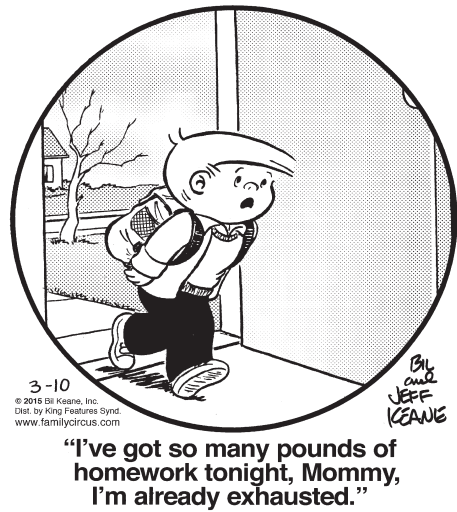


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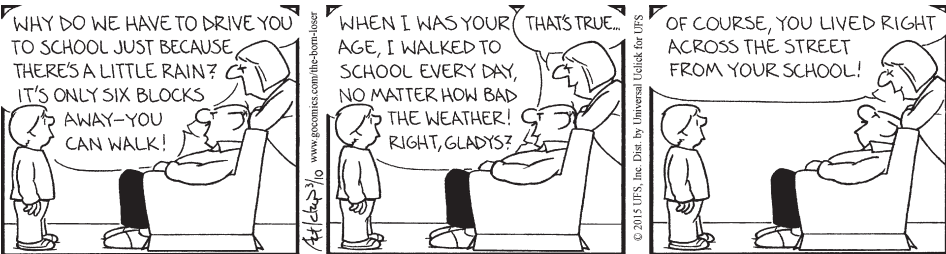
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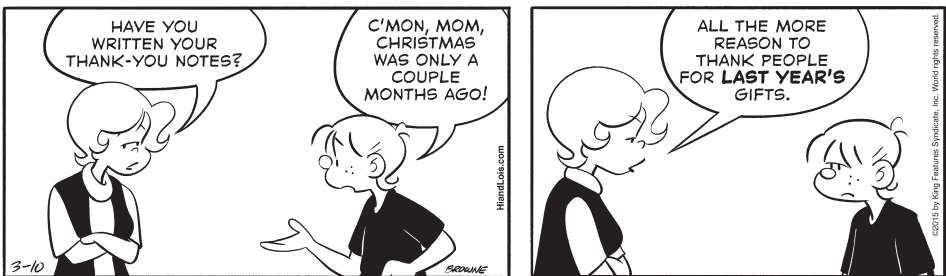
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Happy Single Man Feels Pressure From His Friends

DEAR ABBY: I have never had a long-term relationship. My friends and family kept calling me out for it. I tried online dating and setups by friends and family, but nothing worked out. In fact, the constant questions only annoyed me more. With all my friends happily married and settled, I started resenting their intrusion into my life.

A couple of years ago, I decided to take a break from dating because I couldn't handle the stress anymore. Surprisingly, I enjoyed it. I never revealed this to my friends. After a few years of silence, my "well-wishers" began commenting again on my single status, and it annoys me to no end. I have started staying away from them.

Is there any way I can convince everyone that I am a normal straight male who just likes to be left alone? I enjoy get-togethers, as long as the topic of my singlehood doesn't become the joke of the day. Please advise. — PRETTY COOL DUDE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PRETTY COOL DUDE: Talk to some of your close friends and tell them you are happy being single. Tell them their comments about your single status and being made to feel like the "joke of the day" isn't funny to you — it's embarrassing. Tell them, just as you told me, that if it doesn't stop, they will be seeing less of you. Friends will be sensitive to your feelings, although occasionally they still may try to fix you up because some people can't resist the urge to match-make.

P.S. Because all of your friends are married, try to form some new relationships with single people.

DEAR ABBY: I attend a small church with two of my grandchildren, ages 5 and 10. About 90 percent of the time they are the ONLY children there. They are very active in the church and are the bell ringers, candle lighters and offering collectors. They partake in the welcoming and special prayers, lead

the Pledge of Allegiance, sing songs and do communion when we have it.

I allow them to bring their iPads to occupy them during the sermon — on silent, of course. I feel that because they participate so much in all other areas and the "adult" sermon is usually over their heads, there is no harm done. My sister, however, insists it is rude and disrespectful. She is constantly getting after them, telling them to put their iPads away and pay attention.

None of the other church members have a problem with it, not even the pastor. What do you think? Should they be able to continue to keep occupied and not be disruptive to others, or should they power them down? — KEEPING THE PEACE IN MISSOURI

DEAR KEEPING THE PEACE: Right now those children are active, engaged and enthusiastic about participating in the services. I see nothing to be gained by forcing them to listen to a sermon they can neither relate to nor understand. Because the pastor and other church members have no objection to what your grandchildren are doing on their iPads, the person who should "power down" is your sister.

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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 Pisces and a Moon in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015:

This year you have a lot of energy focused on learning more and widening your perspective. You will choose different ways to achieve these goals. Some of you will travel more and observe different cultures, while others will go back to school. If you are single, a strong attraction could develop between you and someone who might not seem like he or she is your type. This person will enter your life after July, and you will have to be very open-minded in order to make this connection work. If you are attached, the two of you might decide to take off on a dream vacation. SCORPIO might be more demanding than you realize.

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'll respond well to someone's offer. In fact, the more this person shares, the happier you will be. You might need some time to think about what is going on between you, so pull back a bit before making any commitments. Tonight: Favorite people, favorite place.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You could feel unusually awkward when trying to initiate a conversation with someone who is either disinterested or too distracted. Your best bet would be to let this person come to you. Be more enthusiastic about an incoming call from a friend. Tonight: Roll with the punches.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Pace yourself. You will get a lot accomplished if you can restrain your social desires. A friend could jolt you with his or her unexpected behavior. As you reflect on this, consider the fact that you might have put this person on a pedestal. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Note the role that inspiration plays in your thinking. Be more aware of what could happen if a special someone was not in your life. Let him or her know how much you appreciate his or her feedback. Compliments will bond the relationship. Tonight: Express your feelings.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Stay on top of your to-do list. Answer to

a loved one, and get past the immediate issue. You have the unique ability to create what appears to others to be impossible. Your ingenuity often helps you find a different approach. Tonight: Head home early.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You will appreciate having the support of one specific person. Be careful, though, as this person is capable of causing a lot of problems. Be aware of what could happen if you decide not to follow his or her suggestions. Tonight: Get together with a favorite loved one.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You could be more in touch with your needs than you might realize. Try not to go overboard with your spending. If you become triggered by a partner or loved one, root out the deeper cause before reacting. Tonight: Run some errands on the way home.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Be willing to take a big step forward. You might be concerned that you don't have enough energy to incorporate more of what you want. Focus on your priorities, and your effectiveness will increase. You'll enjoy being free to do what you want. Tonight: Don't go overboard.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Funnel your energy into something that completely intrigues you. Let go of a tendency to overthink or multitask in your mind. Plan on having a calm, quiet day, where you can accomplish a lot. Think rather than act. Tonight: Make yourself unavailable.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Zero in on your objectives when in a meeting with others. Don't be surprised if you are met with some disagreement. A close associate will be able to help others see where you are coming from. You might need to be more flexible. Tonight: Where you want to be.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

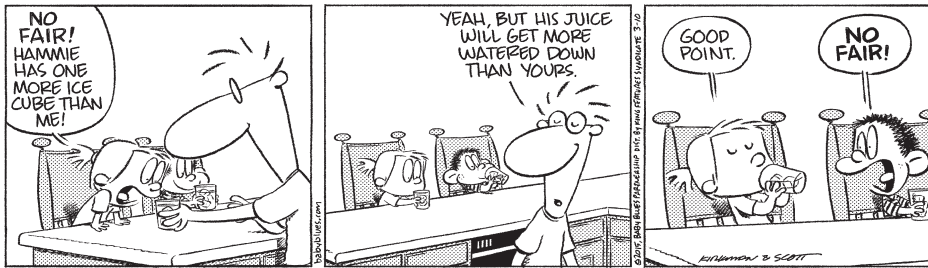
★★★ Honor a change involving a loved one who suddenly seems more willing to talk. Open up to this person's suggestions without expressing your grievances. It would be wise to say little right now. You naturally feel good when surrounded by friends. Tonight: Mosey on home.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

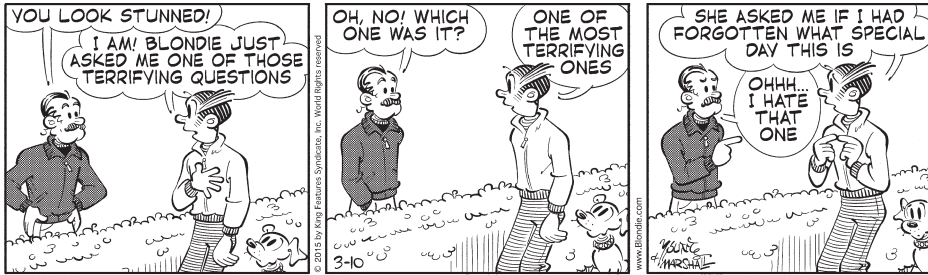
★★★★ You seem to be more in tune with an emotional situation involving someone at a distance. You could be surprised by a sudden need to pick up the pace. Make a point of stopping and breathing. Don't forget to schedule a doctor's appointment. Tonight: Follow the music.

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