

BIZ BY DAVE BLAZEK



"Okay, that's it. We gotta start doing background checks."

POP CULTURE SHOCK THERAPY BY DOUG BRATTON

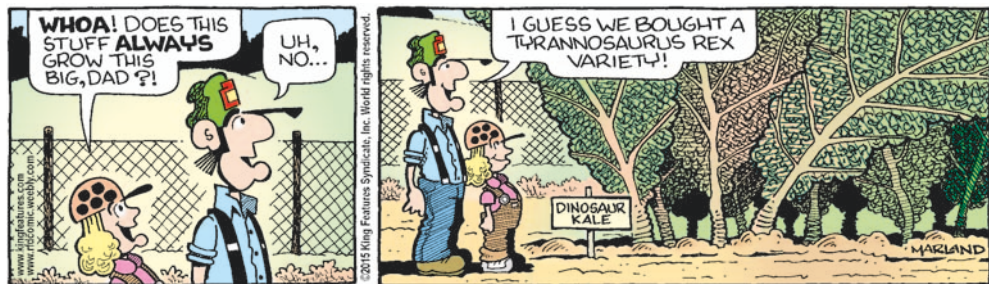


SPECTICKLES BY BILL ABBOTT

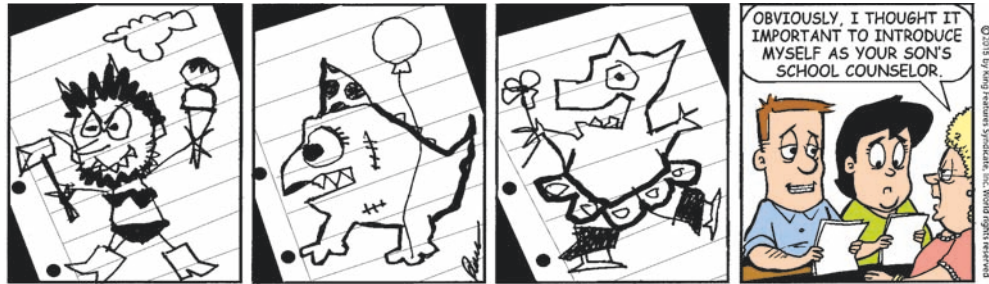


"Yeah, Saint Peter here. I locked myself out again."

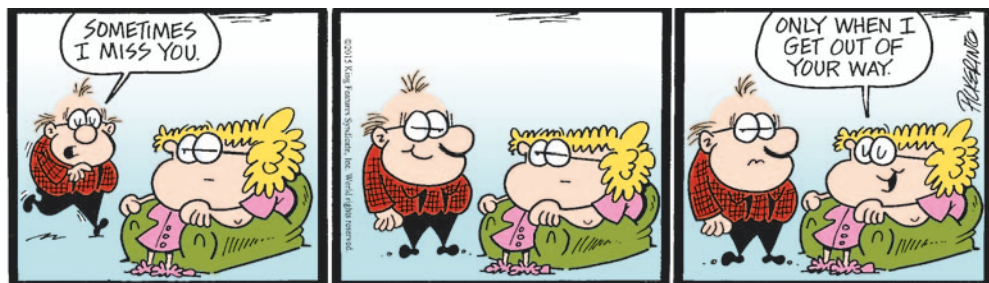
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AGAINST THE GRAIN BY RON THERIEN



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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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

SALOME'S STARS HOROSCOPE



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Choosing to work with someone you once thought might have been disloyal is a courageous move. The logical next step is to talk things out so there'll be no reason for raising suspicions again.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Take your time making a decision about a personal or work-related relationship. New facts are still coming in, and you'll want to know the full story before you take a definitive step.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Expect to learn something new about an old problem. This could provide some insight into how the problem began, and why it still defies efforts to find a resolution. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An uneasy work-related relationship can be eased with compromises by both sides. The parties might consider putting the agreed-upon changes in writing in case of a future misunderstanding.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Oh, you lucky Felines: Your romantic aspects are in absolutely purrfect form. Don't be surprised at how especially attentive the ladies and gentlemen in your life are going to be this week.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Looking to prove yourself in a difficult situation is laudable. But try paying more attention to advice from experienced contacts. It could help you avoid time-wasting missteps.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A

business decision seems easy enough to make based on what you know. But this week could bring new facts to light, and you might have to do some heavy rethinking.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Feeling sure about the steps you expect to take is great. But you may need to share a few dollops of that confidence with those who have some doubts about your plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A sense of well-being dominates much of the week. A slightly depressed mood could set in on the weekend. But being with family and friends helps shoo it away.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You appear to be walking your life's path like the sure-footed Goat you are. But someone might feel you could do better. Listen to the advice, but make up your own mind.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With positive signs growing stronger, Aquarians could find themselves facing choices that are each too good to turn down. Best advice: Go for the one you feel most comfortable with.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone you know might need your comfort and wisdom during a particularly difficult period. Your encouraging words help restore self-confidence and rebuild strength.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your kindness to all who need you is always appreciated and sets a fine example for others to follow.

FLASHBACK BY MICK HARPER

1. Who had a hit with "It Hurts To Be in Love"?
2. Name the Bobby Lewis hit that was used in the 1978 "Animal House" soundtrack.
3. What song was released by all of these: Brian Hyland (1962), Gary Lewis and the Playboys (1968) and Bobby Vinton (1972).
4. Which rock group released the "Demons and Wizards" album?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Goodbye, Norma Jean, Though I never knew you at all, You had the grace to hold yourself, While those around you crawled."

- ANSWERS
1. GENE PITNEY, 1964. NEIL SEDAKA WAS SUPPOSED TO RECORD THE SONG, AND HE DID, BUT HIS RECORD COMPANY WOULDN'T LET IT BE RELEASED BECAUSE SEDAKA HADN'T RECORDED IT IN THEIR STUDIO.
 2. "TOSSIN' AND TURNIN'" RECORDED IN 1961.
 3. "EATED WITH A KISS," RYLAND RE-RELEASED THE SONG IN 1975.
 4. URIAH HEPP, IN 1972. LEGEND SAYS THE GATEFOLD ALBUM COVER CONTAINED AN EROTIC IMAGE.
 5. "CANDLE IN THE WIND" BY ELTON JOHN AND BERNIE TAUPIN, IN 1973, IN HONOR OF MARILYN MONROE. IN 1997, JOHN REWROTE THE SONG (CALLED "GOODBYE ENGLAND'S ROSE") AS A TRIBUTE TO DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES, UPON HER DEATH.

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