NON SEQUITUR by Wiley 60 YOU BELIEVE YOU'VE ALWAYS THE EARTH IS FLAT? WHEN. SAID SEEING 15 BELIEVING HOW...? ABSOLUTELY! AND TO NOT JUST REPEAT WHY? EVERYTHING CUZ THAT'S TO DO

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BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall





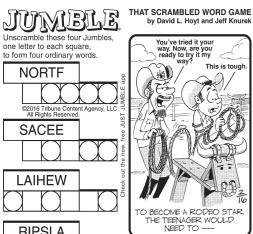
"I KNOW IT'S A HORSE, BUT WHY DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE ONE?"

DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham



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

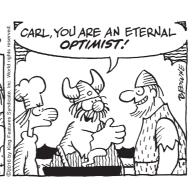
AVOID OCTET FORBID OBLONG Sasquatch was easy to track because he had a - BIG FOOT

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne I TELL YA, CLIMBING THE CORPORATE LADDER IS REALLY WEARING ME OUT!

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne







THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



"Wait ... first of all, you can't fit 24 blackbirds in one pie. Then they're s'posed to still be alive? No way.'

Screening guidelines for colon cancer

Dear Dr. Roach: I have been getting regular colonoscopies every five years for the past 20 years. This past time, three years ago, four tubular adenomas were found in the cecum, with the largest being

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There also were polyps in 2008, but I don't know how many, other than it was more than one.

My maternal grandmother died of colon cancer, my brother is presently getting chemo for colon cancer, a double cousin had it and my father's double cousin also has had a couple of bouts. My gastroenterologist has recommended a repeat exam in five years (two years from

With the number of polyps removed and my family history, should the next exam be due now, rather than in two years? Other than bowel healthy. — A.W.

DR. KEITH ROACH

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

The U.S. Multi-Society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer released guidelines in 2012 with precise recommendations. For people with four to 10 tubular adenomas, the recommendation for people at otherwise average risk would be a follow-up in three

Given your family history, I would be more aggressive in getting further screening.

These guidelines are just guidelines, not rules etched in stone, and perhaps your gastroenterologist has information about you not available to me, which affects your case. I certainly would recommend that you tell him or her if you would prefer an earlier screening.

Finally, given the extensive problems caused by IBS, I am family history, I would try to find out whether anyone in but based on your symptoms

ated for Lynch syndrome or other family cancer syn-

Dear Dr. Roach: I am a 23-year-old, working professional. I have had tonsillitis and sinus infection trouble for more than a year. I have been taking home-

opathy treatment for the past six months. I often get throat infection, and this increases my fever. In the past few days, I have had severe throat infection

and fever. I took a blood test, and my WBC count was elevated. This happened often in the past year.

Is this because of tonsillitis, or something else? I would like to know if there is a per- no basis in science for homemanent cure for this, as I am opathy; however, some people persistent infection. — Anon.

I cannot tell you for sure,

your family has been evalu- and high white blood cell count, I would be quite worried about a chronic hidden bacterial infection. The tonsils and sinuses are the most

likely places for this. Finding the true source of infection can be difficult, but because you have had such severe problems for so long, it certainly is time for a more comprehensive evaluation. If a very careful examination failed to show a problem, I would consider, in a case like yours, a CT scan of the sinuses, and very likely a referral

to an ENT specialist. An infection lasting a year or more sufficient to cause weight problems shouldn't be left alone or treated with ineffective medications. (There is losing weight because of this use the term to include herbal treatments, which sometimes are effective. In your case, what you are taking clearly isn't working.)

Binding arbitration

Bridge by Frank Stewart

Cv the Cynic says that the only people who listen to both sides of an argument are the next-door neighbors. But players often ask me to settle a dispute.

Today's South had made four hearts. The vulnerability kept East out of the auction. West led a spade, and East took the ace and shifted to the queen of clubs: king, ace. West then ... returned a club, and East's jack won the defenders' last trick.

SPADE RUFF

"My partner must lead a second pade when he takes the ace of clubs," East insisted. "How can he expect to beat the contract unless he can give me a spade ruff?"

"Bah!" West snorted. "For me to cash our second club was reasonable. You might have had a trick in diamonds or trumps."

How would you arbitrate?

West's defense was questionable, but East made a clear error. East should lead the JACK of clubs at Trick Two, ostensibly denying possession of the queen. When West wins, he will see no second club trick and should lead a spade as the defenders' best chance.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ Q 8 7 4 2 ♡ 7 6 ♦ J 4 3 ♣ A 5 3. Your partner opens one heart, you respond one spade, he

bids two diamonds and you return to two hearts. Partner then bids two spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your two-heart preference pleaded weakness, yet partner has tried again for game. He has a strong hand. With a minimum hand such as K 10 3, A Q 5 4 3, K 8 6 2, 4, he would have raised directly to two spades. Bid three spades. He may hold A K 3, A J 5 4 3, à 10 8 5, 2,

North dealer E-W vulnerable

WEST

♥ 76

J 8 / 4 Z

NORTH

♦ K 9 3 ♥ A942 ♦ A872 **4** 10 2 **EAST**

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All Pass

♦ J43 ♦ O 10 9 6 5 ♣QJ8764 **SOUTH ♣** J 10 6 5 ♡ K Q 10 8 5 3

♣ K 9 West North East South Pass **Pass** Pass

Pass Opening lead — ♠ 4

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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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Scrabble Solution

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SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell





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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

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