

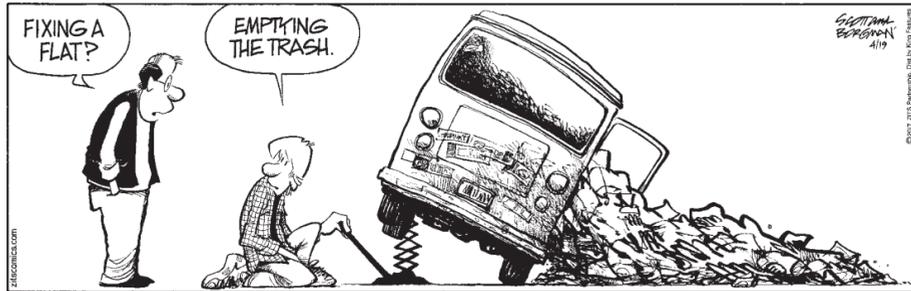
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Wednesday, April 19, 2017

BRINGING UP FATHER



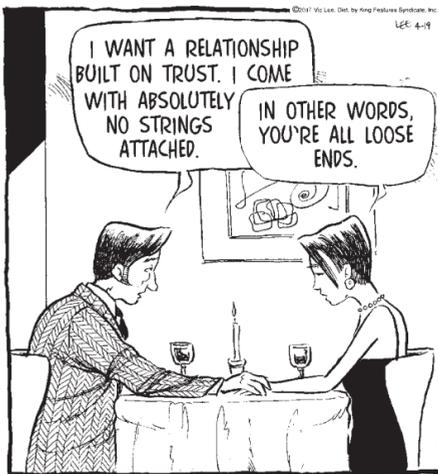
ZITS



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PARDON MY PLANET



BIZARRO



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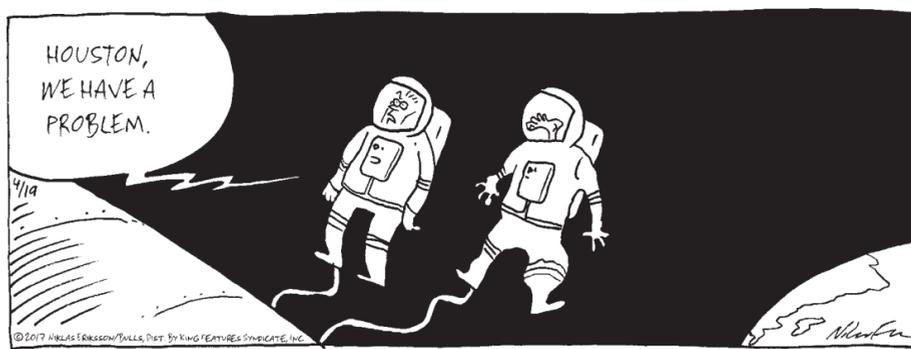
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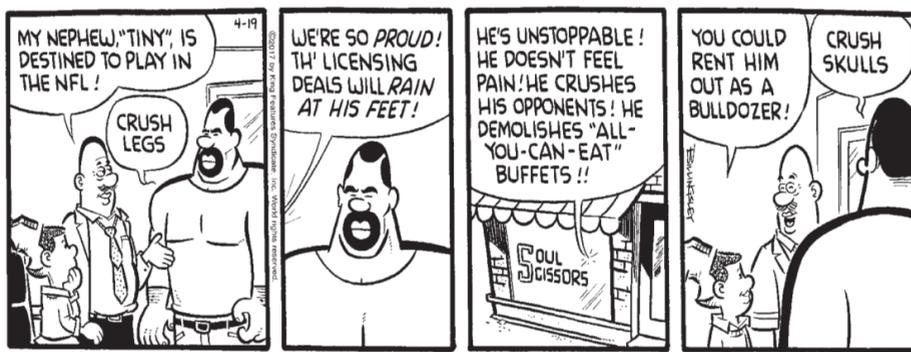
TINA'S GROOVE



CARPE DIEM



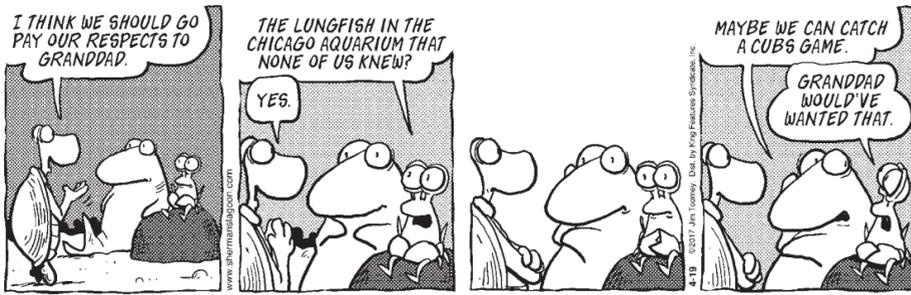
CURTIS



MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

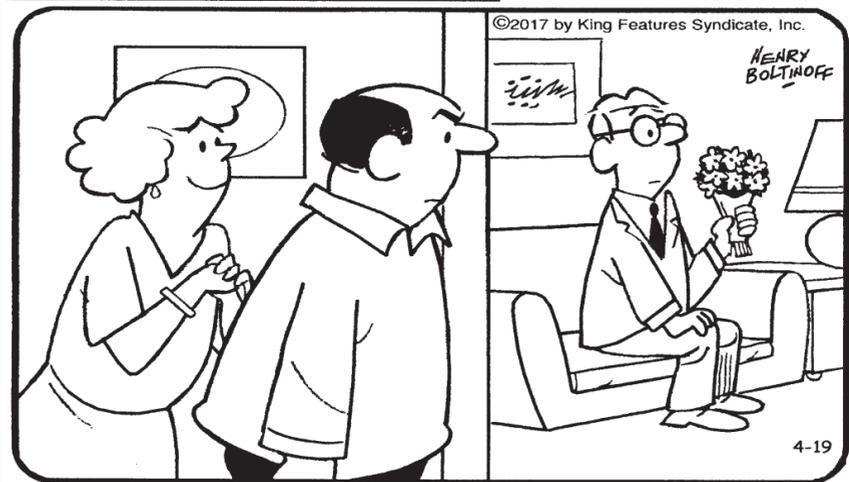


SHERMAN'S LAGOON



HOCUS-FOCUS

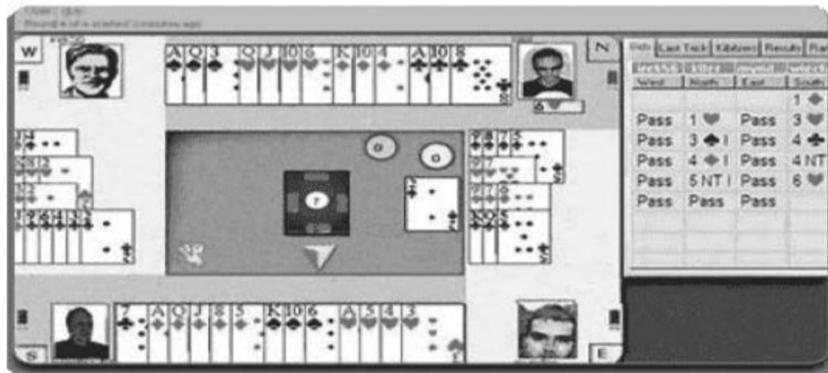
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Nose is smaller. 2. End table is moved. 3. Man is thinner. 4. Tie is different. 5. Leg is moved. 6. Back of couch is taller.

DIVERSIONS

BRIDGE Ante up!



The world of the card-pusher

There are players known as card-pushers, a derisive term that describes those who tend to play without thought. There are card-pushers at every level of the game, but, sadly, most of them are not aware of their shortcoming and simply proceed blithely along, rarely stopping to think things out.

Here is an example of a card-pusher at work. West leads the K-A and another heart against South's four-spade contract. Declarer ruffs the third heart, enters dummy with a trump and finesses the queen of clubs, losing to the king. West returns the ten of clubs to declarer's ace. South draws trumps ending in dummy, discards a diamond on the jack of clubs, but eventually loses a diamond and goes down one.

The evidence convicts South of being a card-pusher. There is no good reason to go down on this hand; West's opening bid tells declarer who has the king of clubs and that a club finesse, if attempted, is certain to fail.

If declarer's only concern were to avoid losing a club trick, he would have to finesse. But South's primary goal is to make the contract, and he cannot achieve it by taking a finesse that is virtually certain to lose. Instead, South should lead a low club toward dummy at trick four!

If West takes the king, South later cashes the ace of clubs, draws trumps ending in dummy and discards the 8-6 of diamonds on the Q-J of clubs. If West does not take the king of clubs,

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A J 4
 ♥ J 6 5
 ♦ 9 5 3
 ♣ Q J 7 2

WEST
 ♠ 7 2
 ♥ A K 10 9 4
 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ K 10 9 8

EAST
 ♠ 9 6 3
 ♥ Q 8 2
 ♦ J 10 4 2
 ♣ 6 5 3

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q 10 8 5
 ♥ 7 3
 ♦ A K 8 6
 ♣ A 4

The bidding:
 West North East South
 1♥ Pass Pass Dble
 Pass 2♣ Pass 2♠
 Pass 3♠ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.

South wins in dummy, plays the A-K-x of diamonds and later ruffs his remaining diamond in dummy to produce his 10th trick.
Tomorrow: Extra chance.



aries (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)
You will focus on money, cash flow and earnings during the next four weeks. Similarly, you might contemplate a major purchase.

libra (SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23)
You will feel strongly about many things during the next few weeks. In particular, romance, as well as issues with shared property and inheritances, will matter.

taurus (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)
The Sun will be in your sign for the next four weeks, boosting your energy and attracting favorable circumstances and people to you. This happens once a year.

scorpio (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)
You will need more sleep during the next four weeks because of the placement of the Sun opposite your sign. Respect your need for more rest.

gemini (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Respect your need for some peace and quiet during the next few weeks. You need to withdraw from the busyness of the world around you in order to make goals and ground yourself.

sagittarius (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)
Do whatever you can to get better organized during the next four weeks, because you want to turn over a new leaf. Your high standards will apply to your health as well.

cancer (JUNE 22 - JULY 22)
You will be popular during the next four weeks! Enjoy schmoozing with friends and members of clubs and groups. Share your hopes and dreams for the future with someone.

capricorn (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)
You are playful and fun-loving during the next four weeks. Enjoy sporting events, the arts, romantic associations, playful times with children, parties and vacations.

leo (JULY 23 - AUGUST 23)
For the next four weeks, the Sun is at the top of your chart, casting a flattering light on you. This makes you look great in the eyes of bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs!

aquarius (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)
Home and family will become priorities for you in the next four weeks. Many will want to cocoon at home more than usual. Just do it.

virgo (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)
If possible, go traveling during the upcoming weeks, because you need a change of scenery and a chance to learn more. Do what you can to broaden your horizons.

pisces (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)
The tempo of your days will accelerate during the next four weeks because of a busy schedule full of errands, visits with others, increased reading and writing, and short trips. Busy you!

IF YOU WERE BORN TODAY People view you as powerful because you are so fast-moving and energetic. Emotionally, you are well-balanced. During the next three years, you will experience a time of culmination, success and financial accumulation. That's why it is wise to settle your debts this year. This also is a social year that deals with the results of last year's changes.
BIRTHDATE OF: Tim Curry, actor; Kate Hudson, actress; Ashley Judd, actress/activist.
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Crossword/Quote Word Sleuth

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Punjabi princes
- 7 Movie mutt
- 11 Tilted type
- 12 Ollie's pal
- 13 Red Cross headquarters
- 14 Hot, in a way
- 15 Get excited
- 17 Deep cut
- 20 Plentiful
- 23 Museum focus
- 24 Plays out, as a line
- 26 Cow call
- 27 Set eyes on
- 28 "— Kapital"
- 29 Very many
- 31 Thurman of film
- 32 Become narrower
- 33 Neuter
- 34 Annapolis grad
- 37 Take apart
- 39 Ready to strike
- 43 Pucker-producing
- 44 Salad green
- 45 Guitar boosters
- 46 Intensify

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S	A	G	E	S		S	T	E	E	P

Yesterday's answer

- 18 Kitchen
- 19 Clogged
- 21 Andean animal
- 22 School paper
- 24 Software buyers
- 25 Maiden name
- 30 Some singers
- 33 Insinuating
- 35 Like cupcakes
- 36 Vanished
- 37 Mex. neighbor
- 38 — de plume
- 40 Gloss spot
- 41 Apple eater
- 42 Relaxing room

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SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

			6					
			1	9				
		2				1		
		8		4		9		
	3	5				7	6	
9	1	7		5		3	2	4
		1				4		
	4	9	6		3	2	5	
5	2			7			8	9

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

2	9	8	7	5	1	3	6	4
1	3	6	8	4	2	9	5	7
5	7	4	3	9	6	2	8	1
3	8	9	6	7	4	1	2	5
6	5	2	1	8	3	4	7	9
7	4	1	9	2	5	8	3	6
4	2	7	5	1	8	6	9	3
9	1	3	2	6	7	5	4	8
8	6	5	4	3	9	7	1	2

Difficulty Level ★★

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WORD SLEUTH • SWAMPS

L U G R A T A R O C L J G D A
 X L A N A T N A P O T V S P N
 K I F C A X L V S N Q A O V L
 S J H E C A X E T G T V M A T
 R I P N L J H F D A R N D S T
 B Y Y S E D A L G R E V E Y A
 X O K E F E N O K E E R V U Y
 A B A D N A C T R E S G G G P
 R P D E V O R G N A M O I A I
 M U K I G E H D B Z X W U N R
 S T R Q O N L J I G F D C A P

Tuesday's unlisted clue: 1040A

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: A Swamp is a Wetland With —

- Asmat
- Candaba
- Congaree
- Everglades
- Great Green
- Honey Is.
- Mangrove
- Niger Delta
- Okefenokee
- Pantanal
- Prityat
- Ratargul
- Sudd
- Vasyugan

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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-19 CRYPTOQUOTE

S Y W H X I B G I B D H H F
 M I W K Y O B G L J D
 Y Q L N B Y Q H X . O Y B F G B A B I
 O L I G O Y B H W K Y O N Q E E .

— I D H J Y " M L N " Z F S Y B I H B F
 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: RANDOM NUMBERS SHOULD NOT BE GENERATED WITH A METHOD CHOSEN AT RANDOM. — DONALD KNUTH