SCRABBLE GRAMS

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								RACK 1
E1	E1	I1	O1	V4	R1	S1		
								RACK 2
E1	O1	Y4	T1	H4	N1	S1	1st Letter Double	
								RACK 3
A1	E1	U1	Y4	L1	J8	B3	Triple Word Score	
								RACK 4
E1	I1	O1	O1	N1	K5	M3		

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 246

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

DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

"YOU DON'T HAFTA READ ME A STORY TONIGHT. I'M GONNA WATCH THE FIREFLIES I TURNED LOOSE IN MY ROOM."

BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall

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.

LIDAV

SLACH

GRANDO

COTPEK

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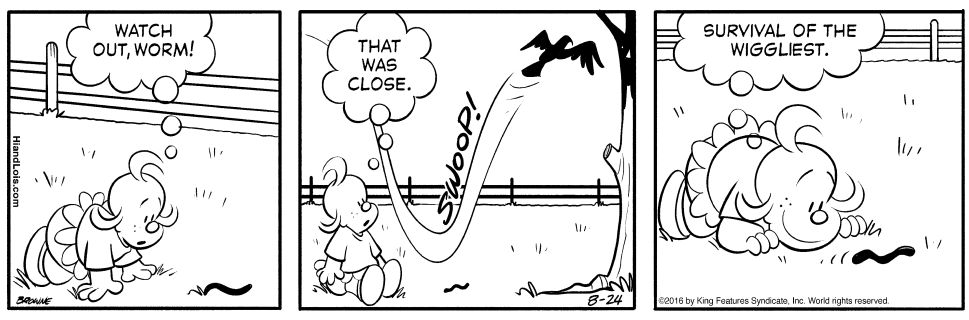
Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

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

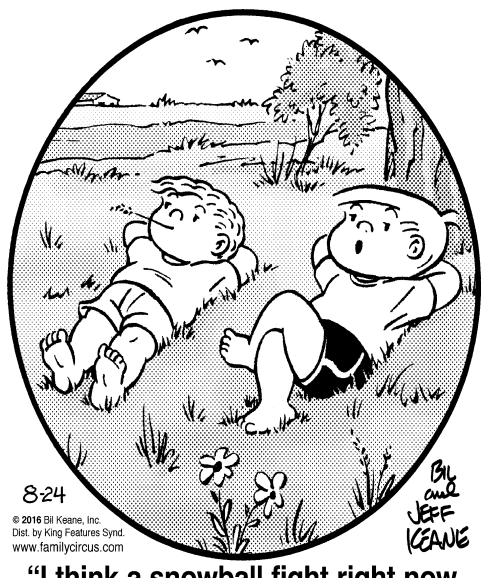
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TEMPT QUOTA IRONIC VACUUM
Answer: He complained about his job incessantly. His wife told him to — QUIT IT

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne



THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



"I think a snowball fight right now would make this day perfect."

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne

Early treatment is not necessary for CLL

DR. KEITH ROACH
TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Dear Dr. Roach: I am a 75-year-old white female who recently was diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia. My doctor, a hematologist, completed a FISH blood test, which showed it to be the type of leukemia associated with an abnormal chromosome called del(13q). My doctor says that at this time I show no symptoms of this disease; if symptoms do show up in time, there are very good treatments to combat the problems. Should I insist that my doctor begin treatments now so that I will not suffer more later on? — *B.C.M.*

CLL is one of the most common leukemias. It occurs mostly in older adults, with the average age at onset being about 70 years. While it progresses slowly in most people, it is usually not curable.

CLL differs greatly from person to person, in terms of its aggressiveness. Checking the DNA mutations of the cancer cells (that's the FISH test) helps to predict how fast the cancer will progress. Fortunately, the del(13q) mutation is a very low risk mutation, and people with this mutation in their CLL have very little or no increase in risk of death overall. Further, well-done trials comparing people who are treated early in the disease show no overall benefit in survival, compared with people who waited to get treatment.

If you started treatment now, you would be guaranteeing yourself a worse quality of life right away, without any guarantee of making things better later. Your doctor is doing his or her best to give advice that keeps in mind both your quality and your length of life.

Dear Dr. Roach: I have recently been diagnosed with IgG4-related disease. Can it be genetic? My daughter has many unexplained symptoms that I worry may be related to this condition. I have required biopsies of an eye muscle, the salivary gland and lung lesions. What can you tell me about this disease? — *J.E.*

IgG4 is a type of immunoglobulin, an antibody. In IgG4-related disease, the antibodies are directed against various tissues of the body, and the disease manifestations depend on what organs are affected. It is thought to have components of allergy as well as autoimmunity.

The condition is seen more frequently in men than in women, and in middle age. The diagnosis often is missed, as this is a newly recognized condition. It is probably much more common than previously thought. It may resemble lupus or sarcoidosis. The diagnosis is made after a biopsy with special staining of the specimen. This means the diagnosis is more likely when it's suspected to begin with.

It can cause an autoimmune pancreatitis, or may present as a tumor. I suspect that your eye-muscle and salivary-gland biopsies were related to this presentation of the disease. Enlarged lymph nodes and weight loss are common in this disease. Treatment is initially with glucocorticoid steroids, such as prednisone. If the diagnosis is correct, people start getting better within two to four weeks. Some experts use other medications to try to reduce the use of steroids, which have many side effects if used long term.

As far as heritability goes, I can't find a definitive answer. Many autoimmune diseases run in families, so it is possible that your daughter may have it as well.

Bridge
by Frank Stewart

Cy's lazy lead

"You made a lazy opening lead on that last deal," I scolded Cy the Cynic as the evening's penny game broke up.

"I can't help it," Cy shrugged. "Laziness walks in my family."

Against four hearts, Cy had led the king of diamonds. On seeing dummy, he shifted to a trump. South won and led the ace and a second spade. Cy won with the queen and led a second trump, but declarer won, ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a spade.

South next led a club to his queen. The Cynic took the ace and returned a club, but South won, drew Cy's last trump and claimed. Making four.

HEART SUPPORT

Cy's diamond lead was lazy. He had general strength, and the auction suggested that dummy had a weak hand with heart support and spade shortness. So Cy's opening lead should be a trump.

South can win, concede a spade, win the trump return and ruff a spade, but he has no quick re-entry to his hand. If he leads a club, Cy can win, cash a diamond and lead a third trump, and South loses two spades, a diamond and a club.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ Q 8 ♡ 7 6 4 ◊ A K J 4 ♣ A 7 5 3. Your partner opens one spade, you bid two clubs and he jumps to three spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner has extra strength with six or seven good spades. One option is to bid four diamonds, meant as an "advance cue bid," and support the spades next. A practical bid is six spades. Partner will be a favorite for 12 tricks and will take 13 only if he has an ideal hand such as A K J 9 6 3, A 3, Q 3, K 4 2.

South dealer
E-W vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 5 4
♡ A 10 9 5
◊ Q 9 5 2
♣ K 10 4

WEST
♠ Q 8
♡ 7 6 4
◊ A K J 4
♣ A 7 5 3

EAST
♠ K 10 9 3
♡ 3
◊ 10 8 6 3
♣ 9 8 6 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 7 6 2
♡ K Q J 8 2
◊ 7
♣ Q J

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♡	Pass	3 ♡	Pass
4 ♡	All Pass		

Opening lead — Choose it

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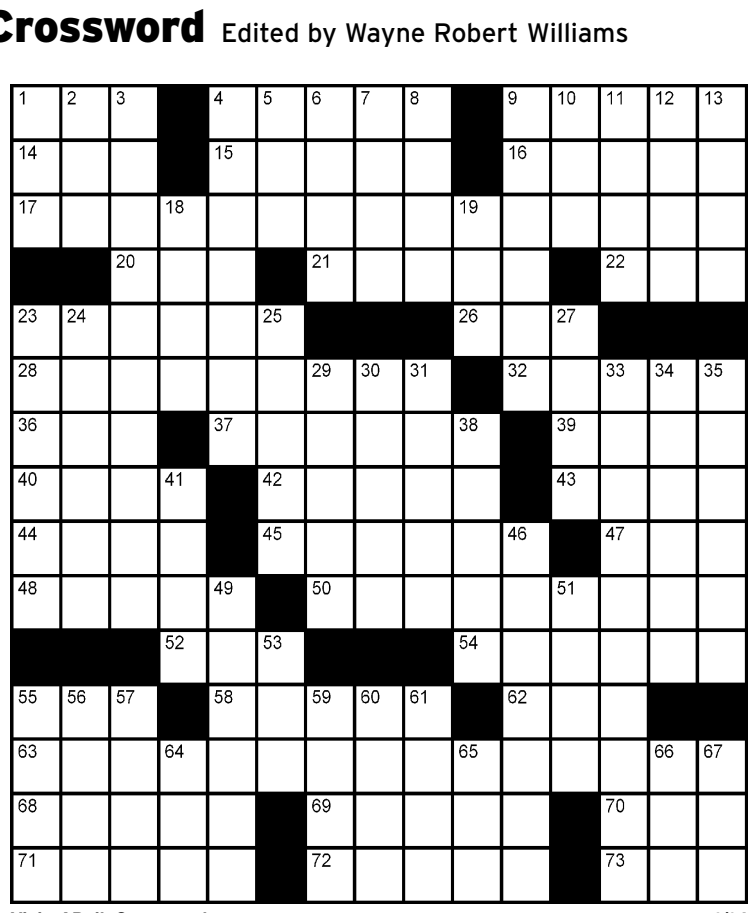
The Daily Crossword
Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



ACROSS
1 Fella
4 Anjou and Bosc
9 Night watch
14 Lennon's widow
15 Blood vessel: pref.
16 Of sheep
17 Start of a quote by Janeane Garofalo
20 Musical pc.
21 "The Cloister and the Hearth" writer
22 Long period
23 Perfumery essence of oranges
26 Cinematic nightmare street
28 Part 2 of quote
32 Small silvery fish
36 Congregated
37 Scatters randomly
39 602
40 Goddess of discord
42 Construct an embankment
43 Amorphous mass
44 Spanish rivers
45 Spotted cat
47 River isle
48 A votre __ !
50 Part 3 of quote
52 Calendar-watch abbr.
54 Full of holes
55 Downed a sub
58 Valerie Harper sitcom
62 Man's title
63 End of quote
68 Bring a smile to
69 Get new weaponry
70 Travel org.
71 Peeping Tom
72 Spring up
73 Part of Can.

DOWN
1 May honoree
2 Sue __ Langdon
3 Formation of stonelike objects
4 Conditional releases
5 Naut. heading
6 Bacterial culture base
7 Ruffle feathers
8 Woman alone on stage
9 Alphabet subdivision
10 __ gotcha now!
11 "The Immoralist" author
12 Sondheim musical, "__ the Woods"
13 "Battle Cry" author Uris
18 Molecule element
19 Poem of tribute
23 Identifiers
24 Numa's advisor
25 Theme song
27 2550
29 Tropical palm
30 Whoop it up
31 "The Seven Year Itch" star Tom
33 Quito citizen
34 Restricts
35 Step cautiously
38 Lower oneself
41 Mach-2 breakers
46 Couple
49 Spookier
51 Estrada of "CHiPs"
53 Group of wds.
55 Arabian garb
56 Short-term worker
57 Distant starter?
59 Gumbo staple
60 Colorer
61 Jai follower?
64 Purpose
65 Common conjunctions
66 Slangy negative
67 Gangster's gun

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

A	L	B	U	M	■	R	A	S	A	■	A	J	A	R
B	U	O	N	O	■	O	L	O	F	■	P	O	M	E
C	R	Y	I	N	G	W	O	L	F	■	I	B	I	D
D	I	E	S	I	R	A	E	■	A	B	A	S	E	S
E	E	R	■	T	A	N	■	T	I	A	N	T	■	■
■	■	■	S	O	B	S	T	O	R	Y	■	E	E	E
T	A	M	E	R	S	■	H	R	E	■	M	A	R	X
O	L	I	N	S	■	N	R	A	■	P	E	R	S	E
G	I	S	T	■	C	O	O	■	L	E	A	S	E	S
O	A	T	■	B	L	U	B	B	E	R	S	■	■	■
■	■	Y	E	M	E	N	■	R	O	I	■	B	Y	U
P	R	E	L	I	M	■	S	I	N	C	E	R	E	R
H	A	Y	S	■	E	Y	E	B	A	L	L	I	N	G
D	R	E	I	■	N	A	T	E	■	E	L	A	T	E
S	A	D	E	■	S	P	A	S	■	S	A	R	A	S

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Scrabble Solution

SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION

E1	R1	O1	S1	I1	V4	E1	RACK 1 =	60
H4	O1	N1	E1	S1	T1	Y4	RACK 2 =	67
B3	L1	U1	E1	J8	A1	Y4	RACK 3 =	107
K5	I1	M3	O1	N1	O1		RACK 4 =	12
							TOTAL	246

PAR SCORE 150-160

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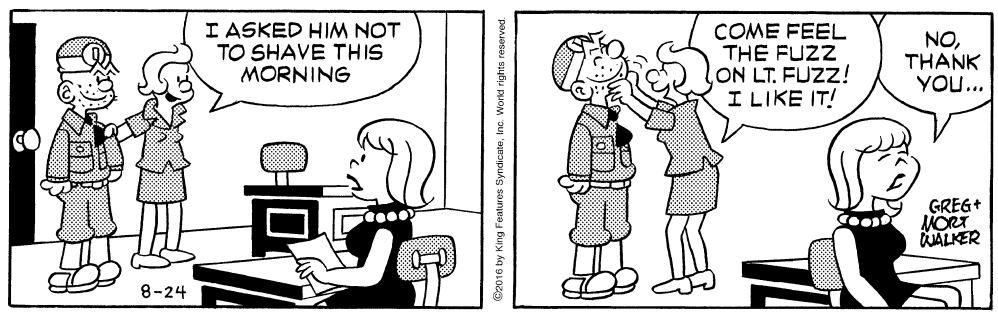
BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell

Conceptis Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/24

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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

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

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