points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point sonus. "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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YEP... PERFECT CONDITIONS FOR VAMPIRE AND SLUGS YUCKY DOWN THERE

BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall







HI & LOIS by Chance Browne



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"NO, WE DON'T SERVE 'MARGARETAS'."

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

suggested by the above cartoon

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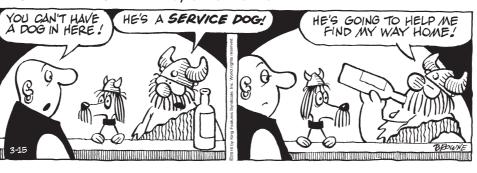


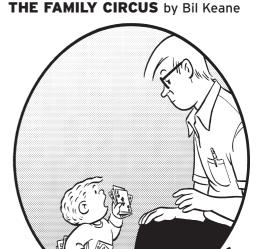
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REMEMBER WHEN THOSE DAYS OCTORS USED TO AKE HOUSE CALLS



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne





"Aw, c'mon, Daddy. Are you SURE this one isn't your card either?'

Doing nothing is an option for patients

Dear Dr. Roach: In your recent column about the prognosis for a patient with esophageal cancer, what about offering the patient the option of just doing nothing? I suspect this may contradict your training.

Clearly this course would seem especially hard, given her caregiver role.

But in some cases, perhaps like this one, the range of treatments and odds of recoverv may suggest that some reasonable folks might just decline additional medical help.

Shouldn't this be an option, too? — R.J.A.

Doing nothing always is an option, and I feel that physicians should explain the likely course of the disease without treatment, as well as how the course could be affected by the different treatments we

That way, an individual can

DR. KEITH ROACH

make the best-informed deci-

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

sion possible. We do have to admit that sometimes the condition

takes an unexpected turn, like the woman who recently wrote that her mother's colon cancer apparently went away without treatment (I have had several similar letters). However, it certainly is in

our training to want to help. That may be something as simple as explaining what is expected to happen with the condition, or it might be prescribing treatments to ease pain and suffering. It doesn't have to be treatment designed to prolong life.

referencing, a reader with advanced esophageal cancer clearly wanted to do everything she could for the best not indicated as a booster, chance of successful treat- but for people who are very

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continue taking care of her mother.

Dear Dr. Roach: I found your response to the male with shingles after he received the vaccine disturbing.

I received the vaccine quite a number of years ago, and am fearful of getting shingles. Do you recommend getting another shot? F.C.P.

Some individual physicians recommend getting a booster shot for shingles, since a recent study shows that its effectiveness does seem to wear off after eight years or so, but that is not yet a general recommendation.

The guideline writers are In the column you are awaiting results of ongoing studies. A newer type of vac-

cine is in development. The current vaccine is

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ment, in part so she could worried about shingles, it wouldn't be unreasonable to repeat the vaccine at age 70, for example, if you were vaccinated at 60.

The major downside is the expense, since it is costly and would likely not be covered by insurance.

Still, I don't recommend booster shot in general until we have more information

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to To Your Good Health @ med. cornell.edu or request an order form of available health newsletters at 628 Virginia Dr. Orlando, FL 32803. Health newsletters may be ordered from www.

Bridge by Frank Stewart

Lest they forget

"Women may insist that they can forgive and forget," Cy the Cynic told me, "but they never let you forget that they forgave you.' 'Wendy is giving you a hard

time?

"About a deal from two weeks ago," Cy growled.

Cy, a chauvinist, and Wendy, my club's feminist, are always at odds. Cy had been today's East, and Wendy led the jack of hearts against 3NT. Declarer won in dummy, led a diamond to his king and returned a diamond. Wendy played the queen, and dummy played low.

HIGH HEART

"I discarded a low club," the Cynic said, "and Wendy pondered and led another heart. South won, ran the diamonds and led a club to his queen. He cashed his last high heart, led another club and was sure of nine tricks.

"Wendy berated me, as usual. She said I should discard my ace of clubs on the second diamond, compelling her to shift to a spade. She's still talking about it two weeks later."

If I were Cy, I'd have been upset with myself. He missed a chance for a beautiful discard. (The queen of spades was possible.)

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A Q J 10 ♥ 7 5 2 vulnerable. The dealer, at your right, opens one club. What do you say?

ANSWER: I am sure many experts would overcall one spade, treating the suit as a five-carder. The bid has competitive, preemptive and lead-directing value. One theory holds that since partner's hand may be short in clubs, it will produce spade support. I would pass, but I suspect I am in a minority.

North dealer N-S vulnerable

> **NORTH ♠** K 3 ♥ A 6 ♦ A 10 7 5 2 ♣ KJ52

> > EAST

WEST **♠ A Q J** 10 **♠** 8 2 \Diamond 3 ♦ Q J 9 6 ♣A9863

SOUTH **♠**97654 ♡KQ3 ♦ K 8 4 ♣ Q 7

East South West Pass 1 ♠ 2 NT Pass **Pass** Pass All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ J

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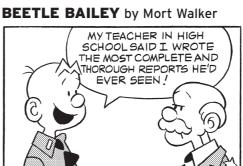
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SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell





Conceptis Sudoku

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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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5	1	6	2	8	7	3	4	9
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Difficulty Level ★★

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Short trip The works 3 Lupino or Tarbell

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- 4 Prime theme 5 Of bears 6 Clotho, Lachesis and Atropos
- 9 Portuguese saint 10 Popeye's Olive
- 13 Carson predecessor 50 18 Word before bag or
- 23 Denali's state 24 Metal-worker's device

- Aunt Bee's charge Reciprocal
- 33 Hawaiian dances Valhalla host "Hud" star Pat
- 44 Abysses 46 Lamentably
- Shelter a fugitive, e.g. 51 Laugh boisterously 53 Neighbor of Swed.

49 Subordinate staffer

56 Mineral in the raw