# **FEATURES**

# Readers' poems honor veterans on this Memorial Day

For those who lost a son.

We won't forget your sacrifice,

We'll heed, some way or

That dying soldier's last

"Take good care of my

"After Visiting The Viet-

Malcolm, John, Stephen,

Thoughts of tears, blood,

James, Arthur, Michael, Tim

nam War Memorial" by Mary

Whiteman Abel of Guilford,

Bruce — etched in stone

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Kathy

Mitchell and

Marcy Sugar

the pain,

request:

mother'

Connecticut

screams, death —

letters home...

Dear Readers: When we asked you to try your hand at a gender-inclusive piece for Independence Day, we also received several poems that seemed more appropriate for Memorial Day. Therefore, we have decided to print two of them on this occasion. We think they both express moving sentiments.

#### "Gold Star Mother" by Nelson, Manitowoc, Gene Wisconsin

The sounds of battle long have ceased,

Peace conquered war and

death Yet memories whisper from

those years,

With cruel, untiring breath. Yes, peace has come, the

peace so dear,

For which men fought and died.

But there are some who'll never have.

Peace way down deep inside. And so we humbly bow our

Some things can't be undone. Our prayers may help to ease

Let me be brave as my hand Annie's tries to touch **Mailbox** 

each name engraved on the black stone —

And then my eyes fill with

Samuel, Paul, Donald, Seth

There is warmth beneath my

Stirring the memories of other

Invasion of Normandy

Pork Chop Hill

Desert Storm

A letter to a sailor

Every war, conflict or effort that our young

men and women were sent to... I can feel the rough lettering as my hand glides across the warm marble...

Joseph, Richard, David.

I was there with each of these

They are chiseled in my heart and soul for eternity.

They have made their sacrifice to mankind.

Peter, Mark, Brian, Tom...

# **Tomorrow's horoscope**

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Push on with the herculean effort. You'll go faster and you'll finish stronger if you allow things to be stupendously imperfect, at least for now. You can always go back later and clean it up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Stand behind your decisions. There is no room for doubt, no reason to change things up, no need to quickly come up with something new. Hold your head up high, and deliver what you created.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're the power in your life. No one is going to charge your battery; you have to do it yourself. One thing, though: Avoid the charging station that worked last time. Diversify. Spread out. Find one in a different part of town.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Partnerships will need to be hashed out verbally. Stay on track, especially if you have a less-thanpleasant history with someone. Don't let the issue switch from the original subject to one of personal rivalry.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). One study suggests that a typical college student will pull two all-nighters per school year, resulting in better academic performance for only a meager fraction of students. As for you, early-to-bed will bring no regrets.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In the past you developed this whole style of coping that worked so well you're still using a lot of it today. The question is: Is this still necessary, or does it unreasonably limit you?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sometimes you give compliments because you're nice and you like to make people feel good. Today you're a little more calculating, though, and your compliments are aimed at getting someone to lower his or her defenses.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you have to talk about your problem, do it in personal terms, describing how it affects your life and expressing all of the feelings that come up around it. There's strength in honest vulner-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As you get older you care less and less about being liked. However, there's nothing to gain from behaving in an unlikeable fashion. Today, the more they like you, the better your position

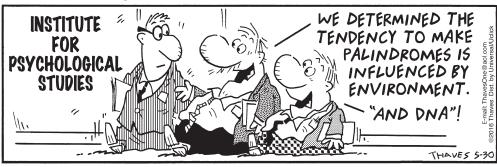
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a tall order with your name on it. With the right attitude you'll finish the job before Friday. Avoid negative thinkers, and rewire your own thought processes. Relentless optimism is called for

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What you're trying to do is no small feat. This is going to take time and persistence. Today will be majorly productive if you put your critical mind aside.

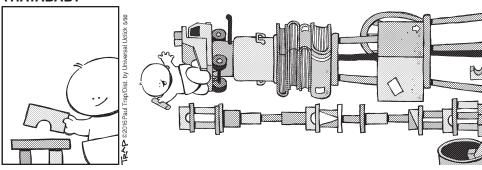
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The difference between dishing the dirt and mudslinging is only a few drops of water. This is an excellent time to stay away from gossip altogether. The thrills are cheap, and the damage is costly.

TUESDAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 31). Fun and happiness are more important than you've been making them lately. A positive attitude is the key to keeping your stress levels low and your sprits high through this entire solar year. Next month you'll have something everyone needs, and you'll be paid very well for this. July and October bring love in abundance. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 15, 39, 44

#### **FRANK AND ERNEST**



#### **THATABABY**



#### PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN







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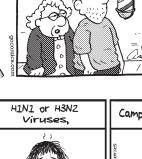
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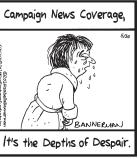
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## **BABY BLUES**













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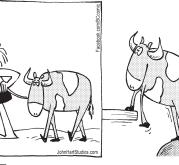
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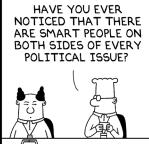
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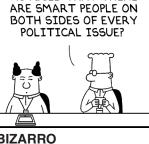




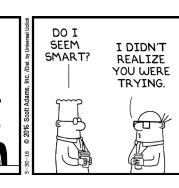


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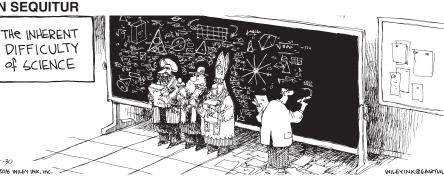


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