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"I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS, BUT IT NEEDS KETCHUP."

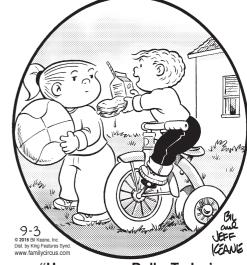
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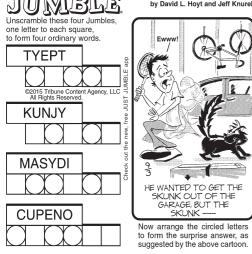


THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



"Here you go, Dolly. Today's lunch is being delivered by 'Meals on Wheels.'

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Genetics responsible for reader's AMD

Dear Dr. Roach: When my DR. KEITH ROACH daughter was pregnant, she was tested for blood abnormalities and was told she has factor V Leiden and PAI-1 4G/5G.

She suggested that I be tested, because with my firstborn I had an emergency C-section for hemorrhaging due to placenta abruption, and with her I had pelvic thrombophlebitis

I did go to a hematologist, who said he felt I should not be tested because at 65 I am no longer of child-bearing age and had no problems during any post-birth surgeries, and current hospital procedures would be certain to monitor for blood clots, etc.

Recently I went to the eye doctor and was diagnosed with wet age-related macular degeneration, as well as having mild cataracts. I think these concerns have to do with blood vessels bleeding behind

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

I wonder if either of the two blood abnormalities contributes to the wet macular degeneration, which I understand is the worse of the two types and is far less common than the dry.

I was told not to take vitamins at this time, but I did buy some vitamins designed for the eyes to see if perhaps this will keep things status

Can you please give me your thoughts on this? I am really disheartened about my vision concerns. — Anon.

Yours is a complex story with two main issues: Do you ferences in the inflammatory need to be tested for Factor Leiden and PAI-1 4G/5G; and how should your macular degeneration be treated?

plasminogen activator inhibi- to inflammation in the eye.

mal genes, and their presence increases risk of abnormal blood clotting

This is particularly the case in pregnancy. Given your daughter's genes and your history of blood clots in the pelvic veins, I think it's pretty likely that you have at least one of these conditions. However, even if you do,

the recommendation is clear that it should not be treated with an anticoagulant, so I agree with your hematologist that testing isn't necessary in your case.

How does macular degeneration fit in? Simplified, the abnormalities in the blood vessels behind the eye seem to have to do with genetic difgene called complement factor H.

People with abnormalities Both factor V Leiden and in this gene are predisposed

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tor 4G/5G are variants of nor- Inflammation leads to high levels of a molecule called VEGF-A, which is responsible for causing the abnormal blood vessels.

Whether you have factor V Leiden or PAI-1 4G/5G shouldn't affect the progression or treatment of AMD.

usually consists of inhibitors to VEGF (a prescription medicine) and a particular regimen of antioxidant vitamins

I don't know why your eye doctor isn't starting you on treatment. I suggest that you

get a second opinion. The booklet on macular degeneration explains this common eye ailment. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. eight tricks. Roach — No. 701, 628 Virginia pathways, particularly in a Dr., Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or 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

Not to worry

Cy the Cynic says that if you like to worry, you have more choices these days than ever before.

Today's declarer didn't worry quite Treatment of wet-type AMD enough at 3NT. When West led a spade, South was concerned about playing the jack from dummy: If East took the king, he might shift to clubs, and the defense might set up a few club tricks. So South took the ace of spades and went after the diamonds: He led low to his ace.

Alas, West discarded, and East had to get a diamond trick. When South conceded the fourth diamond later, East indeed shifted to a club: ten, queen. Another club forced out South's ace, and he could take only

FIRST SPADE

South was right to worry. After he (correctly) wins the first spade, he can lead a diamond and cover East's

seven with the eight. If West could win, South wouldn't mind; his club holding would be safe from attack. He would be sure of four diamonds, two hearts, a spade and a club, and would have time to set up a second spade for his ninth trick.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A J ♡ A K 4 3 ♦ 6 5 4 2 ♣ J 5 2. Your partner opens one diamond. The next player

bids one spade. What do you say?

ANSWER: A bid of two hearts would promise a five-card or longer suit (or at least a suit strong enough to play opposite three-card support). A bid of 3NT might come to grief when

you could make four hearts. The best call is a negative double, conventionally showing length in hearts. Discuss the convention with your partner. South dealer

Both sides vulnerable

NORTH A J 7 AK43 ♦ 6542

EAST

♡ Q 10

♦ Q 10 9 7

WEST **♦** 10 8 7 5 3 2

♥ J987

♦ None

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♣K8743 **SOUTH ♠** Q 9 4 ♥ 652 ♦ AKJ83 ♣ A 10

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Opening lead — ♠ 5

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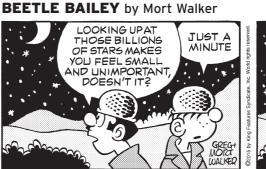
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SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell









Conceptis Sudoku

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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