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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

SHE DIDN'T WANT TO IRON HER FOUR-LEAF CLOVER BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T WANT

Now arrange the circled letters suggested by the above cartoon

BOTHER

NON SEQUITUR by Wiley CAN YOU CHECK WHY ARE YOU TWO JUST UNDER THE BRIDGE STANDING OUT HERE? JEFFREY! GLAD VAMPIRE SLUGS? YOU'RE HERE



BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall





DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

"HOW COME YOU NEVER LET ME OFF WITH JUSTA WARNING?"

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne









THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



"I can't wear that. It's a SNOWSUIT. There's no more snow outside."

Reader suspects mistreatment of man

Dear Dr. Roach: I would DR. KEITH ROACH like your advice concerning my 75-year-old boyfriend, whom I have known for eight years. He had what I suppose would be called a nervous breakdown two years ago. He was admitted to a mental hospital for seven days.

ORRIT

FLICK

He lost all his money playing poker after he

He came out on olanzapine, lorazepam and Wellbutrin, and now has been prescribed mirtazapine and was told by the doctor — an MD specializing in geriatric medicine – that it is a "sleeping pill."

This was a man who was a lot of fun to be with and who had a keen sense of humor. He now shows only one emotion, irritation — at traffic, long lines or at me if I try to talk to him about his medication or how his personality has changed.

His daughter makes doctor appointments and lays out all his medications for the concern is for what is best for

ORIGIN

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

her father and that I am not to interfere. She criticizes any decisions he makes, leading him to feel he is incapable of making any decisions on his own, which is eventually going to be the case, as I see his brain function deteriorating from all this medication.

He now makes few decisions on his own but calls her for everything. She then gets irritated with him and yells at him like he is a child. I suppose because he is bothering

I am able to get him to walk with me every day. We live in the same condo complex; I make sure he has lunch, and we always eat dinner togeth-

I am watching him become more and more a zombie, with week. She claims her only no interest in doing anything and unable to follow even the

story line of a movie. He never elder abuse. Elder abuse is laughs at a joke or funny incident. A smile is rare, and he used to have such a warm smile and a twinkle in his eyes. Now there is only a dull

Is this a form of elder abuse? If it is, what steps should or could I take? — P.B.

Yours is a heartbreaking letter, and I hope I can be of some help.

Let me begin by admitting that I don't know why your friend's personality is chang-

You blame the medicines, and you might well be right, but it certainly is possible that it is an underlying neurologic or psychiatric disorder. very carefully to see how he does and whether he needs all

You ask whether this is

common and can be much more overt, with physical, sexual and financial abuse. Based on what you are telling me, it sounds like verbal abuse, which is a type of mistreatment.

If you have witnessed or suspect mistreatment, you can and should report it. You can find out more information on elder abuse from the U.S. Administration on Aging's National Center on Elder Abuse by calling 800-677-1116 or visiting www.ncea.aoa.gov.

READERS: The booklet on Alzheimer's disease gives a detailed presentation of this common illness. Readers can obtain a copy by writ- ruffed the club return, drew trumps ing: Dr. Roach Book No. 903, and claimed eight tricks. Were I taking care of him, I 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, would be tempted to stop all FL 32803. Enclose a check or place for dinner," West sighed. his medicines and watch him 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.

Bridge by Frank Stewart Partscore defense

When two people love each other, nothing is impossible — except deciding where to eat out and always defending well against partscore

Today's East-West were a married couple. Against two hearts, West led a diamond, and East took the ace and returned the three. West won and continued with the four, a suitpreference signal to suggest an entry in clubs. East ruffed and duly led a low club.

West won and led a fourth diamond, and East ruffed with the queen of trumps. But on that trick, South discarded his last club. He

"You're taking me to my favorite

After East ruffs the third diamond, he must lead the king and a low club. West wins and leads a fourth diamond, and when East ruffs with the queen, South must overruff and

lose a trump to West's ten. A defensive principle: Before you try for an "uppercut" on defense, cash all your side-suit winners.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A K 5 3 2 ♥ 7 4 ♦ J 10 7 5 ♣ 9 7. The dealer, at your left, opens three clubs. Your partner

doubles. The next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner's double is for takeout (though you might pass for penalty with strength in clubs). He has a hand worth 17 or more points and will often have support for all the unbid suits. Bid four spades. If partner has a typical hand such as Q J 6 4, A K J 3, A 9 4 2, 6, you can expect an overtrick.

South dealer Both sides vulnerable

> **NORTH ♠** A K 5 3 2 ♦ J 10 7 5

WEST **EAST** C 1085 ♦ K842 $\Diamond \tilde{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{3}$ ♣ A 8 4 2 ♣ K 10 6 5 3

> **SOUTH ♠** 8 4 ♡ A K J 9 6 3 ♦ Q 9 6

> > East

South West North

All Pass Opening lead $- \diamondsuit 2$

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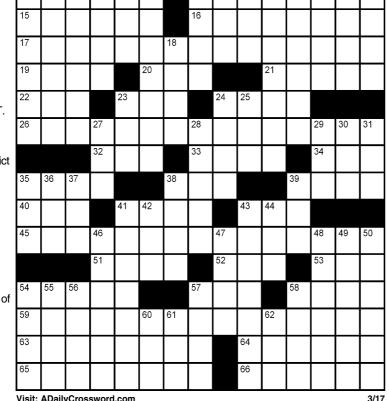
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Scrabble Solution

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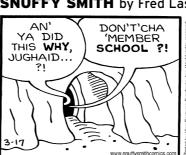
WANT TO PLAY

POKER, ZERO?

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker NO, THANKS



SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell





Conceptis Sudoku

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

3	1	9	2	7	5	6	4	8
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