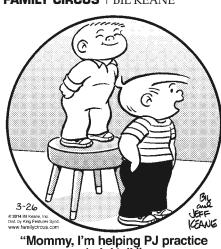
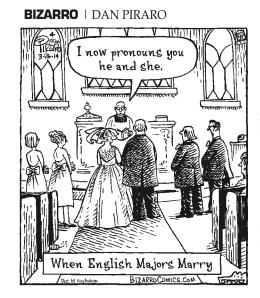


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Husband Can't Erase Wife's Journal Writing About Affair

DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been married almost 20 years. Eight years ago my wife began an emotional affair with a co-worker. It lasted a year, until he left the company. Although they never

had sex, they did have some physical contact that most people would consider inappropriate, and my wife considered ending our marriage because of the feelings she had for him. She now says the episode was a huge mistake and she loves me more than ever.

The problem is, she wrote many entries about him in a journal. I know she kept writing about him several years after they lost contact, including saying that she loved him more than a year after he'd left.

I want my wife to remove the portions of the journal pertaining to this guy. She doesn't want to. I'm still hurting from this and am considering counseling, but for now, what do you think? Should she get rid of the journal? — CONSIDERING COUNSELING

DEAR CONSIDERING COUNSELING: Because you are still hurting seven years after the fact, stop "considering" counseling and get

If your wife is a serious journal writer and many people are — that she would want her writings to remain intact in spite of the fact they reflect her emotional affair is not unusual. If that's the case, instead of insisting she edit or destroy her journal, my advice is to stop reading it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 47-year-old man who was single until seven years ago. Then I met "Maggie," the most wonderful woman I had ever known. She wasn't the hotsy-totsy onenighter type I was used to. She was a real woman who fulfilled everything I had ever dreamed of (including bringing a wonderful 4year-old little girl into my life). The biological father is out of the picture.

Maggie had wrestled with some health issues — nothing serious until last April, when she had surgery. Complications set in, and I

lost the only person who ever mattered, aside

from our little girl. My question is, since we were never mar-

ried, how do I refer to Maggie when relating what happened? I am in the process of adopting her daughter and explanations to strangers are tough. ("Wow, you're taking on a child when you don't HAVE to?") How do I respond to these remarks? I know this is a multi-part question, but I have so many unanswered questions lately, I figured I'd ask you for an opinion. -GRIEVING IN MISSOURI

DEAR GRIEVING: Although you and Maggie weren't legally married, you were a couple for some time. I'm very sorry for your loss. It would be accurate to refer to her as your late significant other, your partner or longtime girlfriend.

I would like to compliment you for stepping up to care for the girl when her biological father did not. And I do have suggestions for how to respond to anyone insensitive enough to ask why you would "take on" a child you didn't "have to."

The first would be to ignore the question. The second would be to avoid such a person in the future, and the third would be to reply, "I love her like a daughter, want to make sure she's secure and provided for, and THAT'S why I'm doing it."

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have much choice anyway. Someone might want to

demonstrate his or her worth. Do not interfere. Your

ability to get past a problem will allow you to have

more bounce in your step. Tonight: Allow more flex.

many other signs either jealous or worried about

much as you can off your plate. A meeting with a

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

for you to follow, but perhaps you are feeling anx-

ious about taking the first step. Be careful not to

push someone too hard, as he or she might decide to say "enough" and head for the hills! Tonight: Add

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

sire and to do what you feel is necessary will be

clear. It will take action to proceed in the right di-rection. Ask yourself whether there is any real ob-

stacle here. Tonight: Home feels like your castle.

openness. How you handle a personal matter could change, as you seem to be establishing who you are on a new level. Maintain a sense of humor

titude. Tonight: Visit and catch up on news.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You see life with greater clarity and

when a partner teases you a bit about your new at-

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

portunity to see a loved one in a new light. This person suddenly might be so cheerful that you

★★★★★ You could be taken aback by an op-

* ★ * * * Your ability to visualize what you de-

★★★★ You know which path is the right one

you. In either case, use that ability to clear as

friend could push you to complete even more.

Tonight: Consider taking Friday off.

more fun to the moment.

friend to dinner.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Your ability to enjoy your work makes

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ACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014:

This year you remain optimistic, even when others can't seem to smile. Your sense of direction and high energy will allow you to make a difference. In the summer, your creativity seems to soar, and those around you will learn to count on your ingenuity. If you are single, the summer and a period of time afterward could be very pleasing and memorable. You will have many choices, and the type of person you choose will determine the type of relationship you'll have. If you are attached, the two of you frequently will be found doing your own thing together. You are in a period where you enjoy each other's company even more. AQUARIUS is a

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-Šo-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★★ You'll feel optimistic about a situation, yet you might not be sure as to which direction you should head in. The unexpected tosses a new factor into the mix, which you'll feel is a good thing. Go with the flow and the moment. All's well that ends well. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

 $\star\star\star$ Tension builds as you set out to deal with many different options. Is it possible that you are receiving too much good news in your life? You could be overwhelmed by all the opportunities coming your way. Trust in your ability to make the right choice. Tonight: A laté dinner

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by what is happening, yet you will remain positive. You will make the correct choice, and financial gain will be the incentive that guides you. An offer from a friend could throw off your plans. Tonight: Try something spontaneous.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ You have more to offer someone than you realize. The way this person approaches you at the present time might clue you in. Learning to establish suitable boundaries could be a very positive step. Tonight: Listen to what someone whispers in

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Defer to others, as you likely won't

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

won't know which way to head. Try to catch some of his or her optimism if you can! Tonight: Treat a

★★★★★ You seem to be on cruise control no matter what you do. Move important matters along quickly, as you don't often have extra free time, like you do now. Some of you just might decide to do your taxes! Tonight: Make sure that you choose an

activity you enjoy. PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20) ★★★★ You are a sign that experiences many intuitive hunches. Right now, you could be acting

on an emotional level, especially around a child or new friend. The odds are that you will land well. Agitate less, and act more often. Tonight: Tap into your creativity.

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