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RACK 1

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1st Letter Double

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RACK 3

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Triple Word Score

RACK 2

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160

BEST SCORE 246

FOUR RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add 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.

Answer below

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NON SEQUITUR by Wiley

BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne

DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CUNED

LATYL

VORYOG

RORISE

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

Wow! I'll give you my fire stone for one.

It goes round and round the foot stick.

THE INVENTION OF THE WHEEL WAS

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRIEF KNIFE LAGOON LAPTOP

Answer: When it came to whether or not she'd be able to keep a secret, there was — NO TELLING

Seek second opinion before a decision

Dear Dr. Roach: I was diagnosed with endometrial cancer about seven weeks ago. I had a complete hysterectomy four weeks ago.

The pathology report came back as "Stage 1, Grade 3, size 4.5 cm undifferentiated carcinoma with myoinvasion of under 50 percent, clear lymph nodes and margins."

My case was discussed at a tumor board, and at my two-week check-in with the surgeon/oncologist we went over a plan for treatment.

He suggested internal radiation and three chemo sessions due to the size and grade of the tumor.

Following that appointment, I met with my previous oncologist to discuss my tamoxifen medication, which I have been taking for five years, since breast cancer treatment.

The second oncologist had a difference of opinion, stating that he would recommend

DR. KEITH ROACH
TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

the internal radiation but no chemotherapy.

He believes the tamoxifen was the cause of the uterine cancer, which is another difference of opinion between the two oncologists.

I am very conflicted and wondering how to decide on whether to do the additional chemo treatment. — C.R.

I usually advise patients to seek a second opinion before making a critical medical decision, such as surgery or chemotherapy, if time permits.

When provided with two opinions of equal weight, I will sometimes recommend getting a third opinion. In your case, however, it doesn't seem to me that the two opinions here are of equal weight.

The first opinion is the consensus of a tumor board, which usually includes surgeons, oncologists, radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, surgical nurses and pharmacologists.

I would recommend you give greater weight to the combined expertise of the group, as both common sense and studies have shown that a recommendation by consensus of experts is more likely to be correct than that from a single individual.

Of course, this is not always the case, but it is so frequently that I would give greater weight to the panel.

I am neither a gynecologic nor a medical oncologist, and my opinion in your specific case is worth little; however, the standard of care for most women with endometrial cancer has been to include chemotherapy.

Finally, endometrial can-

cers caused by tamoxifen (a compound with some estrogen and some anti-estrogen characteristics) tend to be well-differentiated, and yours is undifferentiated, which makes me, as a nonexpert, lean toward more aggressive therapy.

If you aren't sure, I would find a gynecologic oncologist, since they are the real experts in deciding whether chemotherapy gives additional benefit to the planned radiation after what sounds like successful surgery.

Questions about breast cancer and its treatment are found in the booklet on that subject. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Roach — No. 1101, 628 Virginia 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

Offsetting errors

Cy the Cynic keeps battling his weight, but not too vigorously. Cy says if you eat a half-dozen doughnuts, you can cancel out those calories by drinking a diet soda.

In many deals, a "normal" result is achieved when errors cancel out. In today's deal, a diamond lead would have beaten five hearts, but West naturally led the king of spades. Declarer took the ace and hastened to discard a diamond loser: He unblocked the A-K of clubs, ruffed a spade in dummy and threw a diamond on the queen of clubs.

South next led the king of trumps, and East took the ace and led the ace and a low diamond. South ruffed and took the rest, making five.

return to two diamonds. Partner then bids two hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner has a good hand — he bid again despite your weak diamond preference — and his hand is short in spades. You hold not only maximum values for your bidding but no wasted spade honors. Bid five diamonds. Partner may have 2, Q 7 6, K J 10 3 2, A K Q 4.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH		WEST		EAST	
♥ 3	♠ 9 7 6 5	♠ K Q J 10 8	♥ 2	♥ A J	♠ 9 7 6 4
♦ K Q 6 5	♣ Q 7 6 4	♦ K 9 3	♠ J 10 5 3	♦ A 8 5 4	♣ 9 8 2
SOUTH		WEST		EAST	
♠ A 5 2	♥ 10 9 8 7 4 3	♠ 1 ♥	West	3 ♥	North
♦ J 2	♣ A K	4 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
♣ A K		5 ♥	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♠ K

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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Piper's son of rhyme
- 1990-92 French Open Champion
- Apso
- Big lug
- Mrs. Ralph Kramden
- Perceived by the ear
- Journey song
- Leg punch
- Vegetable in gumbo
- Conductor Stokowski
- Fleck
- Miss a step
- Tyrannic Roman emperor
- Winter driving hazard
- Lines for movies
- Ponte Vecchio's river
- Presidential address
- Israeli round dance
- Repeating
- Upright
- Moore of "Disclosure"
- Hardly any
- Silver serving pieces
- Mrs. Costanza of "Seinfeld"
- Drop dramatically
- Sweater-girl Turner
- Birthplace
- Profoundly disturbing

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DOWN

- Abrasive mineral
- First grade

- Garden perennial
- Zellweger of "Jerry Maguire"
- Give silent assent

- British school
- out (declined)
- Musial and Getz
- Proverbial crowd
- Dress lines
- Injection
- Manner of speaking
- Scope of operation
- Motel room, e.g.
- With manual skill
- Wine vessel with a lid
- Weather phenomenon
- Freed from a habit
- Viscous liquid
- Craftier
- NFLer Manning
- Togo's capital
- Ceiling
- Be obligated to
- E.T. craft
- Whoopi in "Sister Act"
- Wetland
- Cal. neighbor
- Deli loaf

A	P	E	A	K	D	O	E	C	L	E	F
B	R	A	Z	E	I	L	L	A	L	I	V
B	O	S	U	N	V	I	M	M	E	T	E
E	V	E	R	Y	M	A	N	O	V	E	R
				A	I	S		E	L	I	S
S	P	R	A	N	G	B	R	I	O	C	H
C	R	O	W	S	F	E	I	N	T	Y	A
R	I	M	E	F	O	R	T	Y	B	E	L
U	M	A	S	E	R	G	E	R	I	S	E
F	A	N	B	E	L	T	S	G	E	N	T
F	L	O	R	A	L			O	N	E	
				I	S	A	S	C	O	U	N
C	A	L	L	A	P	A	M		D	U	E
A	T	O	L	L	A	S	P		O	L	I
B	E	G	O	T		N	T	H	W	Y	N

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Scrabble Solution

PAR SCORE 150-160		TOTAL	
RACK 4	107	RACK 3	60
RACK 2	66	RACK 1	13

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 9 7 6 4 ♥ A J
♦ A 8 5 4 ♣ 9 8 2. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one spade, he bids two clubs and you

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell

Conceptis Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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

Difficulty Level ★★★