BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall



NON SEQUITUR by Wiley

SURE, IT'S A LITTLE PRICEY FOR WHAT IT 16

BUT WORTH EVERY PENNY

I'M TOO FOCUSED ON FINISHING THE DILLMAN REPORT TO THINK ABOUT STUFF

ATTA PERSON!!

HOW IS THAT GOING TO HELP YOU MEET GIRLS?

"MY MOM IS GONNA MAKE PUMPKIN PIE OUT OF HIS BRAINS."

DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

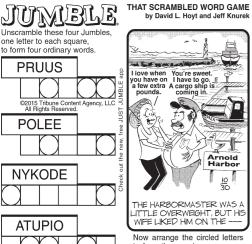


THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



"How 'bout we go out to a few houses tonight just to get some practice?'

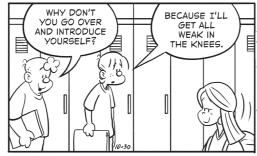
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon Answe

Jumbles: OOMPH DOILY SICKLY BESIDE The library was having a series of a speak and was — BOOKED SOLID



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne





Consult is reasonable for gastric ulcers

Dear Dr. Roach: I am a DR. KEITH ROACH 64-year-old female who has a longstanding history of gastric ulcers verified by eight endoscopies. The most recent gastroenterologist told me that he believes they are chronic and that I should have stomach surgery to cut out the part of the stomach where the ulcer is. I was thinking about having a surgical consult, but none of the surgeons I have contacted has expertise in this area. What do you think? — S.L.

Stomach ulcers once were thought to be caused by stress, but that thinking was upended when scientists in Australia discovered bacteria inside stomach ulcers and one physician inoculated himself with a bacterial culture, causing ulcers. These were then cured with antibiotics and bismuth salts. It is now thought that most ulcers are caused by infection from these bacteria, pital near you, and find a suring results, with several new

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called Helicobacter pylori. With eight endoscopies, you should have had a biopsy to look for this infection, but it also can be diagnosed with stool or breath tests.

Another cause of ulcers is the use of nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs, such as naproxen or ibuprofen. However, my concern is that if you never had H. pylori and you don't take regular NSAIDs, the ulcer could be caused by abnormal growth, either precancerous or cancerous. I suspect your most recent gastroenterologist is worried about this possibility as well. A persistent ulcer with no clear cause is highly vorrisome, and surgical inter vention is worth considering.

the website of a teaching hos-

ach cancer. An expert in stomach cancer surgery would be a good choice to provide you with a surgical opinion.

Dear Dr. Roach: I saw that the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends aspirin to prevent colon cancer. Should everyone be taking an aspirin a day? — D.L.G.

In September 2015, the Task Force issued a draft recommendation statement that adults ages 50-69 should consider low-dose aspirin (such as an 81-mg tablet daily or 325 mg every other day) in order to prevent both heart disease and colon cancer for those who have a 10 percent or greater risk for heart disease cvdrisk.nhlbi.nih.gov).

I would start by looking at for the prevention of heart disease have had conflict-

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geon with expertise in stom- studies unable to confirm the benefit seen in older studies. Also, aspirin can cause bleeding, especially of the stomach, and this bleeding can rarely be serious, even life-threatening. For these reasons, some experts have disagreed with the Task Force. In fact, the draft recommendations specifically exclude people who have an increased risk of bleeding, since the risk of aspirin is too

high in that group. On the other hand, studies have been consistent that men and women who take low-dose aspirin have lower risk of developing colon cancer, which would provide an additional benefit to taking aspirin. Since the balance of risks and benefits is so highly dependent on individual fac-(a calculator is available at tors for heart disease, colon cancer and bleeding, only The studies on aspirin your own medical provider can work with you to make a decision about whether aspirin is right for you.

Louie's debt service

Bridge by Frank Stewart

The first of another month was nigh, so I wasn't surprised - only chagrined — when Unlucky Louie came to me with his usual plea.

"I need a loan," he said. 'You don't have enough money to get you through the end of the

"The problem," Louie shrugged, is too much month left at the end of

my money. If Louie cut his losses in his penny game, he wouldn't need a loan. When he was declarer at today's slam, West led a diamond, and Louie won, drew trumps and tried a spade finesse with the queen. West won and exited with a spade. Louie then led a diamond to dummy and finessed in clubs. Down

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"Two losing finesses," Louie grumbled.

How would you play the slam? Louie should finesse in clubs first. West wins and leads another diamond to dummy. Louie then takes the ace of clubs, leads a trump to dummy and ruffs a club. When West's jack appears, dummy's ten is high for the 12th trick. If the jack didn't fall, Louie could finesse in spades.

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spade and he bids two clubs. What do you say?

ANŚWER: This is an uneasy situation resulting from a weak area of "Standard" bidding. Your partner may have bid two clubs on a variety of hands — minimum or maximum, shapely or with 2-5-2-4 shape. Pass, hoping for the best. Your hand doesn't qualify for a forward-going action such as 2NT or a raise to three

South dealer Both sides vulnerable

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SOUTH **♠** A Q ♡ A Q J 9 7 6 4 A Q

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- 47 Flying mammals 48 Miscellany 49 English gent
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Scrabble Solution

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Conceptis Sudoku

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

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