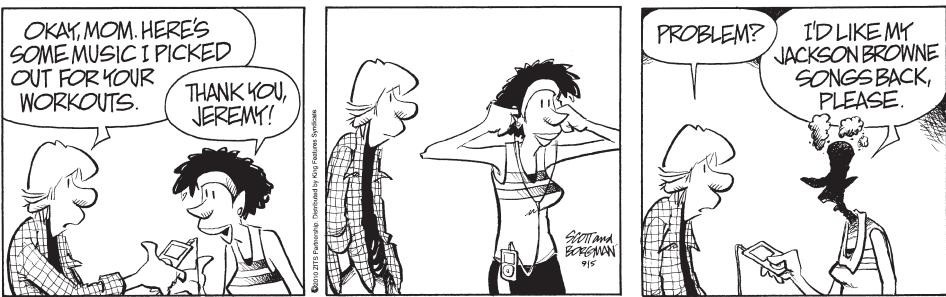


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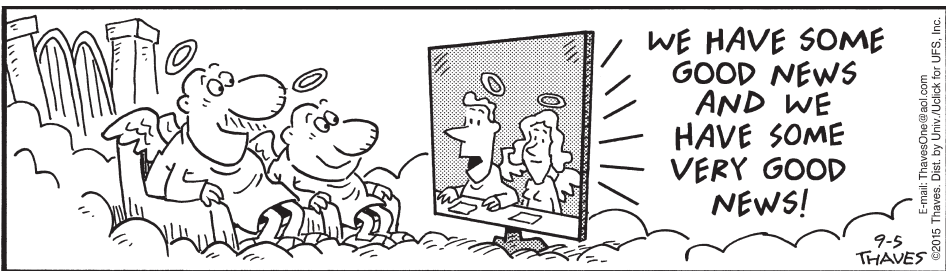
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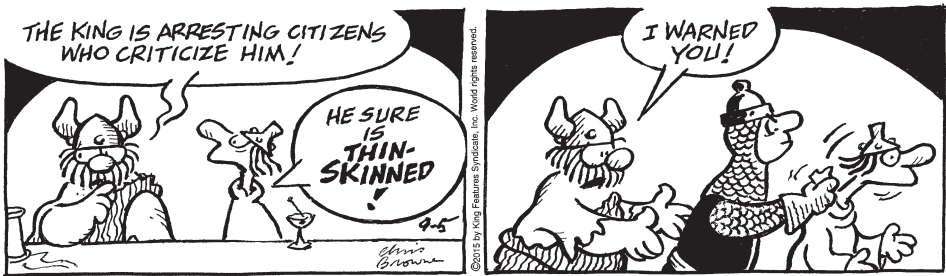
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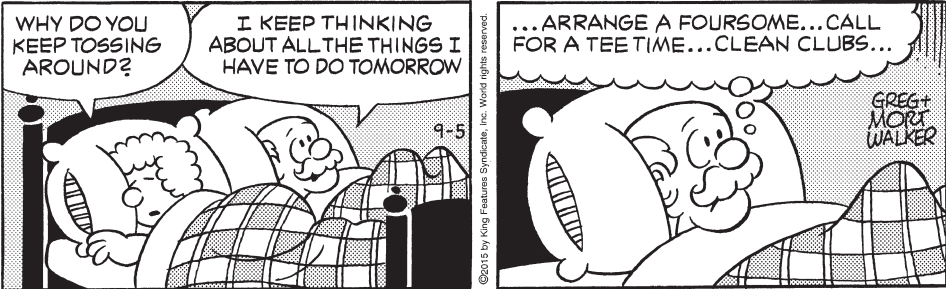
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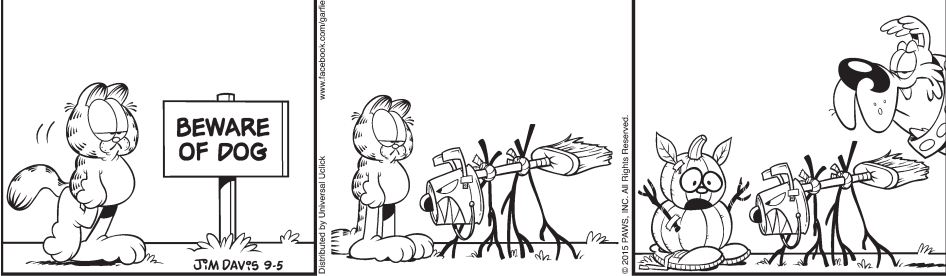
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## Family Prefers To Sidestep Questions About Girl's Feet

DEAR ABBY: My beautiful 6-year-old granddaughter has clubfeet. Although she had several surgeries, her ongoing treatment requires her to wear her shoes on the opposite feet.

Every time we go out somewhere, well-intentioned people seem compelled to let us know she has her shoes on wrong. My granddaughter told me it bothers her and she gets embarrassed when we must explain the reason, and truthfully, I don't blame her. I worry about her self-esteem.

Have you any suggestions as to what we could say to these people without giving out personal information? – NANNY IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR NANNY: If it were me, I would also assume that the person meant well and reply, "We're already aware of that, thank you." Period.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in fifth grade and I'm wondering: Which do you prefer – dogs or cats?

My friends and I often debate about this topic. – ANIMAL LOVER IN OAKLAND, CALIF.

DEAR ANIMAL LOVER: I'm an animal lover, too, and I have met both dogs and cats that had wonderful personalities. However, when it comes to choosing between cats and dogs, I'm more of a dog person. My favorite breed is the German shepherd.

DEAR ABBY: My sister moved in with me after my husband died. I thought it would be good for both of us, and we could go places together and share household chores. At the time, we were both working.

When I discovered she would sleep all day on our days off and didn't help with the housework at all, I was very disappointed. She would clean her room only when I got upset with her.

Now she does almost nothing. She won't clean her room and she sleeps for months without changing her sheets. I am sickened

by the smell of her and her room. She hasn't showered or brushed her teeth in almost two weeks, and it doesn't look like she's in any hurry to do so.

We are both retired now and could enjoy going places together, but she would rather stay up all night and sleep all day. I am at my wits' end. I have begged, threatened and shamed, but nothing works. I am a very clean person and like to have a clean house. Help! – WANTS MY CLEAN HOUSE BACK

DEAR WANTS: Changes in behavior like those you describe should not be ignored. Was your sister always like this? If not, she needs to be examined by a doctor to determine if she's depressed or having some other kind of mental problem. She should also be seen by a dentist if her oral hygiene is as poor as you say it is, while she still has teeth.

The living arrangement the two of you have doesn't appear to be healthy for either of you. Before this goes any further, consult an attorney for guidance. You may need help in getting her out after all this time – or help finding other safe living arrangements for your sister if she's unable or unwilling to do it for herself.

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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 Gemini.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 5, 2015:

This year you often have a lot to smile about. You are about to start a new life and luck cycle. The first year, which you will enter soon, is probably one where your good fortune is at its highest point. Use the positive vibes and planetary interactions to enhance your life. If you are single, you could meet someone who will knock your socks off. You will notice the uniqueness of this person as well as the unusual strength of your feelings. If you are attached, your upbeat attitude draws your significant other closer to you. What the two of you initiate this year could last a long time. GEMINI gets under your skin.

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)

HHHH You unintentionally could stumble into an either/or situation. You might find yourself caught in a control game. Walk away while you can. Passions run high when interacting with a loved one, as this interaction is much more fulfilling. Tonight: Full of surprises.

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

HHH You could find the costs of this weekend to be too much for your taste. You will attempt to gain more control by eliminating an item or an event from your to-do list. Spend time closer to home and invite a friend or two over. Tonight: Allow a spontaneous happening to begin.

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

HHHH Your awareness of what needs to happen could change as a result of someone's caring actions. Your need to follow plans as they were made easily could be tossed to the wind. You'll want to be with a loved one who wants to do something else. Tonight: Share some news.

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

HHH You might want to be more aware of what someone else wants. You don't seem to have as much energy as you would like. This person is of the same mind as you, so make today a lazy day at home. Make the most of the lack of demands. Tonight: Not to be found.

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

HHHH Passions runs high no matter which way

you turn. Your magnetism draws others toward you. Your smile will make someone feel special, but recognize how easily others misread you. Your warmth might be interpreted as more. Tonight: Right in the middle of a happening.

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

HHH Tension builds because of what you believe someone else expects from you. Perhaps a discussion is in order. You can't ignore a strong feeling you have about a person whom you frequently encounter. Ask for more of what you want. Tonight: Remain sensitive.

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

HHHH Look beyond someone's behavior and consider what is happening within him or her. This person will be able to hide his or her feelings, but only for so long. Avoid bringing this matter up, as it could backfire. Instead, try to address your own feelings. Tonight: Where there is music.

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

HHH Recognize that spending some quality one-on-one time with a special someone is important. Disruption and/or some insecurity could throw your plans into chaos. You can't keep covering up your feelings by staying nonreactive to others' behavior. Tonight: Clear the air.

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

HHHH Your friends will remind you of playful children as they get into this holiday weekend. The activities they choose might be more adult, but the glee of being together can't be hidden. Invitations keep coming forth. Which one you accept is up to you. Tonight: Join the fun.

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

HHH You might be instrumental to someone's festivities. You won't mind pitching in behind the scenes or barbecuing the chicken. While in the midst of a happening and speaking to others, you will see a loved one in a new light. Clearly, this person misses you. Tonight: Togetherness works.

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

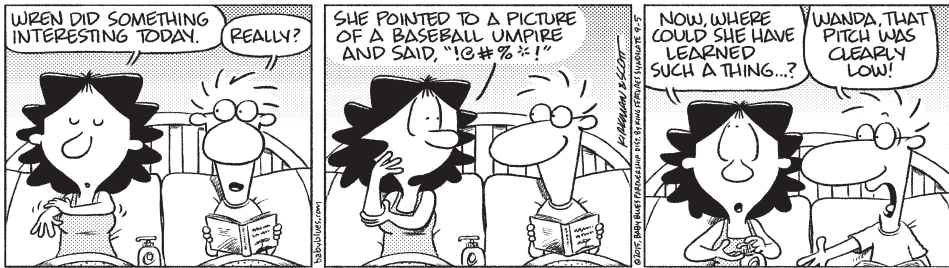
HHHH Whether you can be grounded enough for a conversation seems questionable, especially with someone who is serious-minded. Your playfulness and flirtatiousness is likely to delight a special loved one. Make no commitments; keep it light. Tonight: Full of mischief.

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

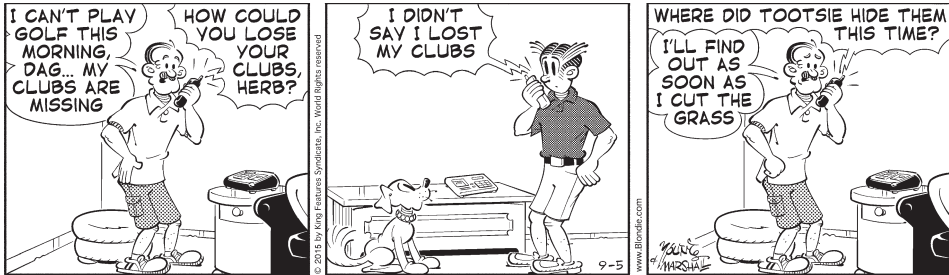
HHHH You could be in a position where you will have a lot to handle. Responsibilities weigh heavily on your shoulders, but try to prevent every moment from being charged with tasks. Lighten up, and you will gain more perspective on what must be done. Tonight: At home.

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