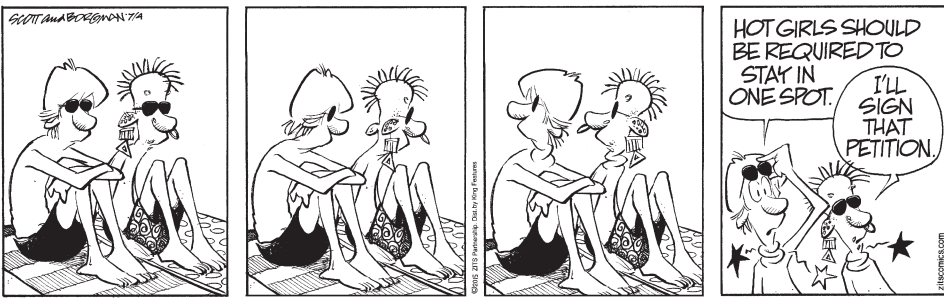


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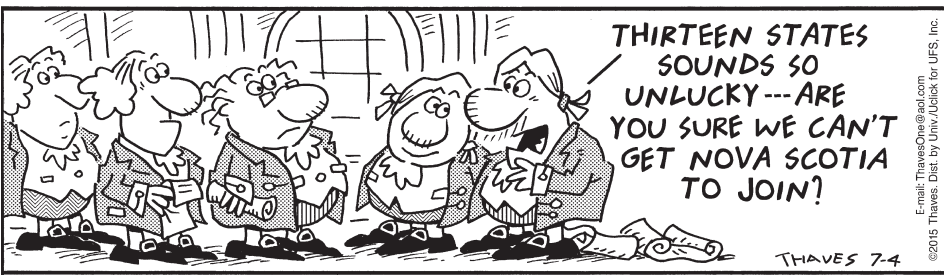
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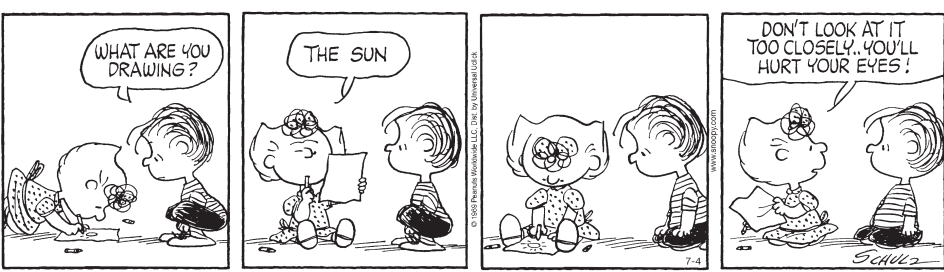
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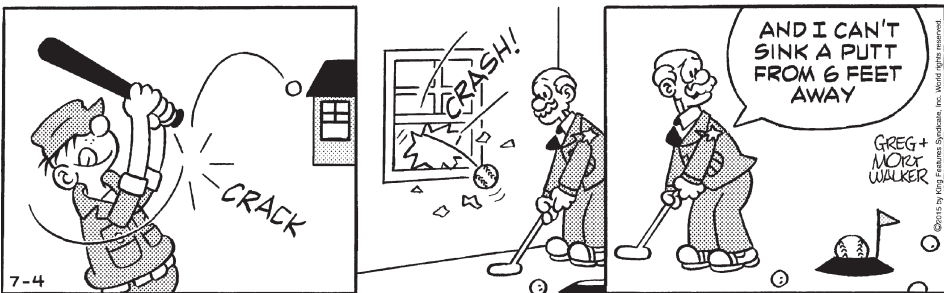
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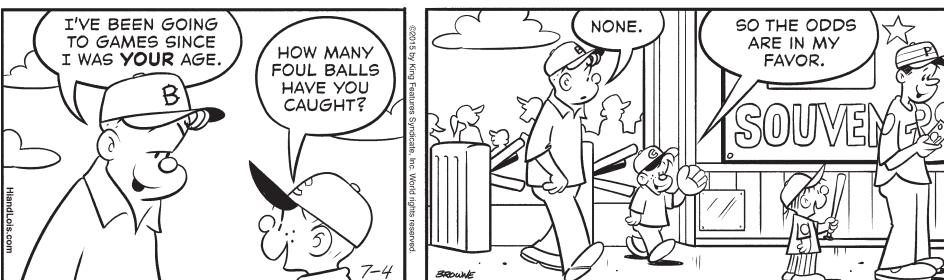
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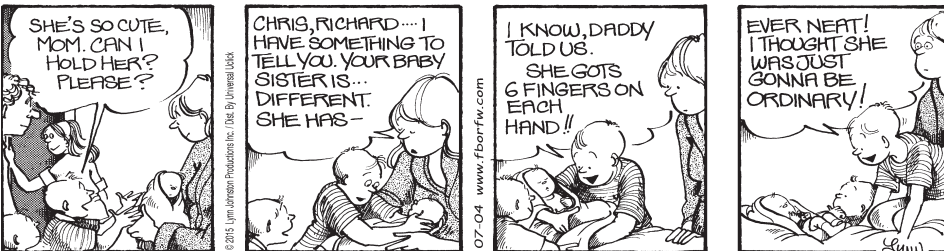
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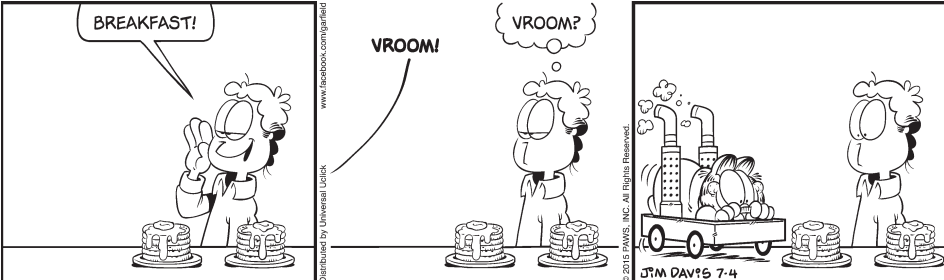
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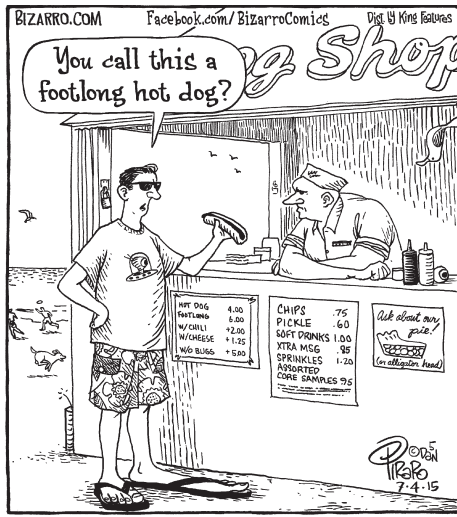
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# Husband's Long Hours Make Married Life Lonely For Wife

DEAR ABBY: I'm 19 and I got married six months ago to the love of my life! We have a great relationship despite how young we are. There's one problem though: my husband's job.

His shift is 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., six days a week, and when he is not working, he's sleeping, so he has no time for me at all and it's killing our marriage. We spend maybe eight hours together a week. I'm feeling extremely alone.

I know it's not his fault because he has to keep this job to support us, but the very thing that is supporting us is tearing us apart. What do I do? Please help. — LONELY MARRIED WOMAN

DEAR LONELY: With the schedule your husband is working, you should have time in the mornings and evenings to spend with each other — plus Sundays. However, if your days are spent sitting around at home, then what you need to do is find an activity to fill your lonely hours. You could take some classes, find a job and help out with the finances, or meet him for lunch. If that's not possible, look around for volunteer opportunities in your community. Worthwhile organizations can always use a helping hand.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend from college asked me to be in her wedding, and I was excited and happy to agree. Unfortunately, her wedding falls on the same weekend as my older sister's. Due to the distance and other family obligations, I won't be able to attend my sister "Sara's" wedding. Sara has been understanding about it, but she is upset.

I want to be as helpful as possible with the planning and preparation process as Sara is now down one bridesmaid, but I am unsure how best to do it. Is it proper to still participate in all of the bridal party activities, planning the shower, throwing a bachelorette party, etc., even though I cannot attend the ceremony? Should I try to travel there the weekend before to help with any last-second

preparations for the ceremony? — DOUBLE-BOOKED BRIDESMAID

DEAR DOUBLE-BOOKED: I don't blame Sara for being upset. The relationship between sisters is supposed to last a lifetime. On the other hand, the bonds of friendship can loosen as years pass, and often do.

Frankly, I think you made the wrong choice in deciding which wedding to participate in — and in the interest of family harmony, you should do for your friend what you would like to do for your sister.

DEAR ABBY: I like to wear a suit and tie to a church where most people dress casually. It doesn't matter to me how others dress, and I have good reasons for my choice in attire. But sometimes I hear seemingly judgmental comments about my clothing. What would be a good reaction and reply to such comments? — JEFF IN FULLERTON, CALIF.

DEAR JEFF: People who make judgmental comments about your attire are not worth the effort. I'd advise against getting into a spitting contest with a viper, because it might mess up your suit.

TO MY READERS: Have a happy, healthy and safe Fourth of July, everyone! — LOVE, ABBY

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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 Cancer and a Moon in Aquarius.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2015:

This year you gain a better understanding of those around you. You often can be found in one-on-one talks with your pals and loved ones. Understand what you are looking for from others. You will gain financially, as you are likely to receive a pay raise or promotion. Others see your value. If you are single, sometime after August, Cupid's arrow could hit you. You will know when you have met someone who makes you happy. If you are attached, the two of you delight in spending time together. You might make an impulsive decision with your sweetie about your home. AQUARIUS makes you consider a different perspective. 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 ability to grow past problems and evolve to a new level emerges. A difficult situation involving a misunderstanding finally will be ironed out. How you view a situation could change as a result. Get into a fun game with a partner. Tonight: Where your friends are.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You might have so much to do that you'll feel as if you're saddled with the world's responsibilities. You could be in a strange position where you feel trapped. No one would be surprised if you were to speak your mind. Figure out your priorities. Tonight: Take the lead.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You might want to move forward and let go of a problem. Whether you take a spin in your car or on your bicycle makes no difference; the change of scenery will be just what the doctor ordered. Take an overview of an issue once you have gained some distance. Tonight: Out late.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might want to slow down some. Once you start moving, you lose your ability to relate with ease. Spend some quality time with a special person in your life. As a result, you will feel more connected to each other. Tonight: Loosen up with a friend or loved one.

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

★★★★ You love celebrations, and today you

are likely to go to a party rather than be the host of one. You could be surprised by a loved one's unexpected actions. You like what you are seeing, and you'll encourage others to pursue that same course. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

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

★★★ Get into a fun sport with a friend or two. You don't need to keep all your plans in line with the holiday. Go off and do whatever makes you happy. Someone you meet today might not be exactly who he or she appears to be. Tonight: Be very happy and enjoy the moment.

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

★★★★ Suddenly the true you emerges, and others will get a glimpse of your more spirited side. Open up to new possibilities. If you are attached, curb any flirting, as it likely will end in hurt feelings. Get into the spirit of the Fourth of July. Tonight: Your upbeat mood is contagious.

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

★★★ Decide to host the July Fourth barbecue this year, and invite all your friends over. Enjoy the moment and maximize what is happening around you. Touch base with a loved one, and make sure that this person is invited. Tonight: Enjoy some burgers!

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

★★★★ Understand what is happening. Dive right in and enjoy yourself. Several conversations could be fun and enlightening. Don't forget to call certain family members and friends before the festivities begin. Tonight: Hop from one happening to another.

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

★★★★ You'll make a difference where you never thought it would be possible. A loved one responds to you differently from how he or she has in a while. Understand that others have different responses and thought processes. Tonight: Make a gesture toward a friend.

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

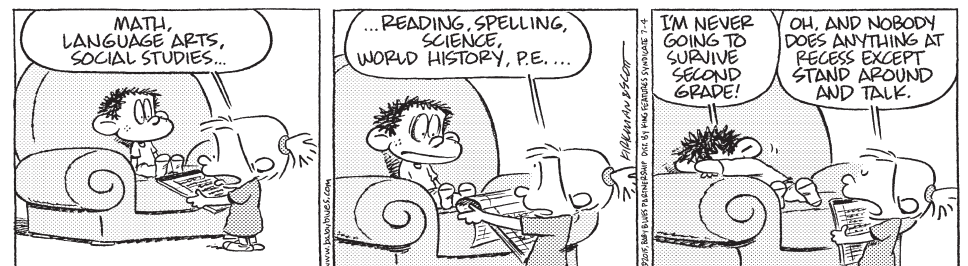
★★★★ You might be more in tune with the mood and spirit of the day than many people are. Others will be only too happy to participate in the celebrations, especially if you are there. Lighten up the moment, and get into the activity around you. Tonight: All smiles.

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

★★★ Don't push yourself. Just because everyone else is full of energy does not mean you need to be. Open up to the idea of making the following day a lazy one instead. What is stopping you from saying "no" to an invitation and getting some R and R? Tonight: The party is at your place.

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