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A1	E1	O1	C3	R1	N1	M3	2nd Letter Triple	RACK 1
E1	E1	I1	M3	M3	L1	B3		RACK 2
E1	U1	T1	H4	L1	T1	S1		RACK 3
A1	I1	O1	O1	T1	N1	V4	Double Word Score	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 205

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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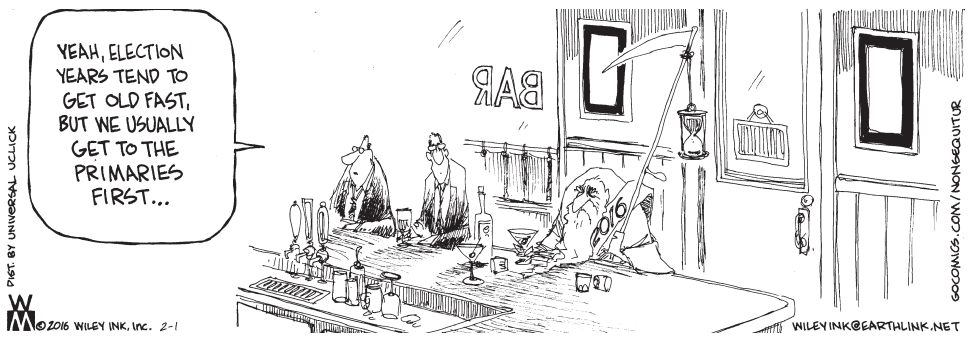
NON SEQUITUR by Wiley

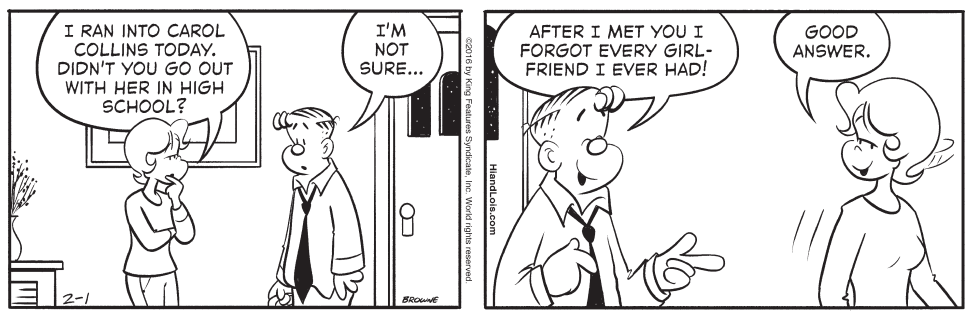


DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

"IT'S REALLY WEIRD HOW MARGARET KEEPS GETTING IN THE WAY OF THOSE SNOWBALLS."

BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne



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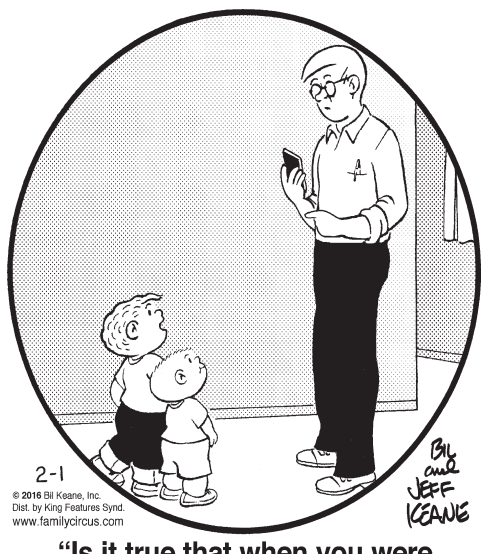

"Is it true that when you were a kid people were smarter than their phones?"

JUMBLE

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

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

COLKB

NOREP

CABENO

NICORI

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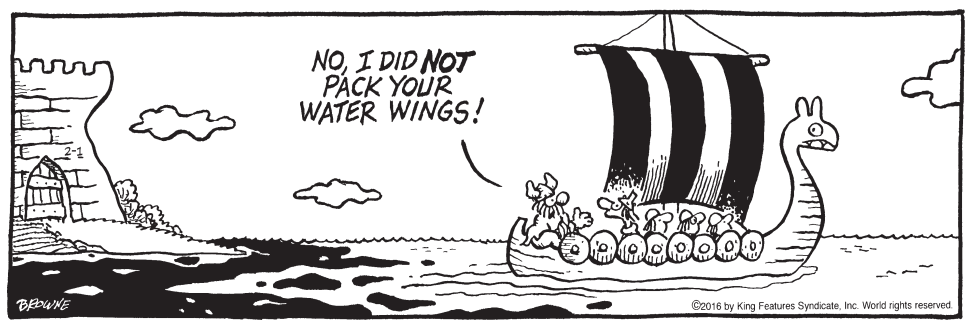
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: IGLOO AUDIO MEMBER NICELY
Answer: After they struck gold, the owner of the gold mine was a — "BULLION-AIRE"

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne



Understanding the benefits of CT scan

DR. KEITH ROACH
TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Dear Dr. Roach: Two years ago, I took advantage of our local $99 low-dose CT scan for smokers at high risk of lung cancer (I certainly fit the criteria).

Still smoking, I had the scan, and it was reported to me that they had "seen something" and wanted to do a follow-up PET scan.

I quit smoking completely, cold turkey, the day before the PET scan, and have been cigarette-free ever since.

Vividly, I remember telling myself for many years as I smoked that not if but when I met with the lung cancer doctor, I would not be a smoker.

The doctor told me that "nothing lit up," therefore I did not have cancer. They did, however, see a number of nodules all on one side of my lung.

The largest was 10 mm in diameter, another 8 mm, then many small ones. He did not know what the nodules were — perhaps the result of a fungal infection (we live close to the east coast of Lake Michigan and have a higher incidence of fungal lung infections in our area).

I've since had two follow-up CT scans, and the nodules have not changed, either in size or in quantity.

I am due for another CT scan six months after the last one, which will be my fourth in approximately 15 months.

The doctor recommended continuing with the standard protocol, which called for another CT scan in six months ("just to keep on eye on those nodules").

So, no biopsy, at least for now. The charge that I saw from the hospital for the PET scan with contrast was $9,000. My co-pay for the PET scan was $225.

It is my belief that I am getting excellent care and advice. I am now working daily, in a number of ways, on improving my overall wellness: physical, emotional and spiritual. I am grateful for all that I have. — *A.O.*

Despite the seeming low price of the initial scan, the follow-up scans have been very expensive, had no demonstrable benefit to you and have given you a fair dose of radiation.

A few people in your situation would have had a nodule grow, requiring it to be removed, and possibly been saved from lung cancer.

However, the number of people who need many follow-up scans and never need surgery is large compared with the number who get their cancer potentially cured.

The best news of all is that you quit smoking, but some people use a negative scan as an excuse to keep smoking.

We don't know whether people are more or less likely to quit smoking after a scan, and that information is critical to understanding whether the scans have a net benefit or harm.

Dear Dr. Roach: Are energy drinks safe to drink? Do they cause heart trouble? — *L.B.P.*

Energy drinks have far more sugar than I think is optimal, and enough caffeine that having more than one or two can cause significant side effects in many people.

However, except under extremely high use, they are not likely to cause heart trouble unless a person has existing, significant heart disease.

Bridge
by Frank Stewart

Going to Plan D

Cy the Cynic says that if Plan A doesn't work, the alphabet still has 25 more letters.

At today's four hearts, South ruffed the second diamond and took the K-A of trumps. With a 2-2 break he would have had 10 easy tricks, but when East discarded, South had to go to Plan B: He led a club to finesse with dummy's jack.

East won and led another diamond, and South ruffed and tried Plan C: He led a club to dummy and returned a spade to his jack. West produced the queen and took his queen of trumps. Down one.

ALPHABET

South needed to go one letter deeper into the alphabet. After he ruffs the second diamond, he takes the ace of spades and A-K of trumps and next leads a spade to his jack.

West wins, cashes his high trump and leads a third diamond. South ruffs and takes the king of spades. When East-West follow, South goes to dummy and discards his losing club on the 13th spade. If spades did not break 3-3, South could finesse in clubs.

This week: combining chances.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 5 4 3 2 ♡ K 5 3 ♢ Q 6 3 ♣ A K J. The dealer, at your left, opens three hearts. Your partner doubles. The next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner's hand is worth 17 or more points in support of any unbid suit, especially spades. You surely have a game, and it may be four spades. But your spades are weak, a bad split is possible, and you have a heart stopper and enough high-card values to expect nine tricks at notrump. Bid 3NT.

North dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 5 4 3 2
♡ K 5 3
♢ Q 6 3
♣ A K J

WEST
♠ Q 9 8
♡ Q 10 6
♢ K J 10 7
♣ 9 6 5

EAST
♠ 10 7 6
♡ J
♢ A 9 8 4 2
♣ Q 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ A K J
♡ A 9 8 7 4 2
♢ 5
♣ 4 3 2

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♡	Pass
1 NT	Pass	4 ♡	All Pass

Opening lead — ♢ J

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The Daily Crossword
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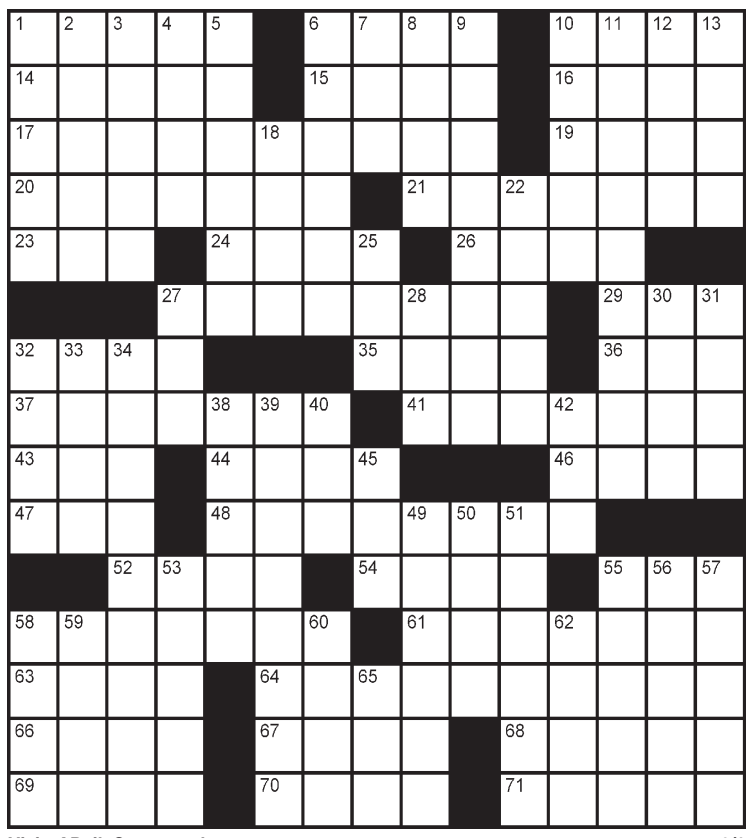

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ACROSS
1 Teutonic Odin
6 JFK figures
10 Would-be atty.'s exam
14 Poetic inspiration
15 Roman baker's dozen?
16 Canad. province
17 Fastness
19 Tablet
20 "Walden" writer
21 Earthshaking
23 Barstool drop-off
24 Chews though toothless
26 Koko's dagger
27 Predicted
29 Speed stat
32 Fungi sacs
35 602
36 Spanish cheer
37 Yellowish pink
41 Relieved
43 Morsel of food
44 Blaze a trail
46 "Undercover Angel" singer Alan
47 Fund-raising interest grp.
48 Showy yellow flower
52 Parka part
54 Yankee Berra
55 Opp. of NNW
58 Reverses
61 Passage between buildings
63 Frankenstein's gofer
64 Pinup from a magazine
66 City south of Moscow
67 "The Court Jester" star
68 Mother-in-law of Ruth
69 Very small amounts
70 Pivot
71 Sergeant Bilko

DOWN
1 Jerry and Mae
2 Correct: pref.
3 Fortuneteller's card
4 Liquid suffix?
5 Apart from self
6 Disinter
7 Barcelona uncle
8 Feels unwell
9 One way to elude a tackle
10 Period of distraction
11 Naked mass of protoplasm
12 Gudrun's victim
13 Drying powder
18 Asian ox
22 Art house film
25 Meas. base
27 Mountain evergreen
28 USN training program
30 Appeal
31 Actress Lamarr
32 On the summit of
33 Evening in Venice
34 Get sick and tired?
38 Edward James of "Miami Vice"
39 Scoters and mergansers
40 Knack for music
42 City in central Israel
45 Handyman's letters
49 Chin whiskers
50 Fairy-tale beast
51 Gothic rib
53 Gumbo pods
55 Get dreamy
56 Dish stewed in wine
57 Singer Gorme
58 Ship's post for securing ropes
59 Tampico water
60 Ring out
62 Beyond sight
65 Manhattan sch.

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

M	A	T	E		S	A	F	E	R		O	C	H	S
O	X	E	N		H	U	L	C	E		S	H	O	E
R	E	N	O	T	I	F	I	C	A	T	I	O	N	S
A	L	D	R	I	N		R	E	C	H	E	C	K	S
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O	A	H	U		B	A	T	O	N	S		A	D	O
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S	O	R	E	L		S	U	R		S	C	E	N	E
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U	N	D	E	R	O	N	E	S	B	R	E	A	T	H
R	I	L	L		C	O	S	T	A		N	I	U	E
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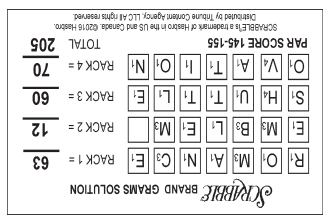
Scrabble Solution



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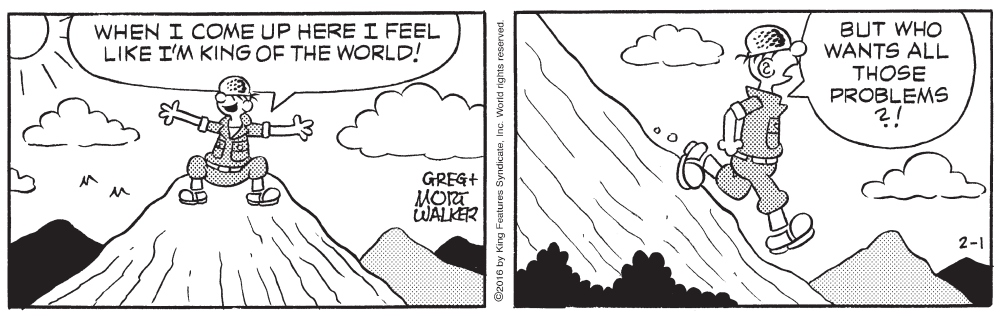

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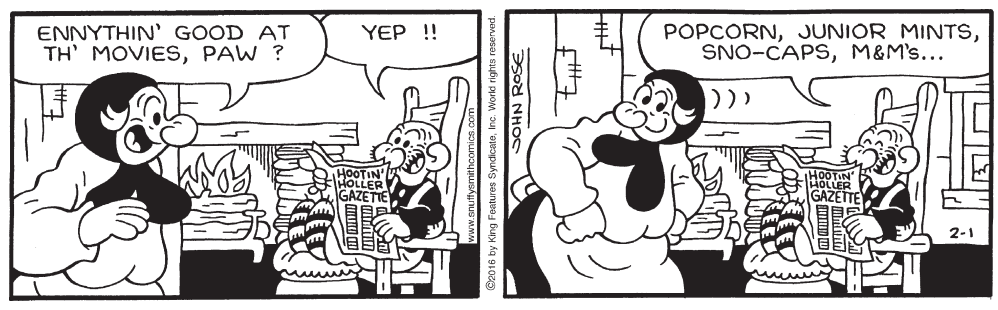

Conceptis Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★ 2/01

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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

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 1/30

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