

SCRABBLEGRAMS

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A1E1E1N1H4H4T1

Double Word Score

RACK 1

E1E1E1O1R1G2D2

RACK 2

A1E1U1T1L1S1F4

RACK 3

A1O1Y4S1M3N1D2

2nd Letter Triple

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160

BEST SCORE 215

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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JUMBLE

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

FIWTS

GETAN

BOAAEM

RYLUSE

Ans. here:

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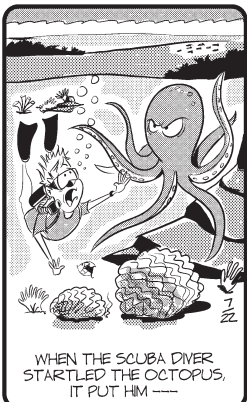
Yesterday's

Jumbles: UNDUE SUSHI ABRUPT HOOPLA

Answer: She hadn't painted in years, so she took a class to — BRUSH UP ON IT

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



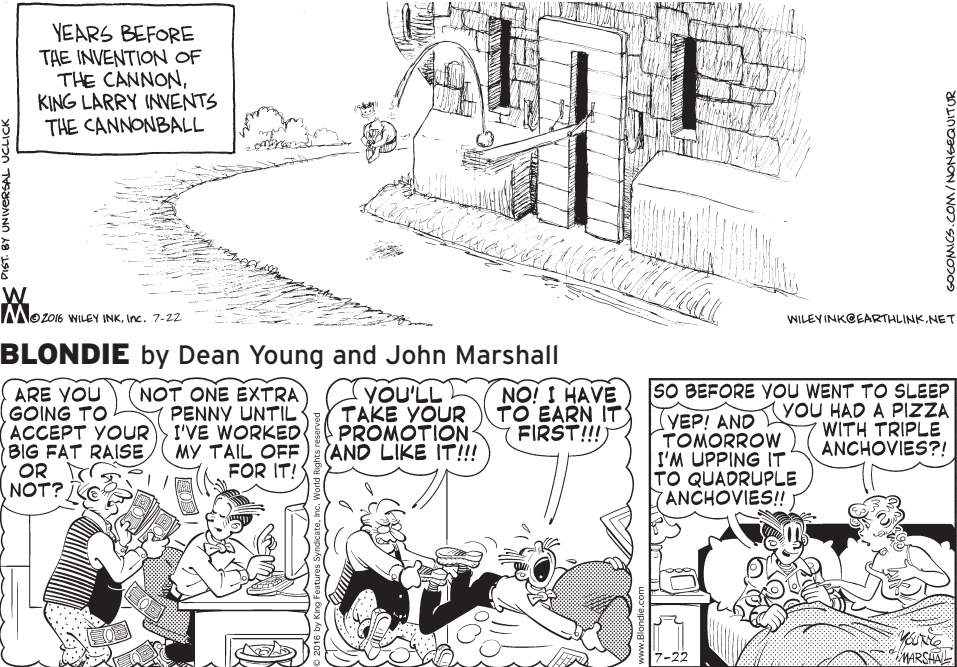
WHEN THE SCUBA DIVER STARTLED THE OCTOPUS, IT PUT HIM —

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

(Answers tomorrow)

NON SEQUITUR by Wiley

YEARS BEFORE THE INVENTION OF THE CANNON, KING LARRY INVENTS THE CANNONBALL



ARE YOU GOING TO ACCEPT YOUR BIG FAT RAISE OR NOT?

NOT ONE EXTRA PENNY UNTIL I'VE WORKED MY TAIL OFF FOR IT!

YOU'LL TAKE YOUR PROMOTION (AND LIKE IT!!!)

NO! I HAVE TO EARN IT FIRST!!!

SO BEFORE YOU WENT TO SLEEP (YEP! AND YOU HAD A PIZZA TOMORROW I'M UPPING IT TO QUADRUPLE ANCHOVIES?!) WITH TRIPLE ANCHOVIES?!

BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall

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HI & LOIS by Chance Browne

CHIP, WHY DO YOU THROW YOUR CLOTHES ALL OVER YOUR ROOM?

BE THANKFUL, MOM...

IT HELPS MUFFLE THE SOUND WHEN I PRACTICE MY GUITAR.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne

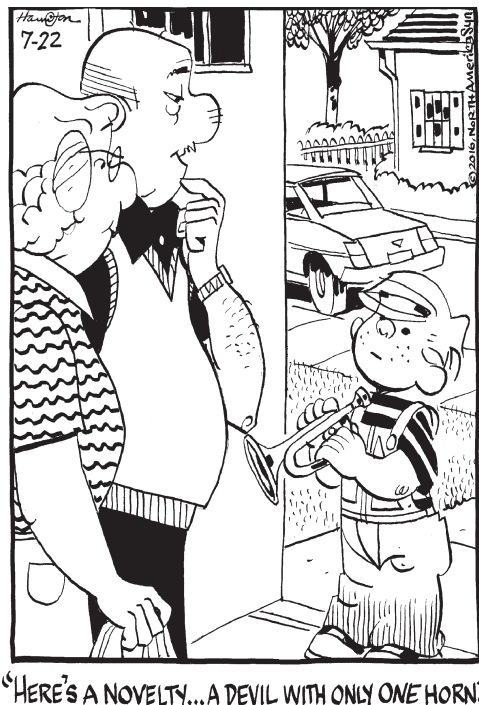
HERE'S THE BROCHURE FROM OUR FANCY HONEYMOON HOTEL!

HA! WE DIDN'T LEAVE OUR ROOM FOR THREE DAYS!

I REMEMBER YOU COULDN'T STOP ORDERING FROM ROOM SERVICE!

DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

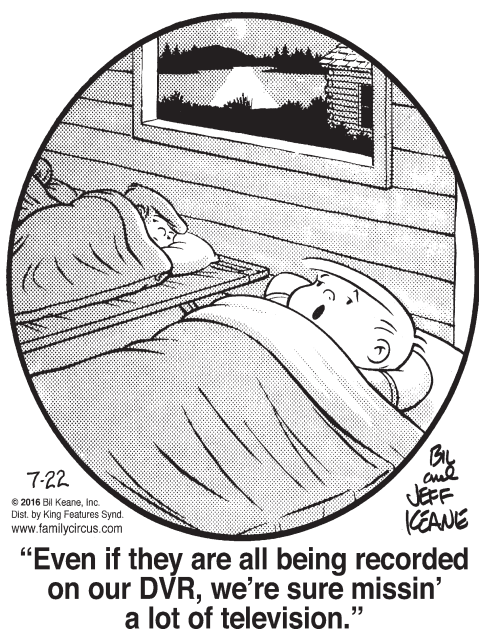
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“HERE'S A NOVELTY...A DEVIL WITH ONLY ONE HORN!”

THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane

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“Even if they are all being recorded on our DVR, we're sure missin' a lot of television.”

WATCHMAN is alternative treatment

Dear Dr. Roach: I have been diagnosed with a-fib. For various reasons, it has been determined that I should not be on blood thinners for any sustained length of time (neither Coumadin nor the more recent generation). My cardiologist has suggested that a good alternative in my case might be the WATCHMAN device, which involves surgery. This would put me on blood thinners a month before surgery and up to six months after, but not indefinitely. I know that the device has been in use in Europe for about eight years but only recently has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration and Medicare. I am wondering what you can tell me about this option. Beyond the normal risk of any surgery, is it a better option than just a regimen of aspirin for someone with a-fib who can't be on blood thinners indefinitely? — M.H.

DR. KEITH ROACH TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Atrial fibrillation — the lack of an organized rhythm in the atria, the small chambers in the heart that the blood flows into before going to the ventricles — may cause several problems, but the most worrisome is a blood clot. It can embolize (break off into the blood) and cause damage, especially to the brain, where it causes a stroke. The part of the heart where blood clots form is called the left atrial appendage. The WATCHMAN device is one of several (but the only FDA-approved one, as of this writing) designed to block off the appendage. It is about as successful at preventing stroke as medication therapy, such as warfarin (Coumadin) or dabigatran (Pradaxa). The major risks from the WATCHMAN device include

pericardial effusions (fluid in the sac containing the heart) requiring drainage, and migration of the device. However, there were fewer strokes in the WATCHMAN device, and with longer use, those with the device had a lower overall death rate and higher quality of life scores. The decision to use a therapy like warfarin or the WATCHMAN requires an individual assessment of risks (cardiologists use a scale called the CHADS-VASc score), and since you are recommended for treatment, I must assume your doctor found your risk high enough that the benefits of more aggressive therapy outweigh the risks. If this is the case, then the WATCHMAN is a reasonable option for you. Dear Dr. Roach: When I first had gout, the wife of a friend, who was into homeo-

pathic healing, suggested I eat several dried sour cherries for a few days. I had about a dozen dried sour cherries a day for only three days, and the pain was gone. This also has regularly worked for my wife. When she first feels a twinge, she has some dried sour cherries, and the pain goes away. Sour cherries work! They also work for some arthritis conditions. — M.M. I was able to find two papers on gout and sour (Montmorency) cherries. One showed that they reduce uric acid levels in healthy volunteers; the other that they reduce the likelihood of an acute attack in someone with established gout. I could find no evidence that they treat an acute attack. In fact, lowering uric acid levels suddenly can make an acute attack worse, so I can't recommend tart cherries (or juice, or extract) for acute gout.

Bridge by Frank Stewart

Giving it your all

Cy the Cynic says you should always give 100 percent — unless you're at the Red Cross donating blood. If you have two 50-50 chances for a contract, arrange to try both. You won't have a 100 percent chance of success but will be about a 3-to-1 favorite. At today's slam, East takes the ace of hearts and returns a heart to South's king. South has 10 tricks: five trumps, two hearts, two clubs and a diamond. He can get two more if diamond finesses work, or if he guesses the queen of clubs, or if the A-K of clubs drop the queen. How does South maximize his chances? South can start by taking the K-J of trumps and the K-A of clubs. When West's queen falls, South draws trumps and takes his 12 tricks, pitching a diamond on dummy's queen of hearts. If East-West played low clubs, South would try a diamond to the queen. If the finesse won, he could draw trumps and repeat the finesse, throwing two clubs on the queen of hearts and ace of diamonds. His chances would be about 60 percent.

opens one heart. You bid one spade, the next player bids two hearts and two passes follow. What do you say? ANSWER: Partner has some values, else the opponents would have bid more. Pass at IMPs. At matchpoint duplicate, take a chance and reopen with a double, hoping to push them higher. If partner bids three diamonds, passed out, apologize for your dummy. South dealer Neither side vulnerable

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

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	6 ♣	All Pass

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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

1 Parts of doorframes

6 Blow one's horn

10 Org. of N.Y. Choi and Wie

14 Alaska native

15 "\_\_\_ Noon"

16 Boat movers

17 Ingredients in explosives

20 Manhattan neighborhood

21 NASA partner

22 Peg with a concave top

23 Rabbit mother

26 Cuzco's country

28 Pavlov and Reitman

30 Mental disorders

34 Listened to

35 Rustler's rope

36 Word with duck or excuse

37 Highbrow entertainment

39 Dreary

43 Gymnast Comaneci

45 Two-door car

46 Old-age disorders

51 On the nose

52 Cavity

53 Newspaper honchos

54 Wag of the tongue

55 Psyche component

58 Head-to-head fight for honor

60 Narrowing of the arteries

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66 Equipment

67 \_\_\_ vera

68 Intelligentsia

69 Bart's Ms. Krabappel

70 Type of mat or bell

71 Rumba or mambo, e.g.

27 Let loose

29 Haitian religion

31 Promoting peace

32 Acoustic organ

33 Land of Yanks

37 Poem of praise

38 Apple seed

40 Ploy

41 Imitated

42 Mrs. Truman

44 Take in, as pants

45 Repeated rahs

46 Waste matter

47 Left

48 Mr. Detroit

49 Alpine singer

50 Bit of evidence

56 Egg on

57 Capital on the Aker River

59 Kinks title woman

61 Remarkable time

62 Speak softly

63 Moral transgression

64 Shortened shortener

65 Holy seat

Scrabble Solution

PAR SCORE 150-160

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SOLUTION

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

WHAT AN AMAZING TREE HOUSE! I THINK I'LL BUILD ME ONE

AT YOUR AGE?! GROW UP! YOU ALWAYS ACT SO SILLY!

SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell

WHAT SIZE DOES THIS DRESS COME IN, SILAS?

WHAT SIZE D'YA WANT, LOWEEZY?

I WANT A 10 !!

Conceptis Sudoku

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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

4 5 1 8 3 6 9 7 2

8 2 3 1 7 9 6 4 5

6 7 9 2 5 4 3 8 1

5 6 4 7 2 3 8 1 9

9 8 7 6 1 5 2 3 4

1 3 2 4 9 8 5 6 7

3 9 6 5 4 7 1 2 8

7 1 8 9 6 2 4 5 3

2 4 5 3 8 1 7 9 6

Difficulty Level ★★★

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