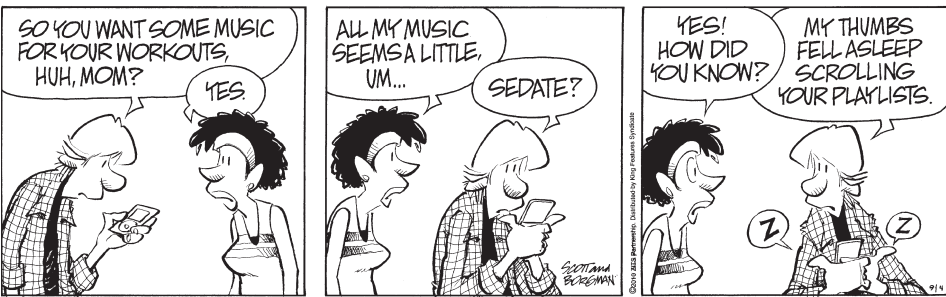


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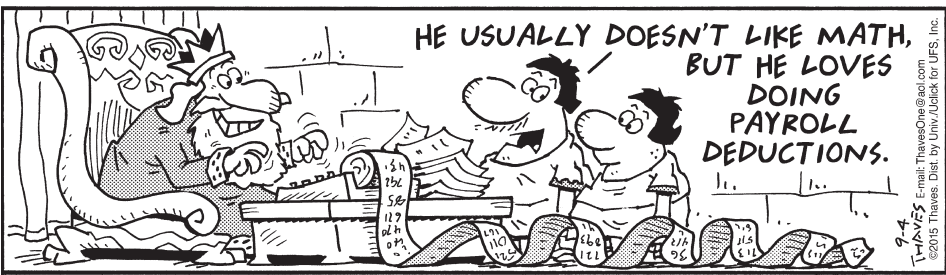
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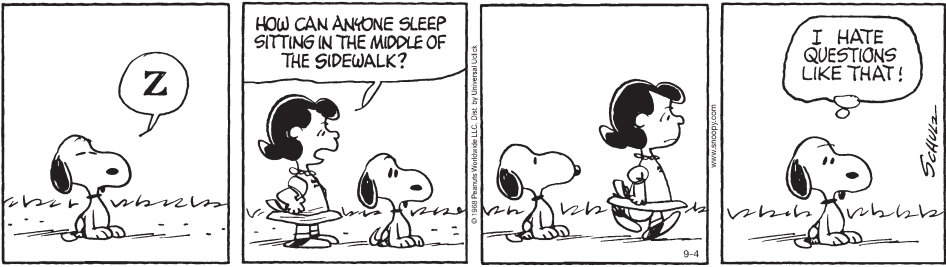
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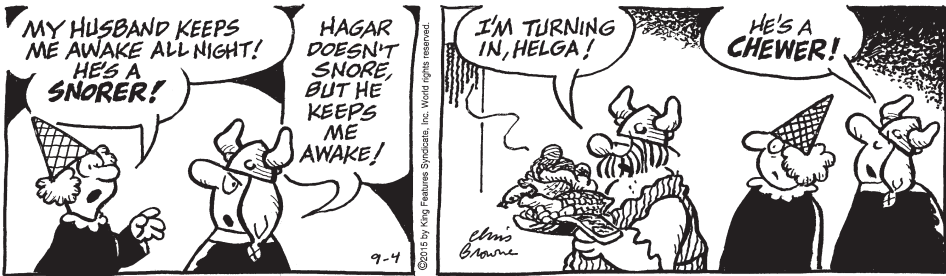
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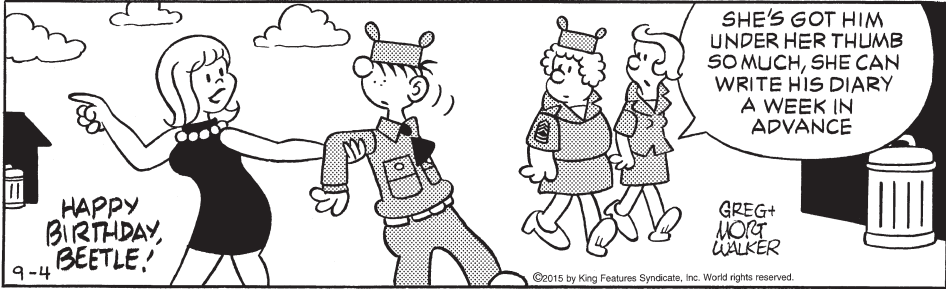
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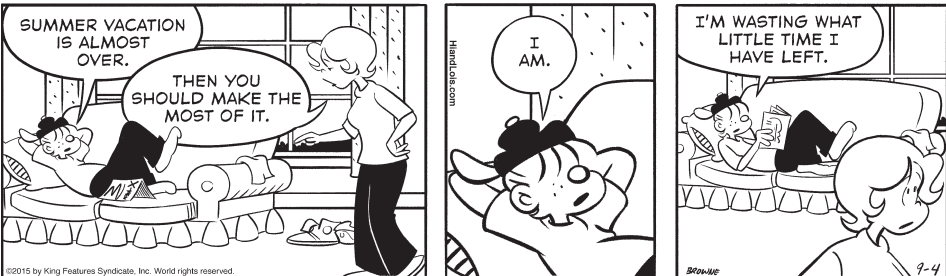
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# Mom's Motives For Marriage Are Questioned By Older Man

DEAR ABBY: I am a 63-year-old man living with a 28-year-old woman. She has three children – ages 2, 6 and 7. They live with us every other weekend. I have fallen in love with them. We are planning on getting married soon, and I want to be sure the kids are secure when I'm gone.

I have an erectile dysfunction problem. She says she doesn't care about sex, but I'm worried she will stray. I was 28 once, and that's all I thought about. I'm afraid she is marrying me for her own benefit – the house, Social Security and my business.

I love her and her children dearly. She says she loves me, but I'm just not sure. Can you help me figure out what to do? – TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

DEAR TOO GOOD: If you have ANY doubts about marrying this woman, then you shouldn't do it. However, if you do decide to marry her, first discuss this with your legal adviser and be sure you have an ironclad prenuptial agreement.

As to providing for her little ones in the event of your demise, discuss that with a lawyer who specializes in wills and trusts and who can advise you about the best way to leave money/assets in trust for them after they have reached a certain age – so the money can't be dissipated prematurely.

DEAR ABBY: Our parents have been dead for 25 years. Along the way, we have also lost sisters, nieces and cousins. Every year when we gather for a family reunion, part of it is a candle lighting and spoken remembrance of those loved ones we have lost. Some in my family get teary-eyed or cry.

My husband refuses to attend my family reunions because of this. He says my relatives have issues and need to see a mental health professional. He makes fun of us and the way we are together. I have a large family

with many offspring. Do you agree we are "crazy" for the remembrance and the tears? – LOVES MY FAMILY IN GEORGIA

DEAR LOVES: No, I do not. During a ceremony such as you have described, tears can be a healthy display of emotion. However, I do think your husband's comments are insensitive and judgmental, and he's doing the right thing for everyone by staying away. Feeling as he does, far away is where he belongs.

DEAR ABBY: My wife, who is a Realtor, is upset because a couple of our best friends listed their home with someone else. My wife feels they should have had the decency to at least notify her that they were going to give the listing to another Realtor. My wife had sold them their home a few years ago. Your thoughts, please? – MIFFED IN

DEAR MIFFED: No law says this couple was obligated to have your wife represent them. I suspect that they didn't inform your wife because they wanted to avoid an uncomfortable conversation. If she would like to know the reason they listed their home with someone else, she should ask them. It's possible the other Realtor offered services beyond what your wife does.

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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 if born before 7:45 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Gemini.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 4, 2015:

This year you are living under a lucky star. If you can think of a well-founded desire, you can make it happen. Cut out any negativity as you greet a far better year than you have experienced in a while. If you are single, you will have many admirers, and you might be hard-pressed to maintain that status. Someone intrigues you a lot; be ready for an intense interaction. If you are attached, the two of you become more playful with each other than you have been in a long time. Pressure builds around your domestic life. GEMINI often clashes with you intellectually.

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 might have awoken in a glum mood, but your bounce will quickly return. Your energy soars when you realize the weekend is ahead. Get as much done as you can now, because you will want to enter this Labor Day weekend free and clear. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Your generosity becomes evident the more you look at the coming weekend. You might decide to treat someone to a night out on the town. You could have a friend or two drop some last-minute errands on you if you are not careful. Say "no." Tonight: Remain sensitive to others.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ The reason you perk up today won't be as important as the fact that you have returned to being the whimsical person others enjoy being around. A difficult discussion with a higher-up could be elusive, as you might not have all the facts yet. Tonight: Lead others into the weekend.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ You might not be feeling as social as you would like to be. You have pushed yourself so hard trying to get so much done that you could be overtired and a bit withdrawn. Every so often, you forget that you are human, and end up feeling drained. Tonight: An early bedtime.

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

★★★★ Friends, loved ones and last-minute calls swirl around you. You might have made

many different plans with all the invitations you recently received. A core group of friends keeps you focused, so your activities should include those people. Tonight: Where the gang is.

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

★★★ You might have taken on extra responsibilities while others seem to have gotten into weekend mode. Try not to be so available for last-minute requests. In the meantime, dive into what you must do. Tonight: Nap, then decide. You will be missed if you don't show up.

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

★★★★ You'll empathize with a friend, and the next thing you know, you will be hanging out together. Spontaneity and travel go together. What you have planned could fall to the wayside, but it is likely to be replaced by a more satisfying adventure. Tonight: Opt for an unusual idea.

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

★★★★ Honor your need for some one-on-one time with a very special person. Make plans quickly. If you do, others will find you humming to yourself and looking off at the view. You might not be as subtle as you think you are. Tonight: Celebrate the holiday weekend!

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

★★★★ You might be excessive in everything you do. Your excitement seems to affect others' moods. Their responses are very similar to yours. A family member could be confused, and will need clarification. Do it as soon as you can. Tonight: Let someone else make the first gesture.

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

★★★★ You might be in a position where you need to think ahead. Tackle as many errands as possible. Show off your ability to host a fun shindig. Visit with an associate before the day ends. You need to wrap up a conversation about a work-related matter. Tonight: Let the party begin!

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

★★★★ You seem to add a special touch to your conversations today. Understand that a situation could become quirky at best. An element of the unexpected always runs through your plans. You know how to embrace that quality in your life, whereas others might not. Tonight: Be flirty.

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

★★ Be ready to move in a new direction and handle a problem quickly. The faster you put out the flame, the better off you will be. Realize your limits when handling an issue that someone else seems to want to keep on the table. Tonight: The party happens spontaneously.

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