SCRABBLE GRAMS

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A1	A1	E1	I1	D2	T1	V4		RACK 1
E1	U1	U1	T1	C3	N1	R1		RACK 2
A1	I1	O1	N1	D2	D2	M3	1st Letter Triple	RACK 3
A1	E1	E1	L1	T1	B3	G2	Double Word Score	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 204

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

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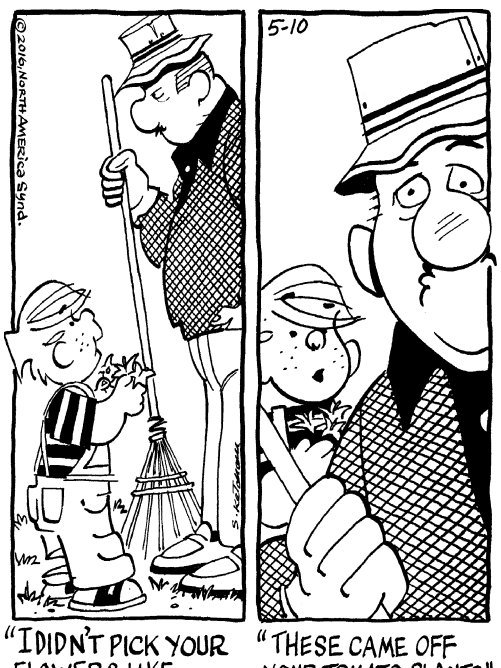

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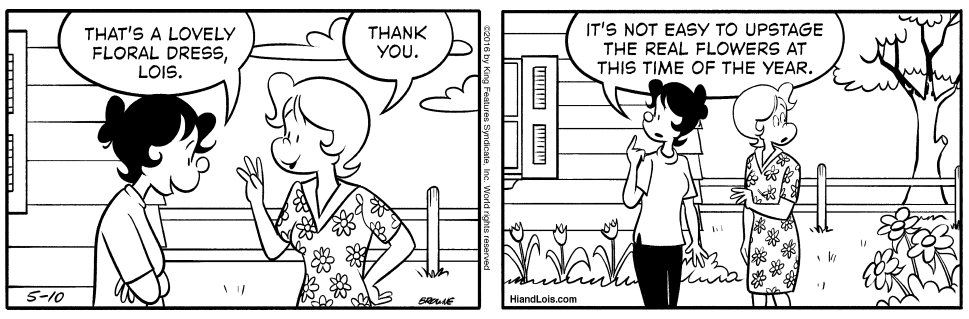

THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane

"I need you to get me a new bat, Daddy. This one doesn't hit anything."

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.

RAWRO

FOLYT

NORLEG

LAPTEL

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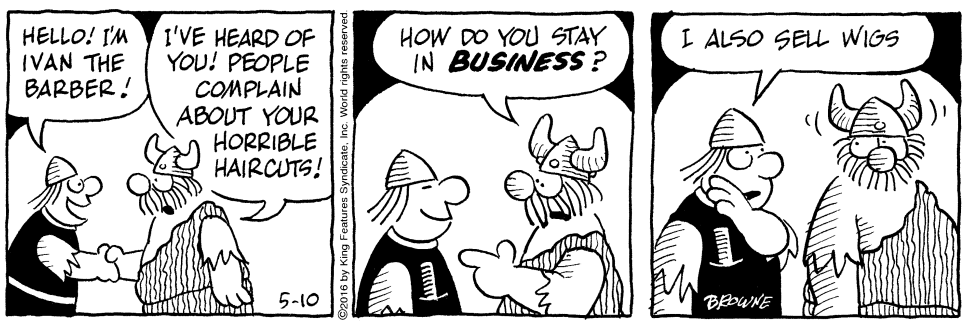
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: _____ _____ (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GUESS MONEY SLOWLY INLAND
Answer: Owning a dictionary without pages is — MEANINGLESS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne



Organ donation after cancer is possible

DR. KEITH ROACH
TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Dear Dr. Roach: My question is in regard to organ donation. The current status on my driver's license is as an organ donor. However, I have cancer. I was diagnosed with stage 4 ovarian carcinoma almost two and a half years ago, and I am doing well with various courses of chemotherapy. Although the disease has affected numerous internal organs, there is no evidence of disease in others. Am I still able to be an organ donor, or should I change the status on my license? My doctor suggested that limited donation may be a possibility. What is your opinion? — *P.D.*

I am sorry for your diagnosis, hopeful that you will continue to do well for more years and grateful that you have decided to become an organ donor. In general, organs are not accepted from people with cancer that had spread; however, corneal transplants are accepted from most people with cancer. We need more organ donors. It's easy to sign up at www.organdonor.gov in the United States, or www.cantransplant.ca in Canada.

Dear Dr. Roach: I am wondering if you can give me advice about lowering my bad cholesterol level without the use of a drug. My total cholesterol is 198, and my LDL is 111. My HDL is 64, for a ratio of 3.1-to-1. — *B.L.*

I don't think you need to worry about lowering your cholesterol. From the standpoint of cholesterol, you are at lower-than-average risk for heart disease. Of course, a good diet and regular exercise are good for everybody for many reasons, but I certainly wouldn't recommend treatment with any drug or supplement based on the information you are giving me.

Dear Dr. Roach: Today I refused to eat food at a church that serves the homeless and hungry due to the fact that they required each person to use hand sanitizer before receiving their food. I told them that I used soap and water prior to standing in line. I was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre syndrome 18 years ago, and I heard that some hand sanitizers have been linked to disrupting the immune system. I read a current website, and it gave eight reasons why hand sanitizers should not be used as a substitute for soap and water. What is your opinion? — *J.A.*

I think that washing with soap and water is preferable, but if it isn't available, alcohol-based hand sanitizers are better than nothing. I looked to see what reasons might be given for not recommending sanitizer, and I found some commonsense ones, but otherwise it is pretty safe. Sanitizers don't kill all germs, especially Clostridium dificile ("C. diff").

The issue with the immune system has to do with kids, in that a germ-free environment prevents a child's immune system from developing normally. Being around dirt, with its attendant bacteria, probably strengthens the immune system and reduces allergies later in life. However, washing off the dirt and possibly unhealthy bacteria before eating still is a good idea.

I could find no reason to be concerned about hand sanitizers in people with Guillain-Barre syndrome or other autoimmune diseases. So while the insistence on hand sanitizers may have seemed officious, the offer probably was made in good faith.

Bridge
by Frank Stewart

Cy's lazy play

If Cy the Cynic won an award for laziness, he would send someone to pick it up. Cy jumps on the first line of play he sees (saving wear and tear on the brain, he says).

At today's slam, Cy won the first spade with the queen, led a trump to dummy and let the queen of diamonds ride. West took the king and found the killing return: a trump. Cy won in dummy and threw a spade on the ace of hearts but had to lose a spade. Down one.

"East bid," the Cynic growled. "Why couldn't he hold the king of diamonds?"

CAREFUL PLAY

Slams deserve more care than Cy gave six clubs. He could succeed by leading the ace and a low diamond, but then he would lose if East had the king.

Cy should cash the ace of diamonds at Trick Two, lead a trump to dummy, discard his last diamond on the ace of hearts and lead the queen of diamonds for a ruffing finesse, pitching a spade when East follows low. West wins, but Cy can reach dummy with a trump to discard his last low spade on the jack of diamonds.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 9 7 4 ♡ A Q 9 8 7 ◊ Q J 2 ♣ K 10. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart and he bids two clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: You have enough values to invite game — or to force to game if partner's opening bids are known to be sound. Bid three diamonds if in your style a jump-preference in opener's minor suit is invitational. If it would be forcing, bid three diamonds anyway, hoping for good luck if he tries 3NT.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 9 7 4
♡ A Q 9 8 7
◊ Q J 2
♣ K 10

WEST
♠ 2
♡ 6 5 4 3 2
◊ K 10 7 6
♣ 6 4 3

EAST
♠ K J 10 8 5
♡ K J 10
◊ 9 8 5 4
♣ 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q 6 3
♡ None
◊ A 3
♣ A Q J 9 8 7 2

North	East	South	West
1 ♡	1 ♠	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♡	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	6 ♣	All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 2

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The Daily Crossword
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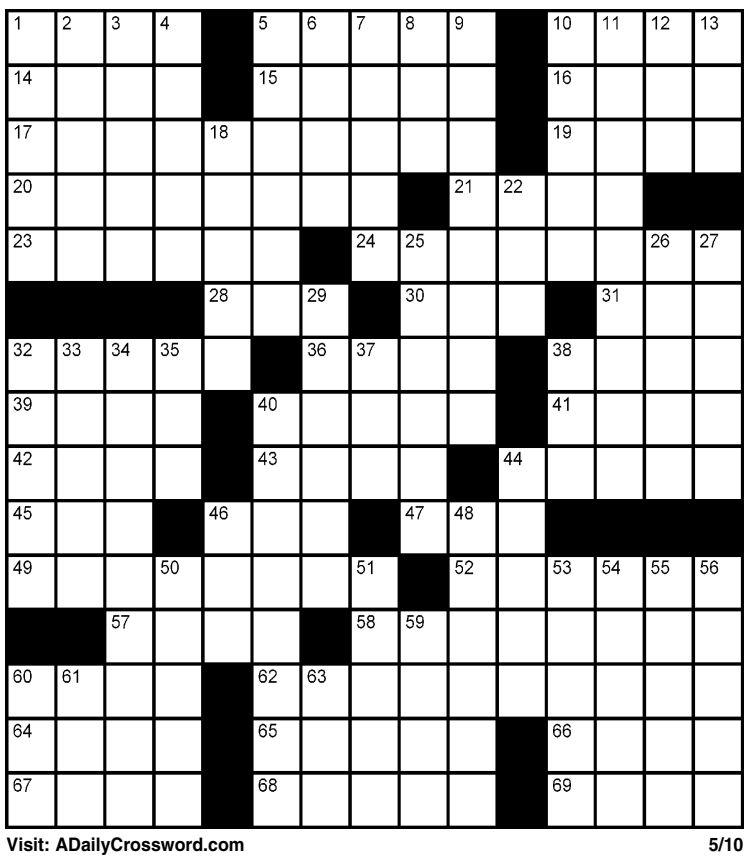

ACROSS
1 Rozelle or Rose
5 Gradually declined
10 Skier's lift
14 Razor choice
15 "Casablanca" co-star Peter
16 Pueblo dweller
17 Faint dense object
19 Preminger or Klemperer
20 Pleasant quality
21 Maxwell or Lanchester
23 Fragrances
24 Juan's ranch
28 Yada, yada, yada
30 ABA member
31 Time meas.
32 Cavalryman's sword
36 Medal recipient
38 Down with!
39 Norse equivalent of Zeus
40 Relish the flavor of
41 Unconvincing
42 Nobleman
43 Teheran's land
44 Populace of Chichen Itza
45 "Spin City" network
46 Easter hunt prize
47 Vichy or Ems, for example
49 Went over once again
52 Old World lizards
57 Kerouac's generation
58 Chafe
60 Unaccompanied
62 Shrieking bird
64 Ms. Garr
65 Boring tool
66 Like a dental exam
67 Long-haired pack animals
68 Calendar rows
69 Round Table titles

DOWN
1 Dupes
2 Moral code
3 Very short time
4 Devoured
5 First-born sibling
6 Bends one's knee
7 Brazen
8 Commit a miscue
9 Political emigrant
10 Distant ones
11 Inlet of the Tasman Sea
12 Mentally acute
13 Spanish river
18 Sign on a door
22 Kindled
25 Copland and Burr
26 Serious theatrical work
27 Dunderheads
29 Coulomb measure
32 Kind of energy
33 Unburnt brick
34 Type of canoe
35 Wind up
37 __ Marie Saint
38 Carte preceder
40 Toured
44 Wizardry
46 NASA's ISS partner
48 Removers of rinds
50 Protection
51 Funeral composition
53 Partner of Porthos
54 New Zealand native
55 Engaged in battles
56 Vends
59 Intolerable smell
60 Messy pad
61 Brewed beverage
63 Billiards stick

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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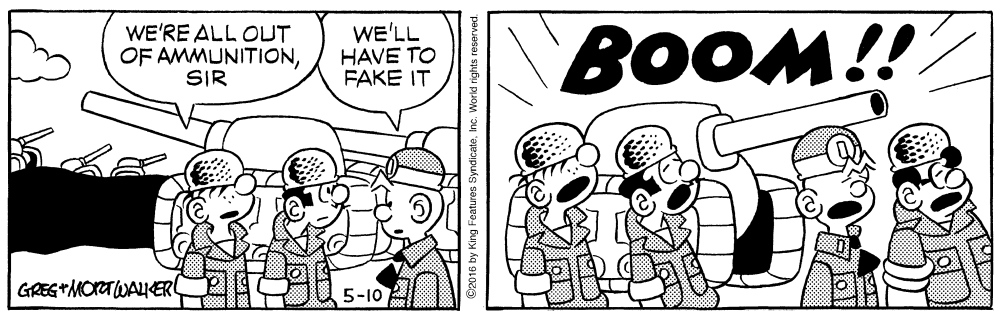
Scrabble Solution

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



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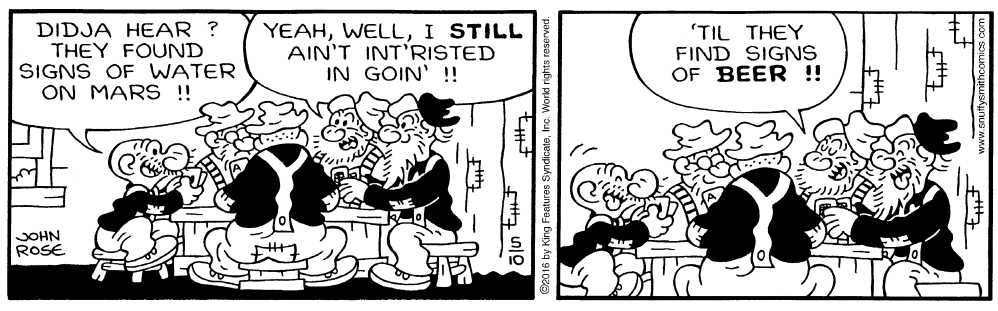

Conceptis Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★ 5/10

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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

Difficulty Level ★ 5/09

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