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E1E1E1I1R1P1G2

A1O1U1L1H4R1C3

E1O1O1L1N1G2C3

E1E1U1D3C3S1C3

RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

2nd Letter Double

Triple Word Score

PAR SCORE 145-155

BEST SCORE 221

FOUR RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

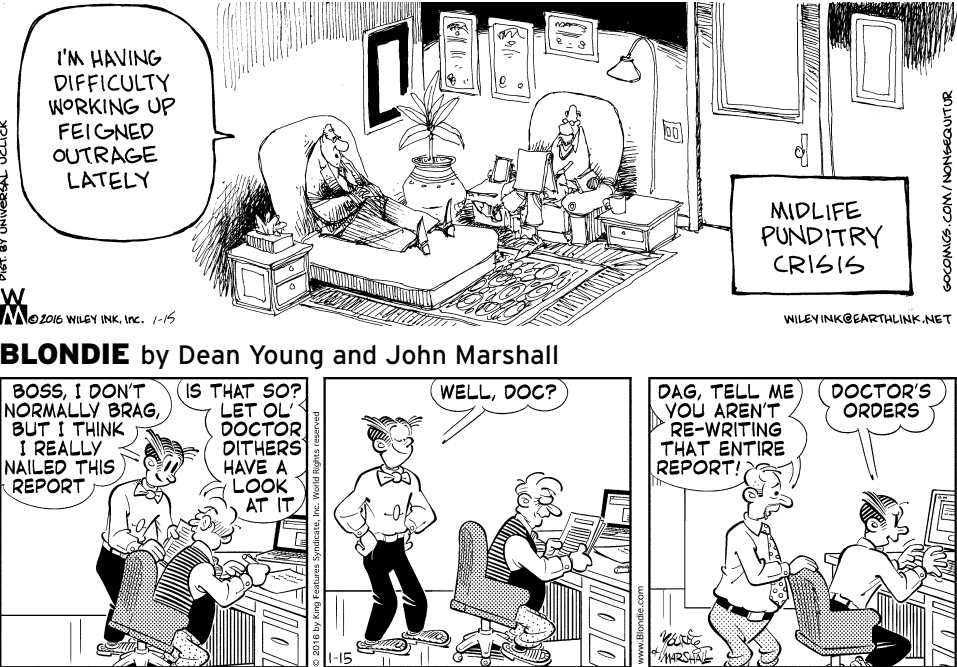
DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

Answer below

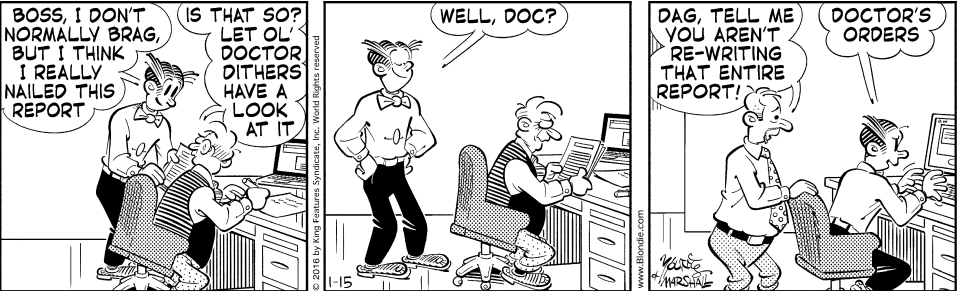
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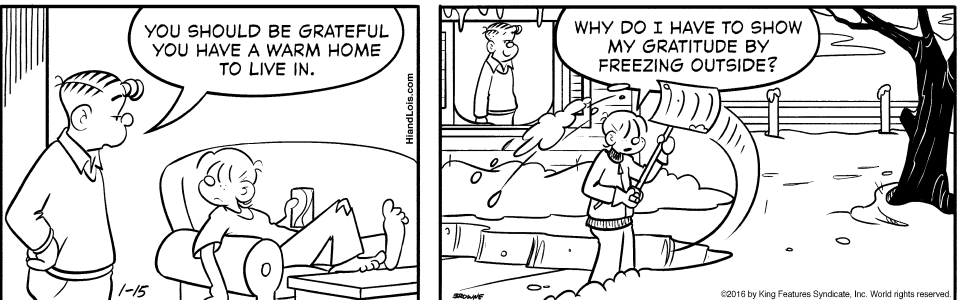
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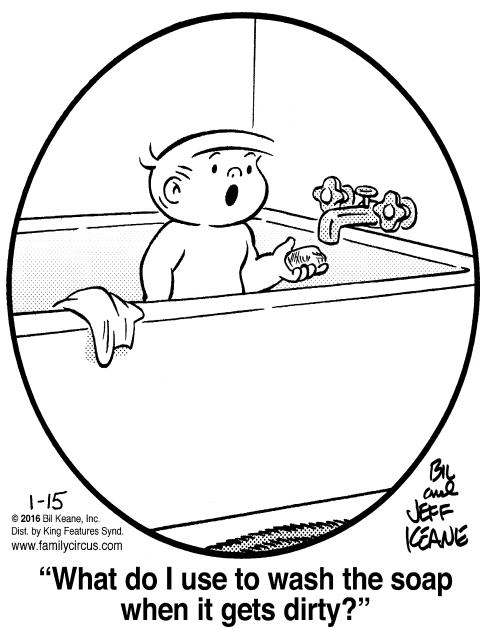
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



JUMBLE

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

YINRA

GUYMG

WEYIRN

TARTHO

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Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app.

THE DOG JUST COULDN'T FINISH CHEWING THE WHOLE BONE, AND IT WAS —

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's

Jumbles: PICKY HONEY CACTUS REDUCE

Answer: When the hen bought the new two-door sports car, she bought a — CHICKEN "COUPE"

Proctalgia fugax, literal pain in the rear

Dear Dr. Roach: I hope you can help me. I have a pain that I would be embarrassed to share, in my small town, with the person who makes my doctor appointments, then the young girls who take my blood pressure and weight, and then, finally, with the doctor. I'm in my late 40s. In the past year, about three or four times I have been awakened in the middle of the night with pain in my anus. Other than that I'm eating better, I can't think of any changes in my life to account for this. Should I be worried? — Anon.

You have what sounds like a classic, if somewhat infrequent, case of proctalgia fugax, a condition of periodic rectal pain I have heard about far more frequently in letters than I ever have seen in my clinical practice. This probably is because many people, like you, are reluctant or embarrassed to speak to

DR. KEITH ROACH
TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

their doctor about it. However, you should do so, not because proctalgia fugax is dangerous (it isn't), but because there are uncommon causes of rectal pain that are more worrisome.

An anal fissure, a small tear in the lining of the anus, is the most common cause, but hemorrhoids and ulcers are painful too, and can be excluded with a physical examination. The prostate and coccyx (tailbone) may become inflamed and painful, and this can feel like anal pain. In women, pelvic inflammatory disease should be ruled out. You will be due for your screening colonoscopy at age 50, but your doctor will consider doing a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy to make sure there is no inflammatory bowel disease. Blood tests to

look for infection or inflammation should be normal with proctalgia fugax and can help ensure that there is no more worrisome cause.

Your physician is used to hearing about every element of body function imaginable — and some you might not be able to imagine. Don't be embarrassed. You can tell your doctor's assistants that you prefer to discuss your issue with your doctor directly. Doctors have an obligation to keep your personal information private.

Proctalgia fugax often is treated effectively with firm pressure, such as sitting on a baseball or tennis ball. More severe cases benefit from medication, such as topical cream or oral medications. Those are prescribed by your doctor.

Dear Dr. Roach: A medical doctor told my sister-in-law that epidurals can cause leukemia. What is your opinion

on this matter? True, or not true? — R.M.

Not true, certainly. I wonder how this kind of misinformation gets started. I suspect that the information became confused in transit. Perhaps the doctor suggested an epidural for back pain but warned that there are many causes, including cancer (leukemia uncommonly spreads to the central nervous system). Perhaps the physician explaining the side effects of epidural mentioned the word "hematoma," which literally means "tumor of blood," but is more familiar to anyone as a bruise. But "tumor of blood" might be misinterpreted as "leukemia."

I think the most likely reason for the confusion is that epidurals are sometimes used to manage pain in people with existing cancer in and around the spine, so they are used for, but do not cause, cancer.

Bridge

by Frank Stewart

Cy runs scared

Cy the Cynic, whose cynicism often focuses on our dysfunctional political system, says that politicians are always running: If they're not running for office, they're running for cover.

Cy probably wanted to run and hide after today's deal. As declarer at 3NT, he took the queen of clubs and led the A-K and a third diamond — a losing play in the long run. When East won, he led the ten of spades: queen, king.

The Cynic won the spade return but had only eight tricks. He cashed a diamond and tried the K-A of clubs. When East discarded, Cy let the queen of hearts ride. He was run over when East won; the result was down two.

WINNING PLAY

Here's a rundown on the best play. Cy can cash the ace of diamonds at Trick Two, then lead low to his ten. He wants to set up the diamonds without letting East get in for a spade shift.

If West wins and continues clubs, Cy finesses in hearts next. He is sure of at least nine tricks: three diamonds, two hearts, three clubs and a spade.

diamond, your partner responds one spade, you bid INT and he jumps to three diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: If partner's jump-preference is forcing, bid three spades. But most pairs treat many of responder's jump-preferences and jump-rebids as invitational, and then to pass would be correct since you have no extra strength. Discuss this issue with your partner and reach an agreement.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

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

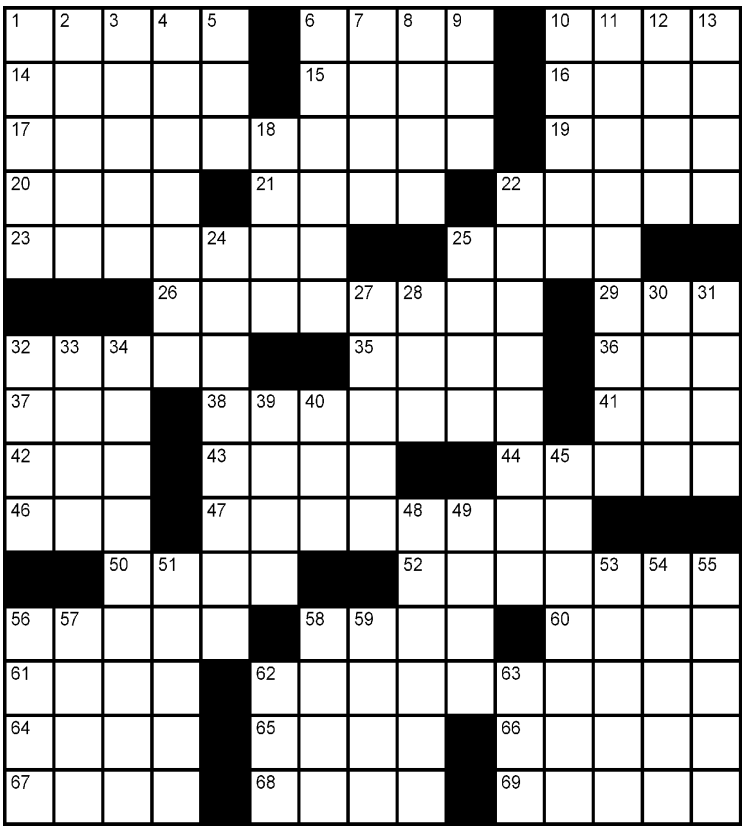
SOUTH		West		North		East	
♠ A Q		1 NT		3 NT		All Pass	
♥ Q J 5							
♦ K 10 9 3							
♣ A 6 5 3							

Opening lead — ♣ J
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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Rugby formation
- Dog docs
- Little rascals
- University of Maine town
- Satie or Estrada
- Binary
- Ingrid's Isabella
- Land in water
- Double
- Frosts
- Struck a stance
- One gym shoe
- Sedan or coupe
- "Medea" director
- Former Ford model
- Brave
- Berets and bonnets
- Acrimony
- "Starpeace" artist
- Yoko
- Worldwide service club
- At this moment
- TV interruptions
- Montand or Saint Laurent
- Friendliness
- Physician, familiarly
- "Scaramouche" writer
- Call from the pews
- Greek wine
- Title holder
- Joanie Loves Chachi" star Scott
- Carrier to Israel



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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

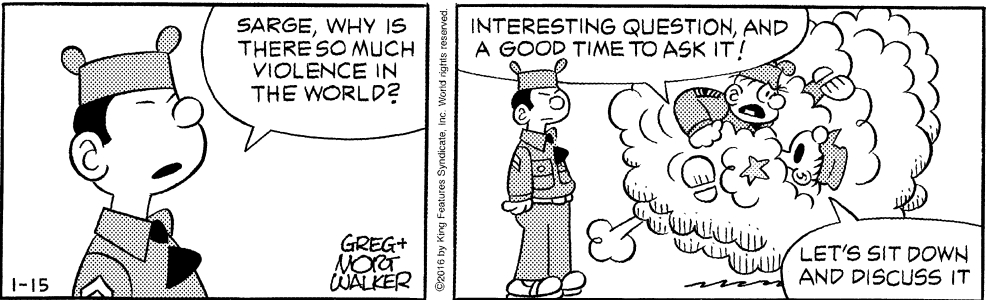
DOWN

- Arranges by category
- Top of one's head
- Perez of "White Men Can't Jump"
- Clicks open
- "The Simpsons" barkeep
- Trademark fastener
- Sandusky's lake
- Sardine containers
- Winter runner
- No genius
- Dictator Benito
- Visibly drained
- Winter glider
- Prevarications
- Powerful, affectedly
- '50s musical quiz show host
- Opposed
- ___ Apso
- Actor McKellen
- Jog
- Freshly moist
- Prod
- Dismantle
- Conductor Arturo
- Reitman or Lendl
- Arachnid structure
- Scroogelike
- Ribbed cloth
- Pei's first name
- ___ of Honor
- Of a pelvic bone
- FDR's VP, John ___ Garner
- Matching
- Sign
- Walk through water
- Big name in high fidelity
- Plays parts
- Exclude
- Night sch. course

Scrabble Solution

PAR SCORE 145-155	221
RACK 4 =	86
RACK 3 =	60
RACK 2 =	15
RACK 1 =	60

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell



Conceptis Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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

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

Difficulty Level ★★★