

The Five-Day Week

By Marilyn Reeves

I've been thinking that the 7-day week is just too long. Besides, the number 7 is the most difficult number to deal with. It's hard to add and subtract, let alone multiply and divide. But we seem to be stuck with the 365-day year in order for the seasons to come out right. Well, happily, 365 is divisible by 5! So why not have seventy-one 5-day weeks, as opposed to fifty-two 7-day weeks?

Most people hate Mondays, so we could eliminate that (the Writers Group would have to meet on Tuesdays instead, so that would become my new favorite day). Then it's a toss-up between eliminated Wednesdays or Thursdays. But since the latter was named for the Norse god Thor, I think Wednesday has a friendlier ring to it, so I'd choose Wednesdays.

That leaves the weekends, which everybody loves, so the new week would be: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (putting Sunday at the end of the weekend, where it should have been put in the first place!).

The new 5-day weeks would go by so much faster! There would be a lot more weekends, and those people who are paid weekly or bi-weekly would even receive more frequent pay checks!

So, what do you think? Should I circulate a petition to see if the proposed 5-day week could be put on the national ballot? Of course, if the measure should pass, that would mean the rest of the world would have to follow suit. But perhaps the change to a shorter week would suit them, too.

How about you? Any takers? Would you vote for a 5-day week?