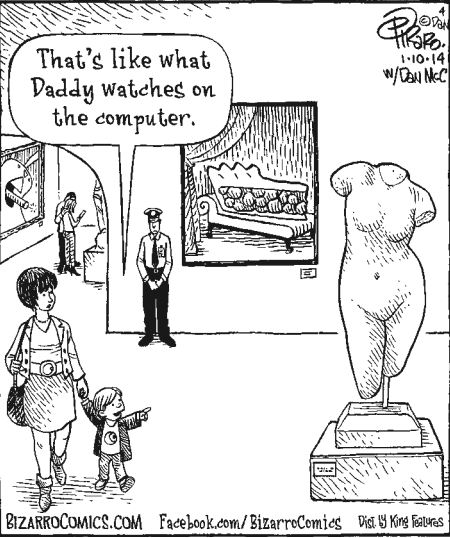


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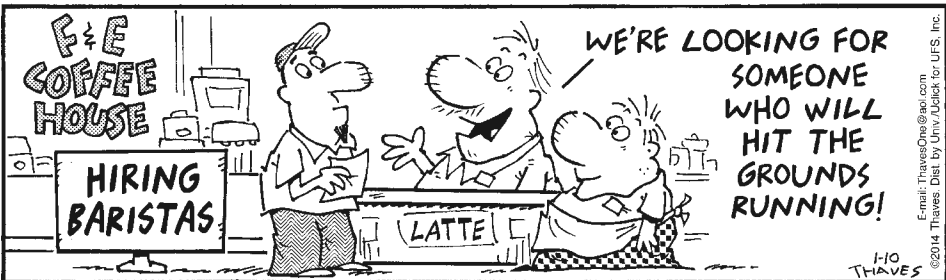
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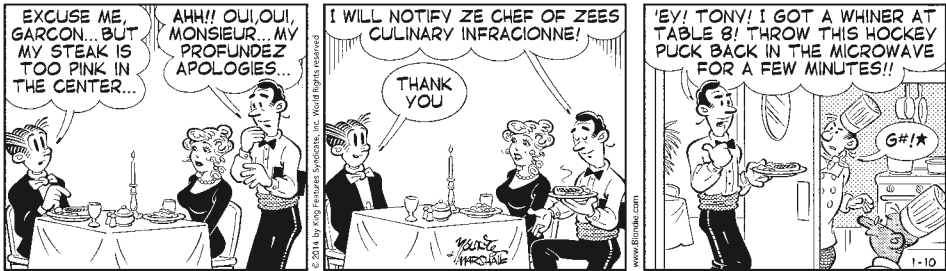
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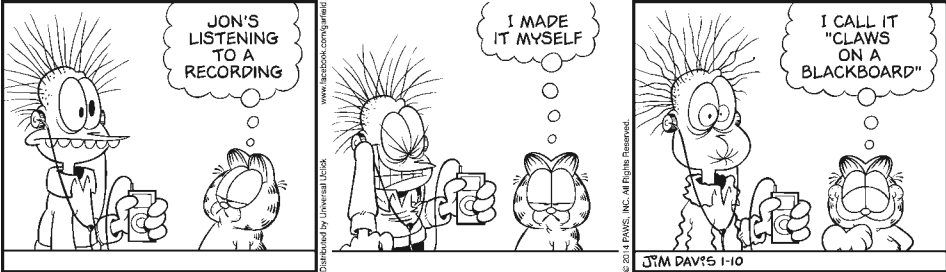
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# Portrait Of Man's Late Wife Clouds Couple's Life Together

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of two years, "Clint," recently brought a large framed picture of his deceased wife into our home. He placed it on his dresser in front of framed photos of us together.

His wife died three years ago. We are living together in a condo Clint bought for me. He made it clear from the beginning that he didn't want to move me into "her house."

Clint also still wears his wedding ring. He carries guilt and doesn't seem to have made closure. I told him I don't feel comfortable with her picture "looking at us." He doesn't think there should be a problem. Should I move on? — IN THE SHADOWS

DEAR IN THE SHADOWS: That Clint still wears his wedding ring tells me he may not have accepted his wife's death. How sad for him.

Ask him to move his wife's picture to a room other than the bedroom because, while he doesn't think it's creating a problem, it is creating one for YOU. If he can't bring himself to do that — and join a grief support group — then you should consider moving on.

DEAR ABBY: Enough with the problems! It's time you printed a positive letter.

I'm an active, friendly senior who lives alone, but I'm not lonely. I have many friends of all ages and a devoted family. Why? Because as I traveled through many states during my life, I reached out to people along the way.

The saying, "If you want a friend, be a friend," is true. If we want friends, we can't sit back and wait for people to come to us. Smile, speak up, pay a sincere compliment — just communicate! If you do, the majority of people will respond positively.

I socialize with people my age in church circles, card clubs and dining-out groups who can't understand why I'm always so busy. They don't reach out except to people they

already know. As people get older, that group is constantly shrinking. Join a religious group, community clubs and organizations. Volunteer to read at schools and libraries. Visit a senior group or center.

Many people of all ages fear they won't be accepted. But if they show up with a friendly attitude, they will be. You have to contribute — whether it's with a smile, an opening remark or some other welcoming gesture.

I served in the military, taught Sunday school, led Girl Scouts, garden clubs, church and neighborhood groups while following my husband through eight states and raising three children. My husband was often away in his business, but we had a strong, supportive marriage. He joined me in many activities when he could be home.

I think many people have forgotten we must give in order to get. When we reach out to others, most of the time those people reach back. — NOT LONELY IN WOODSTOCK, ILL.

DEAR NOT LONELY: It's easy to see why you have a wide circle of friends. Your positive energy leaps off the page.

There are two types of people in the world: those who come into a room and their attitude says, "Here I am!" and those who come into a room and their attitude says, "There you are!" You are one of the latter. If people want a warm welcome, they should keep in mind that the happier they are to see others, the happier others will be to see them.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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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 Capricorn and a Moon in Taurus.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JAN. 10, 2014:

This year you sometimes question yourself. Some of you might develop a friendship with a person who is overly stern, which will release you from having to be your own disciplinarian. A friendship could end because you are transforming. Know that not all friendships last forever. If you are single, the person you choose to date this year could be a lot different from the person you choose next year. Let time play a strong role in any relationship you have. If you are attached, the two of you seesaw back and forth about what you want to do. You will be changing so much that your significant other might be floored by your suggestions. TAURUS appears to be independent, but his or her values tend to be conservative.

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)

★★★ A positive attitude helps, but you might need to seize the pulpit in order to be heard. Others tend to respond to your way of thinking, and most likely that will be the case again. When push comes to shove, people will be on your side. Tonight: Take charge.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You will know exactly what you want to do. A complication from someone else or from your schedule could force you to change your plans. Try not to be a perfectionist; be willing to accommodate the alterations in your life. Tonight: All smiles.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Know when to pull back and do some much-needed thinking. You don't always need to have the right answer at the right time. Realize the power in allowing others to come up with solutions, too. You might reach a consensus that way. Tonight: Time to relax.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want. When sharing your plans with family members, you might meet some resistance. Don't assume that others want the same things you do. You have time to make an adjustment and keep everyone happy. Tonight: Where the action is.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by what you need to do in order to have a situation go the

way you want. You can come up with a solution if you tap into your creativity. You might have little choice but to go with the most obvious answer. Tonight: On center stage.

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

★★★★ When others' frustrations take over, you will try to find a solution. What you arrive at might not please everyone, but it certainly will be a lot better than the present problem. Make it OK if someone wants to add his or her two cents. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

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

★★★★ Deal with someone special in your life on a one-on-one level. This person can be quite difficult at times, but you can handle his or her energy. Relate individually and not in crowds. Your perspective on this person seems to be quite accurate. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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

★★★★ Your intensity is met by a partner's endurance. You are equals, but you both demand control. Make a point to juggle different aspects of your personalities, and realize that you will have to meet this person halfway. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

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

★★★ Pace yourself, and if you screen calls from friends, you might be able to have your day go as you had planned. You might have mixed feelings about someone close to you, as the issue of trust keeps arising. Try to remain levelheaded. Tonight: Choose a favorite way of relaxing.

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

★★★★ Your imagination tends to be quite active, but rarely do you express it fully. You could find opposition from others, as they likely will catch on that you are holding back. Try to express this facet of your personality more often. Tonight: Have fun.

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

★★★ Listen to news more openly. You could feel like you are dealing with someone who is a stick in the mud. Changing your attitude might make your interactions with this person a little easier. Tonight: Be sure that you really want to go out; home might feel more comfortable.

### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You might wonder what the results would be if you were to remain positive no matter what. Add a comment or two to enrich a project or an interaction. Others might be more receptive than you realize. Your sunny disposition means a lot. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

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