

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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A1 I1 G2 G2 L1 N1 N1
 E1 O1 U1 T1 N1 G2 C3
 A1 E1 O1 H4 D2 C3 T1
 E1 I1 I1 K5 D2 L1 S1

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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.

GREEM
 LATVE
 WORDYS
 PYNHEH

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

Yesterday's Jumbles: METAL MOUTH RABBIT ISLAND
 Answer: The hen couldn't find her eggs after she — MISLAID THEM

Facts on 'triple-negative' breast cancer

Dear Dr. Roach: One of my relatives has been diagnosed with stage 2 or 3 triple-negative breast cancer. Her death sentence is chemotherapy every two weeks for eight weeks, and then every week for 20 weeks! Isn't there therapy safer than this? — R.I.

DR. KEITH ROACH
TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

ideally by an expert team including an oncologist, breast surgeon, pathologist and radiation oncologist, in order to decide the optimal treatment. What often is done in triple-negative breast cancer is chemotherapy followed by surgery, but sometimes the surgery comes first, followed by chemotherapy.

Yes, chemotherapy can be difficult, but an oncologist chooses a chemotherapy regimen that is designed to best treat the cancer while minimizing toxicity. It is unfair to call a chemotherapy regimen a "death sentence." There may certainly be safer therapies, but neither you nor I have enough information to evaluate her regimen. Regimens using weekly chemotherapy are well-tolerated and improve the chances for a cure.

Dear Dr. Roach: I am taking Eliquis and need to know what are some safe herbs and herbal teas. I have problems with anxiety. I was looking on the Internet and found a site that says chamomile tea, garlic and ginger are not safe to take with Eliquis. Can you tell me where to find information about what herbal products and teas are safe to take with Eliquis? — D.C.

I wish I could give you an easy answer, but I can't give you a way of reliably getting information about drug-drug, drug-food and drug-supplement interactions that is both accurate and easily understandable. It took me close to an hour of searching and reading sites available to the public as well as those available to a physician with the resources of a major research institution to feel like I could begin to answer your question on apixaban (Eliquis).

For example, chamomile contains compounds that have anticoagulant properties, and a case report in 2006 from Montreal showed that a person using chamomile lotion and drinking chamomile tea while taking warfarin had a life-threatening case of internal bleeding due to the interaction. This is why you were cautioned against chamomile with Eliquis. Similarly, many supplements, including turmeric, garlic, ginger and green tea, have antiplatelet effects, which can act synergistically with the effect of Eliquis on clotting factors to increase bleeding risk. It is hard to estimate the magnitude of this risk.

Although a grapefruit or a glass of grapefruit juice probably is safe, large amounts of grapefruit juice may increase toxicity of Eliquis.

Your best sources of information are your Eliquis prescriber and your pharmacist.

"You must avoid clichés like the plague," my friend the English professor warned me. "They're a dime a dozen."

"You're right as rain," I nodded. "I could lead a horse to water if I had a nickel for every time I've messed up a cliché."

Bridge has cliché-like sayings: tendencies in play that players regard as rules. But even a cliché has some value.

Today's South could have made INT by going after the clubs. Instead, he put his nose to the grindstone by winning the first heart with the ace and leading the jack of spades.

SECOND SPADE

West played low, and East took the queen and led another heart. South won in his hand and led a second spade, and when West's ace came up, it was back to the drawing board for the defense: South had seven winners.

I have a bone to pick with West. The best defense wasn't as easy as pie, but West beats INT by covering an honor with an honor: He plays his ace of spades on South's jack. South gets only one spade trick and only six tricks in all.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ K 10 8 3 ♥ K 4 3
♦ 10 6 5 3 ♣ A K. You open one

Bridge

by Frank Stewart

An ax to grind

diamond, your partner responds one heart, you bid one spade and he returns to two diamonds. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner's diamond support should be good enough to make two diamonds playable, but since his preference shows at most nine points, game is impossible. Pass. If you bid two hearts, you will show game interest and may land at an inferior trump fit.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K 10 8 3
♥ K 4 3
♦ 10 6 5 3
♣ A K

WEST
♠ A 4
♥ J 10 9 6 5
♦ K Q 9
♣ 8 7 6

EAST
♠ Q 9 7 5 2
♥ 8 2
♦ A J 8
♣ Q 10 9

SOUTH
♠ J 6
♥ A Q 7
♦ 7 4 2
♣ J 5 4 3 2

North 1 ♦ East Pass South 1 NT West All Pass

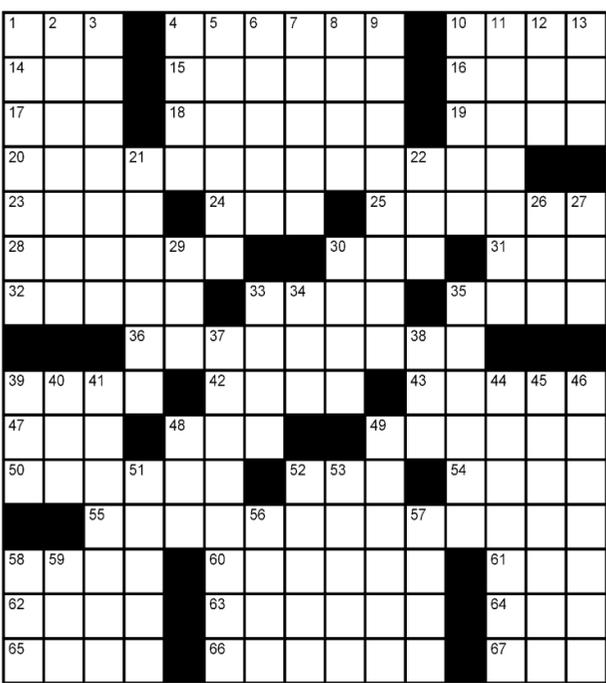
Opening lead — ♥ J

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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- French avant-garde artist
- Quickly!
- Autocrat until 1917
- "The Matrix" hero
- Shrink back
- Trompe l'
- Darya River
- Belgian seaport
- Commies
- Start of a quote by Arthur Schopenhauer
- Pizza box?
- Classified items
- Serving no useful purpose
- Surgical cutter
- Crescent
- Pot-au-
- Spanish hero
- Liberal or martial follower
- A ways off
- Part 2 of quote
- Capitol feature
- Deuterium discoverer
- Gantry or Fudd
- Friend of Pierre
- "Don't Bring Me Down" grp.
- Deep secrets
- Long-time Dolphin QB
- Maj. Barbara creator's initials.
- Contents abbr.
- End of quote
- Big mil. brass



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- Metrical unit
- Witty remark

- Mahler's "Das Lied von der "
- Kelly the clown
- Late starter?
- Cordelia's king
- "Return of the Secaucus 7" director
- Decade count

DOWN

- Nobelist France
- Dismissal from office
- "The Human Voice" composer
- B.C. or P.E.I.
- Usher after the intermission
- Group of eight
- Yuletides
- Ex-Yankee Martinez
- Ancient Icelandic tongue
- Japanese gateway
- Shouts "Bon voyage!" perhaps
- Assist
- "Kidnapped" author's initials
- Fan the flames
- & more
- Saltion or Dead
- Continental abbr.
- Old English letter
- ABA member
- Bushy hairstyle
- Actress Charlotte
- Org. of trade unions
- Funeral tributes
- Poetic contraction
- Waterway barrier
- Tumor: suff.
- Satellite of Uranus
- Emancipate
- Completely surround
- Foods company, — Purina
- Bigger pic
- Perspicacious
- More sick
- Covered in jewels
- Biblical tower
- Hindu deity
- Mach 2 breakers
- Salon goo
- Poetic before

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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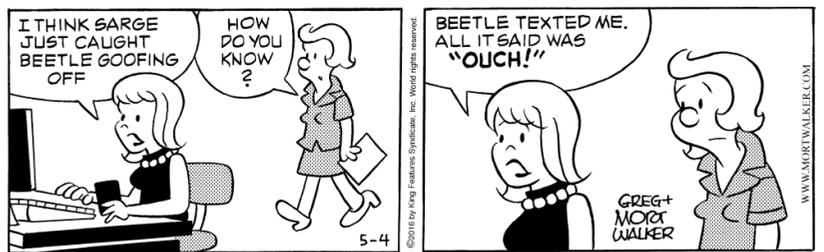
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Scrabble Solution

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BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell



Conceptis Sudoku

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

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

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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