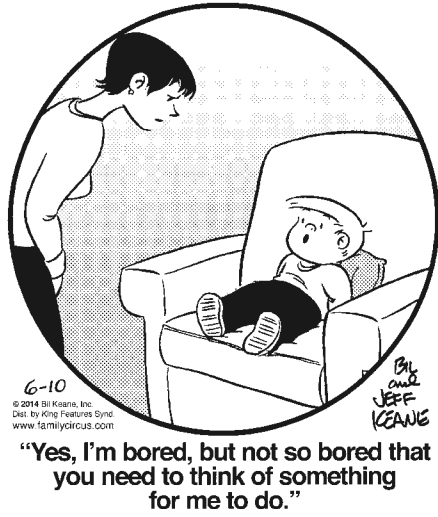


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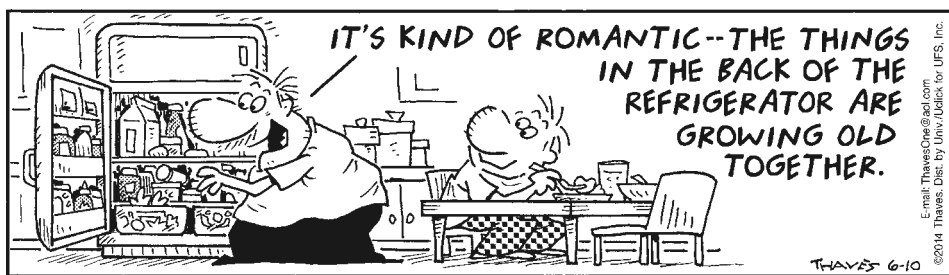
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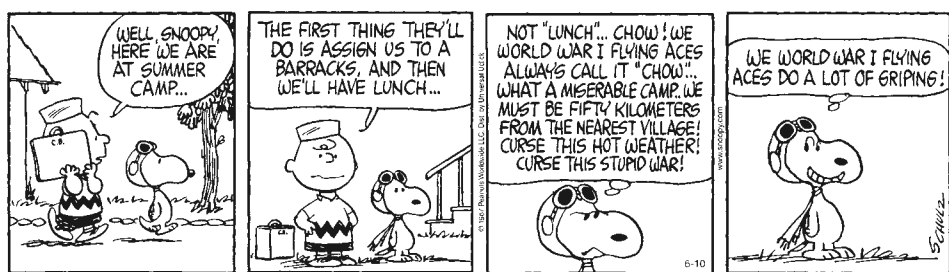
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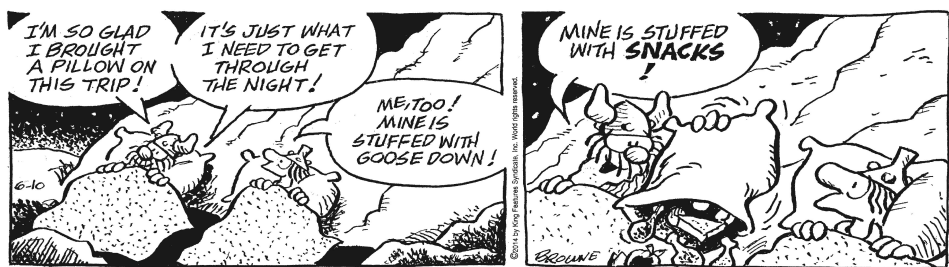
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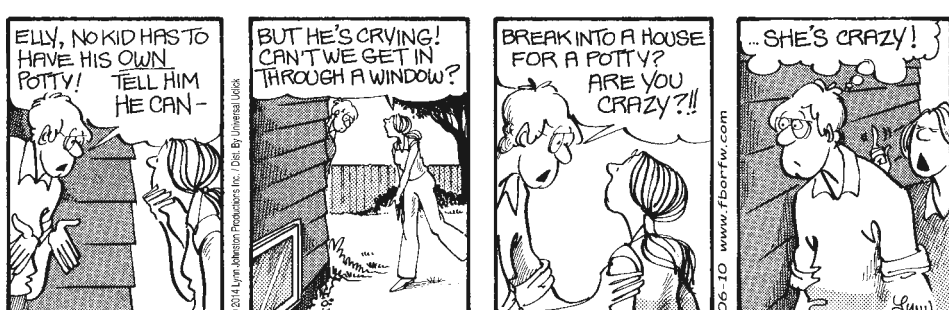
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People With Hearing Loss Can Find Online Support

DEAR ABBY: As the executive director of the Hearing Loss Association of America, may I suggest that “Mortified at the Dinner Table” (March 2), who wrote about her in-laws’ poor hearing even with hearing aids, connect with one of our 200-plus local HLA chapters at www.hearingloss.org? These member-led groups offer emotional support, camaraderie, communication strategies and techniques for living with hearing loss, both for people who have hearing loss as well as their families and friends. Most chapters also share information about assistive listening devices that link via a telecoil found in most modern hearing aids that could greatly enhance her in-laws’ hearing around the dinner table.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

“Mortified” might also want to accompany her in-laws to a hearing aid evaluation visit at an audiologist’s office to learn more about their particular hearing difficulties. There is more to correcting hearing loss than buying hearing aids. Some users benefit from assistive listening devices or from listening training that can be done at home with a personal computer.

By joining HLA, “Mortified” can receive Hearing Loss Magazine and get the latest information about hearing loss and how to live well with it. — ANNA GILMORE HALL

DEAR MS. HALL: Thank you for your letter and the information you generously provided. Any reader with hearing loss should check out the HLA website for a more detailed description of the services it provides. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Many people who wear hearing aids find noisy environments problematic. As people age, their ability to understand can be difficult even with hearing aids. As a practicing audiologist, I recommend the following to my patients to help make communication easier.

- (1) Test hearing annually so hearing aids

can be reprogrammed to current hearing levels if necessary.

(2) Follow up with the audiologist for regular hearing aid maintenance and care.

(3) In restaurants, ask to be seated away from high noise level areas; preferential seating may help.

(4) Reserve confidential discussions for another time and location, which would make them easier for people with hearing loss to understand. — AUDIOLOGIST IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR ABBY: My 91-year-old mother is hard of hearing. I take her out to dinner once a week.

I don’t worry about what people around us are thinking. It doesn’t matter what she wants to talk about. I’m just glad she’s able to get out and converse with others. The conversations at tables near us are sometimes so obnoxious that I’m GLAD my mother can’t hear them.

People are normally very courteous about helping me with her, and many have told me they wished their parents were still alive and able to have dinner with them. — JUDY IN ARIZONA

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to “Mortified” was certainly not taking into account the other diners’ feelings that this writer was so admirably describing! Everyone around that table paid for — and deserves — to have a pleasant dining experience too. This includes not being subjected to others’ cellphone conversations, unruly children or excessively loud conversations regardless of their content. — MARIANNE IN WASHINGTON

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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 Gemini and a Moon in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014:

This year you enter a period where you are more upbeat and more extroverted. Others enjoy your company and often seek you out. If you are single, your personality and charisma draw many people toward you. You could find that you have quite a choice of potential sweeties. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy each other’s company more than ever. Plan on spending more time together to enhance your bond. SCORPIO tests your limits, but you can handle it.

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)

★★★★ Work with a partner as a team. Though at times you might feel bogged down, the benefits of this teamwork will allow you to indulge in unpredictability. In this case, it even could add to your strengths. Don’t let someone’s comments get to you. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You might believe that you don’t have any other choice, as you defer to someone else’s ideas. You could be right, but your ideas and feedback count more than you realize. Make sure to return all your calls today. Good news will be heading your way. Tonight: As you like it.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You’ll have your hands full with what you must get done. You seem to be all smiles when facing a critical associate or a difficult challenge. Your confidence will carry you through a rough spot. Be willing to share more of yourself. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Your optimism will carry you far and help you accept what might be nothing more than good luck. You know not to question a situation. You are likely to find that a loved one can be incredibly challenging. This, too, shall pass. Don’t worry. Tonight: Go with the flow.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You might want to anchor in and have a long-overdue conversation. You could be more tired

than you realize. A friendship will play a significant role in your plans. Your sixth sense will help you with a domestic matter. Tonight: Stay centered.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Your words have a lot of power. Keep conversations moving. People you deal with daily seem to be communicating awkwardly right now. You could feel out of sorts until you hook up with friends. A meeting will prove to be important. Tonight: Catch up on emails.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Someone you look up to could be seeing you in a far more positive light than how you see yourself. A conversation with this person will give you a better perspective. Detach from the more difficult aspects of your life. Take another look in a day or so. Tonight: Keep your budget.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Your smile will melt away someone’s resistance. You could become cold and distant later in the day, as you get further away from the positive vibes of the morning. Eventually, this coldness could rub off on others. Think before copping an attitude. Tonight: All smiles.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

HHH Much goes on behind the scenes that you might choose not to share with anyone. You could become a little withdrawn despite a friend’s effort to draw you out and encourage you to view a situation in a new light. A loved one might be critical. Tonight: Not to be found.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Zero in on priorities in a meeting. You have a tendency to become too vested in the outcome of a situation. Recognize that you can’t control others, and they might resent you for trying. You can control only yourself. Tonight: Respond to a loved one’s request.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

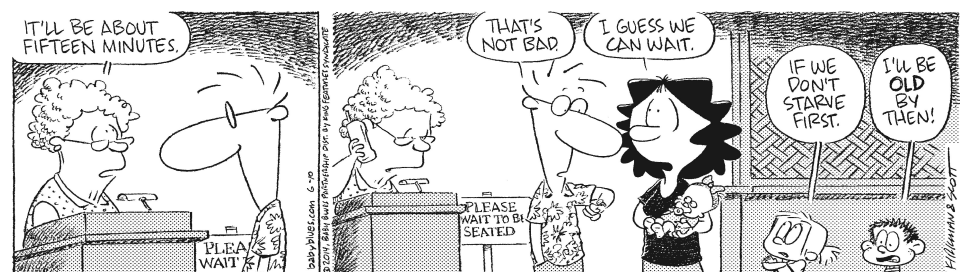
★★★★ You might be wondering what would be best to do with a difficult work-related situation. You need to recognize your limits when dealing with others. Know when to let events happen. You could be surprised by someone’s reaction. Tonight: Work late.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. News that you have mixed feelings about could head your way. Remain upbeat in how you deal with the people involved, and hold back your initial reaction. Tonight: Get tickets to a concert, or listen to some great music.

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