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E1	I1	O1	R1	W4	L1	L1	2nd Letter Double	RACK 1
E1	O1	U1	L1	N1	G2	F4		RACK 2
E1	O1	H4	R1	R1	T1	B3		RACK 3
A1	E1	U1	H4	J8	D2	G2	Triple Word Score	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 240

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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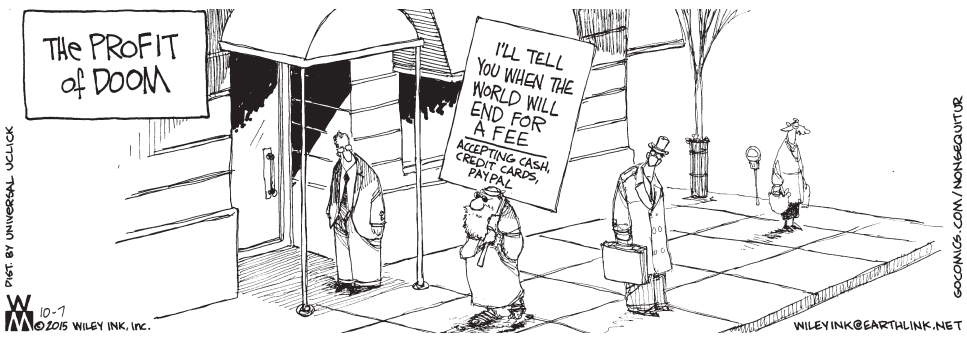
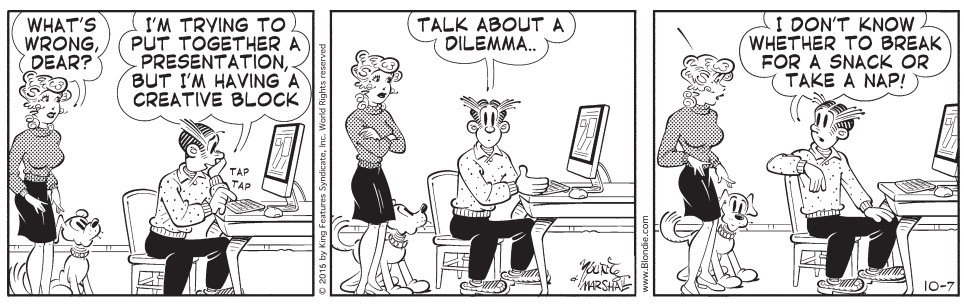
NON SEQUITUR by Wiley



DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

"OF COURSE I KNOW MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES. YOU GET IT AT THE ATM."

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.

VICLI

GINIC

NOPELL

LURPEY

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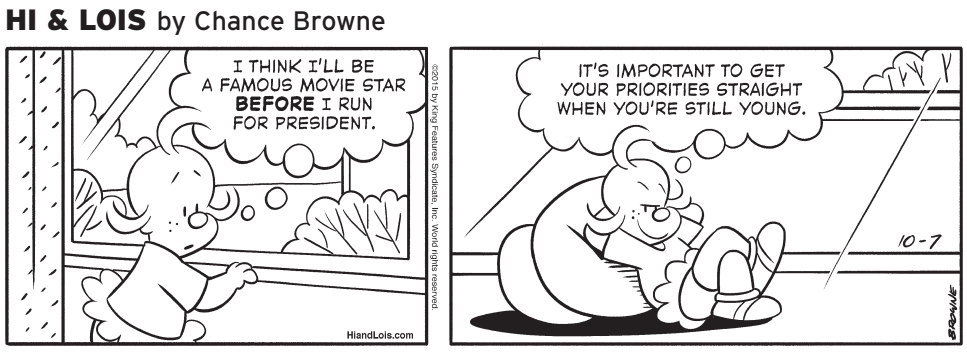
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

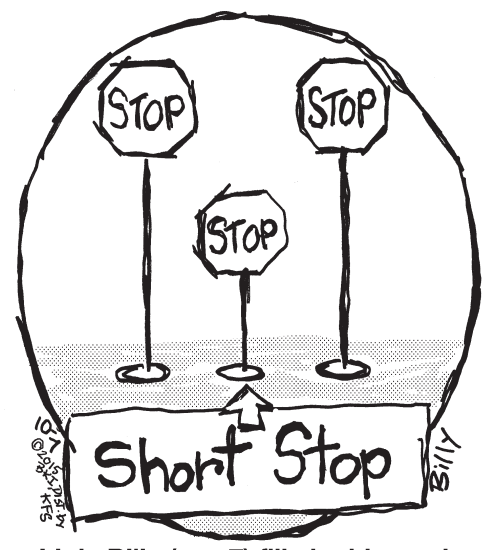
A: (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DODGE BRAVE AROUND INTACT
Answer: The rock group was so bad that the audience left. They were — "A-BAND-DONE"

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne



THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



Little Billy (age 7) fills in this week with his own very punny baseball humor.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne

Smoking quadruples the risk of cancer

DR. KEITH ROACH
TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Dear Dr. Roach: My husband has cancer in his bladder. It was found when he was having his prostate checked. He asked the doctor what caused it. My husband used to smoke and drink in his younger years and was told that those probably took a toll on his bladder. He has had outpatient surgery to remove the cancer and two small masses have returned. It has been one year since his first surgery. He has tried some herbal treatments from his acupuncturist, and they did not work. He is now having a second surgery, and the doctor is going to test the tumors to see if he can take some kind of medication to keep them from coming back. — *N.M.*

It is likely that your husband has urothelial carcinoma, the most common form of bladder cancer in the United States and Canada. It is much more common in men than in women, and smoking is a major risk factor, roughly quadrupling the risk of cancer. Some of the toxic chemicals in cigarette smoke are absorbed through the lungs, then excreted through the kidneys, where they can concentrate in the bladder and cause damage that eventually will lead to bladder cancer. Occupational exposure to carcinogens is another risk factor.

The urologist treating bladder cancer normally removes all cancer possible at the time of diagnosis during cystoscopy (a fairly minor surgery done with an instrument placed into the bladder through the penile urethra in men or vaginal urethra in women). Your husband had more than one cancer at the time of diagnosis, which put him at higher risk for recurrence. Now that he has recurred, his surgeon is likely to again remove what can be removed during cystoscopy.

I suspect that your husband will be offered BCG, a weakened bacterial strain that stimulates the body's immune system to get rid of the cancer. It reduces the likelihood that the cancer will return or progress, and reduces the need for further procedures or for chemotherapy. It can cause a burning sensation in the bladder and some flulike symptoms. It usually is given once a week for six weeks.

Acupuncture is effective for some conditions. So are some herbs. But I can't recommend any complementary or alternative treatments for bladder cancer. I'm glad he continued to see his doctor.

Dear Dr. Roach: I recently read that the shingles vaccine is effective for only six years. Is this true? Is there a booster? I have never seen this statement in any other information I have read on the subject. — *J.*

The shingles vaccine is a relatively new vaccine, and it is not known with certainty how long its protection will last. Several studies have suggested that the protection becomes lessened at about eight years after vaccination, but ongoing studies are necessary before deciding whether a booster shot would be recommended. For now, no booster is recommended.

I want to remind people who are taking acyclovir or similar medications (such as Famvir and Valtrex) that, if possible, these should be stopped a day before receiving the shingles vaccine and not restarted for a week afterward, since the medication might interfere with development of protective immunity.

Bridge
by Frank Stewart

Solving a mystery

I used to enjoy Ellery Queen mysteries: complex edifices that gave the reader the clues he needed to solve a crime — provided he was a genius.

Problem-solving is the essence of bridge. Try today's deal as a defensive problem. Cover the East and South cards. Against three hearts, you lead the king of diamonds: deuce, three, nine.

What do you lead at the second trick?

You can see four defensive tricks: two diamonds, a heart and a spade. But on the bidding, East can have no useful honors. Your only chance for a fifth trick is to give him a spade ruff, but you must do that without sacrificing your spade trick.

TEN OF SPADES

Lead the king of spades, hoping South has A-x-x. He takes the ace and leads a trump, and you grab your ace and lead the jack of spades. As you hope, East ruffs dummy's queen and returns a diamond, and you win and cash the ten of spades.

If you think North's bidding was questionable, I agree. North-South could have made 3NT. Did you beat three hearts?

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 9 5 ♡ K J 8 3 2 ♢ Q 9 ♣ A 9 3. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart and he bids two clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your best contract — game or slam — is uncertain. Partner can have many different types of hands, so for you to bid 3NT would be indiscreet. Bid two spades, the "fourth suit," to let him continue to describe his hand. If he has a hand such as 2, A 4, K J 10 8 5 2, K Q 10 4, six diamonds will be a fine contract.

South dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
♠ Q 8 7
♡ Q 10 9
♢ J 8 5 2
♣ K Q 6

WEST
♠ K J 10 6 4 3
♡ A 5 4
♢ A K 7
♣ 2

EAST
♠ 2
♡ 7 6
♢ 10 6 4 3
♣ J 10 8 7 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A 9 5
♡ K J 8 3 2
♢ Q 9
♣ A 9 3

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

Opening lead — ♢ K

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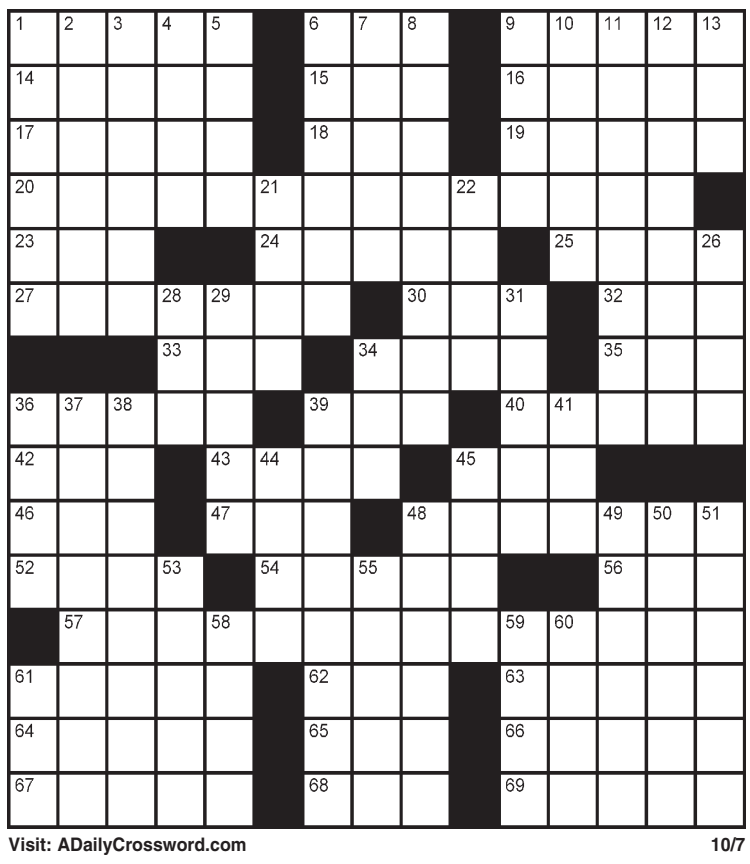
The Daily Crossword
Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



ACROSS
1 Shout at the opera
6 Tennis grouping
9 Smart-alecky
14 Go back to committee
15 Formerly
16 Intelligentsia
17 Plus feature
18 Post-grad pursuit
19 Roofing material
20 Start of a quote by Yogi Berra
23 Horror film street
24 Chase group
25 Peddle
27 Extend an income source
30 Jan. honoree
32 Carnival city, casually
33 Vase with a foot
34 Bamako's location
35 Last bit
36 Fats Waller's instrument
39 Part 2 of quote
40 Window sill
42 Sale-tag abbr.
43 Like a bolt from the blue
45 Wily
46 "__ as a Stranger"
47 Fin. neighbor
48 Gets up for
52 Purl's counterpart
54 Infamous Ford flop
56 Bunny move
57 End of quote
61 Even more frigid
62 Nocturnal raptor
63 Onion relatives
64 Pro driver
65 Lepidopterist's equipment
66 Sew temporarily
67 Huskies' burdens
68 Sardonic
69 Some saxes

DOWN
1 Ink roller
2 Make shoe repairs
3 Take on
4 Mental attitude
5 Milanese eight
6 Sickly yellow
7 Yikes!
8 Villager
9 Eve's youngest son
10 Secret moniker
11 Like cloud edges, at times
12 Nerving up
13 Nodding response
21 Abreast of
22 Legendary marksman
26 Rich deposit
28 Convent inhabitant
29 Engulf
31 Lethal volleyball shots
34 "Mr. __"
36 Way to be tickled
37 Humorously sarcastic
38 Deceptive maneuver
39 "Wagon Train" star
41 Bud of a potato
44 Tilled
45 Earthy sediment
48 Property
49 Superlatively diffident
50 Liked from the start
51 Numbered works
53 Twill weave
55 Conduit for waste
58 Transgresses
59 Isle near Corsica
60 "Hud" star Patricia
61 Gov. tax collector

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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

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Scrabble Solution

SCRABBLE BRAND GRAMS SOLUTION

L1	O1	W4	L1	I1	E1	R1	RACK 1 =	61
E1	N1	G2	U1	L1	F4		RACK 2 =	10
B3	R1	O1	T1	H4	E1	R1	RACK 3 =	62
J8	U1	G2	H4	E1	A1	D2	RACK 4 =	107
							TOTAL	240

PAR SCORE 145-155

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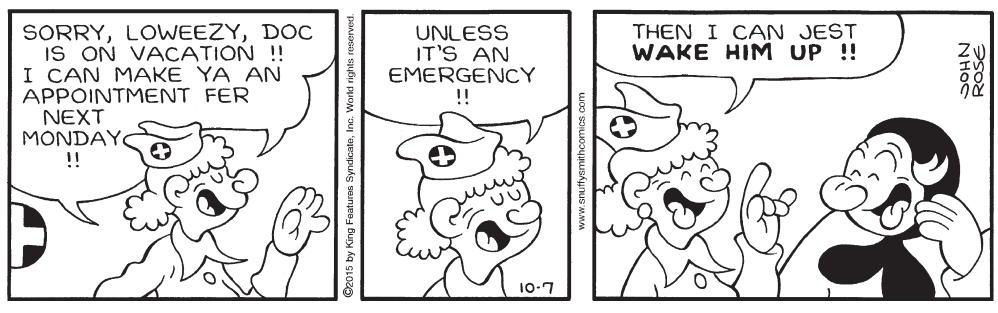
BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell



Conceptis Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/07

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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

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

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