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RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 155-165
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NON SEQUITUR by Wiley

ANESTHESIOLOGY SCHOOL

THIS MIXTURE OF GASES ALLOWS THE ACCOUNTING TEAM TO MAKE A MORE THOROUGH PATIENT FINANCIAL PROBE BEFORE SCHEDULING ANY SURGERY

BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall

BLUMSTEAD, MAKE SURE THESE CONTRACTS ARE FINISHED BY THE END OF THE DAY

HOLD ON, LET ME REPHRASE THAT...

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

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne

I WANT TO SEE THAT NEW MOVIE ABOUT THE ALIEN SLASHER CANNIBAL VAMPIRE!

YOU'RE NOT OLD ENOUGH.

WHAT IF DAD TAKES ME?

HE'S NOT BRAVE ENOUGH.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne

THIS HOUSE IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEAR RESTAURANTS, SHOPS...

AND A PARK!

DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

EMERGENCY

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

THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane

“I know you’re one of mine, but which one are you?”

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TURET

SIPEO

TAFSEY

GIRHEH

Print your answer here: - - - - -

Yesterday's Jumbles: WAVER RURAL APPEAR MOTIVE
Answer: His moving business really started to take off when the number of jobs started to — RAMP UP

Predicting esophageal cancer outcome

Dear Dr. Roach: After 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 I am stage 3B. What, in your

opinion, are my chances? I want to know the likelihood of a cure. I have an 88-year-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 very good at making these predictions. Our “crystal balls” are cloudy, and they can be biased by our desire to be optimistic. However, there is some information I can give 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, meaning half of people with your stage esophageal cancer will live longer than 15 months, and half will not. These are both 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 wish you the best with this difficult diagnosis. READERS: Readers wishing for more information on heart valve disorders can order the booklet on that subject by writing: Dr. Roach Book No. 105, 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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 me. “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, and South won in dummy to finesse in trumps. He picked up East's queen and next led a spade: nine from West, king, three from East.

Bridge by Frank Stewart

Louie's losing bet

NORTH

♠ K Q J 10

♥ 10 3

♦ K Q

♣ Q J 10 5 3

WEST

♠ 9 4

♥ 5

♦ 10 9 8 6 2

♣ K 8 7 4 2

EAST

♠ A 7 5 3

♥ Q 6 4 2

♦ J 5 4 3

♣ 6

SOUTH

♠ 8 6 2

♥ A K J 9 8 7

♦ A 7

♣ A 9

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

Opening lead — ♦ 10

The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- Louie in a vehicle
 - Dance movement
 - Ancient Guatemalan
 - Square measure
 - Ashen
 - Bring to bear
 - Infield positioning
 - Better than even chance
 - Mineo of “Exodus”
 - Turn to the right!
 - Keats output
 - Bright red
 - Make sense
 - Poke fun
 - Spanish lariat
 - Debate once again
 - St. Louis monument
 - Breadths of frequencies
 - Deserve
 - Display piece
 - Get out of line
 - Tavern brew
 - Swashbuckling Flynn
 - Make a miscalculation
 - Astonish
 - Goddess of criminal folly
 - Paulo, Brazil
 - Sir Isaac
 - Hemline?
 - Cliff dwelling
 - Villainous Uriah
 - Part of S.R.O.
 - Narrow valleys

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DOWN

- Largest European lake
- Became worn away
- Perpetuated a state of enmity
- Manila folder flaps
- Dispose of money
- Knock lightly
- Architectural wing
- Potpie vegetables
- Applelike fruit
- Guitarist's guitar
- Casual affirmative
- Gallery display
- Ultimate degree
- Encircled
- Tasty tuber
- List of corrections
- Meaningful gestures
- Even more numb
- Flit
- Write on metal
- Collegiate cheers
- Seventh planet
- Allocation plan
- Supreme Court Justice Fortas
- Mothing in sheep's clothing
- Ray
- Track contest
- Meal scraps
- Castle and Dunne
- Shoves
- Poll figure
- Peter or Annette
- Bruce and Kravitz
- Butter portion
- Not suitable
- Expressions of delight
- Command to Trigger
- Old crone
- Elongated fish
- Fury
- Rummy call
- Charge for services
- Wetland

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

N A R E S O B D E C A L

O W E N S P I E E R A T O

H A N D R A I L S W I N O S

O S E B E E T S C A N E

W H E N W O R D S L E A V E

A I D S H O W E T C

M O L I N E R O P E R I B

A R A L B U T F A M E

I A N M O O G T A L L E R

L T D O P T S I L O

O F F M U S I C B E G I N S

O R A L S W O R E N E T

S I L A S A N I T A O D A Y

S E L M A N I P F R I L L

A S S E T A C T T E A S E

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BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

HOW'S YOUR DIET COMING, SARGE?

LISTEN

HEAR THE ECHO?

CLANK!

WAP!

NOW THAT'S AN EMPTY STOMACH!

SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell

YOU'RE WALKIN' FUNNY, LUREN!!

MY NEW SHOES ARE KILLIN' ME, LOWEEZY!!

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

Conceptis Sudoku

Difficulty Level ★★★

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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

5 4 2 9 1 8 3 6 7

3 1 7 2 6 4 8 9 5

9 6 8 3 5 7 4 1 2

8 5 4 1 2 9 7 3 6

7 9 6 5 8 3 2 4 1

1 2 3 7 4 6 5 8 9

Difficulty Level ★★★

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