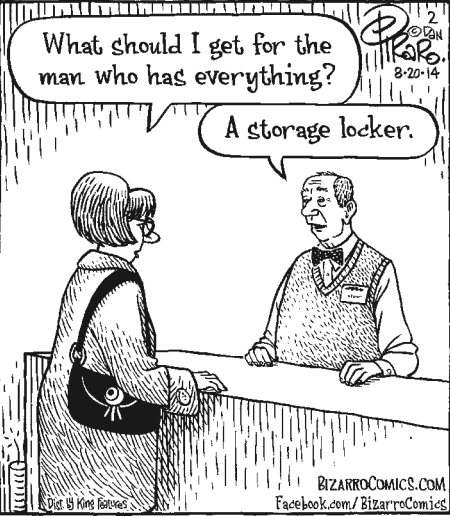


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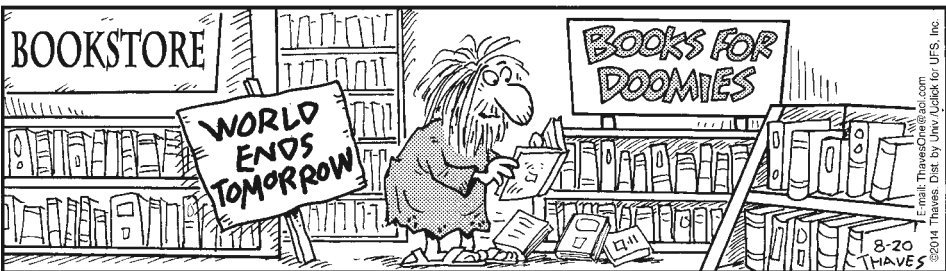
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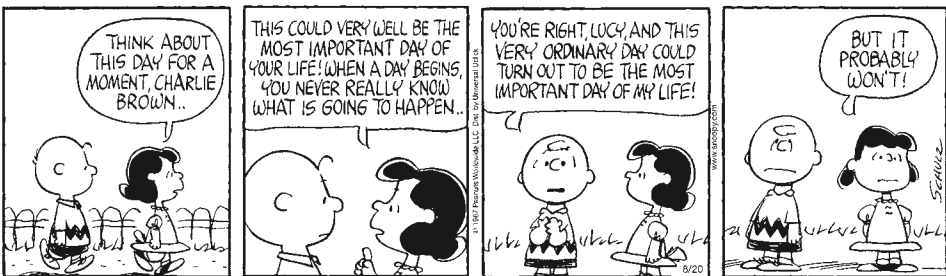
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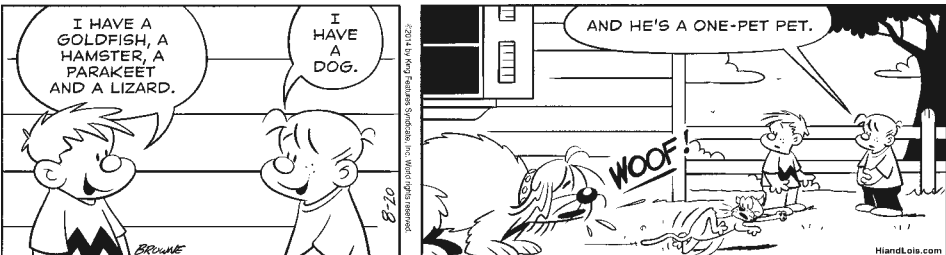
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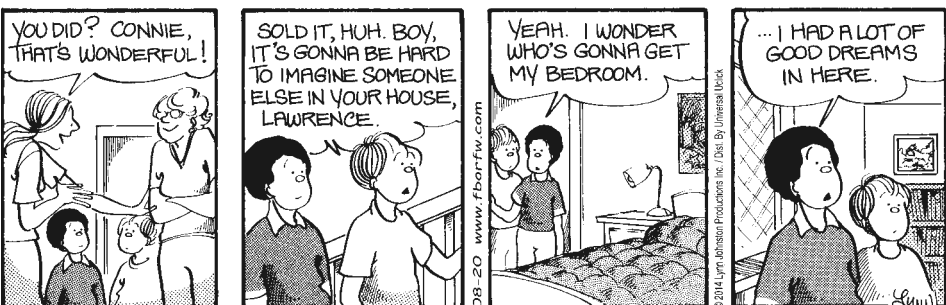
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Husband Who Relives His Past Should Focus On Present

DEAR ABBY: I'm married to the love of my life. I can't imagine loving a man more than I love "Wayne," and I know he feels the same about me. The problem is, he's always telling stories about things he has done, including past relationships, in graphic detail.

I have heard all of them repeatedly, and I'm sick of them. When I tell him this he says, "Fine! I won't talk to you anymore." Wayne never talks about OUR past, present or future. How can I get him to stop reliving "the good ol' days" and start focusing on our life together? — CURRENT EVENT IN KENTUCKY

DEAR CURRENT EVENT: Wayne may react defensively when you say you're "sick" of his stories because he feels you are criticizing him. Perhaps if you told him that hearing him dwell on past relationships is hurtful, he might be willing to enlarge his repertoire.

If that doesn't help, it's possible your husband feels his best years are behind him. Past conquests and adventures can be more fun to dwell on than the new lawnmower, the plumbing that needs replacement, which friends are sick and the most recent one who died. Things might improve if you work together to create activities that will spice up your lives and give him some new material. Try it. It might benefit you both.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with "Bob" for 12 years. He doesn't work and doesn't take care of our children because he says it's "not his responsibility." I have supported him all this time, yet nothing is good enough.

He has cheated on me several times. During his third affair, he had two kids with the other woman. He doesn't understand why I don't trust him and why I insist on seeing his cellphone. The last time I was able to get ahold of it, he broke down the bathroom door trying to get it back.

He threatens to move out, and if he does,

that will be "the last I hear from him." I would be relieved if he went. I have so much anger toward him. I love him, but at this point love doesn't have anything to do with it.

I have asked him several times to leave, but he just keeps saying he'll be leaving on his own terms. I can't continue like this anymore. He brings out the worst in me and I hate it. What do I do? — HAD IT IN PHOENIX

DEAR HAD IT: That you have tolerated this behavior for 12 years boggles my mind. Because this philandering freeloader has resided with you for so long, you may have to go through formal eviction proceedings to get rid of him. You have given him a free ride, and you may need the services of a lawyer to pry him out of there. If you do, consider it money well spent.

DEAR ABBY: If a spouse keeps photos of a college sweetheart after 50 years, what does it mean? Does it mean he is still carrying a torch for that person and doesn't want to forget her? — SUSPICIOUS IN HOUSTON

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: I doubt it, but if you want to be sure, the person you should ask is your husband. After 50 years, the "torch" may be too heavy to carry — or completely out.

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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 Leo and a Moon in Gemini if born before 4:45 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20, 2014:

This year you often see that it is better not to reveal your feelings. In general, you express yourself well. You will be entering the first year of a new 12-year luck cycle. Your optimism soars and opens up more opportunities for you. Make it a point to update your priorities. As you change, your goals change. If you are single, the likelihood of experiencing a major romance is extremely high. How this romance evolves will depend mainly on your age and on what you want from life. If you are attached, the two of you will start acting as if you had just met. Your bond becomes closer with increased romance. CANCER makes a great healer for 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 intuitive voice often points you down an intriguing path. You will find that you are a lot better off than you might have anticipated. Keep your opinion to yourself for now. You won't want to influence others right now, as they could be touchy. Tonight: Head home early.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Friends might have a unique way of supporting you. You'll need to consider what will be the best way to share your feelings. Your creativity could be triggered by a new friend. Stay in contact with this person. Tonight: Make plans for the coming weekend.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Be aware of what is happening between you and someone else. A discussion might be in order. A family member could decide to take a stand. Having an important person on your side is likely to increase your security. Tonight: Treat a favorite person to dinner.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You are much more in your element than you realize. You seem to have pushed beyond your normal limits, and somehow you still might not get your desired results. Your personality will blossom with a newfound self-confidence. Tonight: As you like it.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Sit back and say little; you will learn a lot

more by observing. Others initially might feel awkward, but you'll learn a lot more about the people who surround you. A hunch that involves money could pay off. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Don't question your direction today. Your present course will lead you where you want to go. Remain sensitive to a loved one who seems to be wearing rose-colored glasses. You might need to help this person get in touch with reality. Tonight: Go with an imaginative idea.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Take a stand, but only if you must. Loved ones whom you rarely see but who play a key role in your daily life will appreciate your newfound curiosity. Listen to your inner voice when dealing with a boss or an important older relative. Tonight: Out late.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Use your intellect, and mix it with a deep emotional resonance. As a result, you'll create a positive change in an area of your life that you already find richly rewarding. Open up to a loved one; it will be good for this person to see your thought process. Tonight: Break a pattern.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might want to open up to a different way of proceeding, one that a partner seems to have an easy understanding of. You might be torn between following a long-desired dream and doing what is logical. Do not restrict yourself either way. Can you have both? Tonight: Dinner for two.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You could be pleased by a partner and his or her choices. This person might opt to draw you in closer by reaching out to you for help. As you fulfill this request, you also will be making yourself happy. You'll delight others with your spontaneity. Tonight: All smiles.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

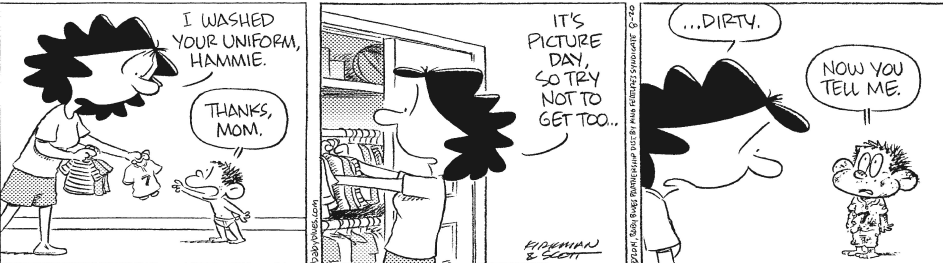
★★★★ You might feel as if you are on a countdown to complete a project. Your ability to understand what others expect from you tends to put tremendous pressure on you. Let go of judgments, and you will be happier. Tonight: Head to the gym for some exercise.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★★ Your mind could be fixated on a child or loved one. If someone else needs to have a serious conversation with you, you will be hard-pressed to be present in the moment with him or her. Your personal life is so much more exciting! Tonight: Let romance in.

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