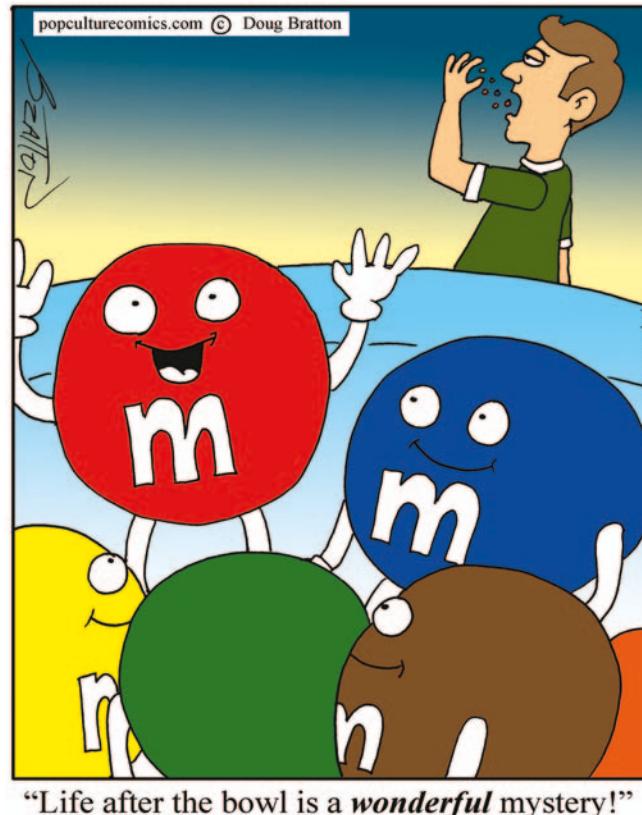


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"And we believe the new markings will open the compass market to those who have trouble with the old traditional nomenclature."

POP CULTURE SHOCK THERAPY BY DOUG BRATTON



"Life after the bowl is a wonderful mystery!"

SPECTICKLES BY BILL ABBOTT



"It lights up and vibrates when your judgement's ready."

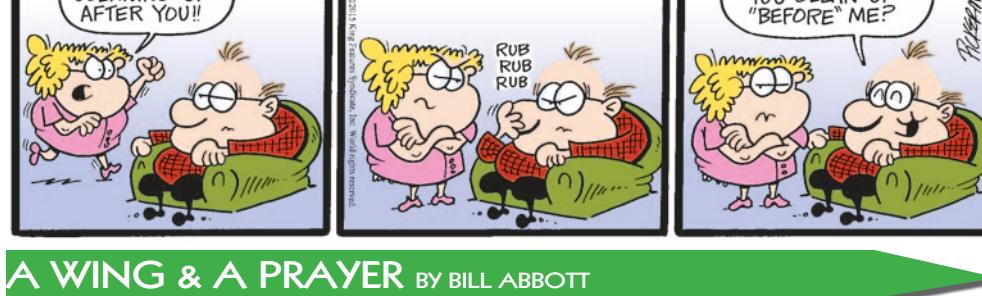
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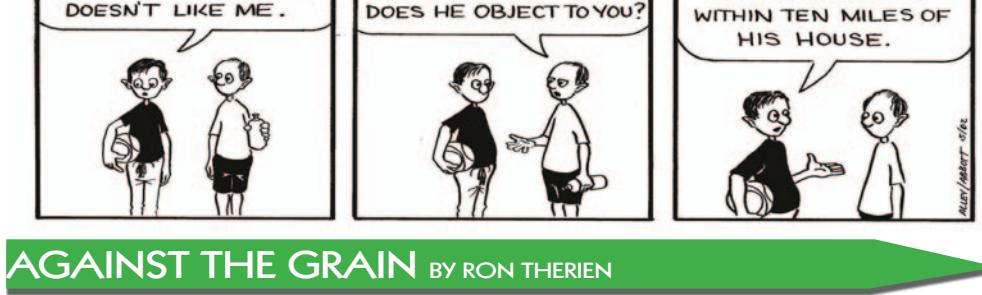
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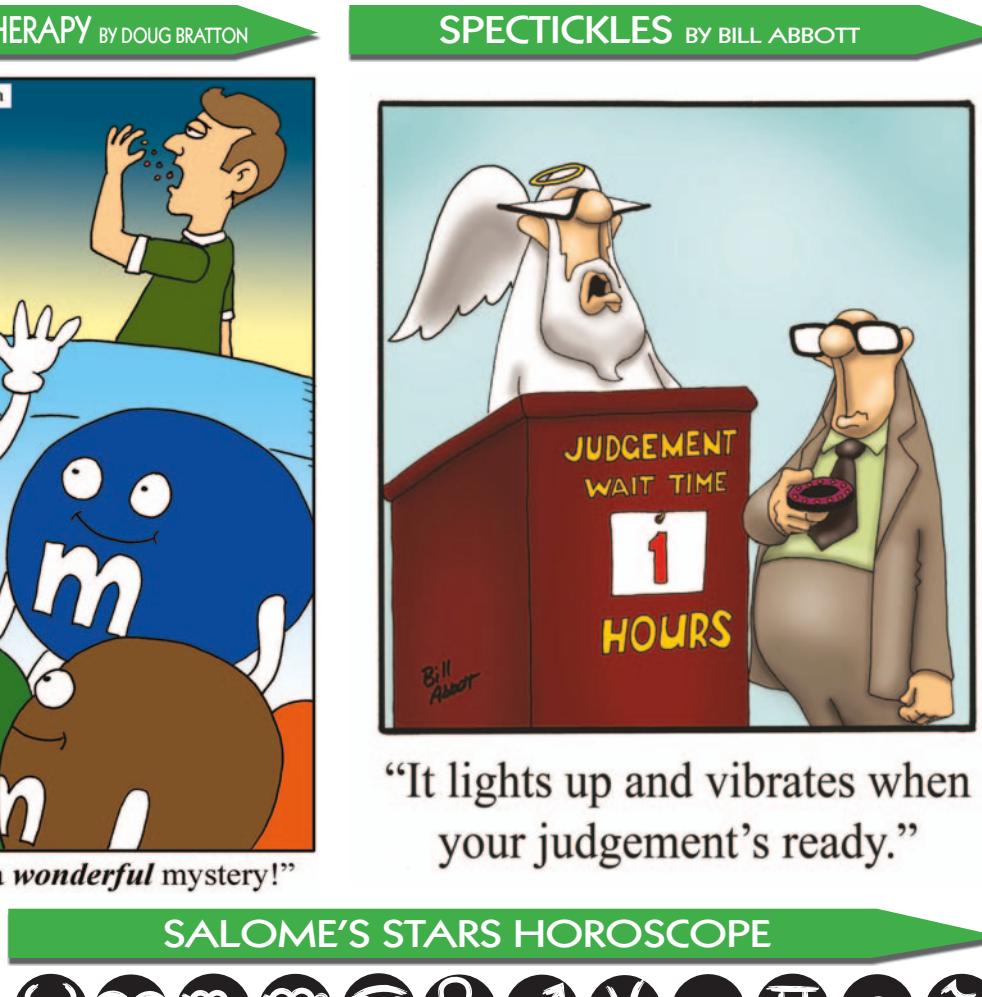


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK ★★



SALOME'S STARS HOROSCOPE



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Avoid adding to the tension around you. Even a well-meant reaction against something you perceive as unfair could be misunderstood. Let things calm down, and then talk about it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for romance for unattached Bovines, and a good time for reinforcing the bonds between partners. Children's needs are important during the latter part of the week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A compliment from a surprising source sends you wafting way up into the clouds, where -- sorry to say -- your view of what's going on is obscured. Come on down and face some reality.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Even a family-loving person like you sometimes can feel you're at the end of the line with contentious kinfolk. But things can work out. Remember that it's better to talk than walk.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A job-related move might hold more positive surprises than you'd expected. Go into it with confidence, and look for all the advantages it offers. Then decide what you'll do with what you find.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Driving yourself too hard to get something done on a deadline you set up can backfire. Ease into a more realistic finish date, and add more breaks to your work schedule.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of humor can brighten any dark period,

and your laughter can dispel those gray clouds swirling around you. The weekend presents a surprising but welcome change.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about the words you use, especially in touchy situations. The old Chinese saying that the spoken word is silver, but the unspoken gold could well apply here.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some facts could emerge to shed light on unresolved past problems. What you learn also might help explain why a once-warm relationship suddenly cooled down.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't let your pride get in the way of checking into what could be a great new opportunity. Get the facts first, and worry about procedure and protocol later.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A health problem in the family might have other relatives assuming that, as before, you'll take over the health-care duties. Surprise them and insist they share in the caretaking.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A series of changes can be unsettling, but in the long run, it can pay off with new perspectives on what you plan to do. Keep your mind open to the possibilities that might well lie ahead.

BORN THIS WEEK: You might be under a "royal" sign, but you have a wonderful way of embracing everyone as an equal.

FLASHBACK BY MICK HARPER

1. Who wrote and released "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag," and when?
2. "Rock and Roll All Nite" was originally on which Kiss album and when?
3. What do the albums "Message from a Drum" and "The Witch Queen of New Orleans" have in common?
4. Who released the disco song "Last Dance"?
5. Name the 1967 song that contains this lyric: "I knew a man that I did not care for, And then one day this man gave me a call, We sat and talked about things on our mind, And now this man he is a friend of mine."

5. "REACH OUT OF THE DARKNESS," BY FRIEND AND LOVER, THE SONG HAS MADE THE ROUNDSDS, THE FILM "1969," AND MULTIPLE TV SERIES, SUCH AS "NIGHT STALKER," "MAD MEN" AND "BEVERLY HILLS 90210."

4. DONNA SUMMER, IN 1978.

3. EVERYTHING, THE FIRST WAS THE 1971 REDBONE ALBUM RELEASED IN THE U.S. THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO "THE WITCH QUEEN OF NEW ORLEANS" FOR RELEASE IN THE UK.

2. "DRESSED TO KILL," IN 1975.

1. JAMES BROWN, IN 1965. FOR THAT VERSION, THE SONG'S TEMPO WAS INCREASED.

ANSWERS

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