COMICS & PUZZLES

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HOROSCOPE

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries

(March 21-April 19) - 7
Don't present unfinished work. Polish and improve before revealing. Anticipate a disagreement about priorities, and prepare solutions. Travel is better tomorrow. Wait and rest.

Taurus

(April 20-May 20) - 7
Take care of unexpected circumstances at work. Delays could impact travels and communications. Public obligations may interfere with private plans. New possibilities stretch old boundaries.

Gemini

(May 21-June 20) - 7
Travels and studies could face interruptions, distractions and delays. Do the research before setting off to avoid hidden pitfalls and obstacles. Take it easy.

Cancer

(June 21-July 22) - 8
Keep your patience with financial errors or misunderstandings. Payments and communications could be delayed. Give up something you don't need. Confirm intuition with data.

Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22) - 8
Pay extra attention to what your partner wants and needs. Provide it without fuss. Stand outside a controversy. Listen carefully. Do it out of love.

Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - 7
Unexpected news with your work or health requires adaptation. Slow to avoid accidents or illness. Recharge your energy with good food, exercise and rest.

Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - 8
Have fun with friends and family. Stay patient with miscommunications. Avoid gossip. Unexpected events could preempt romantic plans. Relax, and roll with it.

Scorpio

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - 8
Home and family want your attention. Clean a mess, clear clutter and give away outdated, unused stuff. Make repairs and upgrades. Listen, and share support.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - 8
Have patience with creative obstacles and challenges. Listen before advancing. Strengthen foundational issues. Edit, revise and polish. Get down to the gold.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - 9
Disagree persuasively. Get terms in writing. Something you thought would work doesn't. Find what you need nearby. Read instructions and directions. Keep cash flowing positively.

Aquarius

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - 9
You're growing stronger. Stay out of someone else's argument. Avoid personal risk. Don't worry about money; don't spend much either. Keep a low profile.

Pisces

(Feb. 19-March 20) - 6
Contemplate your moves. Keep your objective in mind. Come up with strategies to persuade a skeptic. Look at a puzzle from a new angle.

SUDOKU

The difficulty level for today's Sudoku puzzle is: **Very Easy**

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

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

CRYPTOQUOTE

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.

AXYDLBAAXR is **LONGFELLOW**

V A J S Q W J S V Q I S P O S V Q W A E V

R U S F A J G Z W F R Q S M R E M Q I S

R E V L S U V R U S V W J G Z S .

— M U . V S O V V

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: TIME AND MONEY SPENT IN HELPING MEN TO DO MORE FOR THEMSELVES IS FAR BETTER THAN MERE GIVING. — HENRY FORD

WISHING WELL

7	2	8	2	5	4	5	6	7	6	3	2	3
S	Y	A	O	G	A	I	A	O	C	A	U	S
7	8	5	8	4	7	4	5	7	5	7	2	3
L	M	V	B	L	I	O	I	T	N	U	A	H
8	3	4	5	7	6	8	5	3	8	3	4	5
I	I	V	G	D	T	T	B	F	I	T	I	R
3	2	5	7	3	2	5	7	4	7	3	6	3
I	R	I	E	N	E	N	I	N	S	T	O	H
7	8	3	5	4	6	5	8	5	6	8	4	2
O	O	I	G	G	N	S	N	J	I	H	E	W
6	4	3	8	2	7	8	3	2	7	8	4	2
D	V	N	I	O	K	G	K	R	A	H	E	T
3	7	4	2	3	6	5	3	5	4	2	6	6
I	Y	N	H	N	E	O	G	Y	T	Y	A	S

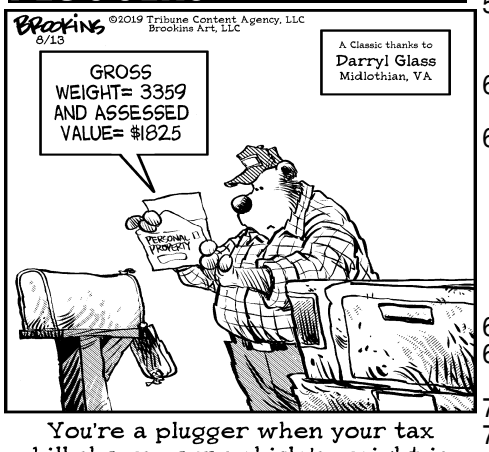
HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you. © King Features Syndicate, Inc. 2000. World rights reserved

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

BY BIL KEANE.

"It's too hot out there. I'm gonna stay indoors."

PLUGGERS



You're a plugger when your tax bill shows your vehicle's weight is greater than its value.

BRIDGE

Elegant defensive play

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 7 5
♥ J 2
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A Q J 8 3

WEST
♠ Q J 9
♥ A K 10 7 4
♦ A J 9
♣ 9 5

EAST
♠ 4
♥ Q 9 8 6 5 3
♦ K 8 4 2
♣ 7 2

SOUTH
♠ K 10 8 6 3 2
♥ —
♦ 10 7 5
♣ K 10 6 4

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Dble	4 ♥	4 ♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.

The attitude of a defender should always be that a lie of the cards exists which allows the contract to be defeated. This often entails crediting partner with the possession of a particular card or distribution, and then acting on that assumption.

Consider this deal where South wound up in four spades on the bidding shown. West led the king of hearts and saw his prospects take an immediate nosedive when South ruffed.

Declarer played the A-K of spades and, upon discovering that he had a trump loser, began to run his clubs. West waited until the fourth round to ruff, temporarily cutting declarer off from dummy's fifth club. The critical moment was now at hand.

Since the seven of spades was an entry to dummy's last club, it was clear to West that unless his side could cash three diamond tricks immediately, South would make his game, scoring six spades and four clubs in all. West therefore had to assume that his partner had the king of diamonds, because if declarer had that card, the contract could not be defeated.

Simply presuming that East had the king, however, was not good enough, for there was the collateral question of who had the ten. If East had that card, it did not matter what West did next. But if South had the ten, West could not cash the ace of diamonds or lead the nine without handing declarer a diamond trick. On the lead of the nine, for example, South could simply play low from dummy to force East's king, promoting dummy's queen into a third-round trick.

West therefore returned the jack of diamonds, and declarer was helpless. No matter what he did, he had to lose three diamond tricks and go down one.

Tomorrow: Sylvia triumphs again.

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ORHAD

RNOST

TINKET

QEULSE

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WOULD BLUNT APIECE MOTIVE
Answer: The squirrel was stressed because he spent so much time — OUT ON A LIMB

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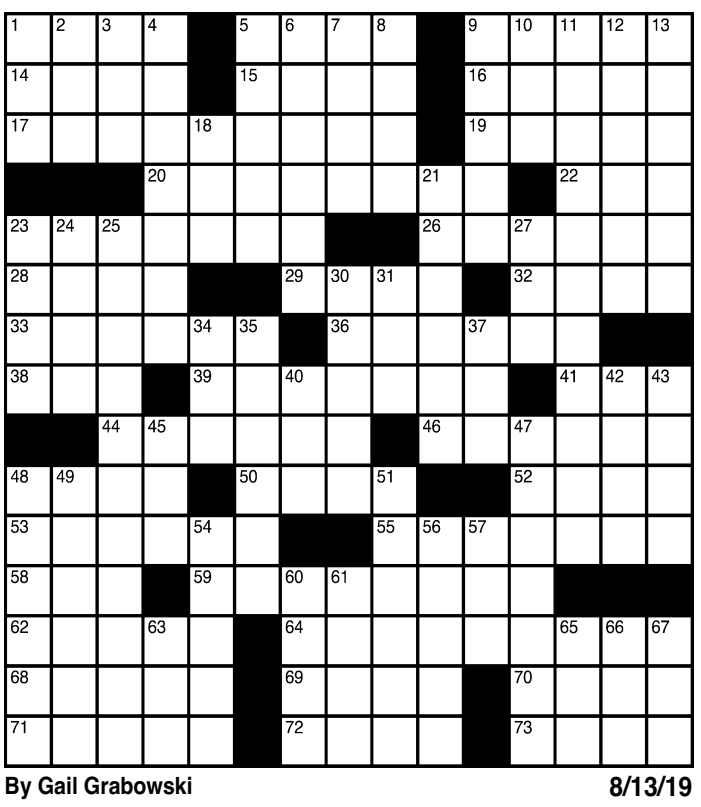

By Gail Grabowski **8/13/19**

ACROSS
1 Not fatty
5 Polynesian carving
9 Ebenezer's partner Marley
14 Luxury hotel name
15 Word before rock or rain
16 Run off to wed
17 *Cafeteria queue
19 Chickens (out)
20 Dr. Mark Sloan portrayer in "Grey's Anatomy"
22 Flower holder
23 Harsh treatment
26 Rio Grande city
28 Buckeye State
29 Vane heading
32 From scratch
33 Drums held between the knees
36 How wet hair hangs
38 Australian hub, in itineraries
39 *Non-glitzy local tavern
41 Quattro meno uno
44 Part of a mug shot profile
46 "I'll handle it"
48 Like early-morning golf greens
50 Self-important type
52 "Lovely" musical meter maid
53 Maven
55 Unwrap with gusto
58 Rank above maj.
59 Device used to record aerie hatchlings
62 "Better late than never," e.g.
64 Takeover endeavor ... and a hint to what can precede each word in the answers to starred clues
68 Desert drifts
69 Taiwanese PC giant
70 Word game piece
71 Lauder of makeup
72 Lays down a lawn
73 Worry obsessively

DOWN
1 Bit of cybermirth
2 Earthbound bird
3 Gothic novelist Radcliffe
4 Words to pacify a pooch
5 Shire of "Rocky"
6 Christmas eave decoration
7 Bighearted
8 Think tank nugget
9 Tiara sparkler
10 "Aladdin" prince
11 *Corporate retreat with team-building activities
12 Try to block
13 Give
18 Charlemagne's realm: Abbr.
21 Doubles partner who's not serving
23 Steals from
24 Crow's-nest call
25 *Basil sitting on a sill, e.g.
27 Sidekick
30 Final Olds made
31 Bro or sis
34 Laudatory lines
35 Sonora snooze
37 Supporting
40 Delivery vehicle
42 Memorization method
43 Israeli diplomat Abba
45 Emmy-winning scientist Bill
47 Gives a cue
48 Ten-year period
49 Book after Genesis
51 Prepared, as coffee
54 Maker of tasty "pieces"
56 Cupcake finishers
57 Achievement for a duffer
60 Transcript nos.
61 Bonkers
63 "That's surprising"
65 Beyond tipsy
66 Many a microbrew
67 Archery wood

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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

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