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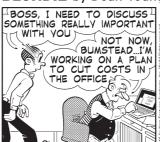
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LET'S JUST SAY BERNICE HAD SOME SIBLING RIVALRY

**BLONDIE** by Dean Young and John Marshall



NON SEQUITUR by Wiley





"SOME MAGIC SET, WHERE ARE THE PIGEONS AND RABBITS?"

**DENNIS THE MENACE** by Hank Ketcham

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne

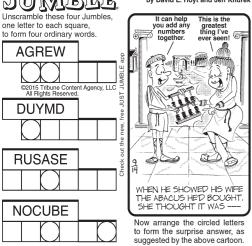




THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



"Ask Daddy to do it for me."



Print answer here: Jumbles: SHAKY MORPH OUTAGE BOBBLE Answer: The customers at the fireworks store were —

#### HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne







## Bird lung' often has two possibilities

Dear Dr. Roach: I was a DR. KEITH ROACH very active, healthy, young 68vear-old until March, when I was hospitalized for two weeks for bilateral pneumonia. I was told by the doctors at the hospital that it would take four to six weeks to get my health back. However, I experienced shortness of breath and bouts of coughing for months, and insisted on seeing a specialist three weeks ago. A CT scan and bronchoscopy showed symptoms typical of bird lung. We had a cockatiel for 17 years!

I am now taking prednisone and ibuprofen, which are helping to clear up the inflammation. I hope to be able to return to work soon. My family doctor and several other doctors I know said that they'd studied this at med school but had never seen a case in their practices. I hope this serves as a warning to other people who might be TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

to breed them. I was lucky, but someone in poor health might not have survived the deadly combination of pneumonia and bird lung.

"Bird lung" is a term that might refer to either of two possibilities. The first condition is "bird-fanciers lung" essentially an allergic reaction to bird droppings, feathers and the proteins of various birds. It can look very much like pneumonia, with abnormal chest X-ray findings that can be indistinguishable. The only cure is to get away from the source of the allergens, but prednisone might be necessary in severe cases. It is

The second possibility is an infection called psittacosis (sit-a-CO-sis), caused by the ken hip. It has been suggested for osteoporosis in men are tempted to buy a pet bird or bacterium Chlamydia psit that the water softener took

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infected by this organism, and the birds do not always appear ill. Psittacosis can be a very severe illness, potentially affecting multiple systems, but it usually responds rapidly to appropriate antibiotics, such as tetracyclines.

Given your history, I suspect that bird-fancier's lung, also called hypersensitivity pneumonitis, is more likely. It sounds like your specialist is treating you appropriately.

Dear Dr. Roach: Bottled and purified water sales have increased over the years. I often see advertisements showing filters attached to faucets that "take out all impurities." My parents had a water softener, and my father, tainly had nothing to do with professionally involved in why your father had a hip weight-bearing physical activity, experienced demineraliza- mostly from food, not from tion of his skeleton and a bro-

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taci. Cockatiels are commonly minerals, including calcium, out of the water that my parents used to cook and drink.

I drink tap water, but is a large percentage of the U.S. population headed for demineralization and malnutrition because they drink only "purified water"? — C.D.

Most water softeners work by exchanging sodium for the "hard" minerals, especially magnesium and calcium, present in most tap water, to greater or lesser extent. If the water in your area is naturally very hard, then a significant amount of sodium may be added, and calcium and magnesium removed.

However, this is very rarely game. a problem, and almost cerfracture. We get our minerals water. The major risk factors smoking, alcohol, low testos-

Scrabble Solution

B³ W¹ B¹ K¹ I¹ K² W¹ BYCK ₹= 80

M3 I1 S1 A1 I1 M3 RACK 3 = 10

O' | B' | D' | I' | N' | V' | [1' | BYCK 1 = 28

OCRABBIE BRAND GRAMS SOLUTION

LOOK AT THOSE MEN

RUNNING, IT MUST BE CHOW TIME

**BEETLE BAILEY** by Mort Walker

PAR SCORE 150-160

#### **Bridge** by Frank Stewart

### Cy's people skills

"You shouldn't be so hard on your partners," I admonished Cy the Cynic, who has never been easy to play with. "People skills are important."

"My people skills are fine," Cy growled. "It's my tolerance for dunderheads that needs work.'

Cy was today's East, and at four hearts, South won the first diamond in dummy and led a trump: nine, ten,

'My partner shifted to the queen of clubs," the Cynic said. "Declarer won and took three more diamonds to discard a spade. He lost one spade and another trump but made his

#### NO WAY

"I told my partner that a spade shift WEST would beat the contract. He said he had no way of knowing that. I called on my people skills and observed that he was a dunderhead."

Cy's remark wasn't going to help his partner play better, but West should beat four hearts. The bidding marks South with a six-card heart suit, so after West takes the queen, he can cash the ace. Cy will discard the eight of spades, and West will know what to do next.

### **DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: • K 10 9 9 J 8 7 3 ♦ A K J 6 ♣ K 7. Your partner

opens one club, you respond one heart and he jumps to 2NT. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: This is an easy problem. Partner's bidding promises about 19 high-card points with balanced pattern. Since your pattern is also balanced, you can place the contract based on your combined count. Bid 6NT. Partner's hand may be A Q 3, A 4 2, Q 3 2, A Q J 6, and 12 tricks will be cold.

North dealer Both sides vulnerable

> **NORTH ♠** K 10 9 ♥J873 ♦ A K J 6

**EAST**  $\heartsuit A Q$  $\circlearrowleft$  9 ♦ 52 ♦ 10 9 8 7

♣0J63

**\$109842 SOUTH ♦** J 4 ♥ K 10 6 5 4 2 ♦ Q 4 3

East South West 1 NT Pass 4 7 All Pass

Opening lead  $- \diamondsuit 10$ 

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#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Gets some rays
- 6 Facing a pitcher 11 Beaver's work
- 14 Another time 15 Drunkard
- 16 Be in debt to
- 17 Roller coaster caveat Org. of Giants 19
- 20 Marsh birds 21 Wall upright
- 22 Lowest point in
- Australia 26 Refrigerates briefly
- Localities
- 29 Give an account of 31 Level
- Passageways 32
- 34 Cal. watch abbr.
- 37 Unlucky 39 Island country near
- Florida
- 41 NASA partner Belgian Princess of 42
- Rethy Golfer Ballesteros 45 Kind of calf or boy
- Lyricist Carol Bayer 47
- Examine in detail 50 Wide-brimmed hats
- Touched the tarmac 53 54 Arrowsmith's first
- wife 55

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- 5 Sleep sounds 6 Up and about
- 9 Grate stuff 10 New Year in
- Vietnam 11
- Hug forever!
- 12 Profoundly disturbing
- 18 Vote against
- tool 23 Opera songs

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# BUT THE MESS IT IS WAY!

**SNUFFY SMITH** by Fred Lasswell





#### **Conceptis Sudoku**

		4		8		2		6
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7				4		5	1	8
			6				2	
5		6				9		3
	9				4			
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		9	1					
4		7		9		8		

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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9	5	2	4	8	1	6	3	7		
3	4	6	9	7	2	8	5	1		
8	1	7	5	3	6	4	2	9		
2	6	9	1	5	7	3	8	4		
1	7	4	3	2	8	9	6	5		
5	8	3	6	9	4	7	1	2		
6	3	1	7	4	5	2	9	8		
7	2	5	8	6	9	1	4	3		
4	9	8	2	1	3	5	7	6		

Saturday's Puzzle Solved														
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#### 66 Rhyming verse 67 Area of shallow

65 Berman or Cariou

- Back then 3 Mineo of "Exodus" Young goat
- Ryder painting, "\_ of the Sea" 8 Mr. Bunny

- Card-game displays Pose for a picture
- Woodworker's 60 61 Blue Hen St.

- coolness Viscount's superior Unsoiled Muddle
- Corsica neighbor 32 Parenthetical statement 33 Wight or Pines
- Port in a storm 35 36 Software buvers 38 Building extensions 40 Gray and Candler
- 43 Gnats and ants 46 Into the open Ringo and Bart Of the Vatican

Give the slip to

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57 Very

- 51 Hungarian wine 52 Memorable time Old Italian coins 54 56 Tree fluid
- 58 Cry of delight 59 G.I. entertainers Peeples or Long

Difficulty Level ★