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A1E1I1D2T1R1T1

A1I1O1T1B3R1V4

A1I1O1W4B3T1M3

Triple Word Score

1st Letter Double

RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 223

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

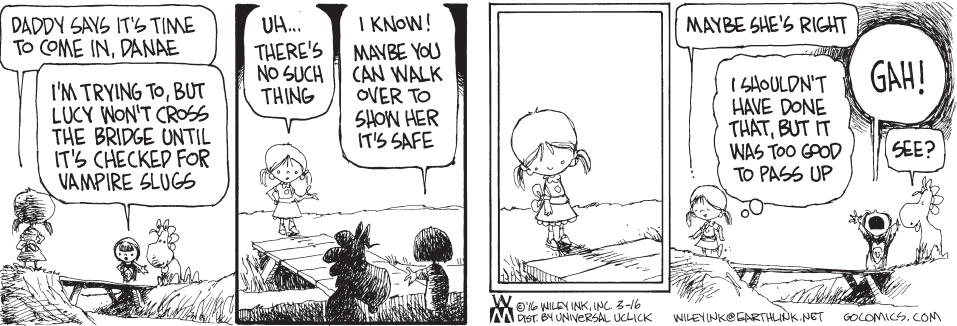
DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

Answer below

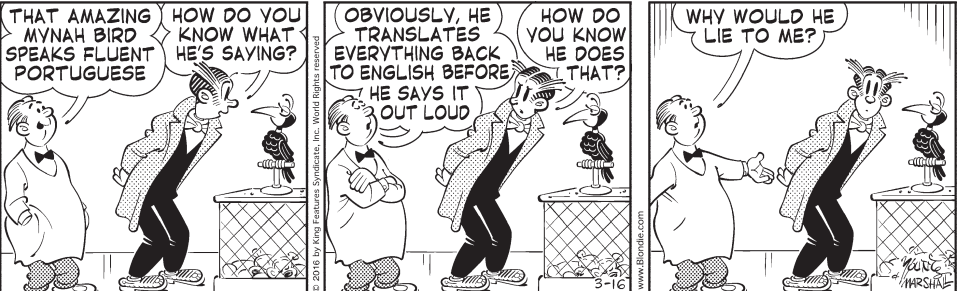
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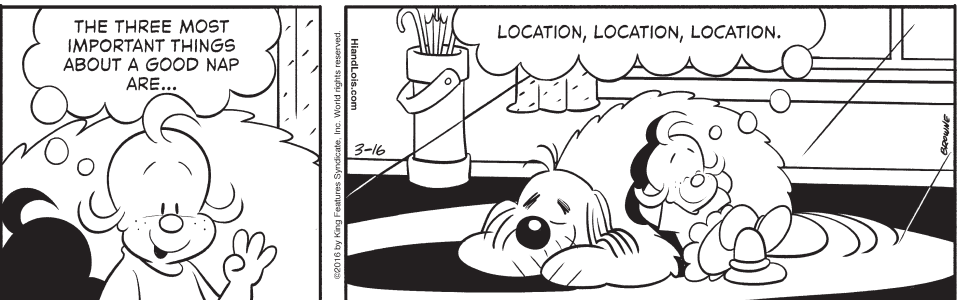
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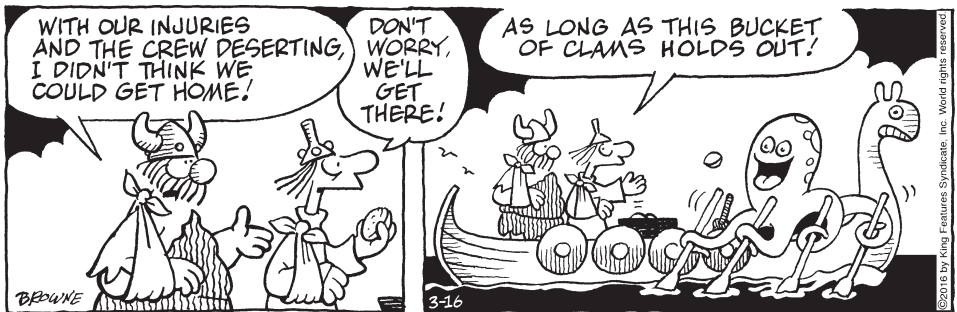
BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall



HI & LOIS by Chance Browne



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne



DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



JUMBLE

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

BIROT

CLIKF

BRETOH

NIRGIO

Ans: (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HELLO BIRCH SUFFIX SHROUD
Answer: An electric guitar with just one string is — "CHORDLESS"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Looks like my straight flush beats your flush.

I can't believe I bet it all!

I can loan you a few bucks.

HE LOST ALL HIS MONEY PLAYING POKER AFTER HE DECIDED TO —

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

Iron anemia brings suspicion of cancer

Dear Dr. Roach: I recently went for an annual checkup, and was told that I am anemic. Other than advising me to take iron pills, I was told to see my gastroenterologist. Upon seeing him and advising him that I'm feeling fine, he wanted to schedule me for a colonoscopy and an endoscopy. I've had these procedures before, most recently in 2010. Do you think I need to have them done now? I'm 70 and have not experienced any pain or esophageal problems at all. Does this relate to my being anemic? — C.A.

DR. KEITH ROACH
TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

You definitely should have a colonoscopy. Six years is enough time for a polyp to develop that's large enough to bleed and become precancerous or even cancerous. If the colonoscopy does not show a source of bleeding, it is appropriate to look for other sources, such as from the upper GI tract via an upper endoscopy. Increasing dietary iron or taking a supplement may be appropriate, but ask your gastroenterologist when to stop before the colonoscopy.

Dear Dr. Roach: My son is 42 years old and has been plagued with severe migraine headaches for at least four or five years — so severe that they leave him incapacitated. Recently, he was driving and had to pull over, get out of

the car, vomit and lie on the ground, helpless. Thankfully an aware policeman called an ambulance and rushed him to the hospital, where he had X-rays, MRIs and loads of tests. They found nothing. They did find dried blood on the brain and said it was old and couldn't explain its presence; we didn't recall any previous injuries in his life. He has been getting these headaches several times a week. He has been to several local doctors, a chiropractor and a masseuse, to no avail. He has been on a number of prescriptions, tried gluten-free diets and even had a procedure that they said would numb the sinus area where headaches occur. Nothing has helped. He says he is not stressed out, but questions the amount of sleep he gets. If he has a headache and goes to bed, he is fine the next morning. The headaches are affecting his life and his job. We don't know what to

do or where to go next. What type of doctor specializes in migraines and migraines only? It seems to me people don't always take a headache seriously. — E.C.

Migraine headaches can show up with a wide range of symptoms — some of which are not even located in the head — and levels of severity, all the way up to totally incapacitating. Several of his features do sound like migraine, such as the vomiting, but the "dried blood" found in the brain by MRI (it sounds like a subdural hematoma, a blood collection usually caused by trauma) worries me. Most general doctors and internists are comfortable treating migraine, but neurologists often have the most expertise. I would recommend he see the most experienced headache specialist available, who is likely to be a neurologist.

Bridge
by Frank Stewart

Number challenges

Like some teens, one of Unlucky Louie's daughters has trouble with math. "She's having a test today," Louie told me, "and she said she has only a 40-40 chance of passing." Maybe the problem is hereditary: Louie isn't the greatest at numbers himself. When he was today's South, he made the honors-based decision to bid five clubs instead of passing 3NT (which North would have made easily).

At the second trick West shifted to the jack of hearts: king, ace, deuce. Louie won the heart return and drew trumps. He next took the ace of diamonds and led to his jack. The finesse won, but when Louie took the king, West discarded. East got his queen, and Louie went down.

LOW DOUBLETON

Louie's diamond play was mathematically challenged. Louie would gain when West had the singleton queen but lose when he had any low doubleton. Louie should lead a diamond to his jack at Trick Four. He draws trumps, goes to the ace of diamonds and returns a diamond to his ten to land the contract.

one heart, you respond one spade and he bids two clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: You temporized with a response of one spade because no direct heart raise was right. Jump to three hearts now to invite game. If your jack of spades were the ace, you would bid four hearts yourself. In fact, to commit to game on the actual hand would not be a bad gamble. West dealer Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ J 10 9 6 3
♥ K Q 5
♦ A 4 2
♣ 5 2

WEST
♠ A K 8
♥ J 10 9 8 3
♦ 8 5
♣ 9 6 3

EAST
♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ A 7 6
♦ Q 9 7 6
♣ 8 4

SOUTH
♠ 5
♥ 4 2
♦ K J 10 3
♣ A K Q J 10 7

West Pass North Pass East Pass South 1 ♣
Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♣
1 ♠ 3 NT Pass 5 ♣ (!)
All Pass

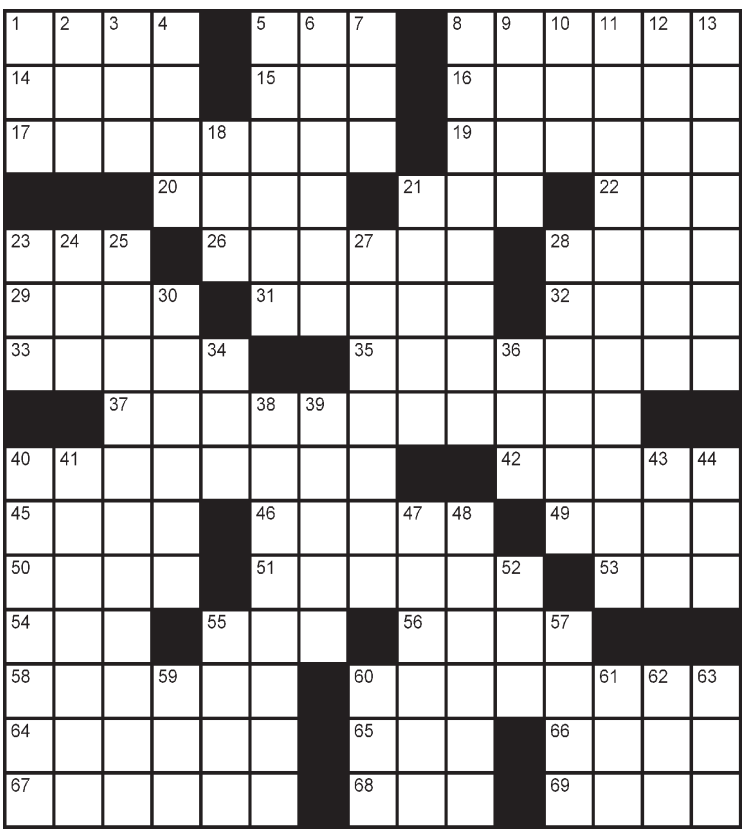
Opening lead — ♠ K

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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- 1 Up to the task
- 5 Soft drink
- 8 Meaningful sequence of words
- 14 Natalie of "Gypsy"
- 15 Actor Vigoda
- 16 Actor Mickey
- 17 Start of a quote by Milton Berle
- 19 Complete
- 20 Qatar leader
- 21 Dogpatch Daisy
- 22 Gymnast's pad
- 23 Actress Farrow
- 26 Bamboozled with information overload
- 28 Manage
- 29 Florence flooder
- 31 Pointer sister
- 32 Fire-sale warning
- 33 Sean and William
- 35 Nephew in the family business
- 37 Part 2 of quote
- 40 Timetable
- 42 Follows surreptitiously
- 45 Debt voucher
- 46 Feathered vertebrates
- 49 Sneak a look
- 50 Canvas colors
- 51 Bunting and Rathbone
- 53 Wok sauce
- 54 Thurman of films
- 55 Help out
- 56 Place for a smack



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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

- 64 Eats away at
- 65 Had dinner
- 66 Plot of land
- 67 Most uncommon
- 68 TV reporter Koppel
- 69 Borscht veggie

DOWN

- 1 Punching tool
- 2 Long scarf
- 3 Bodybuilder
- 4 Boundary
- 5 Copper coat
- 6 Titania's man
- 7 In accordance with
- 8 Change before needed
- 9 Sharpen with a whetstone
- 10 Balderdash!
- 11 Active hatreds
- 12 Egyptian god of the lower world
- 13 Driver's license requirement
- 18 "___ Pinafore"
- 21 Distributes
- 23 Atlas image
- 24 Fury
- 25 Total destroyer
- 27 Checkered flag recipients
- 28 Refreshing rest
- 30 Starts
- 34 Blue
- 36 Single cereal grain
- 38 Like the most tweedy material
- 39 Greek epic
- 40 Diligent searcher
- 41 John Barth novel
- 43 "Seinfeld" uncle
- 44 Kite backdrop
- 46 Make wider
- 48 Cut into thin pieces
- 52 Mineral springs resort
- 55 Monkey's uncles
- 57 Shot in the dark
- 59 Summertime quaff
- 60 Brewery container
- 61 Word with pack or pick
- 62 Klondike find
- 63 Circus safeguard

Scrabble Solution

PAR SCORE 150-160 BEST SCORE 223	13	66	58	86
RACK 4				
RACK 3				
RACK 2				
RACK 1				

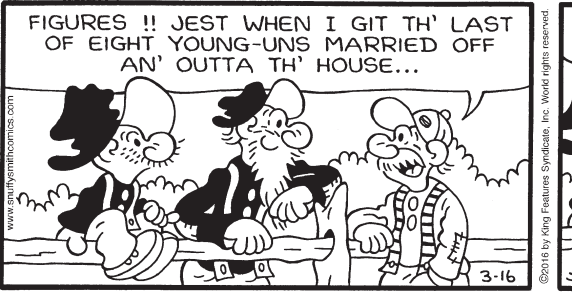
DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ J 10 9 6 3 ♥ K Q 5
♦ A 4 2 ♣ 5 2. Your partner opens

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell



Conceptis Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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

Difficulty Level ★★