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* Golfer: "I think I'm going to drown myself in the lake."

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* Golfer: "I'd move Heaven and Earth to break 100 on this course."

Caddy: "Try Heaven, you've already moved most of the Earth.

* Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving"?

Caddy: "Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now."

* Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on."



Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour

* Golfer: "That can't be my

Caddy: "Well, it's has been a long time since we teed off, sir."



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* On May 1, 1963, Gloria Steinem published the first half of "A Bunny's Tale" in SHOW maga-

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* On May 4, 1776, Rhode Island, which was founded by the most radical religious dissenters from the Puritans of Massachusetts Bay Colony, became the first North American colony to re-

nounce its allegiance to King George III. It would also be the last state to ratify the new American Constitution more than 14 years later.

* On May 5, 1816, the first published poem by John Keats, the sonnet "To Solitude", appeared in § the London journal The Examiner. Keats' sadly brief but overall brilliant span of work includes "Ode on a Grecian Ūrn," "La Belle Dame Sans Merci" and "Ode to a Nightingale."

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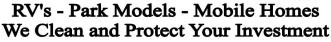
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- 8. **MUSIC:** What was the former name of the English band Muse?
- 9. **SCIENCE:** What are the gaps between nerve cells called?
- 10. **THEATER:** Who wrote the play "The Crucible"?

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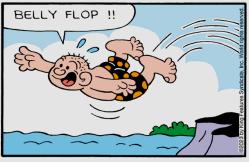
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* Golfer: "How do you like my game"?

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* Golfer: "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday"?

Caddy: "The way you play, sir, it's a sin on any day."

* Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron"?

Caddy: "Eventually."

* Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world."

Caddy: "I don't think so, sir. That would be too much of a coincidence."

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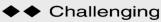
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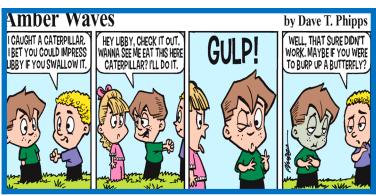
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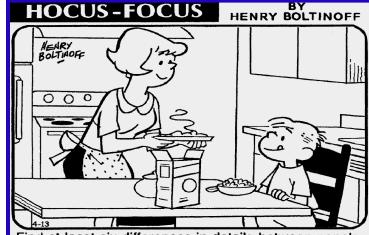
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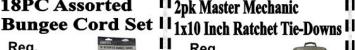


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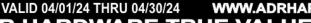
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VOCAL CORD BECOMES PARALYZED AFTER A COLD



DEAR DR. ROACH: My daughter, 45, has had a paralyzed left vocal cord for about a year now. We have been to an ear, nose and throat (ENT) doctor who ran at least a half dozen tests, including several scans. These didn't show a reason for the problem, and everything else appeared to be normal. She had a cold before this happened, and we were treating her for a lingering sore throat. The doctor has told us that there is nothing to be done to unfreeze the vocal cord. I would love your opinion on this matter, as she has a lot of pain associated with it, and she coughs trying to get out what feels stuck in there. -- K.P.

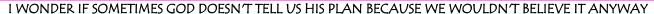
ANSWER: Paralysis of the vocal cord is often the result of damage to the nerve that leads to the vocal cord; there's one on each side. The left side is particularly vulnerable and may be damaged during surgery (especially thyroid surgery), but a big fear is that a mass (especially a cancerous one) can damage the nerve

and cause paralysis of the vocal cord. This is why her doctor did a CT scan. There are other less-common causes, such as nerve damage from other occurrences (stroke and multiple sclerosis); inflammatory diseases (lupus and others); and infections (such as Lyme disease). It sounds like the ENT doctor looked for other possibilities such as these. (But if not, then it should be done.) When a cause can't be found, we call it "idiopathic unilateral vocal cord paralysis." This often seems to happen after a viral infection, and it sounds like your daughter might have had one. Many people with this condition get better by themselves during the first year, but now that it has been about a year for her, she isn't likely to get better without treatment. I am not an expert in treatment, but ENT surgeons have several types of surgical interventions to improve hoarseness, cough and discomfort. It's time to go back to her ENT doctor or get referred to an expert in the surgical treatment of this condition.

DEAR DR. ROACH: If exercise helps new arteries to grow, would it also help new veins to grow and alleviate varicose veins? -- M.D.

ANSWER: It's a good thought, but unfortunately, exercise does not make the body grow new arteries, which are the large blood vessels that bring oxygen-rich blood to our organs and muscles. Exercise increases the size of the arteries and can help keep them from getting stiffer with age. Exercise in combination with a good diet can also help keep them from getting blocked. In addition, exercise can help with varicose veins, but once again, it isn't because the body grows new veins. Varicose veins are dilated veins that occur due to damage in the tiny valves inside the veins. Without those valves, the venous blood can pool under the effects of gravity, causing the veins to swell. Exercise helps because of the pump effect of the intermittent muscle contraction, which forces blood back into the large veins and ultimately back into the heart. Exercise, compression stockings and elevation are among the most important lifestyle changes for varicose veins.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. (c) 2024 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved





BIOBILE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Jeremiah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. The villains Sanballat and Geshem are only mentioned in which book? 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther
- 3. From Ephesians 5, what did Paul recommend as a substitute for wine? Water, Laughter, Love, Holy Spirit
- 4. Who condemns drinkers who start early in the morning? Job, Isaiah, Ezra, Esther
- 5. Which king had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen? David, Jehoash, Solomon, Neco
- 6. Who wrote the book of Revelation? John, Jude, Matthew, Peter

ANSWERS:

- 1) Old
- 2) Nehemiah
- 3) Holy Spirit
- 4) Isaiah 5) Solomon
- 6) John (the Revelator)

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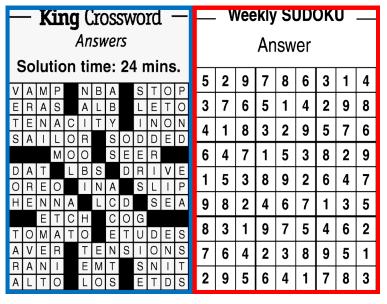
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Tue. April 16th Tax Sympathy Day \$5.00 Grill Cheese w/ Tomato Soup Lunch Special. Wed. April 17th Patriotic Art Awards Banquet 6pm Sat. April 20th Instillation of New Officers 12 pm - Pot Luck to follow -

Sun. Members Hold'Um 12pm / Aux Bingo 4pm. Mexican Mondays 11:am - 1:30pm (Tues) - Post Bingo 2pm / (Fri) - Post or Aux Bingo 2pm Tuesday - Broasted Chicken & Burgers 5:00-7pm Tuesday - Friday Lunch Specials 11-1:30pm Thursday-Wings & Things! 5-7pm / Karaoke w/Todd 5pm Fri. - Ribs, Shrimp or Cod Dinner 5-7:00pm Entertainment 5-9pm Sat. - Ribeye Steak, Shrimp or Chicken Tenders 5-7pm Sat. Queen of Hearts 5-7:30pm / Sat. Entertainment 5-9pm



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April Band Schedule Live Music Starts @5pm

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Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
04/02 David Grimes	04/04 Karaoke w/Todd	04/05 Shift Work	04/06 Shift Work
04/09 Sam & the Band	04/11 Karaoke w/Todd	04/12 Red Door	04/13 Triple Play
04/16 Country Legends	04/18 Karaoke w/Todd	04/19 Roadhouse Wranglers	04/20 Roadhouse Wranglers
04/23 Rush Street	04/25 Karaoke w/Todd	04/26 Rusty Wagon	04/27 Rusty Wagon
04/30 Bustin Loose			

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by Freddy Groves

Compensation for Service-Related Conditions

Service-connected injuries and conditions for which you can receive compensation can be either physical or mental. But there's no one-size-fits-all when it comes to how much compensation you can receive. Whether it's hearing loss or depression, or cancer or PTSD, each one has a different rating, which results in a different level of compensation.

The Department of Veterans Affairs disability rating you are assigned after being approved is based on the severity of your condition. Your compensation will be based partially on that and partially on whatever else might increase that compensation, such as having a family or a disabled spouse, or if you've suffered severe disability or loss of limbs. And from there it gets even more complicated.

It's possible for your rating to change over time if your condition worsens, but even when combining multiple ratings (conditions) it's nearly impossible to reach 100% disability. Increasing your final rating by combining smaller ratings (for multiple conditions) is difficult because there are rules, charts and math to consider. There is combining the numbers, converting, rounding up or down to the nearest 10. For example, you can't take a 20% rating and a 60% rating and come up with an 80% rating. In this case, the actual combined rating equates to 68%, but it's rounded up to 70% ... because the chart says so.

Combining three or more disabilities is even more complicated. And nowhere on that chart is a rating of 100% disability. A 100% disability rating, if given, can be temporary (until your condition clears up or gets better) or permanent if given for severe conditions such as blindness or loss of limb. But reaching that level without those severe conditions is difficult enough that whole legal websites across the internet are devoted to that one effort: getting a 100% disability rating.

> To wade through the disability compensation ratings and benefits, go to

www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/rates-index.asp#howcalc.

The ratings calculator can be found at www.va.gov/disability/ about-disability-ratings. The VA is currently taking 158 days to make decisions about claims.

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