days, there is no time like the present. You might be keeping some information to yourself. You have a sunny, upbeat manner that attracts many people. Tonight: If you want to, go exploring.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You could be taken aback by what some friends share. A relationship is like a seesaw for you. One of you is up, the other is down. One wants this, the other wants that. Somehow you never are on the same page. Tonight: Follow your friends.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Know that a boss or higher-up could be demanding. This person also could be an older relative or a parent. Honor what is happening, and let others make their own choices. Be willing to follow through on an important call and a visit to a loved one. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

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TODAY

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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)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You tend to be rather excessive when dealing with others, as well as yourself. Whether it is reacting in anger or indulging with a comrade, it is easy to go overboard. Take into consideration any long-term damages that might result, and you'll be A-OK. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS: (APRIL 20- MAY 20)

 $\star \star \star$ What you are thinking and what you will share with others could be quite different. Sit on your feelings for a day or so, before you make a statement. If you want to make an impression, be firm. You will flourish by cutting back on socializing right now. Tonight: Not to be found.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You need to know what is happening with others before you make plans. You will be a lot happier if you do what you want. Bring friends and loved ones together for a fun summer barbecue at your place. Be careful with your spending. Tonight: Do only what you want.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ No matter what you do, others seem to notice you. Recognize what is happening here. You obviously are doing something that is working. Indulge an older friend or relative. Though this person might not clearly show it, he or she loves visiting with you. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ If you want to schedule a vacation, do. If you decide that you want to take off for a

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request. You might not be pleased by everything that comes out in the next few weeks. Perhaps you don't know how involved you want to get in a major project. If you must answer today, take a walk before deciding. Tonight: Order in.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ A partner could give you more input than you might have asked or hoped for. This person doesn't mean to overwhelm you; it's just that he or she cares so much. Take the comments in the way they were meant to be taken. Don't read into them. Tonight: Go for the wild times

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

 $\star \star \star$ Pressure builds around demands on the homefront and your expectations. Then, factor in a partner's or loved one's needs, and you could be as tightly wound as a corkscrew. Take care of yourself first; otherwise, you won't be able to give to others. Tonight: Entertain at home.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You don't need to go far in order to find a diversion. Walk out the door or pick up the phone. Be willing to spend time catching up on someone's news. You will lighten up the moment for yourself as well as for others. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite neighborhood spot.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Recognize that you don't need to spend a lot of money in order to enjoy yourself. Whatever you are doing, you seem to be able to balance your budget. If you go shopping, hold the receipts -- you could change your mind later. Tonight: Have too good of a time.

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