

SCRABBLEGRAMS

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A1I1O1Y4R1S1T1

RACK 1

A1O1O1Y4N1N1D2

2nd Letter Double

RACK 2

I1O1W1M3N1P3R1

Triple Word Score

RACK 3

A1A1A1C3N1L1P3

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155

FOUR RACK TOTAL

BEST SCORE 224

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

For more information on tournaments and clubs, email NASPA - North American SCRABBLE Players Association info@scrabbleplayers.org. Visit our website - www.scrabbleplayers.org. For puzzle inquiries contact scrgrams@gmail.com.

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NON SEQUITUR by Wiley

IRONICALLY, HE'S FINALLY LEARNED TO LIVE IN THE MOMENT

MR. B, HAVE YOU EVER INVENTED ANYTHING?

FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK THAT, ELMO

I KNOW YOU'VE HEARD OF FACEBOOK

C'MON, MR. B, YOU DIDN'T INVENT FACEBOOK

OF COURSE NOT, BUT I SURE WISH I HAD!

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BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall

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HI & LOIS by Chance Browne

IT'S GETTING COLDER, SO I'M GETTING OUT THE WINTER COATS.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MOM?

YOU'D BETTER START GROWING YOURS.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne

WE'RE HAVING SNAKE FOR DINNER!

I WONDER IF IT'S TRUE THAT SNAKE TASTES LIKE CHICKEN!

THIS ONE WILL!

CLUCK CLUCK

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DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

"KINDA BORING OVER HERE. ALL HE WANTS TO PLAY IS STARING CONTESTS AND THE QUIET GAME."

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane

"Daddy just yawned and now we're all sharing it."

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JUMBLE

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

NUYGO

DEWGE

TEFSAY

GRAAJU

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

You're in luck! Today's special is buy one lunch item, get one free. We'll have a couple of burgers. And milkshakes.

WHEN THE TWINS ORDERED THE "BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE" LUNCH SPECIAL, IT WAS —

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: STOMP PAUSE SKIMPY EQUATE Answer: When Mickey needed to sneak back into the house, he was — QUIET AS A MOUSE

Toilet seats are comparatively very clean

Dear Dr. Roach: Like most women, I was raised to avoid letting any part of my body touch the seat of a public toilet. As I age, I find it more and more difficult to maintain "the stance." Just how dangerous is that toilet seat? What awful diseases are we chancing by giving in to our quivering thighs and sitting down? Millions of women want to know! — B.G.

DR. KEITH ROACH TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

unlikely — to catch a disease from a toilet seat. If the last person who used it had a contagious gastrointestinal illness (Norovirus and Shigella are the main ones), it's possible you could pick it up. You are much more likely to get a contagious disease via your hands, by touching other people or what they have touched. That's why washing your hands remains your best defense, especially after using the bathroom. If you are in an outbreak of a contagious illness (cruise ships have historically been associated with Norovirus), you could consider using an antiseptic wipe on the toilet seat, which reduces bacteria count by 98 percent. Also, during an outbreak or in high-risk situations (such as if you have or are taking care of someone with a compro-

mised immune system), after washing your hands, use the paper towel to turn off the faucet and to touch the door handle.

Dear Dr. Roach: My husband just had his appendix taken out by laparoscopic surgery. Is it safe for him to fly? If so, are there any precautions he should take? — D.G.

There are two issues involved here. The first is that air introduced by surgery into the body will expand while at altitude, at least to a small extent, even in a modern pressurized cabin. That means you'll need to wait up to a week after major abdominal surgery. Chest surgery might mean a wait of up to two weeks. For laparoscopic surgery, two days is probably sufficient. Ask his surgeon to be sure.

The second issue is blood clots. After any surgery, there

is a propensity for blood clots for as long as four weeks. For those flying after surgery, it's particularly important to take precautions, such as flexing your leg muscles while seated and getting up and moving in the cabin as frequently as possible.

Only his surgeon may recommend aspirin or other treatment to reduce clot risk, if appropriate. Aspirin can be risky after surgery.

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

Ed's one weakness

Ed, the best player in my club, has one weakness: a mild gambling addiction of which he is well aware. "There's a gambling hotline you could call for help," I remarked. "I'd try it," Ed said ruefully, "if every tenth caller were a winner." The only place Ed won't gamble is at the bridge table. When he was declarer at today's six hearts, West led a spade. Ed might have played dummy's queen; a winning finesse would have given him at least 12 sure tricks. But he played LOW from dummy.

Do you agree with that action? ANSWER: I can't say that opening is wrong, and I suspect that most experts would open. The hand has two defensive tricks. The case for passing is that the long suit is a ragged minor. I would open a 12-point hand such as K Q 10 3 2, Q 5, J 7 2, A 3 2. With the actual hand, my personal style would suggest passing. North dealer N-S vulnerable

DIAMOND LOSER

East won with the ten and shifted to a diamond, but Ed took the ace, cashed the ace of trumps and the A-K of clubs, and ruffed a club high. He led a trump to dummy, ruffed a club, got back to dummy with the ace of spades, discarded his diamond loser on the good fifth club and claimed the slam. Ed goes down if he gambles on the spade finesse. East will take the king and return a spade, killing a vital entry to dummy, and Ed will have to lose a diamond.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A Q 4 ♥ Q 5 ♦ J 7 2 ♣ K 9 5 3 2. North in today's deal opened one club with this hand.

NORTH

♠ A Q 4

♥ Q 5

♦ J 7 2

♣ K 9 5 3 2

WEST

♠ J 9 7 5 3

♥ 3 2

♦ K 8 5 3

♣ 7 4

EAST

♠ K 10 8

♥ 7 6

♦ Q 9 6 4

♣ Q J 10 8

SOUTH

♠ 6 2

♥ A K J 10 9 8 4

♦ A 10

♣ A 6

North

1 ♣

1 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

6 ♥

West

Pass

All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 5

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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Spiked
- Valuable discovery
- Bride's new title
- Without support
- Drive away
- Casual agreement
- Richard Dreyfuss movie, with "The"
- Evergreen
- Put in place
- Chains of mountains
- Compos mentis
- Language of northern India
- Foolish
- Fine, twilled linen
- Not so tough
- Exploitive individual
- Toward dawn
- Contradict
- Leaders
- Rapturous delight
- \_\_\_ Monica
- Writer Ogden
- Waste time
- Soaked to the skin
- Toed the line
- Axilla
- Olfactory offenses
- Puts down
- Go against
- Keats offering
- Sizable

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

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26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36

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- Richard Gere movie
- Continental NASA equivalent

- Show host
- Lord Byron's Muse
- Slippery catch
- Toddlers
- Descartes and Auberjonois

DOWN

- Falls behind
- Medicinal plant
- Codger
- Conclude
- Refuse
- Prevailing tendency
- Miller and Jackson
- Mayberry kid
- Opposed to
- Corner pipe
- Rex Harrison movie
- Horse checkers
- Shopping bender
- Bronx Bomber
- Honeybuns
- Quasi convertibles
- Pen points
- Ignorant comments
- Between ports
- Gene Kelly movie
- Old-time actor
- Roscoe
- Queen Elizabeth's daughter
- Cay
- Gazed at
- Neighbor of Molokai
- Difficult to please
- Former orphan
- Tempestuous
- Milwaukee player
- "A Delicate Balance" playwright
- Poker option
- \_\_\_ on (mollycoddles)
- Quick kiss
- Eastern sultanate
- Palm tree fruit
- Cain's nephew
- Touch tenderly
- Mine yield

COMEDIANESOBIT

EBRORIATASARI

COMMANDEERCLEA

ILOZOE RAHAL

LIMBOONPARADE

LIFEPEERDEN

REGICIDEKNEED

ONANNONET AEREO

UNZIPAIRSCREW

SEEENGINEER

TATTOOERRENESES

TANTOAAAOLEA

ABETBRONXCHEER

DIEUAGATEANNA

CORMDEKEDIDAS

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Scrabble Solution

PAR SCORE 145-155

TOTAL 224

RACK 4 = 10

RACK 3 = 92

RACK 2 = 62

RACK 1 = 60

SOLUTION

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BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

I'M TRYING TO USE MY TIME MORE EFFICIENTLY

WAY TO GO, SIR!

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GREG + MORT WALKER

SO I'M NOT WASTING TIME READING YOUR EFFICIENCY IDEAS

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SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell

SOME FELLER CRUNCHED SOME NUMBERS AN' FIGGERED OUT THAT A MOTHER'S ADVICE IS CORRECT 87% OF TH' TIME !!

BODACIOUS !! WHAT ABOUT A FATHER'S ADVICE ?!

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DUNNO !! HE DIDN'T CRUNCH THOSE NUMBERS !!

'CUZ HIS MAW ADVISED HIM NOT TO !!

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Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★

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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

8 2 4 1 7 9 5 6 3

5 1 3 8 6 2 9 4 7

9 6 7 5 4 3 8 1 2

2 4 1 3 8 5 7 9 6

6 5 8 9 2 7 4 3 1

3 7 9 6 1 4 2 8 5

4 9 5 7 3 6 1 2 8

1 3 2 4 5 8 6 7 9

7 8 6 2 9 1 3 5 4

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