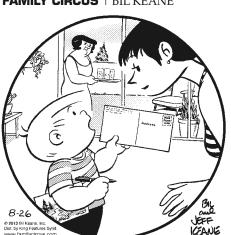
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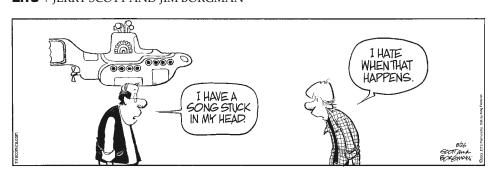


"Is it okay to tell Grandma Keane I'm havin' a good time at Grandma Carne's?'

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# **Woman's Weekend Lover Is Not About To Go Full Time**

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DEAR ABBY: I am a divorced woman in my mid-40s. I started dating again about two years ago, and shortly after, I met "Jed." He is someone I'd love to spend the rest of my life with. We have been seeing each other for more than a year, and I'd like some sort of commitment. I have tried talking to him about it. All he'll say is, "We're committed and monogamous and that's enough, so don't start with

We spend Thursday through Sunday together. Jed says Monday through Wednesday is his time to be alone. We don't talk or see each other during that time. We may email or text, but I'm not allowed to go to his house or call him. I have told him I don't want to still be packing for weekend trips to his house — it's 10 minutes away — when I'm 80.

I also never know how Jed feels about me. He never tells me he loves me, and if I say it, he'll say it back very quickly like it's an inconvenience. He doesn't compliment me or act like I'm important to him at all.

I'm financially stable but P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. would have a better lifestyle if I could share the bills with someone. Marriage is not important, and I have explained that to him, but I want a full-time commitment. Am I wasting my time? -TIME'S A-WASTIN' IN GEORGIA

DEAR TIME'S A-WASTIN': Do you realize that not once in your letter did you mention anything POSITIVE Jed does for you? He has told you directly that this is as committed as he's willing to get. Men who "love" women don't forbid them from coming to their home or calling; in fact, they WELCOME them. Jed doesn't say "I love you" unless he is cornered because it appears he DOESN'T love you.

Yes, you're wasting your time. If you want someone to share living expenses so you can enjoy a better lifestyle, find yourself a room-

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 29

years and I'm having concerns about my husband. I'm not sure what to make of the fact that he is becoming effeminate.

For many years he has shaved his underarms, legs, etc., to the point that he is completely hairless. He recently lost some weight and is joining a gym. He wears women's

stretch tights and a girdle to work out, because he says it helps him sweat around his middle. He is also very concerned about exfoliating the bottom of his feet and putting lotion on his

He says these things shouldn't bother me, but they do. I don't know what to make of it, and when I try to talk to him about my concerns, he blows me off. Do other men do this kind of stuff? I've only been with him, so I don't know. Can you give me another perspective? — A LITTLE WOR-RIED IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WORRIED: These days some men wax, shave, moisturize and exfoliate their bodies. Your husband may wear tights at the gym because he looks around and sees younger men with sleeker physiques and he's selfconscious about his own. If he's

not getting strange looks from others working out there, his attire may not be that unusual.

It's important that couples, particularly those who have been married as long as you two have, be able to talk to each other. Because some of this is a recent change in your husband's behavior, you deserve an explana-

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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 Virgo and a Moon in Taurus all day.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR** MONDAY, AUG. 26, 2013:

This year you approach life with seriousness and the ability to realize a long-term desire. You have both endurance and Lady Luck on your team. An associate whom you are close to might be most unpredictable. You will need to learn to flex because of this person. If you are single, you could be unusually idealistic and/or confused when dating or getting to know someone better. Know that there are several potential suitors heading your way. If you are attached, it is through working together that you become closer. TAURUS helps you see the big picture.

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)**

\* ★ \* \* You could be overly serious as the day begins. You might feel as if there is a lot of tension around a domestic matter that you need to deal with. Opportunities will break through the moment. The unexpected will occur with a financial issue. Tonight: Follow your instincts.

# **TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)**

★★★★★ You might want to think through a decision more carefully. Remain responsive as you juggle different forms of communication. A sudden insight might help you gain a better perspective about an individual. Tuck away this information. Tonight: Your smile wins the day.

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

★★★ Know when to take a pass and not jump headfirst into a project. Honor the fact that you have had enough. If you can take a day off, then do so. A friend might surprise you with his or her actions. Tonight: Make your excuses and take some much-needed personal time.

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

★★★★★ You will find that success comes naturally. If you start to overthink things, you might sabotage yourself. Your instincts are right on, so follow them. Vague news might come in from afar. Know what you want, and you won't lose your focus. Tonight: Join a friend or two.

# LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You'll want to see results from your recent efforts, and you're more than willing to put in the necessary hours. A boss could feel pushed by

your enthusiasm. You might sense a coolness between the two of you as a result. Just remember who the boss is. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

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

★★★★ Detach, especially if you're feeling pressured by a partner. You might not be sure what direction you should head in. A loved one or dear friend will add a certain element of chaos to your life. Try to understand where this person is coming from. Tonight: Listen to a roommate.

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

★★★★★ Relate to a partner or friend directly. You will see better results, and so will those around you. You seem very busy to others, and a loved one could do the unexpected. You have a long-term desire that could be fulfilled right now. Tonight: Go along with someone's suggestion.

# SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Defer to others, as they are unlikely to be responsive at this moment. Take an overview, and you'll gain a deeper understanding of what is motivating others. Your creativity is likely to soar to an unprecedented level. Tonight: Once again, you are the one doing the listening.

# SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You dive into your to-do list nearly immediately, and with someone's help, you could get through your list earlier than you might have thought. A loved one could be most unpredictable, but he or she makes you laugh. Your compassion will flow. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

# CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ You could feel subdued by a choice you need to make. Someone close to you clearly spoils you: however, this person might not be able to give you feedback regarding this matter. You will wonder about your limitations. Tonight: Listen to a

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

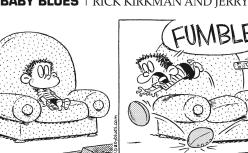
★★★★ You are full of laughter and fun despite the fact that you are dealing with a heavy burden or a difficult situation. Your innate optimism mixes well with your willingness to work. You know that you will find a way out of this problem. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

# PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

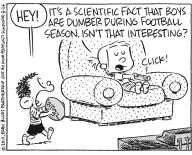
★★★★ You might be making a situation more confusing than it needs to be. You have some strong words you want to share about a money matter. Know what is necessary to take pressure off the situation. Question what is motivating a partner or friend. Tonight: Speak your mind.

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