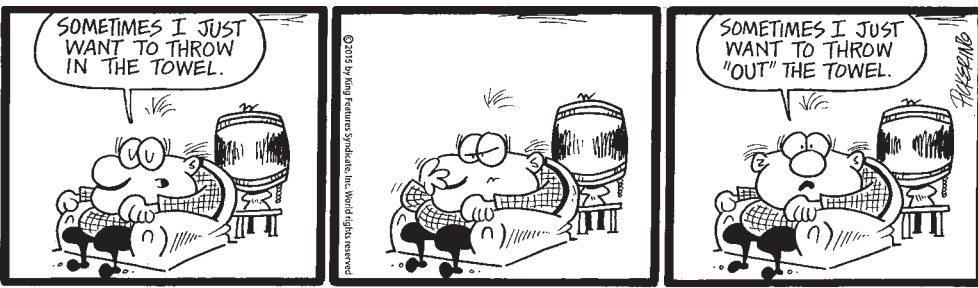


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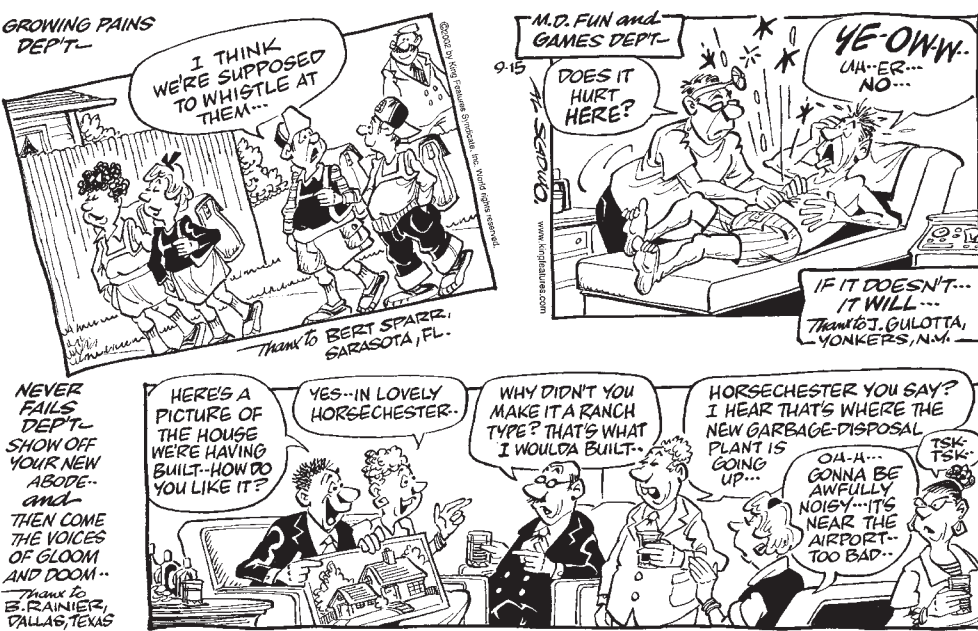
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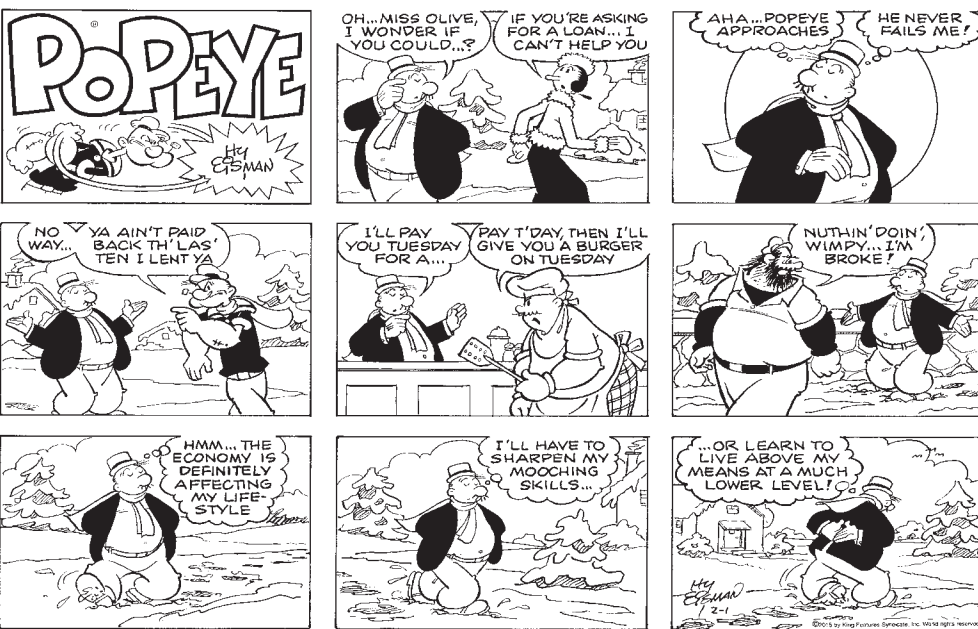
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

SALOME'S STARS HOROSCOPE



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) All that flattery and fawning shouldn't affect any decision you have to make. Keep your focus on the facts and ignore all the hyperbole, especially if it gets uncomfortably personal.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine instincts are on the mark about that "favor" you're being asked to do. Agree to nothing unless you get a full explanation -- which you would check out first, of course.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A somewhat unsettled recent period should give way to a smoother time going through the week. Use this quieter time to catch up on matters you might have had to let slide.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Feeling a little confused is understandable with all those mixed messages. Take time to list the questions you have. Then present them and insist on answers that make sense.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Cupid can be very helpful for Lions seeking a love connection. The chubby cherub also brings warm and fuzzy feelings to paired Leos and Leonas who already share a special love line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Travel is favored this week, whether you'll be globe-trotting or taking a trip to a nearby getaway. You might be surprised (or maybe not) by who wants to be your traveling companion.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting advice on your next business-related move is a good idea, but only if your advisers are trustworthy. Get references

that you can check out before you make any decisions.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Getting a boost in your self-esteem is one benefit that comes with a job well done. There are other pluses as well, including being noticed by all the right people. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make time to deal with family matters, especially where they concern your elderly kinfolk. Being there for them from the start can help resolve problems sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Getting a project started can often be difficult. But the good news is that you won't want for lack of assistance from colleagues who would like to work with you. So, let them!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A lot of work-related issues might be raised this week, and you need to be prepared for whatever comes along. Things should be easier when it comes to matters in your private life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) What might appear to be a very much unwanted change in your life right now could turn out to be a very welcome event after all. Give yourself a chance to see where it might take you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You exercise your strong leadership qualities well, which is why people believe in you and feel reassured by you.

FLASHBACK BY MICK HARPER

1. The Supremes had five chart toppers in 1964. How many can you name?
2. What girl group had a hit with "Foolish Little Girl"?
3. Which Dion song mentions Flo, Mary, Janie and Rosie?
4. When did "You Make Me Feel Like Dancing" come out? Who sang it?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "You can ponder perpetual motion, fix your mind on a crystal day, Always time for a good conversation, there's an ear for what you say."

ANSWERS
1. "BABY LOVE," "COME SEE ABOUT ME," "STOP! IN THE NAME OF LOVE," "BACK IN MY ARMS AGAIN" AND "WHERE DID OUR LOVE GO?"
2. THE SHIRELLES, IN 1963. THE SONG LANDED ON THE HOT 100 LIST AS WELL AS R&B.
3. THE WANDERER, IN 1961. IT WAS RELEASED AS A B-SIDE ON "THE MAJESTIC" SINGLE, BUT BECAME THE MORE POPULAR OF THE TWO.
4. 1976, BY LEO SAYER.
5. "UP AROUND THE BEND" BY CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REWAL IN 1970. THE SONG WAS USED IN NUMEROUS FILMS, BUT LONG AFTER IT WAS RELEASED. THE FIRST WAS "LEAU FROIDE," A FRENCH FILM, IN 1964. IT ALSO WAS HEARD IN "THE GUITAR HERO WORLD TOUR" VIDEO GAME AND RAISIN BRAN COMMERCIALS.

SUPER CROSSWORD: RISING TO THE DEBATE

- ACROSS**
- 1 While away the hours
 - 9 Amorphous, sunken-into seats
 - 17 Book divs.
 - 20 Adopts, as a belief
 - 21 Do a new layout of
 - 22 Marina del —, California
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Musician Yoko
 - 26 Fixes a seam, say
 - 27 Drink served with scones
 - 28 Suffix with final or solo
 - 29 Heroic poetry
 - 30 Riddle, part 2
 - 37 7-Eleven drink
 - 41 Isn't on target
 - 42 Contract inker, e.g.
 - 43 "Stones for —" (1988 film)
 - 44 San —, California
 - 46 Most fake
 - 48 Riddle, part 3
 - 51 With 57-Across, descent before pulling a rip cord
 - 52 Chilean cheer
 - 53 Praise publicly
 - 54 Margarita glass liner
 - 57 See 51-Across
 - 60 1990s Philippine president
 - 62 Ad entreaty
 - 64 ET of TV
 - 67 Riddle, part 4
 - 71 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —"
 - 72 Gel alternative
 - 74 Bow rub-on
 - 75 "— Cassius has a lean and hungry look": Julius Caesar
 - 77 — Sunday
 - 78 Let out
 - 79 Xenon, e.g.
 - 81 Fesses (up)
 - 85 Riddle, part 5
 - 92 Deliver news about
 - 94 Capacious
 - 95 One of Jupiter's moons
 - 96 Rare Italian violins
 - 97 Trial run
 - 98 Watched kids for cash
 - 99 End of the riddle
 - 104 Tip jar bills
 - 105 Mimicker
 - 106 "— There Was You"
 - 107 — ghanouj
 - 111 Poetry Out Loud org.
 - 112 Riddle's answer
 - 119 Wind up
 - 120 Tendency to stick together
 - 121 "Casino Royale" Bond girl player
 - 122 Rds.
 - 123 Outburst of wild emotion
 - 124 Tokyo "ta-ta"
- DOWN**
- 1 Sunday seats
 - 2 Court champ Arthur
 - 3 Shoot forth
 - 4 Male heirs
 - 5 "Tsk!"
 - 6 "Semi-" suffix
 - 7 Get together
 - 8 Road twists
 - 9 Male sib
 - 10 Always, to bards
 - 11 Astern
 - 12 Feature of a perfect ball game
 - 13 Audacious
 - 14 Just slightly
 - 15 Slender fish
 - 16 Hog home
 - 17 Certain liquid fuel
 - 19 Natalie Portman's childhood home on Long Island
 - 24 "Bali —"
 - 29 Most tense
 - 30 Twist
 - 31 Skin cream brand
 - 32 Ensnarers
 - 33 Cookie giant
 - 34 Lead singer
 - 35 Beginning on
 - 36 Have supper
 - 37 Son of Willy Loman
 - 38 Skyscraper beam
 - 39 Many an app
 - 40 Anguish
 - 44 Actor Gibson
 - 45 Had supper
 - 46 Sainted pope
 - 47 FDR follower
 - 49 Hit the links
 - 50 Boxing punch
 - 55 London lav
 - 56 16 eighths
 - 58 Tummy "six-pack"
 - 59 Actor Marvin
 - 60 Interstate stop
 - 61 Pal, in Calais
 - 62 Earlier
 - 63 "No — do!"
 - 64 Rock blaster
 - 65 Mauna —
 - 66 Big magazine pitches
 - 68 Suze with financial lips
 - 69 Stir up, as silt
 - 70 NASDAQ
 - 73 Polishes
 - 76 Bride's belongings
 - 78 Green start?
 - 79 Big Red, e.g.
 - 80 Poet Lowell
 - 82 "— calling?"
 - 83 California's — Valley
 - 84 TDs, e.g.
 - 86 Fortitude
 - 87 — -bitsy
 - 88 Looking up
 - 89 Attend
 - 90 Imminent
 - 91 Lard holders
 - 92 Seminal punk band
 - 93 Distinguished
 - 97 Feared fly
 - 98 Luxury watch company
 - 100 Vows
 - 101 In a tizzy
 - 102 Dol.
 - 103 Quotes
 - 107 Farm building
 - 108 Cruising
 - 109 South African
 - 110 Actress Farris
 - 112 "— bin ein Berliner"
 - 113 Nerf ball, e.g.
 - 114 Make public
 - 115 "— will not!"
 - 116 Genetic ID
 - 117 Actor Liotta
 - 118 Swelled head

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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