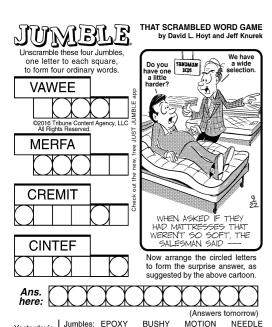
point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary. 5th Edition.

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The prizefighter needed to get his p

ready to be moved, so he — BOXED THEM UP

NON SEQUITUR by Wiley



BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall







GLBMXT!

WHEN SHE

"YOU'RE ONLY GONNA MAKE MATTERS WORSE WITH THOSE FLOWERS, DAD. I BROKE MOM'S FAVORITE VASE.

DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



"Yes, but look how close I got to a GOOD grade on the test.'

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne









Bridge

by Frank Stewart

Pulmonary hypertension is in the lungs

Dear Dr. Roach: I recently DR. KEITH ROACH was diagnosed with pulmonary arterial hypertension after a long list of tests. I went to Boston and had the CPET (Cardio Pulmonary Exercise

Jumbles: EPOXY

Since being put on the drug Letairis and learning my exercise limits, I had been doing much better. This week, I have had four days of complete exhaustion, was lightheaded and short of breath, and felt pressure in my chest.

The only way I can get relief is to lie on my bed and rest. It has been hot and humid this week, and I'm thinking that could have made my situation worse. Can you give me any information about my illness?

Pulmonary artery hypertension, usually just called can have several causes,

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

COPD or recurrent blood clots in the lung. In most cases we don't know why people get it.

In regular hypertension, it's the blood vessels going from the heart to the body that have too high a pressure, predisposing a person to diseased blood vessels and ultimately to stroke and heart disease.

In pulmonary hypertension, the elevated blood pressures are in the arteries of the lungs, and this leads to damage to the right side of the heart.

Without treatment, the disease is progressive, but the rate of progression varies from one person to another. Ambrisentan(Letairis)oftenis used with tadalafil (Adcirca), the combination showed benincluding severe heart disegift. Treatment slows progressing min D levels in the low range. ease, chronic lung disease like sion and improves symptoms, I also heard from people who

heart/lung transplant, which few are able to get.

I can't answer why you have had a bad week. Heat and humidity certainly can contribute to it. Even a mild viral infection can cause someone who is well-compensated to have the troubles you describe. It also could be something more damaging.

People with significant cardiopulmonary diseases should be able to get in touch with their doctor or nurse immediately, because it is impossible to tell how serious things are without direct contact (and preferably an exam).

DR. ROACH WRITES: A recent column on vitamin D generated many letters. I had written that very high doses ity, but I heard from several

but there is no cure, except a had symptomatic vitamin D toxicity from low doses.

Both of these situations are unusual. In the first, the most likely issue is an inability by the body to absorb vitamin D, often due to surgery or disease, especially celiac disease. People with this problem may need very high doses of vitamin D, and the treatment must be directed to correcting the blood level, whatever the amount of vitamin D is required (several readers said their doctors were reluctant to prescribe all the vitamin D needed). Very rare metabolic deficiencies may cause resis-

tance to vitamin D. In the second case, it's one. quite rare to get symptomatic vitamin D deficiency with 4,000 IU per day or less, and of vitamin D can cause toxic- this brings up unusual causes, such as sarcoidosis, granu-"pulmonary hypertension," as a recent well-done study on people who need very high loma annulare, tuberculosis doses just to keep their vita- and cat scratch disease, all of which can cause high vitamin diamond instead of ruffing. D levels.

Too late to recover?

I continue a series on playing to the first trick. Many of us keep two lists: "to do" and "too late." If you play carelessly at Trick One, it may be too late to recover.

In today's deal, West would have been down one at five hearts, but South went to five spades. That decision was correct in theory but not in practice.

When West led the ace of hearts, South ruffed, drew trumps, took the ace of diamonds, ruffed a heart and tried a diamond finesse with the jack. East won and shifted to a club, and West took the queen and ace. Down

CLUB SWITCH

South played to the first trick WEST without thought. Since he needs to set up the diamonds without letting East get in for a possibly damaging club switch, South must discard a

West would do best to cash the ace of clubs, but if he leads another heart, South ruffs, draws trumps and takes the top diamonds. He ruffs a diamond and leads a trump to dummy to discard clubs on the good diamonds, making six.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: A A Q 7 V J 7 4 A K J 5 2 A 10 3. Your partner

diamond and he bids one heart. What do vou sav?

ANSWER: I wouldn't be too critical of a leap to 3NT. The lack of fitting honors in partner's suits is a negative factor for slam. Still, partner would pass 3NT with 6 5, A K 10 2, 3, KQJ765 when six clubs would have a fair chance. Bid one spade, the "fourth suit," and let him continue to describe his hand.

West dealer Neither side vulnerable

> **NORTH ♠** A Q 7 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ AKJ52 **4** 10 3

EAST ♥ AQ9863 ♥ K 10 5 2 ♦ Q 10 9 ♣J9764

> **SOUTH ♦** K J 10 9 6 5 3 2 🗘 None ♦ 876 ♣ K 5

West North East South 50 All Pass

Opening lead — \heartsuit A

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10 Indecent

11 Besmirched 12 Duds

13 Goddess of war 18 Bridge team

19 O. Henry and others 22 -Tzu 23 Tropical root

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43 Give confidence to 44 Experience deja vu 46 Sheltered

47 Fox females 49 Narrow crest 50 Madder family

flower

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Suffix for a language

Scrabble Solution

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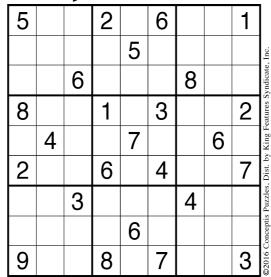
HEY! WHO TOOK MY

NOISE-CANCELING HEADPHONES?!





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

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