points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50point bonus "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

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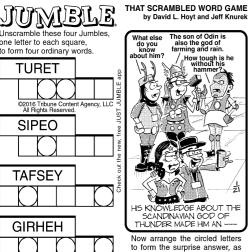
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TURET

SIPEO

TAFSEY

GIRHEH



suggested by the above cartoon

Print your answer here: Jumbles: WAVER RURAL APPEAR MOTIVE

NON SEQUITUR by Wiley



BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall





THOSE CONTRACTS AREN'T FINISHED BY THE END OF THE DAY, YOU WILL BE COPY

"WOW, DAD! UP UNTIL THE PART WHERE YOU FELL OFF MY BOARD, THOSE WERE SOME COOL NEW MOVES!"

DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

MARGEN C



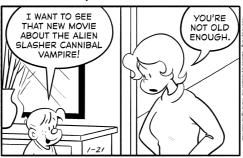
HE'S NOT

ENOUGH

THIS MIXTURE OF GASES ALLOWS THE

ACCOUNTING TEAM TO MAKE A MORE THOROUGA PATIENT FINANCIAL PROBE BEFORE SCHEDULING ANY SURGERY

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne

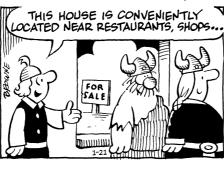




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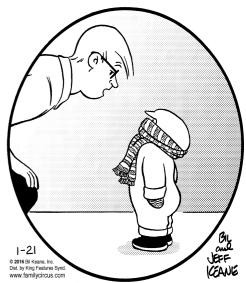
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



"I know you're one of mine, but which one are you?

Predicting esophageal cancer outcome

Dear Dr. Roach: After DR. KEITH ROACH seeing many specialists, I received the diagnosis of esophageal cancer T4b N2. The PET scan shows thickening of the lower esophagus of 4.1 cm in diameter and local nodal disease, but no distant metastatic disease. They say I am not a candidate for surgery, and chemo and radiation are the only treatments. I have had five days of chemo with a pump 24/7. I have suffered this past week with mouth and throat sores, making it hard to talk, eat and drink. One week from today. I begin seven weeks of radiation, and

then more cycles of chemo. I have asked numerous questions of my doctors and get vague answers as to my chances of beating this. I have been told that this treatment is aggressive and will be rough. They tell me I will have damage to my esophagus, lungs and spine. The oncologist says

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

opinion, are my chances?

I want to know the likelihood of a cure. I have an 88year-old mother with dementia. I am an only child, so her well-being and care is my sole responsibility. I had hoped I would outlive her so she could stay in her home as long as possible. Having said that, I will be truthful: It makes me very nervous to know my chances of survival. — *Anon*.

I am very sorry to hear of your diagnosis, and hope I will be able to help.

Your doctors are vague because physicians are not balls" are cloudy, and they can be biased by our desire to be optimistic. However, there is some information I can give I am stage 3B. What, in your you, but I also will discuss its

limitations.

First off, the treatment for esophageal cancer is improving, and newer treatments are associated with better prognosis. The statistics I am giving you are from studies more than 10 years old now, but they are the best available, so it's likely your prognosis is likely to be somewhat better. I can give you the answer

in two ways. The first is to say that roughly 10 to 20 percent of people with your stage cancer will be alive in five years, and we generally say that five years represents a "cure," since it is likely that all cancer will be gone in people who survive so long. The second way is to say that the median survival is 15 months, meanboth accurate statements, as best we know.

It's important to recognize

that there are outliers. Some people will succumb quickly, within a few months, whereas one person in 5 will be able to successfully overcome the cancer. Because of this uncertainty, it would be wise to make plans for your elderly mother in case things don't go well, which may give you some peace of mind and confidence to spend your energy on getting through the treatments to try to cure the cancer, or at least give you as much time as possible. I truly

difficult diagnosis. READERS: Readers wishing for more information on king, three from East. heart valve disorders can order the booklet on that subject by writing: Dr. Roach very good at making these ing half of people with your Book No. 105, 628 Virginia Dr., predictions. Our "crystal stage esophageal cancer will Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose live longer than 15 months, a check or money order (no and half will not. These are cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Bridge

by Frank Stewart

Louie's losing bet

Unlucky Louie had ventured to the track again. His luck there mirrors his 'bad luck" at the bridge table.

"I bet on a sure thing," Louie told

"Well, did he pay off?" "No," Louie growled, "but it took

eight horses to beat him. It can take only one ill-judged play, often the first one you make, to lose a contract. In today's deal, West led the ten of diamonds against six hearts, wish you the best with this and South won in dummy to finesse in trumps. He picked up Éast's queen and next led a spade: nine from West,

FINESSE

When dummy led the queen of WEST spades next, East played low again. Coming down the stretch, South had to try the club finesse. When West's king scored, South went down one.

South lost his contract coming out of the gate. He must win the first diamond with the ace and lead a spade to dummy. East must duck, and South then picks up the trumps. He forces out the ace of spades and reaches dummy with the king of diamonds to discard a club on the fourth spade.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 7 5 3 ♥ Q 6 4 2 ♦ J 5 4 3 ♣ 6. Your partner opens

two diamonds. Partner then bids two hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: If partner had minimum values, he would have passed two diamonds or raised your one heart to two. His sequence shows interest in game despite your announced weakness. Bid four or five diamonds. Partner may hold 2, AK3, KQ1076, A975. South dealer

N-S vulnerable

NORTH ♦ K Q J 10 ♥ 10 3 ♦ K Q

EAST **♠**94

♣ K 8 7 4 2

SOUTH **♠**862 ♥ AKJ987 ♦ A 7

West Pass 2 **♣** 3 **♠** Pass Pass Pass Pass 3 NT Pass All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ 10

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- 1 Louie in a vehicle
- Dance movement Ancient Guatemalan
- 14 Square measure 15 Ashen
- Bring to bear 16 Infield positioning 17
- 20 Better than even
- chance
- Mineo of "Exodus" 21
- Turn to the right! 22 23
- Keats output 26 Bright red
- 31 Make sense 33 Poke fun
- Spanish lariat 35 36 Debate once again
- St. Louis monument
- 40 Breadths of frequencies
- 44 Deserve 45 Display piece
- Get out of line 46 Tavern brew 48
- Swashbuckling 49 Flynn 53 Make a
- miscalculation 55 Astonish
- 57 Goddess of criminal
- Paulo, Brazil 58 60 Sir Isaac
- 62 Hemline? Cliff dwelling

- Villainous Uriah Part of S.R.O. 70
- 72 Shipped
- 73 Years and vears 71 Narrow valleys and years Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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- - of enmity 4 Manila folder flaps

DOWN

lake

away

5 Dispose of money 6 Knock lightly

Largest European

3 Perpetuated a state

2 Became worn

- 7 Architectural wing
- Potpie vegetables Applelike fruit 10 Guitarist's guitar
- Casual affirmative Gallery display 13 Ultimate degree Encircled 18
- 19 Tasty tuber List of corrections 24 Meaningful gestures
- 25 27 Even more numb 28 Flit Write on metal 29 30 Collegiate

- 32 Seventh planet Allocation plan
- Supreme Court Justice Fortas

Mother in sheep's

- clothing 40 Ray
- Track contest 41 Meal scraps 42
- Castle and Dunne 43 47 Shoves
- 50 Poll figure 51
- Peter or Annette Bruce and Kravitz
- 54 Butter portion 56 Not suitable 59 Expressions of
- delight Command to Trigger
- Old crone 63 Elongated fish
- 64 Fury 65 Rummy call

Wetland

Charge for services

Scrabble Solution

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99	EACK 3 =	F B E E M Y K									
68	EACK 2 =										
71	EACK 1 =	Pi Ai Gi Ki Ei Ti									
MULIULUS GINANU UNANA JALALLY EUO											

HOW'S YOUR

DIET

COMING

SARGE

JOS SMARÐ GRAND GRAMS SOL

one diamond, you respond one heart, he tries two clubs and you return to **BEETLE BAILEY** by Mort Walker

NOW THAT'S HEAR THE AN EMP STOMACH!

SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell



BUT THAR SO STYLISH, I LOOK LIKE A MILLION BUCKS WHEN I'M LIMPIN'!!

Conceptis Sudoku

Difficulty Level ★★★

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.

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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