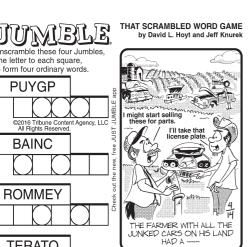
points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

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**TERATO** 

WHARF PRONG ADJUST PULSAR The atmospheres of Venus and Earth are -





**BLONDIE** by Dean Young and John Marshall







HI & LOIS by Chance Browne



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne

HERE COMES THE MOMMY BIRD.





**DENNIS THE MENACE** by Hank Ketcham



"I DIDN'T GET THAT 'BLONDE' JOKE. I'M GONNA ASK MOM TO EXPLAIN IT TO ME!"

#### THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



"Daddy, if you want to take a break, I'd be willing to interrupt you right now.'

# Wash hands well after cleaning litter box

Dear Dr. Roach: About DR. KEITH ROACH two months ago, we decided to keep an 8-week-old kitten born from a stray in our garage. Shortly after this, my husband and I started suffering muscle aches and pains at the same time, with sensitive skin and sharp pain. I fear that we have been invaded by toxoplasmosis from the litter box. I clean it daily and change the litter once a week, and wash the box with bleach. There have been no other changes in our lives, and no travel.

Do only pregnant women have to be concerned about getting this, and is there a cure? My doctor says there is no treatment. — H.S.

Toxoplasmosis gondii is a parasitic infection spread by cats (usually kittens, who may be infectious for about three weeks in their lifetimes). The infection is spread by oocysts in cat feces, which if ingested

(Answers tomorrow)

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

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

hand-washing after changing the cat litter dramatically reduces risk. Cleaning your cat's litter box daily also reduces risk, since the oocysts need one to five days after excretion to become infectious. Keeping the cat indoors reduces risk of acquiring disease. Pregnant women probably should not change cat litter, although it certainly is possible to get toxoplasmosis other ways, such as gardening (from contaminated soil) and consuming raw or undercooked meat (from infected animals). Toxoplasmosis can spread from a pregnant woman to her developing baby.

with normal In people immune systems, the infection is usually mild: 80 percent to 90 percent of people lead to infection. Meticulous have no symptoms, and in 10 least), there is: Sleeping on

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toms usually are enlarged lymph nodes, especially in the neck. Some people have other symptoms, including fever, rash, headache and muscle aches. In people with immune system disease, the oocysts can infect and invade the brain. This is extremely rare in people with normal immune systems.

I would recommend that you discuss blood testing with your physician. Although I don't think it's likely you acquired toxoplasmosis, it's possible you have something else that needs evaluation.

Dear Dr. Roach: Among individuals who die from heart attacks in their sleep, is there any statistical evidence that more of them were sleeping on their left or right side?

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Vanished union

"Over the Rainbow"

Author of "Still Me"

"Batman Theme'

Supply with

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Fossil fuel

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Wistful words

Bushy hairdo

Transmission part

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percent to 20 percent, symp- the left side is more associated with risk of heart attack. Another study showed that sleeping on the right side showed more vagal stimulation, which is associated with healthy hearts. Thus, it seems to be the nerve supply to the heart that is more favorable side. Sleeping position also has an effect on breathing, with people sleeping on either side being less likely to stop breathing from obstructive sleep apnea than people who sleep on their backs. This is a

mechanical issue. Several authors have recommended that people with severe heart disease, both from congestive heart failure and from coronary artery disease, sleep on the right side.

does not allow me to give an third club. East ruffed for down one. estimate of how important sleep position may be; however, I doubt that it has a major effect.

# **Bridge**

by Frank Stewart

# Overberried

Today's South was Joe Overberry, who has the delightful habit of going down in ice-cold contracts by trying for overtricks. Joe drives his partners when sleeping on the right to drink, but defenders often take advantage by luring Joe to his doom with an overtrick as bait.

In a penny game, Joe was declarer at four hearts, and West led the K-A and a third spade. Joe ruffed and saw a possible overtrick. He led the ten of trumps to dummy's jack and returned the ten of clubs to finesse. If East had the queen, Joe could take the rest.

#### SECOND CLUB

And Joe's finesse worked: West played low smoothly. Joe then led a second club to his jack, but West The type of study done pounced with the queen and led a

> After the ten of clubs won, Joe could have drawn trumps and claimed 10 tricks. His play might have been correct at matchpoint duplicate, where overtricks at normal contracts are significant, but at IMPs thinks — to assure the contract is the best strategy.

# **DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠ J 9 ♡ A K Q 10 3 ♦ A K ♣ A K J 5. With your side vulnerable, the dealer, at your right, opens three spades. You double, and

your partner bids four diamonds. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: You probably say, Drat those preempts, anyway. Your opponent has made it impossible for you to investigate for the best contract. Bid four hearts. You may miss a better game or a slam, but you really have no option at this

South dealer N-S vulnerable

WEST

**♠** A K 10 4

NORTH **♠** 8 5 2 ♡ J 9 ♦ QJ853 **♣** 10 9 3

♦ 10 7 6 4 2 ♣Q864 **7** 7 2 **SOUTH** 

**♠** J 9 ♡ A K Q 10 3  $\Diamond AK$ AKJ5

West North 2 🚓 Pass Pass 3 ◊ Pass Pass 40 All Pass Pass

Opening lead — ♠ K

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## The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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#### SCKABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION **BEETLE BAILEY** by Mort Walker SOMEONE FELL OFF IT KEEPS HAPPENING THE CLIFF YESTERDAY

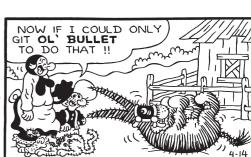
CLIFF!



**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

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