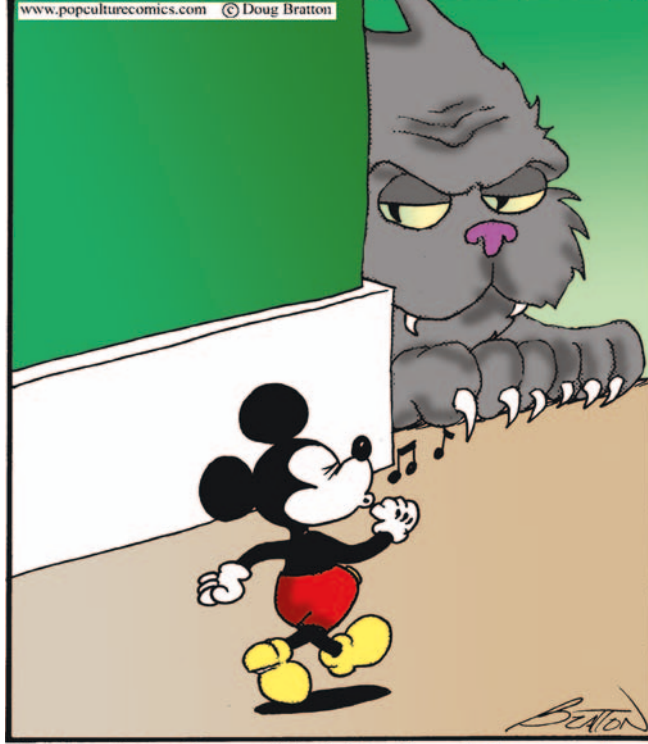


BIZ BY DAVE BLAZEK



“Oh, I assure you, sir. Every resume passes right through this office.”

POP CULTURE SHOCK THERAPY BY DOUG BRATTON



“Bring Your Cat to Work Day” ended up costing the Disney Company millions.

SPECTICKLES BY BILL ABBOTT



“Can you measure this one and see if it’s a keeper, Dad?”

R.F.D. BY MIKE MARLAND



AMBER WAVES BY DAVE T. PHIPPS



THE SPATS BY JEFF PICKERING



A WING & A PRAYER BY BILL ABBOTT



AGAINST THE GRAIN BY RON THERIEN



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★

SALOME'S STARS HOROSCOPE



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A plan you've kept on hold for a long time finally could be greenlighted. But in typical Aries form, you'll need to be sure that everything is in place before you hit the "start" button.

it right the next time. Note all your changes and have your new plan set up by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Others might urge you to act more quickly on your ideas. But you'd be wise to follow your Bovine instincts and get more facts to bolster your position when you finally present it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Travel plans might need readjusting because of changes in the costs previously agreed to. Deal with the problem as quickly as possible to minimize any delays that might result.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might be tempted to accept the well-meaning offer of a friend to act as an intermediary in a dispute. But you know best what it's about, and you can handle the challenge. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your honest approach to an unsettling experience draws admiration from others. Use their positive feedback to build support for your program to introduce needed changes.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Entertainment can play an important role this week. Enjoy some well-earned diversion with people you care about. Something especially wonderful might come from this well-spent time.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Travel is strong in your aspect this week, and so is nostalgia! You might want to consider planning a trip to a place that holds some very special meaning for you. Bon voyage.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Catnaps and playtime are in order for Leos and Leonas who need to take some time off from their hectic schedules to restore their energies and rebuild their mental muscles. Have fun.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A job-related situation could provide an opportunity you hadn't considered before. Look it over carefully and see where and how you can tailor it to fit your needs.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Virgos will need to keep an open mind this week about choices that seem improbable. A closer study might well reveal possibilities that might have been overlooked. Stay with it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Showing strength as well as sympathy helps you deal with a difficult personal matter. It also helps you set an example for others when it's their turn to get involved in the situation.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A disappointing outcome of a well-intentioned effort should be seen as a lesson in how to do

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of making people feel comfortable without losing one whit of your own dignity in the process.

FLASHBACK BY MICK HARPER

1. To which conflict does Peter, Paul and Mary's "Cruel War" refer?
2. Which group released "Everybody Loves a Clown"?
3. Name the song with the misheard lyric, "I hit my head kinda hard on the dance floor?"
4. Who penned and released "Orchard Road"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Look around you, all you see are sympathetic eyes. Stroll around the grounds until you feel at home."

ANSWERS
 1. MAN AND SIGN UP TO FIGHT TO BE NEAR HER LOVE.
 2. GARY LEWIS & THE PLAYBOYS, IN 1965. IT WAS USED IN AN EPISODE OF "THE SIMP-SONS" IN 1996.
 3. "TELEPHONE," BY LADY GAGA. THE CORRECT LYRIC IS, "I LEFT MY HEAD AND MY HEART ON THE DANCE FLOOR."
 4. LEO SAYER, IN 1983. THE SONG WAS BASED ON AN ALL-NIGHT PHONE BOOTH CALL TO HIS ESTRANGED WIFE.
 5. "MRS. ROBINSON" BY SIMON & GARFUNKEL IN 1968. THE DUO HAD BEEN ASKED TO CREATE A FEW SONGS FOR THE COMING FILM "THE GRADUATE." AT THE TIME THEY WERE WORKING ON A SONG TENTATIVELY TITLED "MRS. ROOSEVELT" AND CHANGED THE NAME.

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