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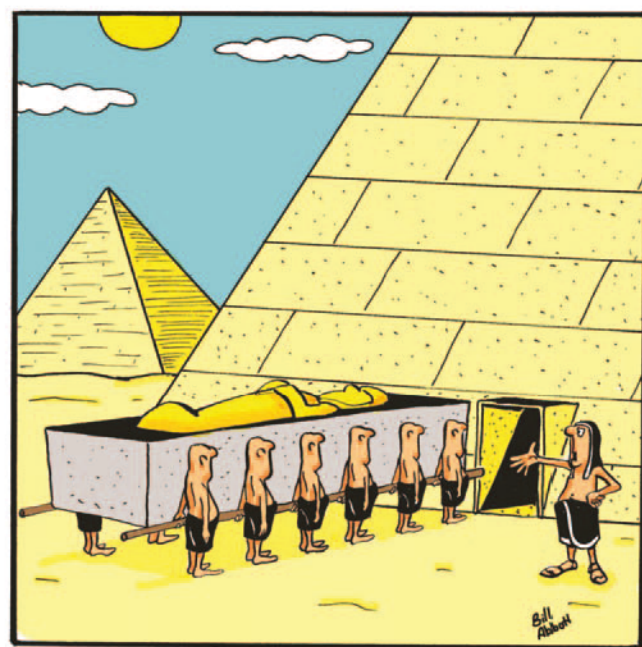


What? It's a tourniquet. It's a sling. It's a jumprope. It's floss. Tell the rank and file I think it's a pretty darn good health care package!

POP CULTURE SHOCK THERAPY BY DOUG BRATTON

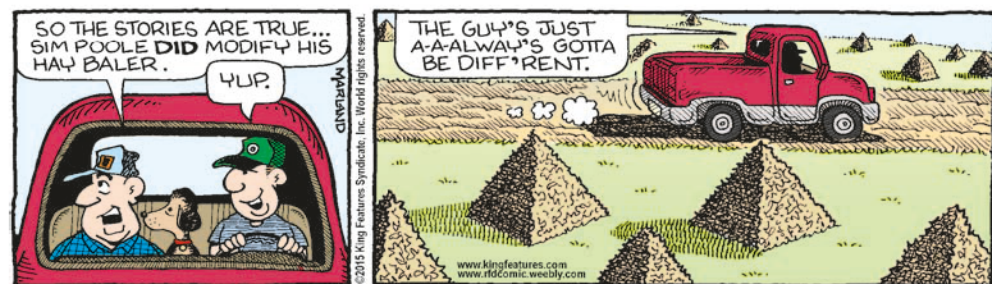


SPECTICKLES BY BILL ABBOTT



"That's perfect! The bloody door is too small!"

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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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) A perplexing situation needs to be dealt with in order to avoid problems later on. Rely on both your own sense of what's right and the advice of someone you trust to help work it out.

others who could not share your more-optimistic view before. Continue to help everyone in need of your comforting presence.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Let your sharp Taurean business insight guide you when considering a "dream deal." Without all the facts, it could turn into a nightmare. Remember: Investigate before investing.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creating new friendships could turn out to be the unexpected but welcome result of reconnecting with old friends. The weekend is a good time for fun and games. Enjoy!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Sharing so much of your time and your gifts with others is what you do so well, and this week, don't be surprised if others want to share with you. Enjoy the experience. You've earned it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The more you learn about what you plan to do, the more likely you are to consider making some changes in your plans. This is good; don't resist it. Instead, go with it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A difficult personal situation seems to defy efforts to resolve it. Perhaps you're too close to it. Take some time to reassess what went wrong, and then see where things can be set right.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A career change is still in your aspect, but a potential workplace change could be what you've been looking for. See what develops before making any drastic moves.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leonine pride could be piqued a bit when someone else appears to be standing in your light. Be patient and resist the urge to growl at the interloper. You'll soon be the "mane" attraction again.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your energy levels are high this week, which should help you get all your workaday tasks done and still leave you with enough breath to handle some domestic challenges.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A professional situation benefits from your clear assessment of the circumstances involved. On the personal side, that new relationship looks as if it will continue to grow.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An unexpected fluke could cause problems with your travel plans. If so, use the time to troll for other available options, and you might be pleasantly surprised at what turns up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) More good news about a loved one helps reassure

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy the company of lots of people, but you also can treasure the moments shared with just one special person.

FLASHBACK BY MICK HARPER

1. Who released "Easier Said Than Done" in 1963?
2. Name the solo entertainer who released "Little Sister" in 1961.
3. Which duo released "Get Closer"?
4. Why did Elton John and Bernie Taupin write "Philadelphia Freedom"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Look at what's happened to me, I can't believe it myself. Suddenly I'm up on top of the world, It should've been somebody else."

1. THE ESSEX. THE GROUP WAS COMPOSED OF ACTIVE-DUTY MARINES WHO MET WHILE STATIONED TOGETHER IN OKINAWA.
2. ELVIS PRESLEY. IT WAS RELEASED AS A DOUBLE A-SIDE SINGLE. "MARIE" THE NAME OF HIS LATEST FLAME WAS THE HIT ON THE FLIP SIDE.
3. SEAS AND GROFTS. IN 1976, THE SONG WAS ONE OF THE DUOS FEW THAT BROKE INTO THE TOP 10 CHARTS. THEIR BEST-KNOWN SONGS ARE "DIAMOND GIRL" AND "SUMMER BREEZE."
4. TO HONOR BILLIE JEAN KING'S TENNIS TEAM, THE PHILADELPHIA FREEDOM, IN 1975.
5. "BELIEVE IT OR NOT" BY JOEY SCARBURY, IN 1981. THE SONG WAS THE THEME FOR THE TELEVISION SHOW "THE GREATEST AMERICAN HERO." THE CATCHY TUNE MADE IT INTO ALL AREAS OF POPULAR CULTURE, INCLUDING "SEINFELD," THE "FAHRENHEIT 9/11" SOUNDTRACK AND "THE 40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN" FILM.

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