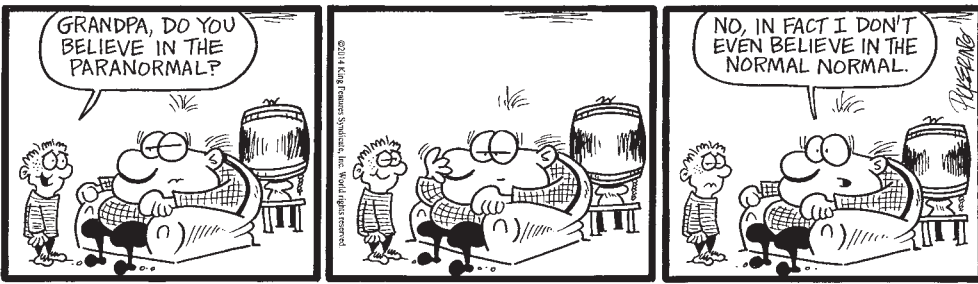


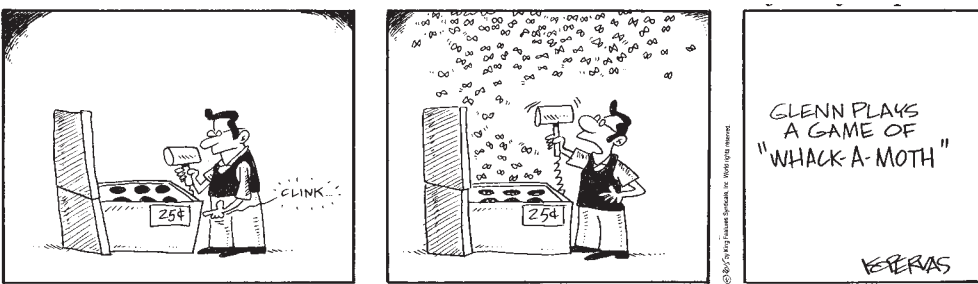
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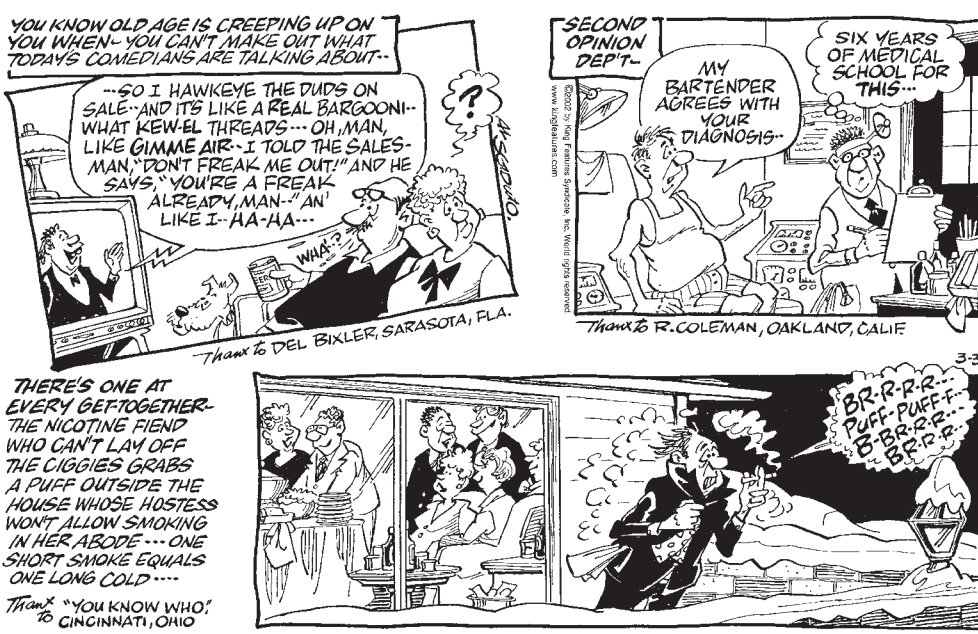
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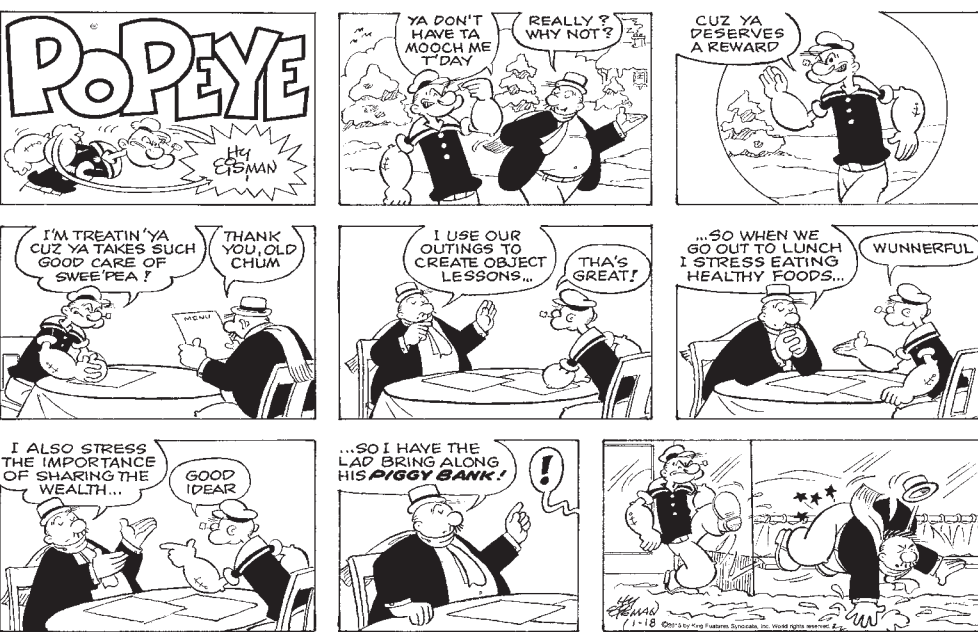
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

SALOME'S STARS HOROSCOPE



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You need to be certain that all the right conditions are in place before you take that first step. It can't hurt to listen to good advice from those who have your best interests at heart.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to get involved in other people's disputes unless you know the facts behind the disagreements. That's the best way to be assured of making wise and honest decisions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You still need to be careful about how you're going to spend those energy reserves you finally got around to restoring. Best advice: Avoid overdoing it. Let things take their course.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect continues to favor travel -- alone or with that special person. So if you've been putting off making those getaway plans, it's still a good time to get started on them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Those so-called golden opportunities that continue to dazzle the Lion still need to be carefully checked out. Be suspicious about anything that looks like the "perfect" prospect.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Changes at the workplace could make it more difficult to do things the way you prefer. But the wise Virgo who shows some flexibility could find it paying off in a big way.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might want to check out the explanation you were given for a sudden shift in your duties.

There's a possibility that you haven't been told all the facts that you deserve to know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Having confidence in your abilities is important, especially when you could be facing a new challenge, whether it's in the workplace or in a personal relationship. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new work-related opportunity might not be all that it seems. Before making any decisions, you might want to check with others who have had some experience in that area.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A situation involving someone close could benefit from your timely intervention. Avoid being judgmental. There'll be plenty of time later for those "little talks" you like to have.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel could be a surprise element in that new project. Be prepared for other previously undisclosed aspects that also might come to light as you proceed with the work.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Try to balance your work-related responsibilities with the time you're spending on your recently revived social life. An old friend might be planning to return after a long absence.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sensitivity makes you aware of the needs of others. Have you considered a career as a counselor?

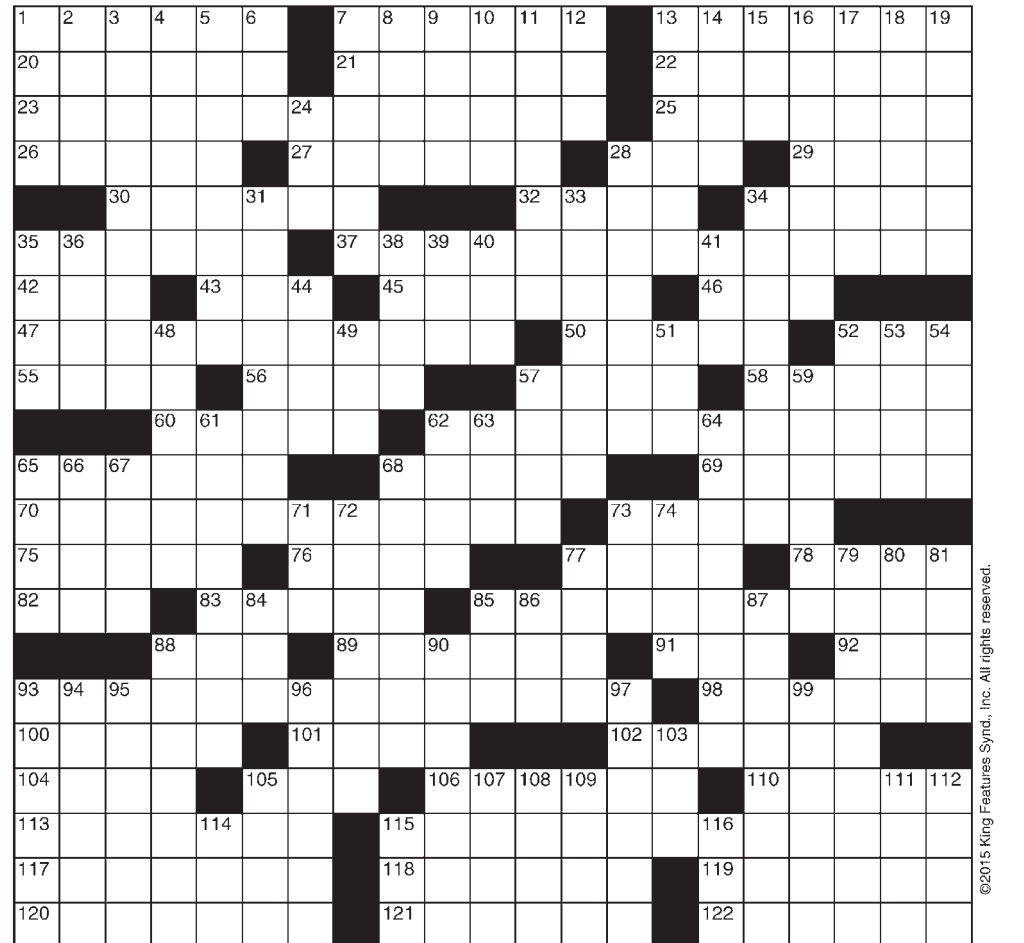
FLASHBACK BY MICK HARPER

- Name the Tavares song that was split between the A and B sides of the single.
- Which band started as Billy de Sade and the Marquis?
- What car won the race in "Hot Rod Lincoln"?
- Who originally released "In the Midnight Hour"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "On the corner is a banker with a motorcar, The little children laugh at him behind his back. And the banker never wears a mac in the pouring rain, very strange."

ANSWERS
1. THE SIX-MINUTE DISCO SONG, "HEAVEN MUST BE MISSING AN ANGEL" (1976).
2. MINK DEVILLE, PARTIALLY NAMED AFTER BAND MEMBER WILLY DEVILLE. THE BAND ONLY HAD ONE SINGLE ("EACH WORD'S A BEAT OF MY HEART") THAT CRACKED THE TOP 100 LIST.
3. THE FORD AND THE MERCURY WERE BEATEN BY A KID WHO FLEW BY IN A "HOPPED-UP MODEL A."
4. WILSON PICKETT, IN 1965.
5. "PENNY LANE," BY THE BEATLES IN 1967. THERE REALLY IS A PENNY LANE, NEAR WHEATHAMSTON LIVED AS A CHILD. TOURISTS STILL FLOCK TO THE SPOT AND HAVE STOLEN SO MANY STREET SIGNS THAT THE CITY GAVE UP AND PAINTED THE STREET NAME ON BUILDINGS.

SUPER CROSSWORD: SNAKE HANDLING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Appear on the scene
 - 7 Mystery writer
 - 13 Sister of Snow White
 - 20 Canadian dollar coin
 - 21 As well
 - 22 Retired female prof
 - 23 Mischievous snake?
 - 25 Capitol Hill bigwig
 - 26 Bicycle part
 - 27 Like Saturn
 - 28 Ink-filled tool
 - 29 Blend
 - 30 One of the Musketeers
 - 32 Graceful bird
 - 34 Touchy- (overly emotional)
 - 35 Greeted with a head bob
 - 37 What there is when a snake is inside a keg?
 - 42 Sioux tribe member
 - 43 Beatle bride
 - 45 Golfer
 - 46 Vienna is its cap.
 - 47 Study of snake vision?
 - 50 Bottom line
 - 52 HP or Dell products
 - 55 Confused
 - 56 Noble act
 - 57 St. Louis Arch
 - 58 Canoe architect
 - 60 Skeletal axis
 - 62 Snake with a talk show?
 - 65 1980s TV's "Remington"
 - 68 "Crash" actor
 - 69 Peaceful
 - 70 Snake's relatives?
 - 73 Arcade game pioneer
 - 75 TV prizes
 - 76 See 81-Down
 - 77 Union foe
 - 78 Billfold filler
 - 82 Org. fining polluters
 - 83 1:50, e.g.
 - 85 Noodles shaped like knotted snakes?
 - 86 Emerald, e.g.
 - 89 Symbol of a team
 - 91 Camera type, for short
 - 92 Frying vessel
 - 93 Thing that hones a snake's skills?
 - 98 Part of TLC
 - 100 Gather up
 - 101 Treater's phrase
 - 102 Slobbering soul
 - 104 Sour
 - 105 Tit-for-
 - 106 "Pretty nice!"
 - 110 Now being broadcast
 - 113 Living an isolated life
 - 115 Snake's balderdash?
 - 117 Aromatic
 - 118 Gazed
 - 119 "— down the hatches!"
 - 120 "No, No, —" (old musical)
 - 121 Mistake list
 - 122 Broom room
 - 4 Derives from logic
 - 5 Rule breaker, e.g.
 - 6 Always, to poets
 - 7 On the line
 - 8 Hired hood
 - 9 Snug as —
 - 10 "It Had — You"
 - 11 Sticks with, as a belief
 - 12 Nibbled away
 - 13 Transmit again
 - 14 Boding sign
 - 15 Sun Yat —
 - 16 Pencil tops
 - 17 John of "Three's Company"
 - 18 Star, to Pierre
 - 19 Baseballer Strawberry
 - 24 Prefix with cycle
 - 28 Infamous box opener
 - 31 Lyric poems sung by single voices
 - 33 Newswoman Barbara
 - 34 "As I Lay Dying" novelist
 - 35 Star burst
 - 36 Big elevator producer
 - 38 Incursion
 - 39 Curve part
 - 40 Connections
 - 41 Lamb's call
 - 44 Frank
 - 48 Pass gingerly
 - 49 Golf ball supporter
 - 51 Pull along
 - 52 Funeral pile
 - 53 French city on the Orme
 - 54 — terrier (dog breed)
 - 57 Internet auction site
 - 59 Ghana's land
 - 61 Wall coatings
 - 62 Film snippet
 - 63 Petroleum
 - 64 Actress Huppert
 - 65 "Peter Pan" pirate
 - 66 Pack down tightly
 - 67 Actress Stone
 - 68 Where some very big birds are raised
 - 71 Goldfish part
 - 72 Superhero insect
 - 73 Put-on
 - 74 Mai — (rum drinks)
 - 77 Surfeit
 - 79 Hopefuls
 - 80 Jazzman Kenton
 - 81 With 76- Across, quit, informally
 - 84 "Jimmy" has two
 - 85 Pre-A.D. abbr.
 - 86 Suffix with ball or bass
 - 87 Suggestion
 - 88 Body signal
 - 90 Unthrifty type
 - 93 Mete (out)
 - 94 Actress Seyfried
 - 95 30-year late-night host
 - 96 Raspy
 - 97 Kigali's land
 - 99 Rome's Via —
 - 103 Tokyo, once
 - 105 Tightly strung
 - 107 Polish river
 - 108 Prefix with byte
 - 109 Boone of baseball
 - 111 "Gotcha"
 - 112 Pay to live in locale
 - 115 Pal of Tarzan
 - 116 "Go On" network



Answers to the crossword puzzle will appear in Wednesday's paper.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★