NON SEQUITUR by Wiley SAID YOU SAL MONEILA'S SHOULD JUST USE YOUR FIRST NAME, BUT WOULD YOU LISTEN TO ME? NO-0-0-0. **BLONDIE** by Dean Young and John Marshall







THERE GOES A CUTE ONE

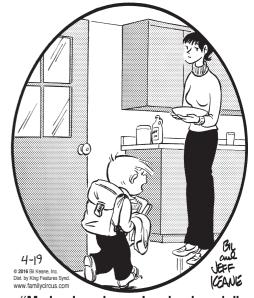
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"NOW I'M GOING TO CLOSE MY EYES AND IMAGINE YOU ARE NOT HERE."

**DENNIS THE MENACE** by Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane

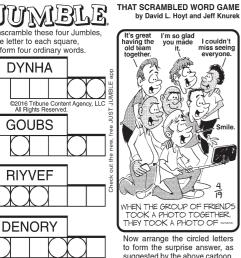


"My backpack needs a backpack."

**Bridge** by Frank Stewart

Taming the 4-3 fit

### HI & LOIS by Chance Browne



suggested by the above cartoon PILLOW SYMBOL Jumbles: DOILY BRAVE The alligator was stressed out because he

# YOUR DOG DIDN'T EVEN YEAH, HE ARE KIDDING?

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne





# Surgery depends on diagnosis of CTS

was diagnosed as having carpal tunnel syndrome. It seems to be getting worse, despite my having been given a cortisone injection in my wrist and wearing a sling when I sleep or do repetitive work, as advised. I would appreciate any advice from you and would like your opinion on whether surgery would be advisable. The condition is in my left hand, but I'm not left-handed. I seem to feel the most pain while in bed, and it often keeps me from getting a good night's sleep. My symptoms run the gamut from numbness and tingling to pain and stiffness. I'm now starting to get some numbness in my right hand as well. Can this condition be present in both of my hands? Could this be something other

It could very well be carpal tunnel syndrome, which is caused by compression of

Dear Dr. Roach: Recently, I DR. KEITH ROACH

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

the median nerve in the carpal tunnel, an anatomic structure in the wrist. You have identified some of the major symptoms: pain (usually in the thumb, index, middle and half of the ring finger, often radiating up to the elbow but rarely above), tingling sensation in the same distribution, and with severe disease, weakness and atrophy of the hand muscles (specifically the large muscles at the base of the thumb, called the thenar

eminence). A physical exam usually is sufficient to make the diagnosis; however, I would not recommend surgery without a definitive diagnosis, which can be made by an electro myography test. An EMG can differentiate carpal tunnel syndrome from other causes, such as compression of the morning. Constipation is no

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in the axilla, or of the nerve roots as they exit the cervical spinal cord in the neck.

The relief from injections in the wrist seldom lasts for more than a few months, and braces and lifestyle changes also sometimes are ineffective, though they are always worth trying. Surgery is effective about 98 percent of the time, as long as the diagnosis is correct.

Dear Dr. Roach: After being stuck in a hospital bed battling a painful bout of constipation — winning with the help of stool softeners, grunting and not a small amount of anguish — I finally took the advice from caregivers to drink prune juice at breakfast. works. It is a wonderful combatant to constipation! I now drink about 4 ounces every

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nerves of the brachial plexus, longer a problem. Please extol the virtues of prune juice and how it works.

> Together, we can up the prune juice industry significantly. It's time to buy prune juice supplier stock. — H.R.

> Prunes contain several naturally occurring laxatives, including sorbitol and phenolic compounds. Prunes themselves have a lot of fiber, but most juices have the fiber removed. Prunes and prune juice have been shown to be a safe and effective treatment for constipation, and they raise the blood sugar only modestly. Some data suggest that prunes may have benefit in preventing bone loss.

Mixing with water and drinking cold can make the Although difficult to stomach juice more palatable for some initially, it grew on me, and it people. I know you are joking. but I don't have any financial relationship with any pharmaceutical or nutrition company that I know of.

South had more than one way to succeed, but what he couldn't do was try to draw trumps. South can lead a club to dummy at Trick Three, ruff a heart, lead a diamond to dummy and ruff the last heart. He then takes the A-K-J of trumps. With best play, he loses only one more trick to West's high trump, making five.

A declarer at a "Moysian" 4-3

trump fit has many possible

approaches. If he has plenty of side-

suit winners, he may strive to keep

control. Otherwise, he may try to

Against today's four spades, West

led the K-Q of hearts, and South ruffed and hopefully drew three

rounds of trumps. When East threw a

diamond, declarer tried to cash some

minor-suit winners, but West ruffed

the second diamond, and the defense

**BEST PLAY** 

took two hearts. Down one.

'scramble" tricks with a crossruff.

The deal illustrates one way to handle a 4-3 fit. Declarer eliminates the threat of a forcing defense, which would make winners of the defenders' hearts, by ruffing hearts voluntarily.

# DAILY QUESTION

opens one heart, you bid one spade and he rebids two hearts. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** This is a judgment call. My judgment would tell me to pass. The hand has only 10 high-card points, mostly secondary values and no heart fit. Partner has shown six or more hearts but a minimum opening bid. He may take eight tricks at hearts, but the combined values will seldom produce nine tricks at

notrump. North dealer Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
<b>♠</b> A K J
♥ J742
♦ K 5
<b>♣</b> AK43

WEST	EAST
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♥ K Q 9 6	♡ A 10 8 3
♦ 10	♦ J9743
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**SOUTH ♠** Q 8 6 4 V 5 ♦ AQ862 ♣ Q 5 2

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Opening lead — ♥ K

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# The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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SCKABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION





**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.

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