

SCRABBLEGRAMS

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A1

O1

O1

K5

B3

W4

L1

Triple Word Score

RACK 1

A1

E1

I1

U1

D2

G2

R1

2nd Letter Double

RACK 2

A1

A1

E1

U1

L1

D2

T1

2nd Letter Double

RACK 3

A1

O1

G2

L1

N1

J8

R1

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155

FOUR RACK TOTAL

BEST SCORE 231

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.

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NON SEQUITUR by Wiley

HEY, DADDY... I JUST WANT TO GIVE YOU A HEADS-UP ON A TEST OF MY INVISIBILITY THEORY, SO DON'T GET SCARED IF YOU CAN'T SEE ME...

IT JUST MEANS MY EXTREMELY GOOD BEHAVIOR HAS MADE ME INVISIBLE

WHO SAID THAT?

YES! IT WORKS!!

GOOD ONE, DADDY

IN BOTH PARENTING AND COMEDY, TIMING IS EVERYTHING, KATE

BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall

WHAT'S KEEPING BUMSTEAD?! HIS PRESENTATION WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FINISHED AN HOUR AGO!

BUMSTEAD!!

YEOW!!

GUESS WHO CAME WITHIN 10 SECONDS OF SETTING A NEW PERSONAL WORLD RECORD FOR JUGGLING STAPLERS?!

JUMBLE

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

AUGGE

LAASI

TRONHW

CLASIO

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I can't believe my new hammer broke.

My father gave me mine. They don't make them like this anymore.

THE CARPENTER HAS HAD HIS HAMMER FOR SO LONG BECAUSE IT WAS

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DIZZY HONOR FITTED GIGGLE
Answer: After he bit into the tasty frankfurter, he said — HOT DIGGITY DOG!

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THAT SONG, TRIXIE?

WELL...

THE GUITAR WAS OUT OF TUNE, THE SINGING WAS OFF-KEY, AND THERE WAS A BUZZ IN THE SPEAKER.

BUT WHAT DO I KNOW?

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne

I'M HOME, HELGA!

I HOPE YOU CAME HOME WITH AN APPETITE!

I CAME HOME WITH FOUR APPETITES!

DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

“DON'T BOTHER CHECKING TO SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING IN MY POCKETS... THEY ALL HAVE HOLES IN THEM.”

THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane

“C'mon, Daddy! One more lap and we'll win the gold medal.”

Chlorine is very unlikely to cause cancer

Dear Dr. Roach: I was warned not to use the water agitators in the spa at the municipal facility where I live, because inhaling the chemicals can cause cancer. I inquired at the facility, and was told that they use calcium hypochlorite and test the pool three to four times daily. Should I be worried about cancer? — L.S.

There is no good evidence that chlorine in swimming pools causes cancer. It is true that the chlorine in pool water can react with organic material, such as skin cells or compounds in sweat in urine, to form trihalomethanes and other chemicals. These are what can be irritating to the eye, lung and skin. They also can cause cancer in animal cells in the laboratory, but that is a long way from saying that swimming in or breathing the fumes from swimming-pool water causes cancer.

DR. KEITH ROACH TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

In my opinion, the benefits from swimming outweigh any potentially small risk of cancer.

Dear Dr. Roach: I heard on the television that eating bagels and potatoes will cause lung cancer. Is this true? — N.B.

I believe this comes from a study released in March of this year, which found that people who eat a large amount of refined carbohydrates, such as white bread, potatoes and bagels, were 49 percent more likely to develop lung cancer. However, this translates to a very small increase in risk among people who don't smoke.

Eating too many refined carbohydrates is already known to be a risk for heart

disease, obesity and diabetes, so the study is adding another reason for people to avoid excess starch, which may provide some benefit.

It sounds like what you heard on television was an oversimplification of a more nuanced message. An occasional bagel or bowl of mashed potatoes is not going to significantly increase cancer risk. Have a balanced diet with whole grains, and especially fruits and vegetables (which reduce cancer risk).

Dear Dr. Roach: What do you think about hyaluronic acid, which is now the rage in skin creams for wrinkles? I am worried about using an acid, since I read that Queen Elizabeth I destroyed her face with acids. — K.V.D.

Hyaluronic acid works very well for wrinkles — when it is injected. Dermatologists and plastic surgeons use it

as a soft-tissue filler and to remove some signs of aging. Unfortunately, most often the effects wear off after six to 12 months.

Hyaluronic acid is not absorbed well, if at all, by the skin, so although it is a reasonable moisturizer, it doesn't have the same type of effect as a cream as it does by injection. There are more effective moisturizers for less money.

Acids vary in strength, and the skin is not damaged by most diluted acids, such as those designed for the skin. An example is ascorbic acid (vitamin C), which was all the rage a few years ago. Queen Elizabeth I, interestingly, used a variety of skin whiteners after her skin was damaged by smallpox. One of these, Venetian ceruse, contains lead. Lead can be absorbed through the skin, and the lead not only damaged and corroded her skin, but also slowly poisoned her.

Bridge by Frank Stewart

Personality profile

“Do you think bridge players have Type-A personalities?” Rose asked me in the lounge.

“I’m dating a woman from Taiwan,” Cy the Cynic offered. “She has a Taipei personality.”

I know that a primary factor in becoming a winning player is desire. Many players have a drive to succeed; they study the game diligently.

At today’s 6NT, South takes the king of hearts and needs three club tricks plus good luck in diamonds. Say he leads the eight of clubs, planning to try two finesses, but the eight wins. West wins the third club with the king and leads another heart. How should South play the diamonds?

This is a textbook card combination, and good players study the textbooks. Since South needs four diamond tricks, he should lead low toward dummy’s jack. He hopes for a 3-2 break and the queen with West.

Since the only 4-1 break South can handle is the singleton queen with West, South must not cash his ace first. If he did that here, he would lose a lucky slam.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ K J 8 ♥ A 6
♦ K J 5 2 ♣ A 7 6 3. The dealer, at

your right, opens one heart. You double, the next player raises to two hearts and your partner bids two spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner may have stuck out his neck to compete for the partscore. He promises only seven or so points and, with both opponents bidding, he probably has no more than that. Pass. You have little extra strength. Don’t punish your partner for his initiative.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K J 8
♥ A 6
♦ K J 5 2
♣ A 7 6 3

WEST
♠ 7 6 3 2
♥ J 10 9 8 3
♦ Q
♣ K J 2

EAST
♠ 9 5 4
♥ 7 5 4 2
♦ 10 8 7 6
♣ 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10
♥ K Q
♦ A 9 4 3
♣ K 10 9 8

South 1 NT
West Pass
North 4 NT
East Pass

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

ACROSS

- Bantu spear
- Nautical dir.
- Yachting trophy
- Start of a Dean Acheson quote
- Waxy; pref.
- Sailors' admin.
- Lake in the Adirondacks
- Old World bunting
- Old-time high note
- Part 2 of quote
- Aluminum maker
- Throws
- "Rolling in the Deep" singer
- Letters on an invitation
- Part 3 of quote
- The water of Paris
- Holds
- Math letters
- Lobster eggs
- Annapolis letters
- Bowl-like object
- Part 4 of quote
- Spineless
- "Giant" ranch name
- Shall we be off?
- Had a stench
- Part 5 of quote
- ___ Miguel (largest of the Azores)
- Employer of Jeeves
- Storyteller
- Paranormal insight
- Musical acumen

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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

DOWN

- Befuddled
- "I ___ return!"
- Glacial flow
- Atlys.' org.
- 1st book of the Bible
- SDI weapon
- Seven-year malady?
- Money-saving prefix
- Frozen masses
- Spanish Miles.
- Large, sports stadium
- Two-toed sloth
- Unit of capacity
- German head waiter
- Way to Rome
- Doofus
- Of age
- Imprint clearly
- Chinese port
- Ornamental jar
- Bits of wordplay
- Annual melt
- Loser to the tortoise
- Mollusks having fan-shaped shells
- Canal of song
- Whit
- Religious factions
- Walked (on)
- Morsel for Swaps
- Piano parts
- Lugs
- Furtive fellow
- Saxophonist
- Mulligan
- Buzzing with activity
- Ruth's mother-in-law
- "M*A*S*H" locale
- Was in arrears
- Cyrano's feature
- Inland Asian sea
- Himalayan snowman?
- Test place
- Had a bite

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Scrabble Solution

PAR SCORE 145-155

TOTAL 231

14

60

59

98

SOLUTION

SCRABBLEGRAMS

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell

Conceptis Sudoku

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

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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