

# Valerie Harper is hopeful but not cancer-free — yet

**Maria Puente**  
USA TODAY

Here's another reminder that doctors aren't always right and even "terminal" cancer isn't always a death sentence: Actress Valerie Harper, who last year announced she had months to live,

is quoted in a magazine saying she is "absolutely cancer-free." But on Wednesday, she said in a statement that is "erroneous" — she is not cancer-free. "I wish I were." She is "cautiously optimistic about my present condition; I have hope for the future." Harper was in New York promoting her appearance on Hall-

mark Channel's new series *Signed, Sealed, Delivered* when *Closer Weekly* began promoting its story, on newsstands now, that Harper said "I'm absolutely cancer-free" in an interview. In March of last year, friends and fans were shocked to learn her diagnosis of a rare type of brain cancer, leptomeningeal car-

cinomatosis, which she discussed in an emotional round of interviews. She opted for chemotherapy; doctors said she could have as little as three months to live. But Harper, 74, best known for her role on the TV series *Rhoda*, is still with us and even working again, so the months-to-live prediction turned out to be wrong.



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**Harper is "cautiously optimistic."**

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#### CLOWN SHOES

##### ACROSS

- Where workers may sing for their supper
- Add a bit of color
- Newton fruit
- Having dire consequences
- Have a crush on
- Santa \_\_\_\_, Calif.
- Many McDonald's restaurant owners
- Silent
- Even if, casually
- Pull-down exercise target, briefly
- Strong anger
- Compensates for
- Represses
- Champ who could "sting like a bee"
- Term of respect for a woman
- Wriggly and slimy
- Lust, envy or gluttony, e.g. "Yowza!"
- Taxis list them
- Beginning for China
- Flinch or blink, perhaps
- What a lobster may fall into
- Commemorative stone marker
- Longtime senator Thurmond
- Id's kin
- Bit of flashy guitar work
- Quick to the helm
- "Telephone Line" rock grp.
- To the extent that (with "as")
- Magazine-rack lingerer
- Expert on hard-hitting plays
- Biblical verb ending
- One-third of a film dog's name
- "Now \_\_\_ seen it all!"
- Goodall subjects
- Go steady with
- Copy machine supply

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- Edmonton puck-pusher
- Twice-daily dozen (Abbr.)
- Hit hard, old-style
- They know things you don't think they know
- Rhetoric
- Relief provider in a desert
- Spark producer
- They may be 10 percent to seekers
- Rice wines
- Bad condition for a tire
- Substantial, as a role
- Junkyard metal
- First manned mooncraft
- Track of the pack
- This and that
- Female bullfighter
- Personal property
- Fine-wooled sheep
- Sailor's measure of depth
- From Dublin
- "Over my dead body!"
- Prefix with "plasty"
- Open, as a snowsuit
- Achieved, as a sales quota
- Beginning for tend or text
- Peyton's little brother
- Wider shoe than even this theme suggests
- Almost grads

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DEBIT	SPLIT	SAP
AMBLE	KOOKY	PRO
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POBOXES	ANODES	
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Across  
1. 32629  
5. 7268  
7. 726267  
8. 5878  
9. 749

Down  
1. 37436359  
2. 6378687  
3. 936  
4. 2667687  
6. 836737

### WORD ROUNDUP

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek  
4/17

Find and Circle:  
Seven words with EE in the middle  
Three large Australian cities  
The Duke: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa  
Opposite of "worst"

Wednesday's answer: CHROMIUM MERCURY COBALT COPPER NICKEL SILVER GOLD IRON ZINC TIN / JULY JUNE MAY / TED TURNER / ROBERT / VESSEL

### QUICKCROSS

By John Wilmes  
4/17

Some bombs, briefly

Solid precipitation

Farm unit

Ticked (off)

Question starter

Spiked club

Straits

Snow vehicle

Wednesday's Answer

R	O	A	D
A	G	R	I
T	R	I	P
T	E	D	S

### SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (no repeats).

			9	2		3		
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By David L. Hoyt and Russell L. Hoyt  
4/17

1. PISTOL

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

**GOSLING**

Clues:  
1. NBA great Maravich  
2. Original Beatles drummer  
3. Hotel chain  
4. Money-transfer company  
5. New Zealand flag feature  
6. Tom Clancy character  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ in "Gangster Squad"

Wednesday's Answer

MENTAL	HEALTH
HEALTH	CARE
CARE	PACKAGE
PACKAGE	DEAL
DEAL	WITH
WITH	LOVE
LOVE	BOAT

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		2			
			6		2
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			2		
		5		6	1

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Wednesday's Answers

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

**Today's theme: Feelings**

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

Use the phone keypad to decode the clues.  
For example: 2 could be A, B or C... and 5678 could be LOST

**BISMUTH**

G	B	I	S	M	U	T	H
O	R	Z	I	N	C		
L	E	A	D	R	A		
D	B	O	R	O	N		
N							
X	E	N	O	N			

Yesterday's solution

**DON'T QUOTE ME**

Italian poet Dante Alighieri stresses the need to stand up for what is right.

Rearrange the words to complete the quote.  
GREAT MAINTAIN MORAL NEUTRALITY PLACES RESERVED WHO THE HOTTEST \_\_\_\_\_ IN HELL ARE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THOSE \_\_\_\_\_ IN TIME OF \_\_\_\_\_ CRISIS, \_\_\_\_\_ THEIR \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday's Answer: "Giving government money and power is like giving car keys and whiskey to a teenage boy"  
- P.J. O'Rourke