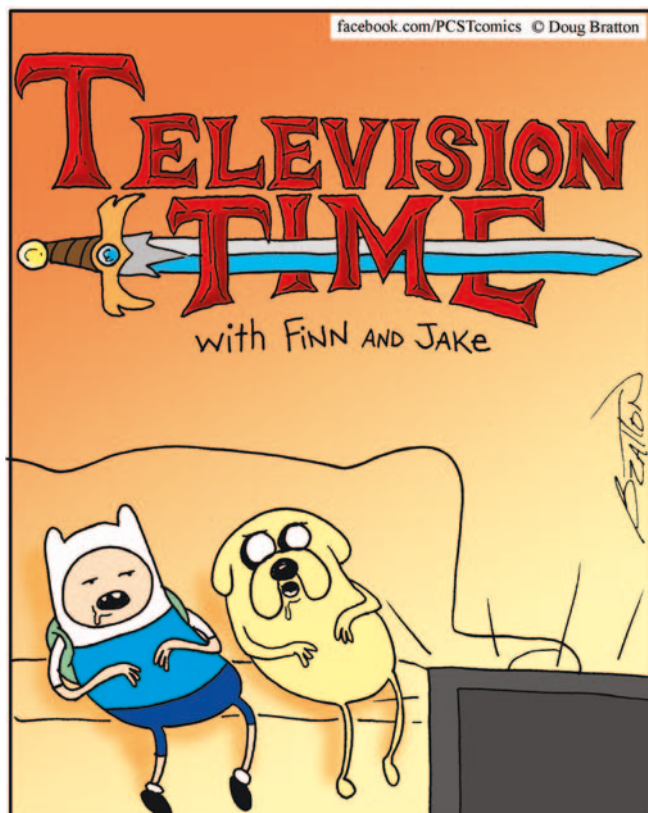


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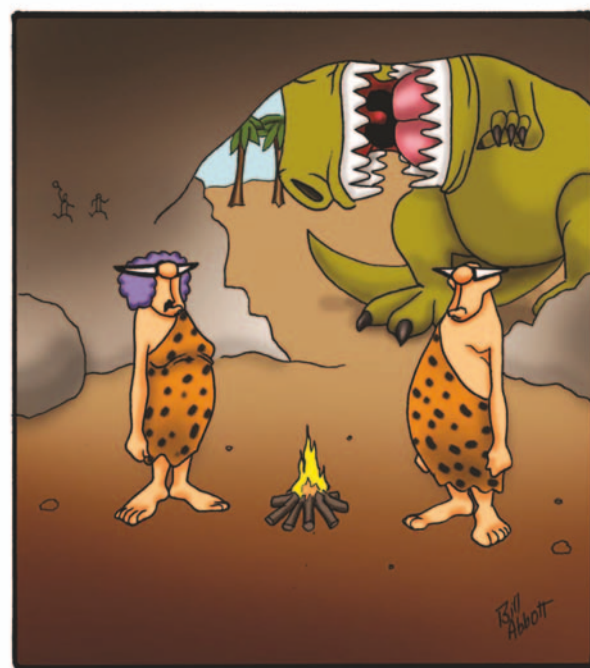


"Oh, and honey ... if you get home before I do, could you put the kids on some sort of spread sheet for me?"

**POP CULTURE SHOCK THERAPY** BY DOUG BRATTON



**SPECTICKLES** BY BILL ABBOTT

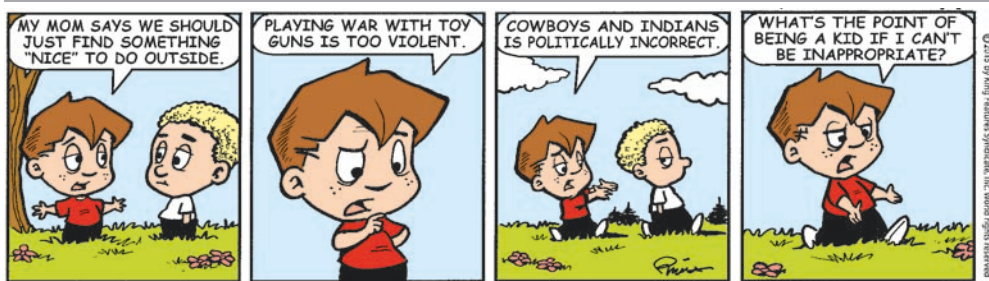


"Why is it whenever I have a craving, you can't be bothered?"

**R.F.D.** BY MIKE MARLAND



**AMBER WAVES** BY DAVE T. PHIPPS



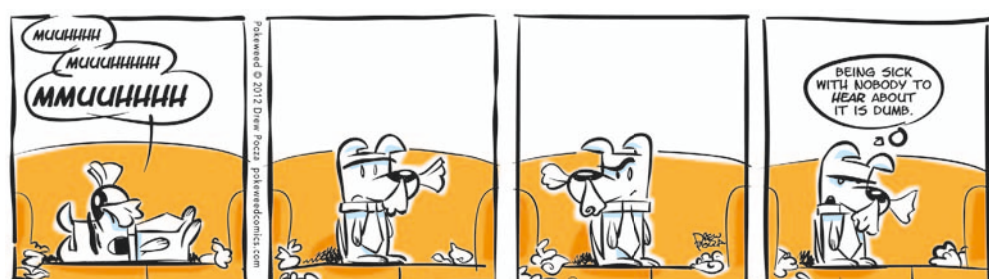
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**A WING & A PRAYER** BY BILL ABBOTT



**POKEWEED** BY DREW POCZA



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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★**

**SALOME'S STARS HOROSCOPE**



**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A seemingly stalled romantic situation could benefit from your reassurance that you want this relationship to work. And if you do, use a tad more of that irresistible Aries charm.

your job will take you to someplace exotic. Or you might be setting up meetings with potential clients or employers. Whatever it is, good luck.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Going to new places and meeting new people appeals to both the Taurean's romantic and practical sides. After all, you never can tell where those new contacts can take you. Right?

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Someone might use deception to try to push you into making a decision you're not fully comfortable with. But those keen Scorpio senses should keep you alert to any such attempt.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** That career-change opportunity that didn't work out when you first considered it could come up again. But this time, remember that you have more to offer and should act accordingly.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Romance dominates this week when Cupid spears the Archer, for a change. Positive things also are happening in the workplace. Expect important news to arrive by the week's end.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** There could be some tensions in relationships -- domestic or workaday. But a calm approach that doesn't raise the anger levels and a frank discussion soon will resolve the problem.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Anyone trying to bully the Sea Goat -- whether it involves a personal or a professional matter -- will learn a painful lesson. Others also will benefit from the Goat's strong example.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** It's a good idea to begin preparing for that career change you've been thinking about for a while. Start to sharpen your skills and expand your back-ground to be ready when it calls.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Congratulations. With things going the way they are, you should be able to spare some time and take a break from your hectic schedule for some well-earned fun and games.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Bless that Virgo skepticism that has kept you from falling into traps others seem to rush into. But you might want to give a new possibility the benefit of the doubt, at least on a trial basis.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 21)** Your sharp Piscean intuition should be able to uncover the true agendas of those who might be trying to catch the Fish in one of their schemes.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Travel and career are strong in your aspect. Perhaps

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your flair for innovative art and design keeps you at least a step ahead of most everyone else.

**FLASHBACK** BY MICK HARPER

1. How did Bread come up with the band's name?
2. What was Blues Image's most successful song?
3. The Standells' "Dirty Water" was about what city?
4. Which singer netted a Grammy for "Funny Way of Laughin"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "What's your name? Who's your daddy? (He rich) Is he rich like me. Has he taken, any time. (To show) To show you what you need to live."

- ANSWERS
1. LEGEND SAYS THEY TOOK THE NAME AFTER BEING STUCK IN TRAFFIC BEHIND A WONDER BREAD TRUCK.
  2. "RIDE CAPTAIN RIDE," IN 1970. BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS COVERED IT FIVE YEARS LATER.
  3. BOSTON. THE SONG ALSO REFERENCES LOVERS, THIEVES, LOCKED DOORS AND THE STRANGLER.
  4. BURL IVES, IN 1962. THE SONG CLIMBED ALL THE CHARTS: SINGLES, COUNTRY, POP AND CONTEMPORARY ADULT.
  5. "TIME OF THE SEASON" BY THE ZOMBIES IN 1968. THE SONG IS OFTEN USED AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LATE '60S. TOYOTA USED IT IN ADVERTISING CAMPAIGNS FOR THE TILDA IN JAPAN, GREECE AND RUSSIA, AND MORE RECENTLY FOR THE RAV4 IN RUSSIA. IT ALSO SAW USE IN TELEVISION SHOWS, "SOUTH PARK," "NCIS," AND "WILL AND GRACE."

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