

**BIZ** BY DAVE BLAZEK



Really? You can package human souls and sell them as derivatives?

**POP CULTURE SHOCK THERAPY** BY DOUG BRATTON



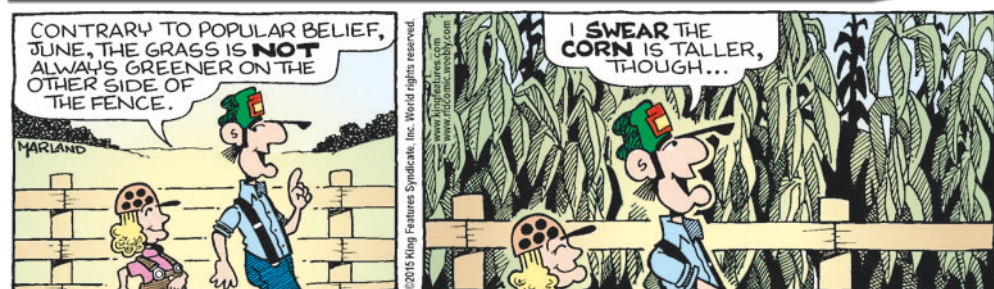
Things get uncomfortable when Disney needs a pirate.

**SPECTICKLES** BY BILL ABBOTT



"I'm looking for a ring for my wife, preferably one with a curse on it."

**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)** Don't gnash those pearly whites because you might have to delay your plans. This could give the Lucky Lamb a better perspective of what's been done, and what still needs doing.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Scoring financial bull's-eyes is easy for the focused Bovine who knows the ins and outs of the marketplace. But even with your success record, caution is still the watchword.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Watch that tendency to over-romanticize a situation that should be given closer scrutiny. Better to be suspicious now and ask for an explanation, or face a sad surprise later.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Bruised self-confidence can make things difficult unless you accept the fact that you have what it takes. Ignore the critics and concentrate on believing in yourself. Good luck.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Congratulations on what you've accomplished. But this is no time to curl up for some serious catnapping. Your rivals are probably already working on plans to overtake your lead.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Your adventurous side wants to play a more dominant role this week, and you might want to oblige. Try to arrange for some getaway time with that special person.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Taking logical approaches to pesky workplace

issues can help resolve even long-standing problems. A shift in policy might catch you by surprise. Be alert to signs of change.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Your kindness and compassion are exactly what are needed in dealing with an awkward situation in the early part of the week. Share the weekend fun with family and friends.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Keeping your focus straight and true is a good way of getting your points across. Save any variations for a later time. The musical arts are important this weekend.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Reject advice to cut corners in reaching your goal. Better to take a little more time to do the job as you promised. You'll gain new respect for your honesty and integrity.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Don't allow a troublesome situation to grow so big that it will be increasingly difficult to deal with. The sooner you speak up, the sooner everyone will be able to benefit.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Confronting someone who is making a lot of mistakes could be the kindest thing you can do both for that person and for anyone who could be adversely affected by the errors.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You absolutely glow when you see beautiful things, and everyone around you is warmed by your light.

**FLASHBACK** BY MICK HARPER

1. Sad letters, a photograph and a rose are all mentioned in which Connie Francis song?
2. Which song do Bessie Banks and The Moody Blues have in common?
3. Name the Boston song that was used in the "October Road" television pilot.
4. Who wrote and recorded "Sundown" in 1974? (Hint: He's Canadian.)
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "The problem is all inside your head, she said to me, The answer is easy if you take it logically, I'd like to help you in your struggle to be free."

- ANSWERS
1. "AMONG MY SOUVENIRS," 1959. THE SONG ORIGINALLY HAD BEEN RELEASED IN 1928 BY PAUL WHITEMAN.
  2. "GO NOW!" IN 1965, BANKS' HUSBAND HAD WRITTEN THE SONG FOR HER TO RECORD, BUT THE BLUES BEAT HER TO THE CHARTS.
  3. "DON'T LOOK BACK," 1978. THE SONG WAS USED SHORTLY AFTER THE DEATH OF BAND MEMBER BRAD DEMP IN 2007.
  4. GORDON LIGHTFOOT.
  5. "50 WAYS TO LEAVE YOUR LOVER," BY PAUL SIMON, 1975, ON HIS "STILL CRAZY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS" ALBUM. SIMON WROTE AND RECORDED THE SONG JUST AFTER HIS DIVORCE. THE SONG WENT TO NO. 1 AND STAYED AT THE TOP FOR THREE WEEKS.

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