

Clingy sister bothers siblings

Tomorrow's horoscope

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Dear Annie: I have four siblings. One of my sisters thinks she has a right to invite herself to our homes, join us for dinner and attend other functions, whether we invite her or not. It's like she thinks we are joined at the hip.

For example, "Ginny" will call and ask, "Where are we going for dinner tonight?" I am tempted to reply, "I don't know where you're going, but I have my own plans." However, Ginny is overly sensitive and none of us wants to hurt her feelings.

Worse, Ginny is very nosy. She will come to my house (uninvited, of course) and read my mail. She also asks questions about things that are none of her business. But, Annie, Ginny has many good qualities. She has a big heart and a generous spirit and is always willing to help. I have considered buying her an etiquette book that should cover such things, but my other siblings don't think this is a good idea. We all love her dearly, but her poor manners are driving us crazy. Any suggestions? — No Name, Please

Annie's Mailbox

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Dear No Name: Ginny may not understand that she is ignoring boundaries and behaving inappropriately, a sign that she may be on the autism spectrum. Or, she may simply be lonely and clingy, and her siblings are her entire social life.

You would be doing Ginny a favor by gently explaining these things. Say that you love her to pieces, but occasionally, you have plans that don't include family members. When she asks an inappropriate question, you are not obligated to respond. Put your mail where she cannot get to it. Suggest that she look into organizations and activities that will interest her and provide a wider circle of friends and a more active social life. She sounds like she needs guidance. Please

help her out.

Dear Annie: I recently rode on the New York State Thruway. My toll was \$2.25. I gave the toll collector, who appeared to be a recent high school graduate, a \$5 bill plus a quarter. I saw him count out three quarters, and when I saw that he was going for some singles, I said, "I want three singles, please." All of a sudden, it dawned him how this worked and I heard him say, "Ohhh!"

What are the schools teaching these kids? I knew this when I was in the fourth grade. — K.

Dear K.: Schools still teach mathematics, but we aren't sure they teach the variables of counting out change. And since most people now use credit cards, debit cards or electronic pay options on their cellphones (and cashiers use registers that tell them what the change should be), we aren't sure a toll collector fresh out of high school would come across this type of calculation often enough for it to be automatic. But we'd bet if you saw this same kid in a year, he wouldn't have any problem at all.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Life, like jazz, often happens best in the spaces between the notes. What you do while you're waiting around -- and you will be waiting around this afternoon -- is more important than what you do while you're doing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Where you live shapes everything you do, experience, learn -- it shapes who you are. You'll consider this very carefully even through today's busyness. Is this the right place for you?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Fortune favors you. You'll wind up in the right place at the right moment, standing next to the right person, and all on a good hair day. It doesn't get much luckier than that.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Satisfaction happens on a mental level. What fulfills one person won't fulfill another. Clinging in to the appetites of the people around you will also clue you in to a new way of making money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your usually temperate mood will be interrupted by someone who sets your heart on fire with passionate energy. What you do after that, you'll do like a rock star.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Soul searching is on the menu. It is only through knowing our truest feelings, where our heart is holding on, where it's longing to let go, that we can reach the aspirations of our higher self.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's much you can learn from a pet. The things that interest a different species are outside of your usual observation. When you try to understand the world through them, your

own world expands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Why is it that you seldom see your favorite people? Here's a theory: Maybe you want to keep them that way. Otherwise, as the adage goes, familiarity might breed contempt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Share what you're doing with others, and more importantly, share what you'd like to be doing. The ones you share with will have connections that will help you.

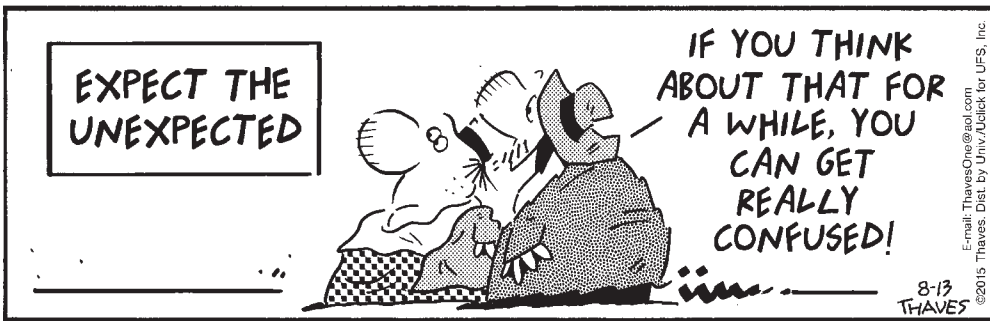
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your sense of humor and self-assurance will draw expressive people to you. Good. You need a demonstration of appreciation and affection right about now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What allows you to enjoy the flurry of activity around you is that you know you don't have to get caught up in it. The detachment you feel makes you a calm, amused observer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Should you lower your expectations? Not yet, because some of your people will rise to the occasion. There will be a happy balance between what you expect and what you receive out of relationships.

FRIDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 14). The rituals you create with someone over the next 10 weeks will be the basis for bonds that last a lifetime. So be fully aware of what you're creating -- it will, in time, be called "your thing." In September, you'll share skills and build a legacy. Your income will grow. November brings the end of a feud and payment, too. Gemini and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 34, 2, 29, 15 and 14.

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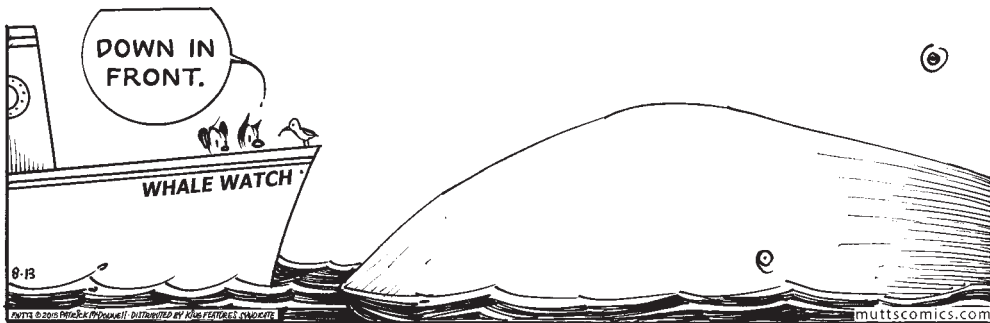
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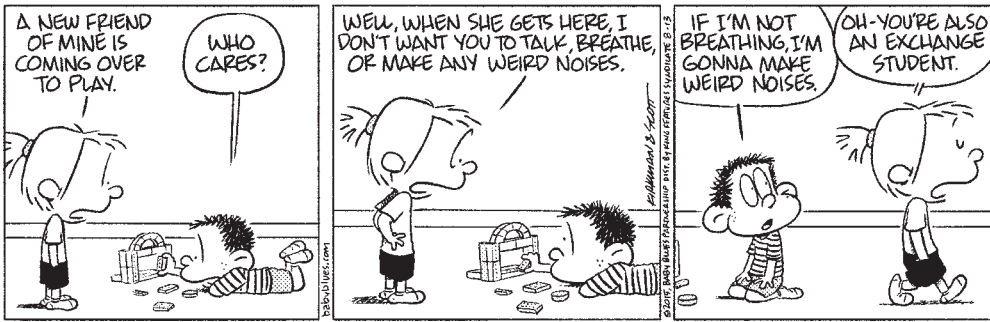
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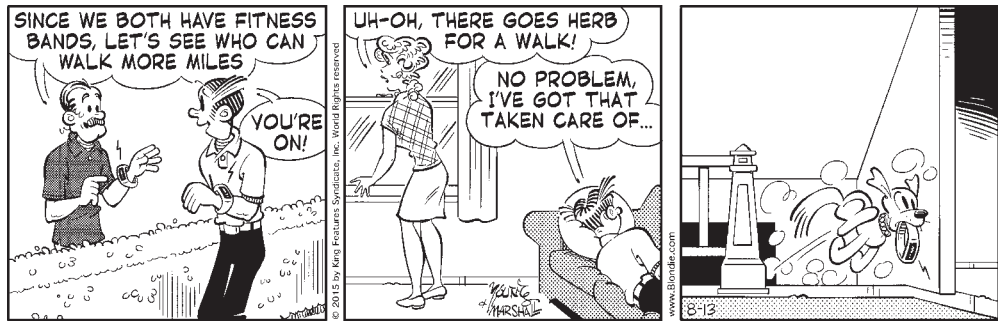
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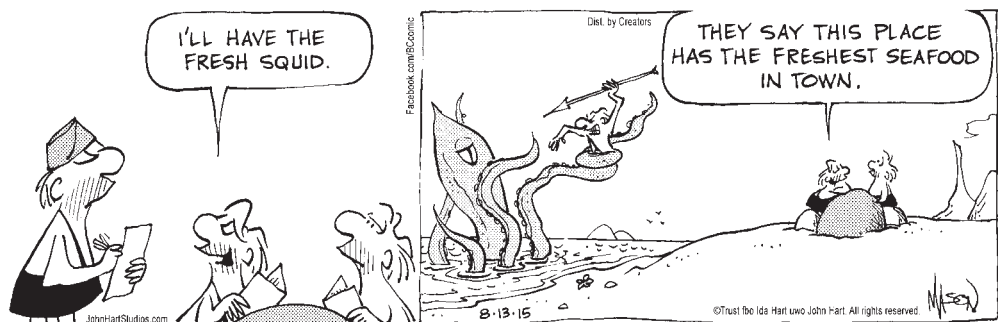
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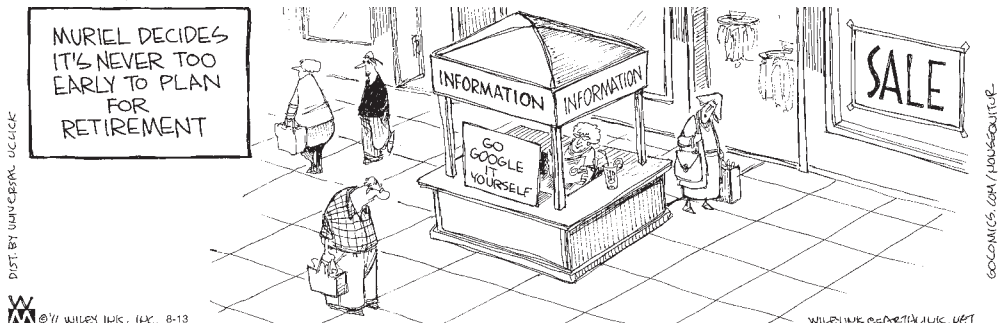
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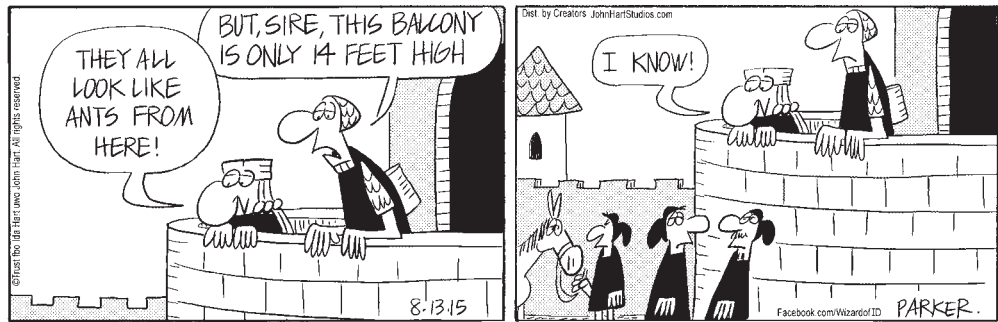
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