

SCRABBLEGRAMS

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2nd Letter Double

RACK 3

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Triple Word Score

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155

BEST SCORE 237

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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JUMBLE

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

FRAWH

NORGP

SAJTUD

SLURPA

Picture an afternoon temperature of 864 on Venus and Earth having a temp. of 57.

THE ATMOSPHERES OF VENUS AND EARTH ARE

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

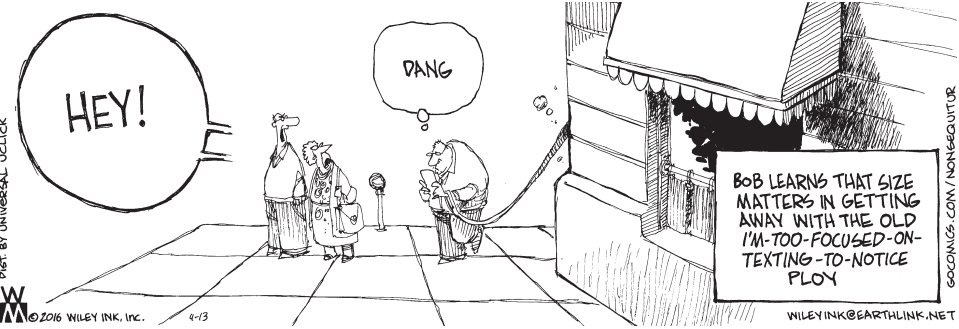
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's

Jumbles: WOUND GIDDY STIGMA CATNIP

Answer: She threw out his old recliner and he wasn't going to take it — SITTING DOWN

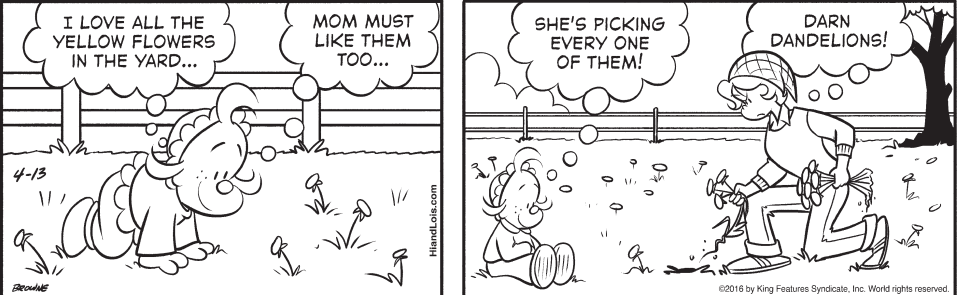
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



Patients have choice of medical providers

Dear Dr. Roach: I have a question regarding medical providers. In the past, when I have made an appointment to see my physician, I have seen the physician. Lately when I make an appointment to see my physician, I am seen by a physician assistant. The problem for me is that I have built up a relationship with my physician. I have no relationship at all with the physician assistant. The other problem I am having is that I pay a lot of money for health insurance to be able to see my physician, not the physician assistant. I have told them before that I prefer to see the physician, but I am still seen by the physician assistant.

Am I being overly sensitive on this issue, or should I start looking for another physician? — C.J.

In my experience, physician assistants provide excellent care, and I note that you

DR. KEITH ROACH
TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

are not dissatisfied with the quality of the care you are receiving. Several studies confirm that both PAs and nurse practitioners provide a quality of care comparable to physicians. To me, your concerns are similar to seeing a different physician in your physician's group when you want to see the provider who knows you and with whom you have built a relationship (hopefully) based on trust.

There are many reasons that a physician or other provider might not be available on a given day, such as medical emergencies and personal issues. The reason I am concerned is that you have asked to see your physician and your wishes have not been respected. It is entirely reasonable for you to want to see your own doctor. If that's not

possible, then I would recommend you find a new practice where it is.

Dear Dr. Roach: I am an 80-year-old woman. I have been seeing a neurologist for blockages in my carotid arteries. I have had MRIs and MRAs. My most recent test showed a 50 percent blockage on the left side and a 70 percent on the right.

The past several months, I feel and hear a pulsing in the left ear, especially at bedtime, when it's quiet. When I told the neurologist about it, he didn't seem to be concerned. I saw an ENT, and he gave me no reason for the pulsating. It's very bothersome. I have no pain or headaches. Can you tell me what causes this, and what I can do? — V.S.

A pulsing noise in the ear is called pulsatile tinnitus, and always deserves an evaluation, since it often represents

an abnormality of the blood vessels of the head and neck. These include arteriovenous shunts (abnormal connections directly between an artery and vein), vascular tumors near the ear and blockages in the arteries.

Since you have had what sounds like a pretty extensive evaluation (both the magnetic resonance scan and its related test, a magnetic resonance angiogram, are very sensitive) and have a known cause (a blockage in the carotid), I think it's very likely that the blockage in the left carotid artery is causing the noise and sensation. It isn't the degree of stenosis — the narrowing of the artery — but where the blockage is that makes it more likely to be noticed.

Sometimes knowing what the cause is can make the noise bearable. In other people, "masking" the tinnitus with other noises is effective.

Bridge

by Frank Stewart

Deceptive practice

Wednesday, April 13. It was warm in Los Angeles. We were working the daywatch out of Bunco. My partner's Bill Gannon. He's a good player. My name's Friday.

We got a call about a scam at a club in Ventura. We checked it out. The suspect was still playing. One of his opponents spoke up.

"It was terrible, officer."
"Just the facts, ma'am."
"West led the three of spades against my partner's 3NT. East took the ace and returned the six. An honest West would have won and led a third spade. South would know West had two good spades and a probable entry, and to force out the ace of hearts was risky. So South might have judged to attack the diamonds."

COMMUNICATION

"But on the second spade, West played the seven! Now my partner thought West had only four spades and had kept a link with East. So South led a heart, and West won and took three spades. He's a con artist!"

We arrested West on a charge of deceptive practice. The judge said he wished he defended as well.

diamonds and he rebids two hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner may have only a five-card suit, hence you mustn't raise the hearts. To leap to 3NT might work, but he could hold a six-card heart suit or weakness in clubs. Bid two spades. If partner next bids 2NT or three clubs, try 3NT. If he bids three diamonds, bid three hearts to show a tolerance for that suit.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 10 8 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ 10 9 6
♣ A K J

WEST
♠ K 9 7 3 2
♥ A 6 5
♦ 5 3 2
♣ 9 7

EAST
♠ A 6
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ Q 8
♣ 10 6 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J 5
♥ 10 4
♦ A K J 7 4
♣ Q 8 3

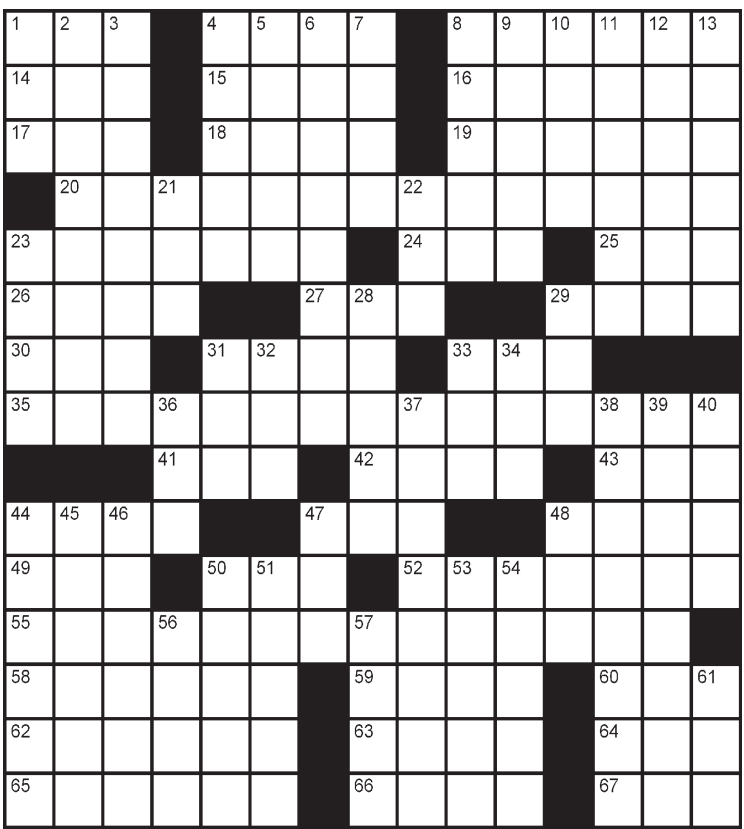
South 1 ♦
West Pass
North 1 ♥
East Pass
All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 3
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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Angel dust letters
- Warm up with gloves
- Of the stars
- Mauna _____
- Florence flooder
- Stick
- Time meas.
- Former Majority Leader Trent
- Skulls
- Start of a quote by Maude Adams
- Secured, at sea
- Palmas
- Ethnic ending
- Nobel winner Wiesel
- Japanese volcano
- Engendered
- German article
- Actor Jared
- Ins. choice
- Part 2 of quote
- Elec. switch in a car
- Leprechaun land
- CAT scan alternative
- In the past
- Man-mouse connection
- Hautboy
- Cutesy ending?
- Ring bearer?
- Former Georgia senator
- End of quote
- Reverberate anew
- Source for repros



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- Ad _____ committee
- Plaid fabric
- Earlier Persian

- "Over There" cont.
- Bean and Welles
- Latin being
- Barnyard structure

- NYC division
- Earlike part
- Directional suffix
- Osaka okay
- Preferred country: abbr.

DOWN

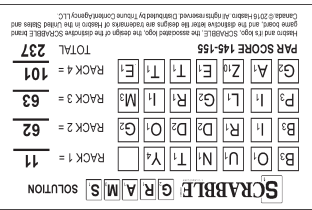
- Thickness
- One of Lear's daughters
- "Medea" director
- Like sailor's stories
- Exploratory vessel
- Precede in time
- Schedule of constables
- Ghana capital
- Virginia rails
- Modern Siamese
- Produce a graphic image
- Melodic
- Thumbod (through)
- Scot's refusal
- Follies man Ziegfeld
- Gripe
- Not under the influence
- Untruth
- Obliterations
- Hidden traps
- Resolves, as a disagreement
- Bien Phu
- City north of Lisbon
- Unafraid
- Ones managing
- Kid of jazz
- Bill in the till
- One of the Coen brothers
- Egyptian symbols
- Corrosive stuff
- Fibber of classic radio
- External: pref.
- Indefinite number
- Shed tears

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

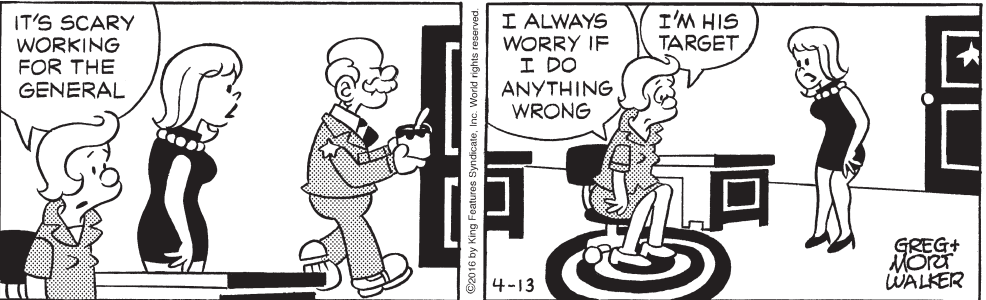


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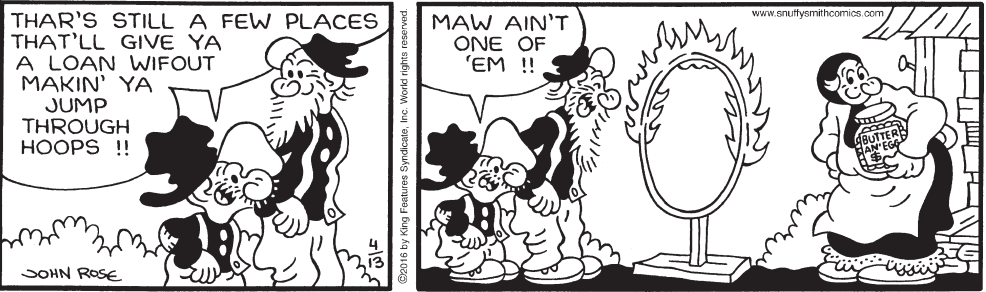
Scrabble Solution



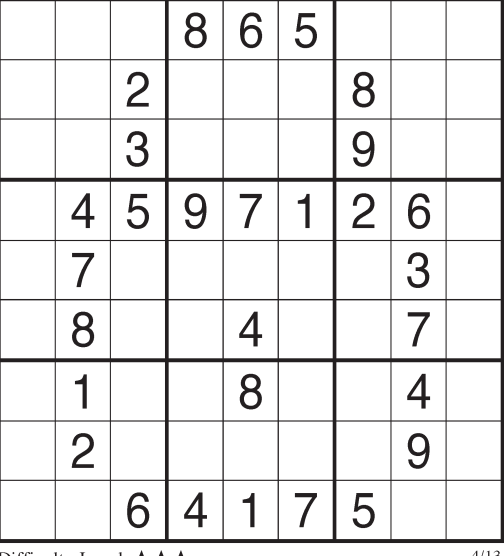
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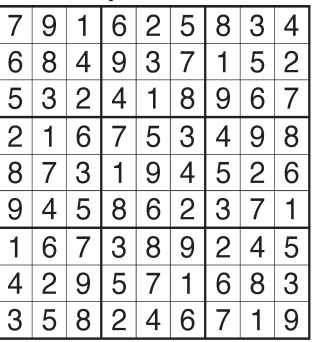


Difficulty Level ★★★

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved



Difficulty Level ★★

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