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Double Word Score

RACK 1: G, R, A, M, S

RACK 2: A, I, O, N, H, F, S

RACK 3: A, E, I, H, G, T, M

3rd Letter Triple

RACK 4: A, A, N, R, T, M, N

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 213

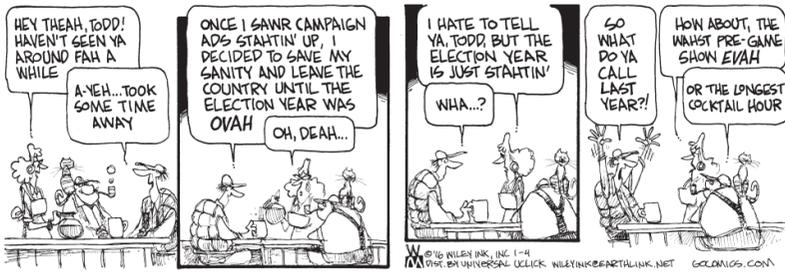
FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne



DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bill Keane



JUMBLE

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

LUGEN

AHCOV

DOUPIM

TEPICO

Answer here: "LUGEN" = "TEPICO"

(Answers tomorrow)

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Look how strong he is.

It's like that car is a toy. This is awesome.

AUDIENCE LOVED "JURASSIC PARK" AND THOUGHT IT WAS

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

Answers tomorrow

Saturday's Jumbles: NEWLY ORBIT INJECT UNFOLD
Answer: The concert music was changed, but the musician hadn't been — "NOTE-IFIED"

Drooping eyelid common after surgery

Dear Dr. Roach: I am a 75-year-old woman who had successful cataract surgery two months ago. However, it left me with swollen eyelids and noticeable pouches under both eyes. My doctor advised that some people have a reaction like mine. I was told that the swelling should abate by six months. The healing was excellent, and I see fine, with the exception of the drooping eyelids. The seniors I know who had cataracts out and lenses in did not have a reaction like mine.

What would cause this to happen? Is this a common occurrence? — *Anon.*

Drooping eyelids, called ptosis, is fairly common after cataract surgery, happening about 10 percent of the time. Most of the time, it goes away by itself, and the six-month time period your doctor told you is supported by what I found in the published litera-

DR. KEITH ROACH TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

There are many causes, and people who get eyelid swelling are more likely to get the drooping of the eyelids. If it persists, surgery may be required to fix it. However, this is unlikely. People should know this is a possibility before undergoing cataract surgery.

Dear Dr. Roach: You were recently asked about Pap tests for the elderly, and gave the same answer that troubled me a year or so ago. I meant to write then.

I fear that others may discontinue pelvic exams after age 80, as my mother did, with fatal results. She was 84 and had done all the right things: proper diet, exercise, dancing, walking on the beach, going out to shows, reading, socializing, volunteering, etc. For

years she'd gone to a doctor who had taken good care of my father. But it wasn't until a friend took her to his (younger) doctor because she was in such pain and insisted she be seen that she was diagnosed — too late, of course.

I'd be grateful if you'd mention in your column the added warning to continue pelvic exams for the elderly. — *J.B.*

I do agree that women should continue to get regular exams and checkups, including gynecologic exams, even if they no longer need Pap smears. However, I don't want to paint too optimistic a picture for the physical exam as a screening test for ovarian cancer. While they are better than nothing, there is no effective test, including imaging (such as an ultrasound), blood test (such as CA-125) or physical exam. No screening is recommended or has been shown to cause more good than harm in

women who have average risk for ovarian cancer. I dearly wish this weren't the case, since ovarian cancer is the leading cause of gynecologic cancer deaths. I have been following the literature on new blood tests that might become useful in screening for ovarian cancer, but so far none is generally available.

Women at high risk for ovarian cancer, such as those with a genetic BRCA mutation, should be evaluated for screening by an expert. Women also should be aware of the symptoms of ovarian cancer, which include abdominal bloating or swelling, lower-abdominal or pelvic pain, poor appetite and weight loss (or gain). Unfortunately, these symptoms are not specific, and even if women come in immediately upon recognizing them, it often can be too late, which is why an effective screening test is so urgently needed.

Bridge by Frank Stewart

Spreading cheer

In my club's penny Chicago game, West was the dreaded Grapefruit, our member who spreads cheer whenever he goes. He badgers his partners mercilessly.

Against four hearts, Grapefruit led the ten of clubs, and South took the ace and led a trump, finessing with dummy's ten. East took his ace, cashed the king of clubs and led a third club. Grapefruit took the queen and shifted to a spade, and South won with the king and led a second trump.

MISSING TRUMP

When Grapefruit's queen appeared, South won in dummy but did not draw the last trump. He cashed the ace of spades and his top diamonds and won the four last tricks with a crossruff. He made his game, and Grapefruit announced that East's defense was as sharp as a pound of wet liver.

East should refuse the first trump. As the cards lie, South could still get home. But if he returns to his hand to lead a second trump, East wins and leads his last trump, and South will fall a trick short. Nor can South succeed by ruffing spades in his hand when West still has the queen of trumps.

your right, opens one spade. You double, the next player bids two spades and your partner tries three hearts. The opening bidder passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner's three hearts doesn't promise much. He would act with only seven or so points, and with both opponents bidding, he may have no more. But since your king of spades is well placed, risk a bid of four hearts.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

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

South 1 NT
West Pass
North 2 ♣
East Pass

Opening lead — ♣ 10
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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Head skin
- Madrid museum
- TV letters
- Big name in aluminum
- Caste member
- Directional ending
- White's paper
- "Norma"
- Political non-affiliation letters
- Implement
- Casual military address
- Thickening sauce
- Lake between Huron and Erie
- Existing, but not manifest
- Become extinct
- Pale gray of face
- "Like a Rock" singer
- O.T. book
- Jeff Morrow sci-fi classic
- One of the girls
- Parts of speech
- Islamic scholar
- Capers
- Crescent-shaped
- Spooled back to the beginning
- Intervening space: abbr.
- Run ___ of the law
- Cookbook author Rombauer
- Scoundrel
- Letters on cameras

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- Falco and Brickell
- Thin strip of wood
- Author Zola
- Late great tennis player
- Estab. measure
- Undeveloped countries
- Calendar units
- College VIPs
- Twisted sideways
- Player's bio entry
- Wistful words
- Enjoyed to excess
- Shortly
- Isn't incorrect?
- Debtor's letters
- Iranian currency
- Paint a picture with words
- B. Davis
- Applications
- Ike's monogram
- Scraping tools
- Get more points
- Key of Beethoven's "Eroica"
- Solid ground
- Frock
- Norse god of poetry
- Contemptuous smile
- ___ fixe
- Act petulant
- Hairdo
- TV alien from Melmac
- Qualified
- Alejandro and Fernando
- Harts and hinds
- Indications
- Harem area
- ___ off (angry)
- Kindled
- "Little Women" author's initials

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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

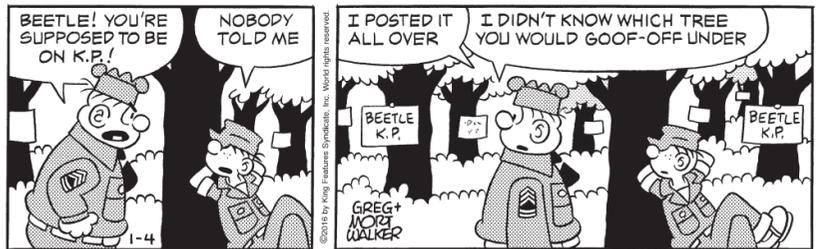
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Scrabble Solution

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 213

RACK 4 = 8
RACK 3 = 66
RACK 2 = 63
RACK 1 = 76

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell



Conceptis Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★

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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

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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