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E I O O H T L P

E I Y T R R G

E E Y N R S C

A O R R C T P

Triple Word Score

2nd Letter Double

RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155

BEST SCORE 222

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

DON'T YOU HAVE HOMEWORK TO DO?

I AM, DADDY. THIS IS PRE-HOMEWORK EXERCISE

UM... WHAT?

STUDIES SHOW THAT WATCHING TV FIRST RELAXES THE BRAIN, WHICH HELPS ME RETAIN MORE OF THE HOMEWORK WHEN I FEEL LIKE DOING IT

CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK

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STUDIES SHOW THAT PARENTS WEREN'T BORN YESTERDAY

EITHER SHUT UP OR HELP ME WITH THIS BOOK REPORT

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WILLY WILEY & GARTH WILLY WILEY 60 COMICS.COM

BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall

HONEY, I HAVE TO RUN OVER TO MY CATERING SHOP AND WON'T BE HOME 'TIL LATER

OH, NO!

DON'T WORRY, THOUGH. DAISY CAN KEEP YOU COMPANY UNTIL I GET THERE

(SIGH) OKAY, I'LL SEE YOU THEN

PLEASE TELL ME YOU'VE STARTED DINNER

?

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HI & LOIS by Chance Browne

ALL POLITICIANS TALK TRASH.

AND MOST OF THEIR IDEAS ARE RECYCLED.

POLITICS REALLY IS A DIRTY BUSINESS.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne

HAGAR! WAIT!

THAT'S YOUR GREAT-UNCLE'S CASTLE!

I KNOW!

HE REMOVED ME FROM HIS WILL!!

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DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

I LIKE MY TEACHER... BUT SHE STILL HAS A LOT TO LEARN.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane

DINOSAURS ONCE RULED THE EARTH.

“Who voted for them?”

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JUMBLE

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

BIROT

ROWDL

KYLELI

DIQULI

Print your answer here:  -  -

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HAPPY PLUCK TACKLE HECTIC

Answer: The movers had no problems lifting the heavy boxes, but she wanted them to — PICK UP THE PACE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I was just shooting at some food, and up came this bubblin' crude.

We're going to be rich! Let's move!

AFTER DISCOVERING OIL ON THEIR PROPERTY, THEY WOULD BECOME —

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

Recommendations for routine testing

Dear Dr. Roach: I read your response to the 67-year-old woman whose insurance wanted her to have a routine urinalysis, which you felt was unnecessary.

Being such a simple test to do, with no pain or downside to the patient, why wouldn't you recommend it? For women, it can catch chronic infections that are sometimes barely symptomatic, and in my sister's case, blood was found, alerting doctors to the fact that she had bladder cancer in her mid-50s (she was in no apparent risk group). I am not diabetic, nor do I have kidney disease, but you can bet I will be asking for a simple urinalysis at my physicals! — M.C.S.

The reason I don't recommend a urinalysis (and, in fact, most blood tests) is that they are more likely to cause harm (from evaluating and possibly treating a false-

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positive result) than they are to cause good (by finding an unsuspected condition at a time when it can be more easily treated).

This is very difficult to explain, and I often see people in my practice and who write in with just the attitude you have, and I find it understandable.

Part of it is the fault of doctors and of the media, who often say that if we had found out sooner, the outcome could have been better. That is often the case when someone has symptoms of a potentially serious condition, but rarely is the case when someone has no symptoms at all and isn't in a high-risk group.

I can understand why, given your sister's experience, you are inclined to want this test. Experiences of people close to

us always are powerful. But I also know of a case of a man who had a nonrecommended screening test, which led to a biopsy, which led to an infection of the spinal cord, which ultimately left him a paraplegic. Severely bad outcomes like that are rare, but overall it is more likely that most tests done in asymptomatic people, where there isn't any reason to suspect an underlying condition, will lead to unnecessary testing, pain, anxiety and expense than they are to lead to a good outcome.

There are some exceptions. Checking blood pressure and cholesterol periodically is a good idea, since high blood pressure and high cholesterol can be treated early and reduce risk for heart attack and stroke.

Some cancer screening tests, such as colonoscopies and Pap smears, are appropriate at particular ages. Because doing testing on asymptom-

atic people requires a high level of proof that they cause more benefit than harm, several groups, especially the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, regularly evaluate the evidence on what screening tests are appropriate for the general population as well as for high-risk groups. Routine urinalysis is recommended for healthy pregnant women but not healthy men or non-pregnant women.

**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

Exotic defense

In today's deal from the excellent "Daily Bulletin" at the ACBL Summer NABC, a writer noted that West led his singleton spade against four hearts. South took dummy's ace and led a trump. West won and led the queen of diamonds.

South ducked, won the next diamond and drew trumps. He cashed the K-A of clubs, led a third club ... and discarded a spade. When West took the queen, he had to lead a diamond, and South ruffed in dummy, pitching a spade, and threw his last spade on the high ten of clubs. Making four.

The writer said that South's duck of the first diamond was vital. He also noted that West could prevail by dumping his Q-J of clubs under the K-A(!) to avoid the end play.

he bids two diamonds. The opponents pass. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** To rebid two spades is tempting, but partner may have no tolerance for spades at all. (If he held a hand such as A J 4, A K 7 5 3, J 6 5 4, 3, he would have raised your one-spade response to two.) Bid two hearts, which will almost surely be a playable contract if your partner passes.

South dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A 8 3

♥ J 7 6 4

♦ 10 7

♣ A 10 8 6

WEST

♠ 2

♥ A 3

♦ Q J 9 6 5 4 2

♣ Q J 3

EAST

♠ K Q 10 6 5

♥ 10 8

♦ K 8

♣ 9 7 5 2

SOUTH

♠ J 9 7 4

♥ K Q 9 5 2

♦ A 3

♣ K 4

**DISCARD**

Credit the writer for spotting an exotic defense. He may not have noticed that South could succeed easily by winning the first diamond and setting up the ten of clubs with a ruff to discard his diamond loser. He would lose two spades and a trump.

Writing up bridge deals is treacherous.

**DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠ K Q 10 6 5 ♥ 10 8 ♦ K 8 ♣ 9 7 5 2. Your partner opens one heart, you respond one spade and

**Opening lead — ♠ 2**

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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

1 Bahrain ruler

5 Fruit ice

11 Initial lunch order

14 Singular

15 Thigh piece of armor

16 Shoe width

17 Hit by Bobby "Boris" Pickett

19 \_\_ Marie Saint

20 Resistance units

21 Type of pear

23 "Sanford and Son" spinoff

26 Groups of equals

27 Cook bk. listing

28 Silent performers

31 Orinoco tributary

32 \_\_, amas, amat

33 Nuremberg conclusion

34 Nightmarish spirits

37 "Blue Horses" painter Chagall

39 Cable channel

41 Israeli carrier

42 Temporary asphyxia

44 Major ending?

46 Shipmate's reply

47 D.C. honcho

48 Jeanne of "State Fair"

49 Former French coin

50 Candidates for knighthood

53 Old Testament book

55 "Bad Day at Black Rock" director

56 Excessively acid

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

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64 65 66

67 68 69

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YESTERDAY'S SCATTER SOLVED

B A S I L S C A T T S G T S

A L T A I N A N O A R E A

B L A C K B E A N S B E A T

U A R E L E N A S L E S E

L Y S I N E P E E N

R E D O N I O N P I P

P A W E D T I L T S E S A

O C H S W A X E S P A N G

E M I M A R I A C A S T E

S E T B L U E C R A B

E L A L E T A L I I

D E F Y E S P A N A I N N

A R I L Y E L L O W J A C K

D O S E E R A T B A N A L

O O H S S A Y S A B A S E

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DOWN

1 Shade provider

2 Cattle call?

3 Tourist's stopover

4 Make repairs at Wrigley

5 Plant stalk

6 Belonging to us

7 Edge

8 Robert and Amanda

9 Borden's spokes-cow

10 Capital of Iran

11 Hungarian dish

12 Flood protection

13 Rendis

18 Soup herb

22 Broad comedy

23 Pasturage grass

24 Change charts

25 Winter trailing plant

26 Eyes, fancifully

65 More ethereal

66 Eden resident

67 Bk. after Ezra

68 Makes diagonal

69 Animal displays

29 Quechuan ruler

30 GPs

34 Former Peruvian currency

35 Mississippi backwater

36 End of the small intestine

38 Heart of France

40 One-time connection

43 Perplexing puzzles

45 Tedium

48 Natural pause in verse

50 Industrial city on the Ruhr

51 Cubic measure

52 Lubricate anew

54 Ball's partner

56 Editorial notation

57 Galley tools

60 Diarist Anais

61 Time-wasting bother

62 \_\_ Paulo, Brazil

63 \_\_ Pinafore

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BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE MADE REAL PROGRESS

SIR!

OH, I'M SORRY. I GUESS I HAD THIS CHART ON SIDWAYS

GREG+ MORT WALKER

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SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell

JOHN ROSE

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Conceptis Sudoku

6 4 2 9

9 7 2 1

3

9 4

7 9 5 8 3

8 9

4 5 1 6

8 6 7 5

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

3 8 1 9 7 5 2 4 6

6 2 5 4 1 3 9 7 8

9 4 7 6 2 8 3 5 1

7 9 2 1 8 6 4 3 5

4 3 6 2 5 9 1 8 7

1 5 8 3 4 7 6 2 9

8 1 3 5 9 2 7 6 4

2 7 4 8 6 1 5 9 3

5 6 9 7 3 4 8 1 2

Difficulty Level ★

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