MARKETING **BLONDIE** by Dean Young and John Marshall HOW DID YOUR BUSINESS TRIP THEY THOUGHT I WAS ARROGANT AND OBNOXIOUS! GOOD

NON SEQUITUR by Wiley

WAKE-UP CALL



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne



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SUCCEED, TRY NOT TO MOAN ABOUT IT."



**DENNIS THE MENACE** by Hank Ketcham

THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



I TOLD MY

WIFE I WAS LEAVING HER!



YES ...



SHE BROKE HER ANKLE

DOING A CARTWHEEL

"Don't be afraid, Jeffy. It's just God givin' us a little thunder and enlightening.'

What do you say?

North dealer

**♠** K 10 8 6 4 2

Both sides vulnerable

**ANSWER:** Your hand is super for

partner has game-invitational values,

you must make sure of reaching

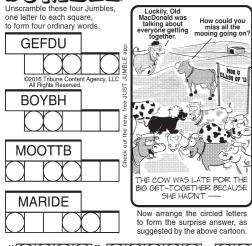
game. A bid of three clubs would be

discouraging. A fancy bid of three

spades is possible. A jump to four

hearts is a practical action. Partner may hold K 6 4, 4, Q 8 4 3, A Q 5 4 2.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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LOUSY DOCKET CLOUDY Jumbles: BRIAR

## Help for uncontrollable eye twitching

blepharospasm (eye twitch-TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH ing, for those who have never heard of it). It's terrible. I'm 58 and have had it for 10 years, but it has gotten worse as I've gotten older. Are there ANY treatments

other than Botox that you have heard of? I've read all that's on the Internet, but have found no help or remedies. — B.S.

Blepharospasm is a localized form of dystonia, a movement disorder with repeated or sustained muscle contractions.

In your case, it's the muscles of the evelid that repeatedly contract, and though I see it frequently, the cases I see generally are mild and go away after a few days.

I've never seen a c bad as you have described, for gene therapy or magnetbut my sources clearly recommend botulinum toxin (Botox remove some of the muscles

**ACROSS** 

1 Put two and two

"Gunsmoke"

Super-duper Start of a quote by

Dr. Seuss

Countries

Go right!

Work up

Tree fluid

Measure of explosive power

Ocean's rise and fall

German steel city

"Won't you be my neighbor" man

Inhuman creatures

Part 2 of quote

Glandular organ

Seat at the bar

Ump's cohort

again

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Chip scoop

Neil Simon's nickname

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Dear Dr. Roach: I have DR. KEITH ROACH

more severe blepharospasm.

This bacterial toxin prevents muscles from contracting, and most people have benefit that lasts many years.

Since you specifically ask about other treatments, I have read about the use of deepbrain stimulation, and have read case reports and a small series of six patients who showed a 72 percent improvement in their symptoms.

Oral medications usually are not effective, but there may be benefit from L-dopatype drugs, from anticholinergic drugs (such as trihexyphenidyl) and from baclofen.

potential side effects. In the future, there may be a role ic stimulation. Surgery to and others) for people with and nerves has shown benefit looking it up, confirmed that

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in some people.

The site www.blepharo spasm.org is very helpful, with links to support groups and questions answered by clinicians with specific experience in this issue.

Dear Dr. Roach: In a recent column, you mentioned the use of topical steroid medications to treat rhinitis (stuffy nose) symptoms. I have had vasomotor rhinitis since I was very young (I am 84), and my doctor prescribed fluticasone (Flonase)

Sometime after starting to use it, I began having frequent nosebleeds. I did not connect the two until I happened to see the side effects on the National Institutes of Health website. I All these have significant stopped the fluticasone, and that I warn patients before within a week or two the nose- prescribing it.

bleeds stopped completely. physician about this, he looked surprised, but after

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nosebleeds are a side effect of fluticasone.

Since this seems not widely known, I thought your readers should be informed of this complication.

other steroid nasal sprays likely would have the same effect. — G.D.T.

You are quite right that nosebleeds are a frequent side effect of nasal sprays, and they sometimes lead to discontinuation of the product.

Fluticasone is poorly absorbed and very potent, relative to other steroid sprays. It may be more likely to cause this side effect, but they all can cause this problem.

I see it frequently enough

Now that Flonase is avail- After Louie takes the ace of When I told my primary able in the U.S. without a prescription, I agree that a warning is in order, and I thank takes the A-K of diamonds, pitching you for writing.

# Louie's bookstore buy

**Bridge** by Frank Stewart

rebid two hearts and he tries 2NT. 'My wife said I should learn to be My doctor suspects that more affectionate," Unlucky Louie told me, "so I went to a used your minimum rebid, and since bookstore and bought a book titled How to Hug.

"Did it help?" 'Not much," Louie said. "It was

Volume Six of an encyclopedia.' Louie's bridge would benefit if he took time to read some books on dummy play. Too often, his play is flawed. At today's six hearts, Louie took the ace of spades and returned a spade. West won and led a third spade, and when Louie ruffed with dummy's nine of trumps, East overruffed. Nor would it have helped Louie to ruff the third spade with the

**SURE THING** 

spades, he has almost a sure thing if

he simply draws trumps. He next

a spade, and continues with the jack

of diamonds. If East plays low, Louie

Even if West had the queen, Louie

would be safe. He could ruff the

spade return, lead a club to dummy and discard his losing club on a good

**DAILY QUESTION** 

♦ 9 ♣ K 8 3. You open one heart,

your partner bids two clubs, you

You hold: ♠ AJ5 ♡ KQJ765

discards his last spade.

diamond

NORTH

**♠**93 ♡ A 9 ♦ AKJ 1087 ♣ A 10 5 WEST EAST

**♠** 0.7

 $\bigcirc$  32 **♦ 0654** ♣J974 ♣ Q 6 2 **SOUTH** ♡ K Q J 7 6 5 **9** 

North East West Pass Pass Pass **Pass** All Pass

**♣** K 8 3

Opening lead — ♠ 6

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### Scrabble Solution

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**SNUFFY SMITH** by Fred Lasswell



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Ring bearer? Perform a task Stanley Gardner

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  - Shore 3 River formations BLT spread 5 Mingled in with

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- publication Hung around 11 Help menu option 12 13 18

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around the block Holy cow! Male escorts Garden shade,

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- New Year in Hanoi 39
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- Textile Great flood
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- Biathlon weapon 58 Count (on)
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- Lake 62 Rime
- Purchases 67 Dos Passos trilogy

### Conceptis Sudoku

Difficulty Level ★★★

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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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