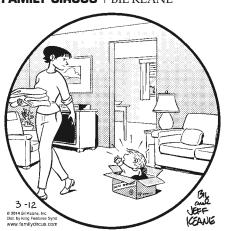
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'Careful, lady! The water's pretty deep where you're walking!

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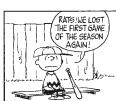


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# Man's Last Wish Is To Let **His Death Give Others Life**

**DEAR ABBY** 

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DEAR ABBY: I work in a palliative care unit in a local hospital, and I'm all too aware of how important it is to have one's end-oflife wishes documented, notarized and onhand in case of an emergency.

I remember reading an essay that appeared in your column years ago; it eloquently described the desire of the writer that his body be used to allow others to live through organ donation. Is it part of your "Keepers" booklet? -JYŇNA IN NÔRTH CAROLINA

DEAR JYNNA: Yes, it is included. And I'm printing it for you today because it contains an important message. The author, Robert Test, was not only altruistic, but also the ultimate "recy-

TO REMEMBER ME by Robert

"At a certain moment a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped.

"When that happens, do not P.O. Box 69440, Los Anattempt to instill artificial life geles, CA 90069. into my body by the use of a machine. And don't call this my 'deathbed.' Call it my 'bed of life.' and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives.

"Give my sight to a man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman.

"Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of

"Give my blood to the teenager who has been pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren

"Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week.

"Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

Explore every corner of my brain. Take

my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that someday a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her windows.

"Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.

"If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weak-nesses and all my prejudice against my fellow man.

"Give my soul to God. If by chance you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.'

Readers, "Keepers" is a collection of favorite letters, poems and essays that have appeared in this column over the years. It was assembled because so many readers said the items were meaningful to them and requested that they be compiled as a booklet. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447.

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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 Leo.

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR** WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014:

This year your life evolves in a very exciting way. You might get involved with someone who could become a business associate. Together you will be very successful. You smile more, and enjoy your work as much as you enjoy your free time. If you are single, you could meet someone appealing through your day-to-day travels. Keep dating, because you have more than one potential suitor coming your way. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy being together more than ever. A mutual interest allows greater give-and-take than in the past. You always have fun with LEO

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 hedonistic breeze floats through wherever you are. If handling a serious matter, you might have difficulty staying focused. Creativity spills over into all your thoughts, which eliminates boundaries and opens the doors for fun. Tonight:

# TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You could opt to stay home. You will express what you want, and others will listen. For now, you might just need some time off. Indulge in the mood of the moment. Lighten up a conversation that could be awkward. Tonight: Make it easy.

# **GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)**

\* ★ \* \* You'll see what needs to happen between you and someone else. You could be so anxious for that to happen that you might make too many inquiries. Try to let go and get into the spirit of the day. You will be much happier if you do. Tonight: Let the chips fall where they may

## **CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)**

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★★★ You could be more willing to understand what is happening once you relax. Recognize that a problem will correct itself without your interference. In fact, the more attention you give to this matter, the more likely it is that it will backfire on you. Tonight: Midweek break.

## LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You will be expressive, despite someone being very hard on you. You might wonder why you must do something a certain way. The unexpected could occur, and it could throw a happy opportunity your way. Tonight: On center stage, where you belong and love to be.

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

★★★ You know when you have gone too far. You might feel challenged and confused by a loved one. Your solution will be to focus on what you must do, and that will give you more stability. Walk away from a power play. Tonight: Say "yes" to liv-

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

★★★★★ Emphasize what you want and why you want it. Your ability to zero in on the basics will allow you to take care of necessities first. Know that you have more understanding than most signs. Realize what is going on with a friend who is close to your heart. Tonight: In weekend mode al-

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

★★★ You could feel pressured by a boss, a parent or a respected individual. You might agree with this person, but you'll need to decide what to do on your own. You'll be surprised by the positive response you receive, should you choose to open up. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

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

★★★★ You'll act spontaneously and get good results. Let your fiery spirit speak. You could be overly assertive with someone who is far more conservative and who also believes that he or she is far wiser than you are. Let it go. Avoid a fight, if you can. Tonight: Follow the music.

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

★★★★ You might feel as if you have very little choice, as someone else who has a lot of support seems to dominate the scene. You could choose to observe, but a partner will want to draw you out in order to have an important one-on-one chat. Tonight: A cozy dinner for two.

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

★★★★★ Others might insist on dominating right now. You are likely to get much more of what you desire if you keep communication open and stay close to your friends. You could be thinking some very negative thoughts, so try to turn them around. Tonight: Say "yes."

# PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

\* ★ \* ★ You could see a situation develop differently from how you might have expected it to. A friend or loved one could be unusually controlling and might cause you some distress. You have a lot to do, so focus your energy on getting it done. Tonight: Out late.

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