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"MY TUMMY HAS A HEADACHE. I DON'T THINK IT WANTS ME TO GO TO CLASS TOMORROW."

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By the way, why do you charge a corkage fee for a screw-top bottle?
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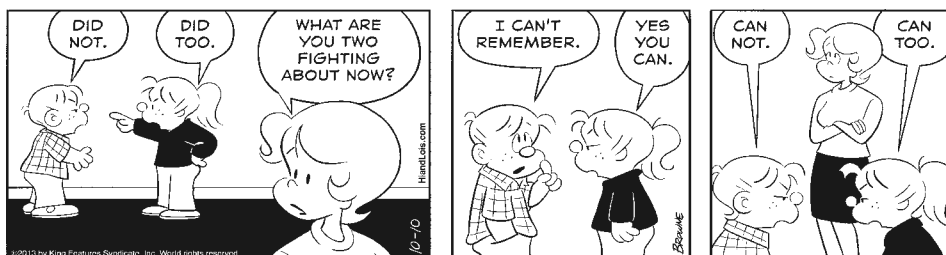
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Man Moved Back To San Fran., But Left His Heart Back East

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend off and on for nine years. When I moved to San Francisco, we separated for a year, until he decided he wanted to move here.

He has been miserable and depressed since he came. He misses his family and friends. His salary doesn't go as far here, so he's always short of money. He has also had a string of bad luck — speeding tickets, car repairs, a stolen bike and a back injury. He says he'll move back east soon if things don't get better, and it's making me anxious. He does nothing to turn around his problems.

How can I help him realize it takes time for a new city to feel like home and lessen my anxiety over his problems? — ANXIOUS IN THE BAY AREA

DEAR ANXIOUS: Your boyfriend does not appear to be anywhere near as adaptable as you are. You didn't mention how long he has been in California, but if it's longer than six months and he's still homesick, you may have a life-changing decision ahead of you. Would you rather live "in his world than live without him in" ... San Francisco? Even if YOUR heart's in San Francisco, HIS does not appear to be.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of nearly a year and I recently said "I love you" for the first time. Before he said it (he said it first) he told me he doesn't want to start saying it "all the time" — wherein lies my dilemma. How often is too often? Do I say it every night before bed or only on special occasions?

Please help because I'm confused, and I'm worrying that I'm hurting him because I haven't said it since that night four days ago. I don't want to smother him or make him feel uncomfortable. — HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

DEAR HOW MUCH: Not everyone is comfortable with verbal declarations of love, and your boyfriend may be one of them. Love is spontaneous, it's a feeling — not a mathematical formula. Only your boyfriend can tell you how often is too often for HIM.

However, if you are sharing a bed, you should be able to express yourself fully whenever you climb into it — and his reaction should be positive (if not reciprocal) when you do.

DEAR ABBY: I am far from flat-chested (I'm a happy B-cup), but you wouldn't call me "well-endowed." My question is, why is it that friends and family members who have larger breasts constantly ask me if I would like some of theirs? I think it's rude and, quite frankly, embarrassing. I would never turn the tables and say, "I'm feeling a little skinny. Could I have some of your fat?" What do I say when asked? — PERFECTLY FINE IN EVANSTON, WYO.

DEAR PERFECTLY FINE: A few responses come to mind; none that I'd print in a family newspaper. My advice is to keep it simple and nonconfrontational. Smile and say, "No thanks, I'm happy just the way I am!"

P.S. In my opinion, a B-cup IS well-endowed.

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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 Libra and a Moon in Sagittarius if born before 8:17 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, OCT. 10, 2012:

This year you demonstrate your strength and ability to come through for others. Friendships from all walks of life add to the quality of your life. Be ready to respond to different people and unique situations. Someone from a distance will make an enormous impact on you, as this person frequently presents an outside perspective. If you are single, a new bond could become more. You will choose someone who is intriguing and different from you. If you are attached, the two of you gain from taking special time away together. CAPRICORN triggers you.

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)

Your vision upon waking today could change rather quickly. Where you might have thought you were free to explore some new ideas, you could discover that you are in a position to take the lead. Your intuition will guide you in new direction. Tonight: Revise your plans.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Try to see what it's like to walk in someone else's shoes. Detach by taking a walk around the block or by doing some yoga. This will work wonders, as you'll be able to see a situation in a new light. Bring your new understanding into a discussion. Tonight: Let your mind lead.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You know the power of one-on-one relating. If you have a question about what choices you should make, follow through and ask. One key person might be more influential and responsive than others. Reach out to this person more often. Tonight: Opt for some closeness.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You might not be as in control as you might like today. Others continue to seek you out, and you will feel the need to respond. Someone could inspire you to follow an offbeat course, even if it's just in making weekend plans. Why Not? Tonight: Only with favorite people.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Pace yourself, and know what you must do. You have the energy to carry you through a

major project. Use it well. A long-overdue conversation with a partner will feel right-on. You even might be inspired to head in a new direction. Tonight: Choose a relaxing activity.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You won't be able to contain yourself, even in the most serious of situations. Your mind seems to be everywhere except where it needs to be. A new friend will understand you. Clear up what is going on, so that you can be more present. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

A personal or domestic issue dominates your thoughts. Realize that you might need to make a decision about an investment involving real estate. Check in with some wise and supportive friends for feedback. Don't act until you are 100 percent sure of yourself. Tonight: Head home.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You will ask the right questions, but someone might be reactive and cause some confusion. It is possible that this person is mixed up, and the fog that emanates from him or her is reflective of his or her mindset. Be willing to start a discussion on a basic level. Tonight: Hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You have a certain naivete when it comes to money, as you believe that the cost of a venture is far less than it really is. Explore the price with several people before you make any commitments. You might need to revise your finances. Tonight: Play it conservatively.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

You will get past momentary episodes of confusion. Your sense of direction will help you break past a barrier. Do not hesitate to find experts or those in the know. Someone might say something that could cause you to regroup and head in a new direction. Tonight: As you like it.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

One-on-one relating remains pivotal in breaking past someone's anger issues. You still might decide to do nothing and let time work its wonders. You would be wise not to count on that premise succeeding. If you care, you must venture out. Tonight: Not to be found.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Meetings and networking need to take a high priority right now. Be aware of your limitations when dealing with a friend in a business situation. "Separate business and pleasure" would be a good motto for you to live by today. Tonight: Go where the crowds are.

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