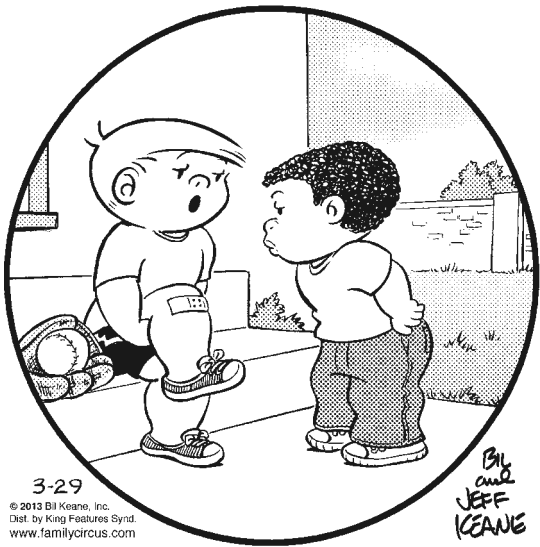


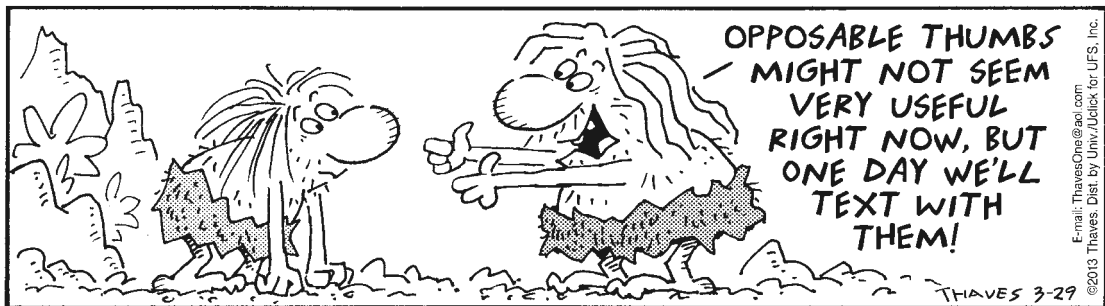
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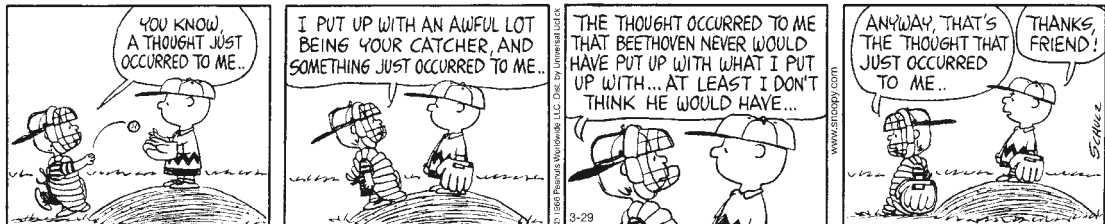
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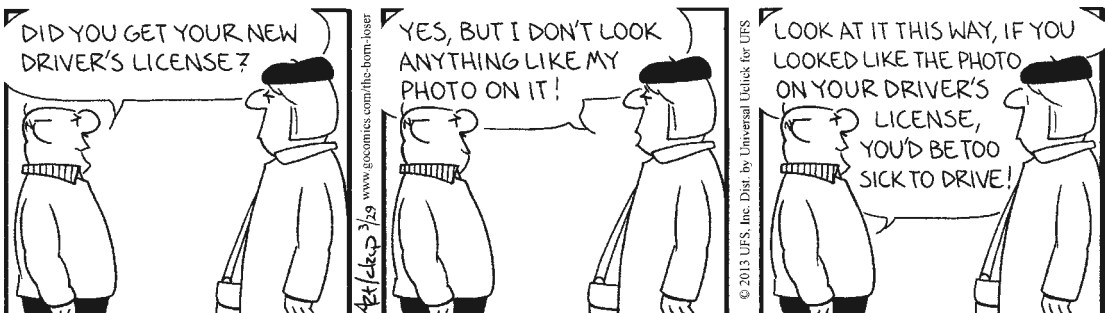
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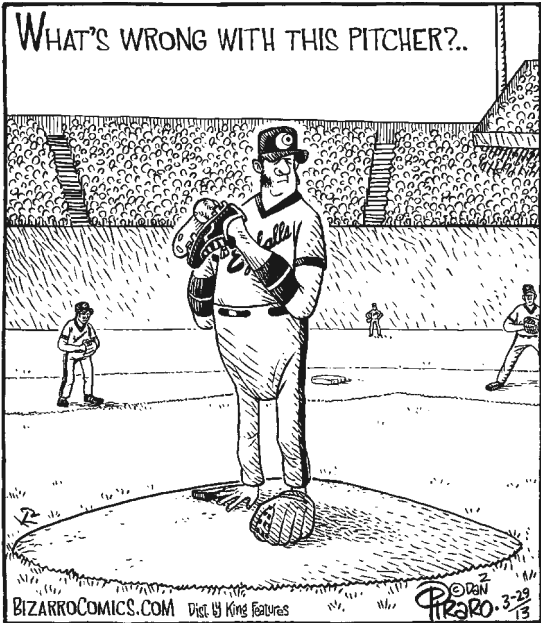
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# Pressure To Have Sex Causes Girl To Feel Relationship Angst

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for several months. He’s fun and caring, and we spend a lot of time together. He’s different from other boys I have dated. We can talk to each other about anything.

My only concern is our relationship physically. He makes it very clear that he wants to go all the way with me. He isn’t rude or pushy about it. I don’t want to rush into anything. We are both virgins (he does have more experience), and while I have known him for a long time, I don’t know him as well as I’d like.

I want to wait until we have dated for at least six months. He says he respects my decision and says he doesn’t want to pressure me. I still feel a little rushed. All of our friends have had sex, but I don’t want it to be about our hormones in the heat of the moment.

I hate saying no to him. I know he won’t leave me, but I feel bad for leaving him frustrated. Would it be wrong to agree to having sex with him — something we both want — even if I don’t know if we’re ready for the next step? — UNSURE IN CANADA

DEAR UNSURE: Yes, it would be wrong. The first time you have sex it should be because you are 100 percent sure you are ready, and he is the right person. If that’s not the case, you will be cheating yourself.

And as for feeling guilty because you are leaving him frustrated — I have a solution. Socialize with him in group settings and spend less time alone together. That way there will be less frustration for him and less temptation for both of you.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mother raising a 15-year-old son. For most of his life it has been the two of us. I now regret that I put him in bed with me when he was a baby. As he grew older, I encouraged him to sleep in his own bed, but it would last only a few nights, and then he would sneak back into my room. I was married for three years when he was around

11, and he’d sneak into my husband’s and my bedroom after we were asleep and sleep on a couch in there.

His problem is he is terrified of the dark and believes in ghosts, monsters, etc. He says he has a phobia and I believe him. I tried getting a dog for him to sleep with and night-lights, but nothing worked. If I lock him out, he lays awake all night, scared to death.

I kept thinking he would grow out of this, but he hasn’t. Please help. I can’t really afford therapy, but if you think he needs it, I will try. — TROUBLED IN ARIZONA

DEAR TROUBLED: Some sessions with a psychologist who specializes in phobias would be the quickest way to help your son overcome his problem. And when you consult with one, I am sure the therapist will recommend that your son stay away from violent video games, and movies or television shows that feature ghosts, monsters or anything else that goes “bump” in the dark because they could only increase his fears.

DEAR ABBY: I’m different from other girls. I don’t wear girly clothes. I prefer dark clothes and makeup. My mom thinks I’m strange because I dress differently. Do you think I look like a freak for not conforming, or is there nothing wrong with being different? — DIFFERENT IN WASHINGTON

DEAR DIFFERENT: I would never call you a “freak” because of your attire. It is common for young people to express their individuality by their dress, hairstyle and makeup. There is, however, a point when a person’s style choices can be limiting.

My question for you would be, “Are you getting the kind of attention you WANT from presenting yourself this way?” The answer should determine how you choose to dress.

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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 Aries and a Moon in Scorpio.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2013:

This year, if you follow your intuition, you will make the correct choices for your life. Know that you do not need to consult others — you know what is best for you. After June 2013, you will land like a cat on its feet. Be careful when expressing any frustration or anger. Others might accept your apologies, but that won’t erase their hurt feelings. If you are single, you could unintentionally create some distance between you and a would-be suitor, as you can be sarcastic. If you are attached, plan on taking that long-desired vacation together. SCORPIO understands your intensity.

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)

★★★★★ You might want to let off some steam and say what you feel. Get together with a friend with whom you can share your thoughts. Celebrations will happen after you clear the air. Opportunities come in from out of left field, so take action. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

## TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Defer to others, as they seem to be insistent on having their way. Use the free time to go off and do something you really want to do. Plans involving travel or a reunion could change quickly. Tap into your imagination when revising your itinerary. Tonight: Where the action is.

## GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Pace yourself, and you’ll clear up a problem quickly and easily. You see situations in a different light. Where others could have difficulty understanding a dynamic person, you do not. Use people’s positive energy to the max. Tonight: Join friends, but make it an early night.

## CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★★ Tap into your creativity, and you’ll come up with solutions. A loved one might become childlike, as he or she is full of fun. Avoid being stern with this person; instead, enjoy his or her energetic personality. Let your imagination rock and roll. Tonight: Start the weekend right.

## LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Choose to stay close to home if you can, as a domestic situation might need you. Wherever you are, you

would be overwhelmed by invitations. Make time for a close loved one. You might need a break from your “business as usual” routine. Tonight: Dance the night away.

## VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Communication could be difficult right now. Remember, this is just a passage. A discussion with less blame could open up an impasse between you and someone else. Make calls, and start thinking about weekend plans. Don’t take a comment personally. Tonight: TGIF!

## LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ You could be more possessive than you might realize. Try getting out of your own head so that you can see the big picture. Being possessive might remedy a situation temporarily, but it certainly is not a fix. Refuse to overspend when choosing a gift. Tonight: Be aware of tomorrow.

## SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★★ Open up to a new possibility. How you handle a difficult conversation could affect the relationship in question. Listen to news, and understand that the sentiments of the moment could change quickly. Follow through on a suggestion. Tonight: Beam in the weekend.

## SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★★ You might feel as if you can’t do everything that you want to do. Sort through a financial matter first, and then decide which way you should go as far as making plans. Don’t overstretch your budget — it could be more of a problem than you might think. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

## CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You could be coming from a position of strength. You are changing, and your desires reflect that transformation. Your priorities and focus are constantly evolving. Recognize self-imposed restrictions. A conversation might reveal more. Tonight: Happiest among crowds.

## AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You’ll decide to do something very different. You are in a position in which others are observing you. Don’t be surprised if someone follows your lead. Others admire your ability to see the big picture and get such a broad perspective. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

## PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

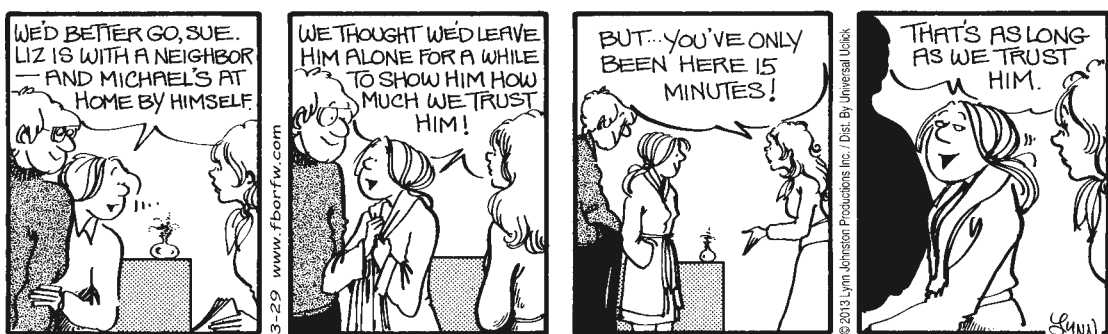
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. You might not be getting the whole story. Fret a little less and remain optimistic. A group of friends plays a significant role in making weekend plans. Detachment shows you where a judgment was faulty. Tonight: Wherever there is music.

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