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Triple Word Score
 RACK 1
 A1 E1 O1 L1 X3 S1 P3

3rd Letter Double
 RACK 2
 A1 E1 U1 T1 T1 P3 S1

RACK 3
 A1 E1 I1 U1 K5 N1 C3

RACK 4
 A1 E1 L1 L1 T1 T1 S1

PAR SCORE 140-150
 BEST SCORE 227

FOUR RACK TOTAL
 TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

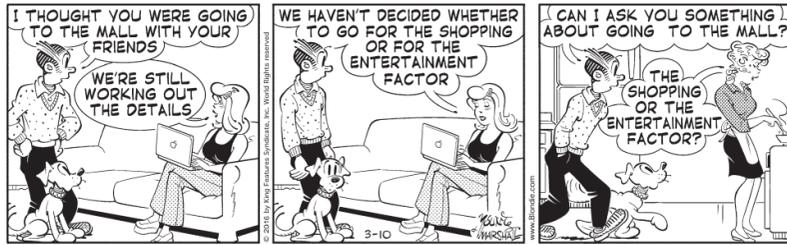
DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE™ Players Dictionary 5th Edition.

Answer below
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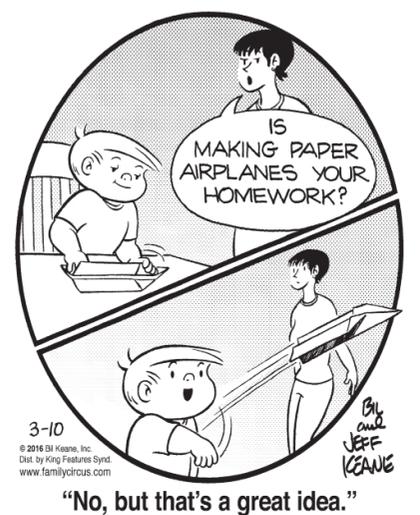
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne



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.

ALUQI
 DYDLO
 DRAWYT
 NAGCEH

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

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RAZOR HAIRY BELIEF CATTLE
 Answer: The cardiologist was able to walk to work because he lived in the — HEART OF THE CITY

The facts on dystrophic calcifications

Dear Dr. Roach: I had an MRA scan, and it was noted that I have calcifications in my cerebellum, suggesting dystrophic calcifications. Is this hereditary? — D.S.

DR. KEITH ROACH
TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

In congenital abnormalities, infections and tumors. Dystrophic calcifications are most commonly seen in areas of brain injury such as trauma, surgery, stroke and radiation treatment.

because I heard it was good for your skin. Recently I have doubled my water intake, and my acne problem has almost totally cleared up. Is this large consumption of water helping? Is it good for a person? — J.K.

ing excess amounts of water through sweating or because you are taking a medication that requires water intake.

To be fair, water intake up to very high amounts (40 liters per day) can be handled by a person with normal kidneys and normal heart function, unless the person is taking a medication that affects salt and water metabolism, such as a diuretic, or has an abnormality with anti-diuretic hormone.

In your case, the time course you present is strong evidence that the extra water helped your acne. But it also is possible it was something else. Testosterone levels tend to decrease normally in men in their 60s, and that may be responsible for the improvement in your acne.

left, opens one club. Your partner doubles, you bid one spade and he raises to three spades. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: Consider how much worse your hand might have been. You could have held 9 6 5 2, 7 3, 9 8 6, 10 5 4 2, yet partner was willing to undertake a nine-trick contract. Since you have a five-card suit and an ace, bid four spades. If he has his bid, 10 tricks should be easy.

South dealer
 Both sides vulnerable

BRIDGE
 by Frank Stewart

Sounding an alarm

“Come over for dinner?” Unlucky Louie asked me as the afternoon game ended. “Has your wife’s cooking improved?” I asked cautiously. “She’s a great cook,” Louie protested. “When she’s in the kitchen, even the smoke alarm cheers her on.”

Louie could use an alarm at the bridge table — to warn him against hasty play. Against his four hearts, West led the king of diamonds, and Louie surveyed dummy for all of two seconds and played the six, unblocking his jack.

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

DAILY QUESTION

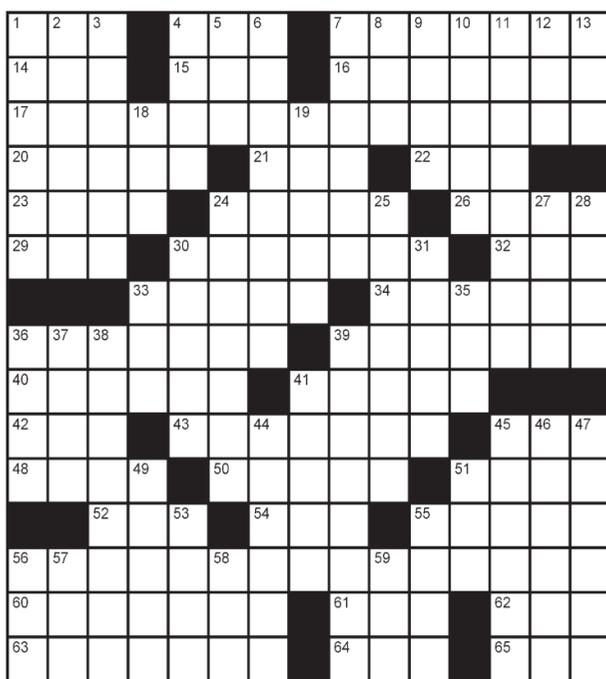
You hold: ♠ 10 9 6 5 2 ♥ 7 3
 ♦ A 10 6 ♣ 10 5 4. Dealer, at your

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ K

The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- Gov. tax collector
 - gratia artis
 - Violently breaking into pieces
 - Encountered
 - Drink like a cat
 - Tributes
 - Reporter's cohort
 - Condor's nest
 - Ending for a belief
 - Salt Lake hrs.
 - Outdoor quarters
 - Untroubled
 - Baby shower gift
 - Taste
 - English prince
 - Call for ewe
 - TV shows
 - Soviet dictator
 - With 39A, exact
 - See 36A
 - Kerry county seat
 - Photo finish?
 - Swiss river
 - "Raging Bull" boxer
 - Moines, IA
 - Jalopy
 - Web destinations
 - Strongest man on the Planet?
 - Actress Arthur
 - N, E, W or S
 - Striped equine
 - Screen capture tool
 - Motorcycle's little brother
 - Lincoln or Burrows



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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

- DOWN**
- Collision
 - Listen to an appeal
 - Tempestuous
 - Soothing substance
 - British rule in India
 - Grocer's concern
 - Skin-related
 - Sothem or Landers
 - Con artist's project
 - Composer of "The Planets"
 - Easy to copy
 - Serbian city
 - Gangster's rod
 - Setting advice
 - Software purchasers
 - Canine disorders
 - Takes umbrage
 - Of the congregation
 - Is unable
 - Ruthless
 - Parallel grooves
 - Bakker's letters
 - Grp. of gridders
 - Egyptian god of creation
 - "Dies ___" (day of wrath)
 - Water buffalo of the Philippines
 - "I'm Flying" musical
 - Yes, I see
 - Skater Ito
 - Paget and Winger
 - Infuriate
 - Pollen-bearing organ
 - Squash
 - Little barrel
 - Italian wine center
 - Crustacean's larval stage
 - Russ. or Lith., once
 - Sgt. or cpl.
 - Coop denizen
 - Diamond stat

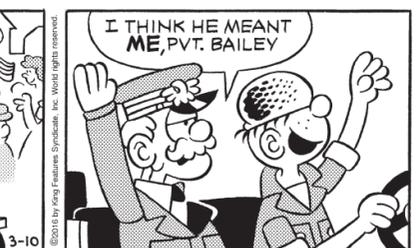
Scrabble Solution

PAR SCORE 140-150
 BEST SCORE 227

RACK 4 = 57
 RACK 3 = 12
 RACK 2 = 60
 RACK 1 = 98

BRAND GRAMS SOLUTION

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell



Conceptis Sudoku

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

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

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