

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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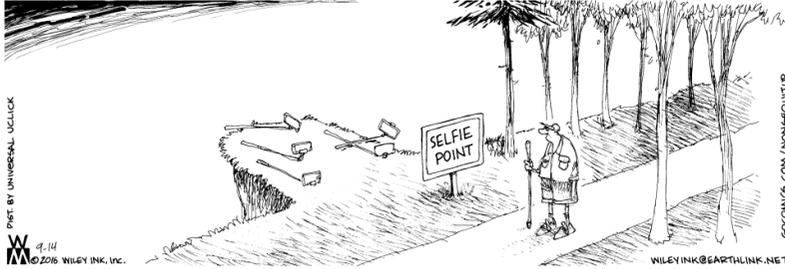
A	I	O	U	T	S	L	RACK 1
I	I	U	L	T	P	F	RACK 2
O	O	Y	D	B	N	N	RACK 3
A	A	E	N	P	R	P	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 221

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.

NON SEQUITUR by Wiley



BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall



DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham



"MARGARET USES WORDS TOO BIG FOR MY EARS!"

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne



THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bill Keane



"Oh, sorry. We thought you just wanted to know if we COULD play more quietly."

JUMBLE

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

CULYK

NOEZO

TTINEY

VEINID

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RODEO SHYLY TOPPLE RITUAL
Answer: The fast-growing trees were selling very quickly because they were — SO "POPLAR"

HPV vaccine offered only up to age 26

Dear Dr. Roach: I would like a clear reason why older women who are not infected with HPV are not offered the HPV vaccination.

I am a 65-year-old woman who was married close to 40 years. My spouse died six years ago. He was my only partner my entire life, until his death.

I verified through my OB/GYN that I was HPV-negative until recently. I am in a monogamous relationship with a gentleman I met two years ago.

Before we began our relationship, he agreed to a full exam and was tested for AIDS, etc.

All tests were negative. However, I am now positive for HPV and am not happy. Why was I not offered the vaccine? Should I get a hysterectomy, even though my doctor has performed a colposcopy, which shows no adverse tissue at this time? — D.F.

DR. KEITH ROACH TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

The most recent data on the HPV vaccine shows continued protection for women who were immunized at the recommended age (11-13) from the HPV infections that lead to cervical cancer.

I strongly recommend this vaccine, which also may protect against other HPV-related cancers, for both males and females. It may be given up to age 26.

There is no data, as far as I can find, about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine for a 65-year-old woman.

Most women in their 60s already have been exposed to the virus, which would make the vaccine much less effective, if at all. (That's why it's recommended to be given to boys and girls before the onset of sexual activity.)

My guess is that for those

few women who have not already been exposed to the virus, it is likely to be effective and unlikely to be harmful.

However, the risk of developing cervical cancer is very small, and regular screening tests almost certainly are more cost-efficient in older women.

The vaccine is not indicated for women over 26 by the Food and Drug Administration, meaning it would be given "off-label" at the discretion of your physician.

A woman in your situation certainly would have to pay for it out of pocket (about \$600 in the United States).

As far as hysterectomy, that is not appropriate at this time.

Most women get over the infection without treatment, and you should follow up as your doctor recommends.

Our booklet on vaginal infections covers HPV and its

treatment. Readers can order a copy by writing:

Dr. Roach
Book No. 1203
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.rbmail.com.

Bridge by Frank Stewart A dog's life

Unlucky Louie told us that his family's pet beagle had managed to climb onto a bathroom counter and had knocked off a handheld mirror.

"It shattered to pieces," Louie sighed. "Your dog broke a mirror?" I said. "Poor mutt," Cy the cynic shrugged. "He's facing 49 years of bad luck."

Louie's own "bad luck" seems to be unending. As declarer at today's slam, Louie drew trumps, led a club to dummy's queen and returned a club: seven, ten, jack. West then led the nine of diamonds.

FINESSE

Louie frowned, took the ace, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond and ruffed his last club. He next tried a spade finesse with his jack, but West won. Down one.

"Unlucky," Louie fumed.

Louie might have played West for the king of diamonds since East had not doubled North's cue bid of four diamonds. But Louie succeeds easily by taking the ace of diamonds before he leads the second club. When West takes the jack, any return gives Louie a trick and his contract.

NORTH	WEST	EAST
♠ K 5 2	♠ Q 9 7	♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ J 10 7 3	♥ 6 2	♥ 9 5
♦ A J 10 2	♦ K 9 8 7	♦ 6 5 4 3
♣ Q 4	♣ A J 8 2	♣ 9 7 6

SOUTH

♠ A J 6
♥ A K Q 8 4
♦ Q
♣ K 10 5 3

South 1♥
West 3♠
North 3♥
East 4♦
All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ 2

The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- Peak in Greece
 - Spanish river
 - Political coalitions
 - Glum
 - Contract stipulation
 - Guy la ___ of fashion
 - Start of a quote by Agnes Repplier
 - Being hauled
 - Spacey movie, with "The"
 - Old high note
 - Part 2 of quote
 - Unsavory fruit?
 - Greater omentum
 - Word with Bingle or Alte
 - North or South state
 - Sri Lanka export
 - Old Greek marketplace
 - Alternative spread
 - Fiddler on the beach?
 - Part 3 of quote
 - Highland Gaelic
 - Soft-toy stuff
 - "The Cloister and the Hearth" writer
 - Decline in prices
 - Hawaiian, e.g.
 - CCX x X
 - ___-noire (bugbear)
 - Judith or Dana
 - Part 4 of quote
 - DIII doubled
 - Coll. Bulldogs

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
14				15				16						
17				18				19						
20			21				22	23						
24	25					26				27				
28	29					30		31		32				
33						34	35			36	37	38	39	
40						41				42				
43						44				45				
46	47					48		49						
50	51	52				53		54		55				
56						57				58		59	60	61
62						63	64			65				
66						67				68				
69						70				71				

- Visit: ADailyCrossword.com
- 62 Iberian river
63 End of quote
66 Deep passion
- 67 ___ go brag!
68 Ideal setting
69 Legal holdings
70 Speaker's platform
71 Mother of Castor and Pollux
- 28 Dieter's unit
28 NASCAR's Yarborough
29 Ice cream ingredient
30 Computer network terminal
32 Sunflower part
35 Marks of failure
37 Preconceived
38 ___-de-camp
39 Fox's title
41 Actress Georgia
42 Singer Randy
47 Rejects vehemently
49 Makes more animated
50 Racer's reward
51 Native New Zealander
52 Boorish
54 Keyed in
57 Disney sci-fi movie
58 DCCLI doubled
60 Luge
61 Annapolis inst.
64 Stretch of time
65 Part of GTE

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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

Scrabble Solution

PAR SCORE 145-155
TOTAL 221

RACK 4 = 13
RACK 3 = 89
RACK 2 = 62
RACK 1 = 57

SOLUTION

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell



Conceptis Sudoku

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

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

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