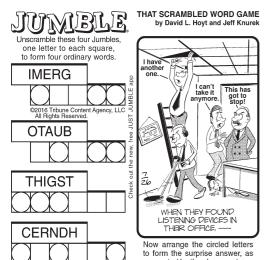


DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

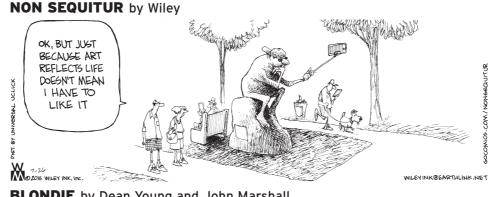
Answer below

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suggested by the above cartoon

Jumbles: CURVE MOOSE DEFACE GLASSY



BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall

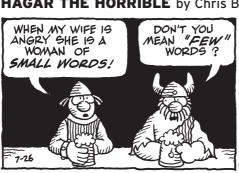


HEY, THESE KIDS TODAY NEED TO KNOW HOW TOUGH

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne





SHOCK THEM, BUT IT'S

NOT A SANDWICH

renewed respect for Mom and Dad!

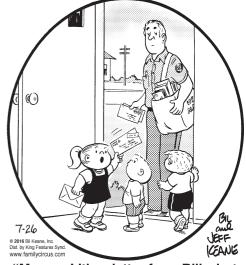
DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham



"IF I FELL IN, WOULD YOU JUMP IN AND SAVE ME2"

"ON A NICE WARM DAY, MAYBE."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



"Mommy! It's a letter from Billy, but it has 49 cents postage due. Do we want to pay it?'

Cluster headaches, oxygen treatment

Dear Dr. Roach: I was diagnosed with cluster headache at age 20. Now, at age 65, I have endured these excruciating headaches for some 45 vears.

In my particular situation, I can have once- or twice-daily headaches for anywhere from two to four months.

My symptoms include a throbbing in my left temple, with the pain then traveling to my left eye. My left eye tears, my left nostril stuffs up and my mouth becomes dry.

On occasion, I also experience nausea. There are some days during these times when I might not have any.

The cluster of headaches then disappears for anywhere from three to eight years, only to return. I have found verapamil to be somewhat

I read that these headaches tend to occur less frequently gets older.

DR. KEITH ROACH

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

the case for me. — K.B.

Yours is an excellent description of cluster headaches, which commonly affects young men (at least, they are young when they first get the condition).

Tearing of one eye is classic, as is the description of several headaches over weeks to months followed by prolonged freedom from the very painful headaches.

People who experience so classic a presentation as yours usually have no trouble getting the correct diagnosis; however, this headache syndrome often is misdiagnosed, especially before the cluster-

ing becomes clear. There are two types of and with less severity as one headache treatment: The first stops a headache once it

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occurs (abortive) and the second keeps it from coming on in the first place (preventive).

Cluster headaches often That does not seem to be respond quickly and completely to oxygen, but the response is incomplete for some. Most other headaches do not respond to oxygen, so oxygen treatment sometimes is used to help make the diagnosis.

Some medicines used for migraine, such as sumatriptan, can be used to stop a cluster headache. Octreotide can be given as an injection to abort a headache.

As soon as a cluster starts, beginning a preventive medicine is important. Verapamil, usually used as a blood pressure medicine, is probably the best-studied and may be the most effective. Steroids, lithium and methysergide are drugs with significant toxicities, and are less commonly used.

Many headache questions

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reach me on a regular basis. For a general explanation of headaches and their treatment, consider the booklet on that topic. It presents a comprehensive view. To order a copy, write: Dr. Roach Book No. 901, 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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. rbmamall.com.

Bridge by Frank Stewart

you say?

Eye of the beholder

Cy the Cynic says that a mistake is only as good as you make it. I'll have to admit that today's declarer perpetrated a beauty.

Against four spades, West led a heart, and East took the ace and shifted to a trump. South won and saw nothing better than to try some finesses. He led a diamond to dummy's queen at the third trick, and East took the king and returned a diamond to the ace. South then ruffed a diamond and led a club to the king. He lost two clubs and went down

Could you do better as declarer?

HEART RUFF

I hope you wouldn't be so eager to rely on finesses that will probably lose (East opened the bidding, after all). After South wins the first trump, he ruffs a heart in dummy, leads a trump to his hand and cashes his queen of hearts. South next leads a club to dummy's ten.

East wins with the jack but must concede the 10th trick. Whether he takes his ace of clubs, leads a heart to give up a ruff-sluff or leads a diamond from his king, South is safe.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 9 ♡ A J 10 8 3 ♦ K 10 7 4 ♣ A J 9. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one

ANSWER: Slam is possible. If partner has a suitable minimum hand such as A 7 6 4, K 7, A Q 9 8 3, 6 4, he may take 12 or even 13 tricks at diamonds. But he could also hold K Q 6 4, 7 6, A J 5 3, Q 4 3. Bid two clubs, a forcing bid in a new suit. You will support the diamonds next to let partner judge whether he has useful cards.

East dealer E-W vulnerable

WEST

NORTH **♦** J 10 6 5 2 OK. ♦ A Q 6 2 ♣ K 10 6

EAST

9652♥ AJ 1083 ♦ K 10 7 4 ♣Q8752 **♣** A J 9

SOUTH ♠ A K Q 8 7 3 ♡ Q 7 4

East South West North Pass All Pass

Opening lead - % 6

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- island Versailles affirmative
- Ed.'s work pile Hovel
- Secret storage place Andretti's ride
- 39 Large shoe width K-O connection
- Memo abbr. Coating
- Discontinued 46 Rubicon crosser 47
- Contaminate 48 Links activity Highland groups Israeli port
- Grows less 53 sharp Former Spanish 55 toehold in Africa

Significant years

Restaurant check 60 Seine water East ender? 63 Narrow inlet

Scrabble Solution

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04	BACK 4 =	H' E' I' N' O' N' 2'								
11	EACK 3 =	H I D D E N								
63	KACK 2 =	B U N D L E D								
69	EACK 1 =	P3 E1 M1 M1 A1 M1 T1								
SCKADDLE GRAMMS SOLUTION										

DON'T START

SQUEAKING

ECKYBRIE G B W 2 20

heart and he bids one spade. What do **BEETLE BAILEY** by Mort Walker I GOT A NEW CHAIR THAT DOESN SQUEAK



SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell





Conceptis Sudoku

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

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Difficulty Level

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