

BRIDGE

Rules don't always apply

up to East. If he played his king, declarer would have a double spade stopper and make four notrump. East realized South had to have the ace of spades for his three-notrump call, and if it were singleton, as the auction indicated, the nine of spades would suffice. East played the nine and South had no chance. When West gained the lead with the ace of clubs, it was an easy matter to take four spades and two aces.

Don't routinely cover an honor with an honor, as many players might, without giving it proper consideration. (NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

NORTH 7-2 80
 ♠ J 10 3
 ♥ K J
 ♦ K 8
 ♣ K Q 10 9 6 2

WEST
 ♠ Q 8 7 4 2
 ♥ A 6 5
 ♦ 6 3 2
 ♣ A 4

EAST
 ♠ K 9 6 5
 ♥ 8 7 4 2
 ♦ J 5
 ♣ 8 7 3

SOUTH
 ♠ A
 ♥ Q 10 9 3
 ♦ A Q 10 9 7 4
 ♣ J 5

Vulnerable Both
 Dealer South

West	North	East	South
1♦	2♣	2♣	1♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead ♠ 4

By Oswald Jacoby and Alan Sontag

Second hand low, third hand high, cover an honor with an honor are general rules that all bridge players learn when they start the game. Like all rules, however, they don't always apply. Before one makes the book play, thought should precede the action.

Today's hand illustrates the time to deviate from a rule. The auction needs some explanation. The first three bids are routine. East's two-spade call, while not generally made on such skimpy values, had good thinking behind it. After the opening, overall and free bid, East reasoned, how many points could his partner expect him to have? His two-spade call, while not recommended by most experts, took up valuable bidding space. He was not likely to be penalized because his trump length afforded some measure of protection.

South persevered with three diamonds and North had quite a problem. Although with both hands in view it is obvious that five of either minor is the optimum contract, at the table this was not easy to recognize.

North's three-spade bid was a Western cue bid, popular in California, which asks the cue bidder's partner to bid notrump with a full stopper in the enemy's suit. South dutifully bid three notrump and the wrong contract was played.

The opening lead was the four of spades and declarer played dummy's jack. It was



POLLY'S POINTERS

Polly Cramer

Shades have faded

By Polly Cramer POLLY'S PROBLEM

DEAR POLLY — The roll-up, bamboo-type shades at the end of my patio are faded from the sun and I am afraid to paint them. They are good otherwise so I would like to know if there is anything I can do to improve their looks.

Also, is there anything I could use on my white cement steps to make them look white again? — THELMA

DEAR THELMA — I have not been able to learn of any set formula for treating such shades, so you might do a bit of experimenting on your own.

Try a varnish stain on one of the slats and see what that does. Be sure the shade is clean and dry first. Do not roll up until shade is perfectly dry. How about this, readers? Have any of you successfully renewed such shades?

Scrub your cement steps with a mixture of one-half cup trisodium phosphate, one-half cup detergent and a gallon of water. Use a stiff brush and rinse thoroughly. This should tighten the cement. I am presuming it is not painted, that the white you refer to is the original color. — POLLY

HEATCLIFF



"PHEW!... TALK ABOUT A SHOWER MASSAGE!"

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Wednesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	TAURUS	GEMINI	CANCER	LEO	VIRGO	LIBRA	SCORPIO	SAGITTARIUS	CAPRICORN	AQUARIUS	PISCES	
MAR 21-11-15-18-46-48-58-63	APR 20-7-10-13-31-52-55-66	MAY 21-35-37-40-45-50-53-75-76	JUNE 21-12-26-38-49-51-76-79-86	JULY 23-2-8-14-28-29-32-59-82	AUG. 23-1-25-32-59-82	SEPT. 23-23-39-59-82	OCT. 23-4-15-29-34-42-53-87-89	NOV. 21-17-20-36-57-71-74-88-90	DEC. 22-21-24-41-47-65-67-72	JAN. 20-5-9-30-54-67-68-81-85	FEB. 19-19-20-21-22-27-28-44-50-59-70-83-84	MAR. 20-19-20-21-22-27-28-44-50-59-70-83-84

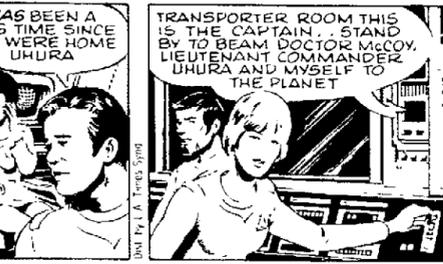
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 7 Readjust 37 Rooming 67 News 87 News
 8 Luck 38 Will 68 Buy 88 Buy
 9 A 39 And 69 Realize 89 Buy
 10 You 40 And 70 Your 90 Buy
 11 Today 41 Be 71 To 91 Buy
 12 Recent 42 Available 72 Checking 92 Buy
 13 Viewpoint 43 Romantic 73 Important 93 Buy
 14 Smiles 44 Nice 74 Musicians 94 Buy
 15 Worry 45 Appearance 75 Assets 95 Buy
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 17 Good 47 Over 77 You 97 Buy
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☉ Good ☽ Adverse ☿ Neutral

STAR TREK



By Thomas Warkentin



CAPTAIN EASY



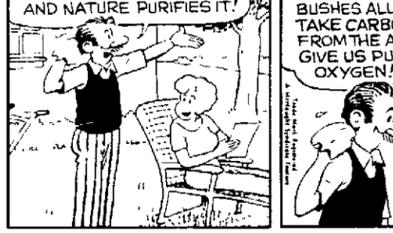
ALLEY OOP



MUTT AND JEFF



FRANK AND ERNEST



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Drug said to cause similar symptoms as Agent Orange

BALTIMORE (AP) — An experimental drug used extensively by the military to prevent malaria in Vietnam produces side effects resembling most of the ailments Vietnam veterans attribute to

Agent Orange, the Baltimore Evening Sun reported Tuesday.

The side effects from the drug Dapsone include blood disorders blamed for the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen who were taking daily doses, the paper reported.

Military doctors knew about Dapsone's side effects, the paper said, but required the troops to take the pills because the drug was effective in preventing a deadly strain of malaria that was resistant to standard drug therapy.

"The drug was the only thing available at the time," said Lt. Col. Jeff

Cook, a spokesman for the Army surgeon general's office.

"The risk of malaria outweighed the risks associated with the drug," he added. "It was, to the best of our knowledge, the only responsible thing to do."

The drug, which neither the manufacturer nor the federal Food and Drug Administration recommends for malaria use, was given to most U.S. servicemen in Vietnam between late 1966 and early 1970.

Veterans who took Dapsone say they were told only that the pills would prevent malaria. They said they were not told about the drug's hazards.

By 1970 at least 16 U.S. servicemen had become gravely ill from the drug and eight of them died of granulocytopenia, a blood disorder that resembles leukemia, the Evening Sun article wrote.

After that, the Army forced only men in high-malaria areas to take the pills.

Dapsone's best-known side effects involve disorders of the blood. In addition to granulocytopenia, the drug also has been blamed for causing methemoglobinemia and hemolytic anemia, conditions that reduce the blood's ability to transport oxygen.

In addition to the blood disorders, Dapsone is described in several medical journals as causing a wide variety of side effects that parallel the symptoms that many Vietnam veterans complain of from Agent Orange, a dioxin-based defoliant used during the war.

Those ailments include skin rashes, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, headaches, giddiness, insomnia, ringing of the ears, rapid heartbeat, anemia, nerve damage, hepatitis, and kidney

and digestive tract problems.

All those side effects, however, are immediate or "acute" effects of the drug. There is no clinical or scientific evidence to suggest that Dapsone — or, for that matter, Agent Orange — can cause acute effects 10 years later, the Evening Sun reported.

The risks of Dapsone are extensively documented in medical literature. The side effects are serious enough that the FDA has never approved the drug for general use as an anti-malarial agent.

"The Army was not obligated to obtain FDA approval," explained Edward Nida, an FDA spokesman.

Although the preparation was

ultimately administered to more than a million American servicemen, it remains classified as an experimental anti-malarial drug.

Its only officially approved use is for the treatment of leprosy, though many dermatologists also prescribe the drug for certain skin conditions, and it has been used occasionally in cancer chemotherapy.

Standard Army therapy during those years was to require combat soldiers to take one Dapsone tablet each day, in addition to a weekly pill that contained Chloroquine and Primaquine.

The Chloroquine-Primaquine pill is also known to produce several unpleasant side effects, including nausea, stomach cramps, diarrhea and skin rashes. In rare cases, it caused heart problems, muscular weakness, permanent loss or impairment of vision, permanent deafness and mental impairment.

One preliminary government study also suggested that mixing Dapsone with Chloroquine and Primaquine could produce cumulative side effects more serious than taking either drug alone.



MUDD SWITCHES TO NBC — Roger Mudd, the CBS News correspondent will join NBC as chief Washington correspondent, William J. Small, president of NBC News, announced Tuesday in New York. Mudd was once considered to succeed Walter Cronkite, as "Evening News" anchorman. (AP Laserphoto)

The World Almanac®

Q&A

Can you match these countries with the colors of their flags?

- Italy
- Greece
- Luxembourg
- Libya
- Turkey

(a) green
 (b) blue and white
 (c) red and white
 (d) green, white and red
 (e) red, white and blue

ANSWERS
 1 d 2 b 3 e 4 a 5 c

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