ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ruling planet, Mars, allows you to assume a sense of command that can help you turn a chaotic workplace situation into one that's orderly, productive and, yes, even

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting a relationship that's been

make.

stuck in a rut up and running again depends on how far you want to run with it. Be honest with yourself as you consider which decision to

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be wary of rumors that seem to be

coming from everywhere this week.

Waiting for the facts before you act

means never having to say you're

sorry you followed the wrong lead.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A difficult personal matter might

prompt you to turn to a trusted

friend to help you sort through a maze of emotional conflicts. The weekend should bring some

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some of the new people coming into the

Lion's life could play pivotal roles

in future personal and professional matters. Meanwhile, an old friend

might have an important message.

VIRGO (August 23 to September

22) A delay in getting things moving

on schedule can be a blessing in

disguise. Use this extra time to do

more research so you can buttress

any of the weaker points with solid

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) You might need to get involved

becomes a serious problem. Also,

mediate, unless you can be sure of

SCORPIO (October 23 to Novem-

ber 21) Taking sides in a workplace

the problem. Stay out and stay cool.

or domestic dispute could prolong

Then you can be friends with both

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to

December 21) A friendship has

parties when things settle down.

be wary of someone offering to

his or her motives.

in a personal matter before it

welcome news.

facts.

SALOME'S STARS HOROSCOPE

by Dave Blazel



"All set, sir. I've updated your drivers and removed the viruses. Now I just have to silently mock your astonishing lack of even basic computer knowledge and we're done."

POP CULTURE SHOCK THERAPY | by Doug Bratton |



How Depression Affects Comic Strip Characters

by Bill Abbott SPECTICKLES



"Bull market? Depends on which end of the bull we're talking about."

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THE SPATS

by Jeff Pickering







FLASHBACK SUPER CROSSWORD: GINGER ROOTS

by Mick Harper

1. Who had a hit with

- "Take Good Care of My Baby" in 1961? 2. Name the song that
- explores status symbols, keeping up with the Joneses, consumerism and "charcoal burning everywhere.
- 3. Who wrote and released "Edge of Seventeen"?
- "Seduce Me Tonight" and "He's a Dream' were both on the soundtrack of which
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I got chills, They're multiplying and I'm losing control, 'Cause the power you're supplying, It's electrifying!"

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 - - the potential to become something more, and with this week's aspects favoring romance, you might feel that this possibility is worth
 - exploring. **CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The new job you want might require you to relocate. If so, keep an open mind and weigh all
 - the positives and negatives before making your decision. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new relationship seems to be everything you could have hoped for. Congratulations.
 - Meanwhile, it's not too early to get some feedback on that new project you're working on. PISCES (February 19 to March
 - 20) You might have decided to get out of the fast-moving current and just float around hither and yon for a while. But you might find that the new opportunity is too tempting to turn down.

BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in bringing out the best in people with kind deeds, loving words and recognition of their "special" selves.

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