

**BIZ** by Dave Blazel



"I see the problem. Your inbox is really full and you're keeping it to the left part of your screen."

**POP CULTURE SHOCK THERAPY** by Doug Bratton



**SPECTICKLES** by Bill Abbott



"No, I'm not questioning you, but I wasn't aware IRS audits included strip searches."

**R.F.D** by Mike Marland



**AMBER WAVES** by Dave T. Phipps



**THE SPATS** by Jeff Pickering



**DOGS OF C-KENNEL** by Mick & Mason Mastroianni



**AGAINST THE GRAIN** by Ron Therien



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK ★

**SALOME'S STARS HOROSCOPE**



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your moodier side might emerge this week. But the dark period should pass in time for the party-loving Lamb to go on a happy gambol with some very special people this weekend.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Yet again, you show your skill at being able to indulge in your love of the arts this week while still taking care of practical matters, including some still-unfinished business matters.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A potential change might appear to be what you've been looking for. In any event, consider both the negative as well as the positive possibilities before making any sort of decision.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Relationships continue to dominate your aspect this week on a mostly positive level, with just a few problem areas you can smooth over. Also, try to be flexible about travel plans.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You love being on center stage, and while you absolutely purr at the sound of all that praise, be careful not to take on too many commitments at the expense of time spent with loved ones.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You might feel that you need to get involved in a matter concerning a friend or relative. But while the issues appear to be cut and dried, they might not be. Get more facts before you act.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A sug-

gestion about a policy change could create heated reactions. Keep your mind open and resist joining in with naysayers unless they can show a real basis for their position.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) While potential career changes warrant your interest, don't ignore current job responsibilities. A personal relationship also can benefit from more of your attention.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Don't guess at what the facts might be if you hope to make the best decision possible. The wise course is to ask direct questions and act on the answers you get.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your efforts involving that pesky problem should soon show positive signs of being resolved. This would allow you to shift some of your focus in another direction.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) While you enjoy well-deserved praise for getting a difficult job done, there's no time to relax. A new challenge looms. Expect more support from a once-strong critic.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might still have explaining to do about your decision, but support grows as you continue to make your case. You also might want to start making plans for the upcoming holidays.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You insist on making decisions based on facts, not on popular opinions. Have you considered a career in science?

**FLASHBACK** by Mick Harper

1. Where is MacArthur Park, from the song written by Jimmy Webb?
2. Name the artist who released "Young World," and give the year.
3. What time is the train in BTO's song "Tak'n' Care of Business"?
4. Name the group that recorded "Knock Three Times."
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Accused and tried and told to hang, I was nowhere in sight when the church bells rang, Never was the kind to do as I was told."

- ANSWERS
1. Los Angeles, where Webb used to meet his girlfriend. He claims all the visuals in the song were true, even the cake being left out in the rain.
  2. Ricky Nelson, in 1962.
  3. 8:15. Songwriter Randy Bachman said he wrote it about a music technician's trip into the city every morning.
  4. Tony Orlando and Dawn, in 1970. At the time Orlando was working for a rival record label, and he had to record the song on the sly so it wouldn't find out.
  5. "Ride Like the Wind," by Christopher Cross, 1979. The song, which Cross said he wrote while on drugs on the way to Austin, Texas, is about a condemned man fleeing, hoping to reach the Mexico border.

**MAZE**

