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## Bob the Angry Flower BY STEPHEN NOTLEY

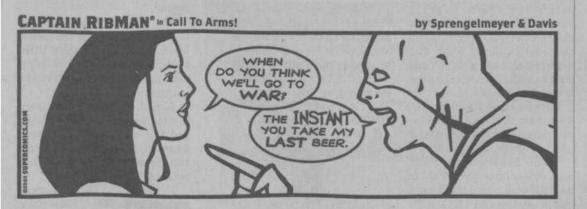


### Buttercup Festival BY ELLIOTT G. GARBAUSKAS









# Paper Tigers POETRY BY MITCH FRYE/THE GAMECOCK

When I chase down the tail end of a Chinese buffet, I eat the fortune cookie whole: Hare-like at first as I size it up with my incisors, then more like a snake as I slip the package down my unhinged gullet.

I render it a receipt to be read by no one. its lucky numbers falling on blind innards.

I think that fate is best left to bile, that my body speaks heaps more than some sweet-tooth haiku, that Confucius is wasting his time dictating analects to baked goods and expecting them to make good on the grammar.

# CROSSWORD

**ACROSS** 

- 1 Thwack 5 Dies like a frog?
- 11 Rather's network 14 Emanation
- 15 Hispanic district 16 Put in stitches
- 17 Splintered pieces
- 19 Lyricist Gershwin
- 20 Grazing land 21 Social events
- 23 Look scornfully 24 Bother
- 26 "The Face is Familiar" poet
- 27 Ominous 30 Verbal
- exchange
- 35 Gambler's card game 39 Blind devotion
- 40 Pithy saying 42 Twangy
- 43 Film star of the 1920s 45 Desktop publishing
- acronym 47 Advantage
- 50 Lunched 51 Tragedy
- 56 Grassland
- 58 Defrauder
- 60 Every last one
- 61 Southpaws 64 Unwell 65 "The Third Man"
- author Greene 66 Venetian villain
- 67 Palmas 68 Fall blooms 69 Harbinger
  - DOWN
- Stingers 2 To err is
- 3 Get up 4 Photo finish
- 5 Person with a handle? 6 Few and far
- between 7 Wash, neighbor
- 8 Ready when
- you 9 Quasi

11 Dishes 12 Ice masses

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- 13 Shatter 18 "Ben
- 22 On cloud nine
- 24 Gore and -D'Amato
- 25 Profoundly 27 Commuter's ride
- 28 Axilla 29 Abreast of
- 30 Ruckus
- 31 Actress Lupino 32 Help!

33 Dig with one's

- hands 34 Unctuous
- 36 Beer barrel 37 Misspeak 38 Baseball stat
- 41 Jazz piece
- 44 Be in the red 46 Woodcutters
- 47 Cyber letters 48 Perry's
- secretary 49 Causes rancor

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- 51 Cave dwelling 52 Wireless
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- burning 57 Gymnast Korbut
- 58 Singe 59 Scenery

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- chewers 62 Love-handles content
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# HOROSCOPES

ARIES The more you learn, the more you realize you don't know. Don't be ashamed; it's just a phase of the journey toward wisdom. You're getting there.

TAURUS If you can't get a raise, maybe you can improve your benefits. It's worth a try, and it's worth making a few phone calls. You're very persuasive now.

**GEMINI** How can a charming conversationalist like yourself become awkward and tonguetied? Don't sweat it. Let the others do the talking and they'll think you're brilliant.

CANCER You're enormously creative now. You have to be, or you'd be totally inundated. Learn to delegate and you'll be headed for your next million

LEO Be careful -- your idealism is about to carry you away. New changes seem perfect, but are they practical? Keep a lid on expenditures.

VIRGO It might seem as if you never have enough time anymore. Loved ones understand, so keep at a tough job until you get it finished. LIBRA You can learn whatev-

er you don't know. You might not know it all, but knowing you, you know more than they think you do. SCORPIO Look for ways to in-

crease your income without increasing your output. Amazingly, that becomes possible over the next few days. SAGITTARIUS Your ability to Take notes if you must. **CAPRICORN** Your mind might be racing a mile a minute. Don't ask your body to keep up. Hide

awesome insights you're re-

ceiving. This is OK, you'll be called to teach soon enough.

away in a private place for some serious contemplation. You might discover that you want to change direction. AQUARIUS You're an excellent team player, and with good reason. You get much farther,

faster, that way. Call a meeting and outline new plans. PISCES Some of the orders you receive might not make much sense. But they do make sense, from a bigger perspective. Trust an honest, wise leader,

and you'll get to the right pla

# CALENDAR

#### Monday, Jan. 27

"HEAVEN": 7 and 9 p.m. Nickelodeon Theatre, 937

"DEATHTRAP": 8 p.m. Workshop Theatre, 1136 Bull St. \$13 for adults; \$11 for seniors, youth and military. TYKES WITH GUNS, THE SHAPE: 9 p.m. New Brookland Tavern, 122 State

#### Tuesday, Jan28

**"UPTOWN SATURDAY** NIGHT": 9 p.m. Russell House

MAD HAPPY, MEAN WEINER: 10 p.m. New Brookland

Tavern. \$5 "DEATHTRAP": 8 p.m. Workshop Theatre. \$13 for adults; \$11 for seniors, youth

and military "IN PRAISE OF LOVE": 7 and 9 p.m. Nickelodeon Theatre,

937 Main St.

Denzel Washington stars in "Training Day," showing at the Russell House Theater, Monday, 9 mm.

