

SCRABBLEGRAMS

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E I S N S L L

RACK 1

A A I V L R T

RACK 2

A A E Y W H D

RACK 3

A A L N B C M

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155

BEST SCORE 219

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.

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JUMBLE

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

CIYKP

INKEF

ONKYDE

TUTELO

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Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app.

Stevil I got you the Clouseau part!

I can't believe I get to follow Peter Sellers!

WHEN STEVE MARTIN GOT THE ROLE OF INSPECTOR CLOUSEAU, HE WAS —

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's

Jumbles: KNOWN ONION WICKED CASINO

Answer: The woodpecker hoped the tree would be home for a long time, — KNOCK ON WOOD

NON SEQUITUR by Wiley

SAME OLD STORY... AFTER A FEW DRINKS, ONE OF THEM INEVITABLY BLURTS OUT, "THIS TOWN AIN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR TWO ANACHRONISMS!"

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BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall

KIDS TODAY ARE CONSTANTLY USING THEIR PHONES! REALLY... THEIR PICTURE TAKING COMES BEFORE EVERYTHING! EVEN EATING! EVEN EATING!! LET IT GO, DEAR

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HI & LOIS by Chance Browne

WELCOME HOME! HOW WAS YOUR COLLEGE TOUR? WE LEARNED A LOT. LIKE, DON'T TRY TO VISIT 25 SCHOOLS IN 8 STATES IN 7 DAYS!

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne

HELLO, LADY GODIVA! HELLO OVER THERE! I NEVER FORGET A FACE!

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DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

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"I was homesick for a while, but I got over it when the bus pulled out and I couldn't see my mom waving."

Needles and fainting are frequent pair

Dear Dr. Roach: Yesterday, my 11-year-old son had his well-child visit. His doctor informed us that he needed his DTAP, hepatitis A and meningococcal vaccines. My son hates shots. During his previous set of shots, he vomited and almost passed out. This time around, he actually did pass out.

What concerns me most is that when he passed out, his body stiffened and his arms reached out, while his body started to bend backward. His eyes started to roll back in his head.

It was enough that the nurse giving the vaccine yelled out for help. It lasted for about 60 seconds before he woke up and asked what was going on. I've never seen anyone do that when passing out. I just wanted some insight into what that could have been. — J.H.

Fainting is one of the most common adverse reactions to

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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

vaccines, and it can happen to both sexes.

The incidence increases with age, except for a peak in women ages 15-24. Getting an injection and seeing or giving blood are common triggers of fainting (also called syncope).

Before fainting, most people have a sensation of light-headedness, nausea, yawning, feeling warm, and vision and hearing changes (especially tunnel vision and a rushing sound in the ears).

People witnessing a faint often notice abnormal movements, including jerking movements and eye-rolling.

Dilated (enlarged) pupils are sometimes noticed by careful observers.

Seeing it happen to your child can be terrifying, but the most serious complication

usually is hurting the face or head when falling.

He should consider getting future vaccines while lying down.

Dear Dr. Roach: Three months ago, I had a gallbladder operation. A plastic stent was placed.

My primary doctor said not to worry about having it removed, but I've heard otherwise. So far, I haven't had any pain. I'd like your opinion. — Y.F.

A stent is a tube, usually plastic, placed inside a structure to keep it open. In the case of the gallbladder, a stent may be placed at the site of a blockage, and the bile fluid moves through it. Stents may be placed through the skin, by an endoscopy or during an open surgery.

About 10 to 30 percent of the time, the stent itself may become blocked. This usually

causes pain, and may cause jaundice (yellow color of skin and eyes) or other symptoms (presumably the same or similar to the symptoms you had requiring the initial surgery). If that's the case, the stent may need to be replaced.

The surgeon who placed the stent is the right person to ask about replacement, because your primary doctor (like me) may not have all the information or experience necessary.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu or request an order form of available health newsletters at 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803. Health newsletters may be ordered from www.rbmamail.com.

Bridge

by Frank Stewart

Baleful looks

"My wife and I played in a duplicate game," a reader's e-mail states, "and declarer made a game against us in this deal. I wanted to discuss my wife's defense, but she gave me one of her patented 'technically-you-may-be-right-but-proceed-down-this-path-at-your-peril' looks, so I let the matter drop."

My fan's wife led the jack of hearts against four spades.

"I won the next heart with the king," my fan writes, "but declarer ruffed my ace and led a trump. When my wife played low, he mulled and put up dummy's king; he thought my wife had the ace since I hadn't opened the bidding. (Too bad he didn't play her for A-Q-6.) Our queen and ace fell together on the next trump."

MISDEFENSE

South judged well, but I'll have to risk a baleful look from West by saying she misdefended.

If South holds the queen of trumps, West's play is moot. But if East has it, West must rise with the ace on the first trump and lead a fourth heart, promoting East's queen of trumps for the setting trick.

you jump to two spades and he raises to four spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Some players would pass, treating partner's jump to game as a "fast-arrival" action that denies interest in a higher contract. In my view, your partner has shown strong spades and is not averse to hearing you try for slam. I would test the water with a cue bid of five diamonds.

East dealer
N-S vulnerable

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

WEST
♠ A 6
♥ J 10 9 7 2
♦ 8 5 3
♣ J 10 8

EAST
♠ Q 4
♥ A K 8
♦ J 9 7 4 2
♣ 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ 10 9 8 7 3
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q 10 6
♣ 7 4

East Pass South Pass West Pass North 1 ♣
Pass Pass Pass Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — ♥ J

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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Abner's size?
- Cutting wood
- Actress Moore
- Lennon's Yoko
- Paltry
- Mobile ride hail company
- Source for automobiles
- U.S. Pacific island territory
- Declare invalid
- Too much French?
- Org. of court players
- Simple shed
- Kachina doll makers
- Museum adjunct
- Org. of Giants
- Netherlands Antilles island
- New Orleans school
- Shoe-box letters
- Chew out
- Hairy coat
- Medicinal quantities
- Classic Pontiac
- Ineffectual
- Mach 2 breakers
- Clicking sound
- Transport hub
- Watches the kids
- Hebrew letters
- Lawman Dillon
- Flat boat
- Amu River
- Botanical balm
- Nuclear facility
- Word before theory or warfare
- Kitchen gizmo

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DOWN

- Nearby
- Silly
- Singer Luft
- Mosaic pieces
- Former nuclear agcy.
- One joule per second
- Frankenstein's gofer
- Mad Roman emperor
- Eagle-lion beast
- Unearthed
- Online company
- Main course
- "The Joy of Cooking" author
- Rombauer
- Of spore-bearing syncytia
- Frequently in a poem
- Opinion pg.
- Completed volcanic ash
- Twisted sideways
- "The Luck of Roaring Camp" author
- Yard divisions
- Minus
- Old mil. rank
- Exploits
- Readers' mecca
- Plastic money
- Bony
- Worrywart
- Nature watchdog grp.
- Seasoned vet
- List entries
- Madrid museum
- Chrissie of the Pretenders
- Satisfied completely
- Creche trio
- Guinness or Baldwin
- Deal with difficulties
- "The Virginian" writer Wister
- Move along
- Veteran's abbr.

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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

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Scrabble Solution

PAR SCORE 145-155

TOTAL 219

RACK 4 = 18

RACK 3 = 84

RACK 2 = 60

RACK 1 = 57

SOLUTION

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

THIS THING YOU WROTE IS HARD TO READ, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO PUNCTUATE

YOU WANT PUNCTUATION?! STAND BACK!

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SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell

WHAT'S WIF THAT, LOWEEZY ?! TH' COUNTY FAIR AIN'T FER ANOTHER WHOLE MONTH !!

I KNOW THAT, EL !!

BUT IF YA WANNA BE A CHAMPION, YA GOTTA THINK LIKE A CHAMPION !!

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Conceptis Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★