SCRABBLE GRAMS

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A1	A1	P3	T1	L1	F4	C3	Triple Word Score	RACK 1
O1	U1	U1	S1	P3	P3	H4		RACK 2
A1	O1	N1	L1	R1	D2	C3		RACK 3
E1	I1	U1	D2	S1	F4	N1	1st Letter Double	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 227

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

For more information on tournaments and clubs, email NASPA - North American SCRABBLE Players Association info@scrabbleplayers.org. Visit our website - www.scrabbleplayers.org. For puzzle inquiries contact scrgrams@gmail.com.

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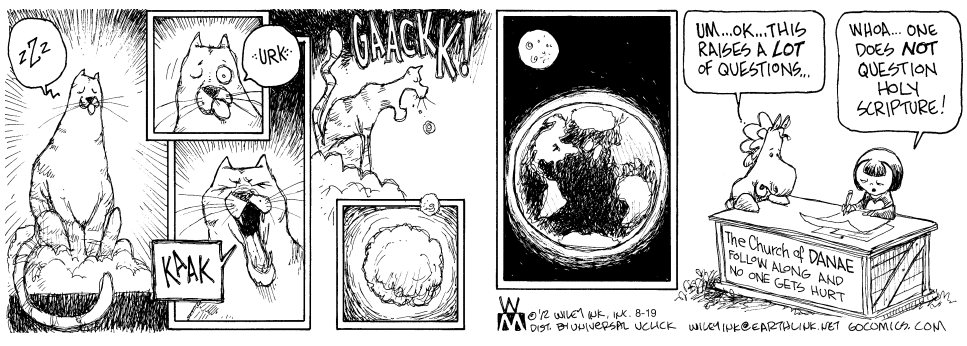
NON SEQUITUR by Wiley



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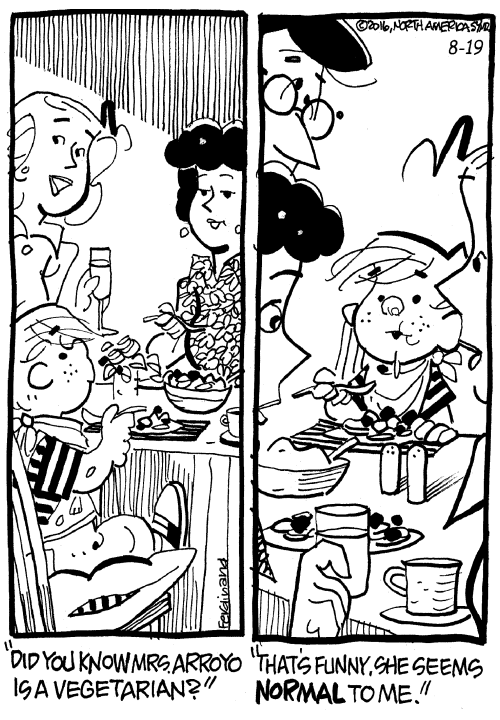

BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall

JUMBLE

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

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

YALBW

FARET

LOBYDL

SEEMSA

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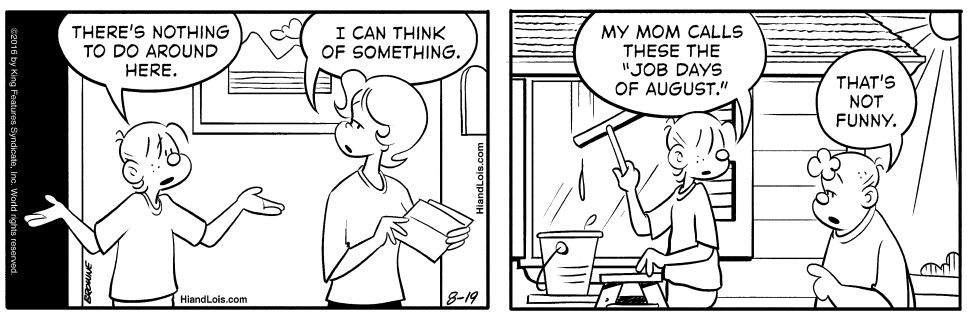
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

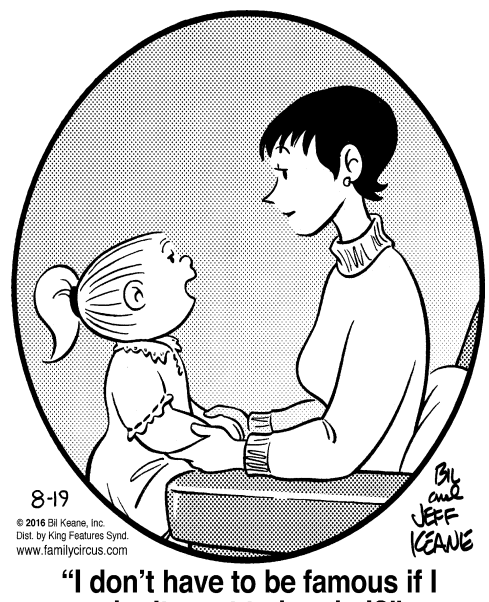
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TRUCK AMAZE ACCENT PEOPLE
Answer: After getting into an accident, her new Mercedes was a — COMPACT CAR

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne

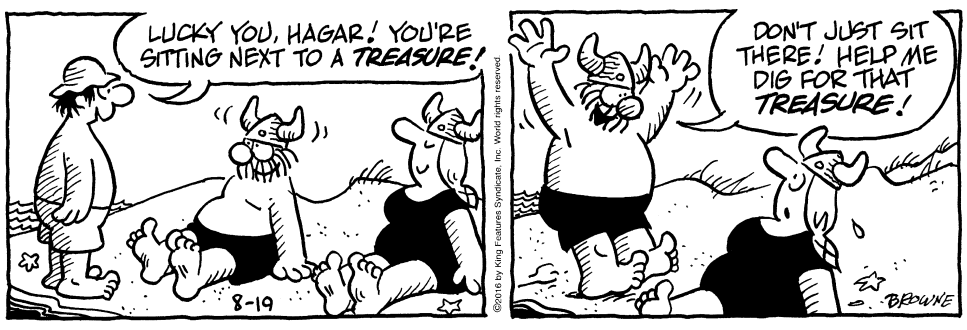


THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



"I don't have to be famous if I don't want to be, do I?"

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne



Reader's case of lupus was drug-induced

DR. KEITH ROACH
TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Dear Dr. Roach: I was started on hydralazine while in the hospital in October and required a large dose in addition to my other two medicines for hypertension. I felt terrible when I went home, and the weakness and fatigue continued.

I began having wrist and ankle pain as well as joint stiffness in the early spring, which became so bad I had trouble sleeping at night.

Finally, in May, my doctor agreed to ANA testing for lupus, which then led to a rheumatology referral. I was able to decrease the dose somewhat by the time of the referral, and was feeling slightly better.

Long story short, further testing indicated possible drug-induced lupus. The BP doctor switched me to a different medication, which over the course of the next few weeks decreased and now resolved the fatigue, joint pain and stiffness. So that is the diagnosis.

There are only a handful of meds that cause this. What are the consequences of not diagnosing drug-induced lupus promptly? — *G.C.*

Systemic lupus erythematosus ("lupus," or SLE) is a serious autoimmune disease affecting multiple systems. Many symptoms of SLE may develop after exposure to certain medications, as do similar antibodies in the blood.

The most common symptoms of drug-induced lupus are fever, muscle and joint aches, joint inflammation and rash. Some of the most feared complications of SLE, including the life-threatening kidney, liver and nervous-system disease, are rare in drug-induced lupus.

Procainamide, an antiarrhythmic, may cause drug-induced lupus in as many as a third of people who take it long term; hydralazine (used occasionally for high blood pressure and increasingly commonly for heart failure) in 5 to 10 percent; minocycline, for acne, in about 1 person per thousand. A dozen or so other drugs also might cause it, but many are seldom prescribed (like methyldopa and penicillamine), or only rarely cause it (like diltiazem). The condition can be confirmed by blood testing (especially an antibody called anti-histone), but it needs to be considered in order to make the diagnosis. Symptoms usually resolve within a few weeks, but can last for months after stopping the medication. Failure to diagnose the condition leads to prolonged symptoms and suffering for the patient. Those who prescribe these drugs ought to know about the possibility of this serious side effect and be looking for it.

The arthritis booklet discusses rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and lupus. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach Book No. 301, 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for $4.75 U.S./$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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

Oxymoronic play

If ever there was a play I'd call a catastrophic success, it happened at Trick One in today's deal, where nine tricks were found missing.

Dummy played the six of spades, and when East contributed the deuce, South happily put on his five, a play that was pretty ugly. He started the diamonds, and East won the second round and shifted to clubs.

South faced a minor crisis. He led a heart to dummy's jack and East's ace and won the club return. South then took his third club and the top spades and exited with a spade. He scored his queen of hearts at the end but was down one, a result North met with a deafening silence.

FINE MESS

"What a fine mess you made," North finally grumbled.

"That's old news," South shrugged.

South didn't find even a genuine imitation of the best play. He must win the first spade with the ace. South loses to the ace of diamonds, wins East's club shift and leads a low spade. He can reach dummy with the jack, winning four diamonds and nine tricks in all.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠2 ♡A 10 8 ◊A 7 4 2 ♣J 10 9 8 2. Your partner opens one spade, you respond 1NT and he bids two hearts. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: This is an uneasy position. Your partner could have as many as 18 points, or he could have a fair hand with five cards in each major. If he has a dull minimum, two hearts may be your last makable contract. If you're vulnerable, with more to gain by making game, bid 2NT. Otherwise, pass.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠J 8 6
♡J 4 3
◊K J 9 8 3
♣6 5

WEST
♠Q 9 7 4 3
♡K 9 2
◊6 5
♣7 4 3

EAST
♠2
♡A 10 8
◊A 7 4 2
♣J 10 9 8 2

SOUTH
♠A K 10 5
♡Q 7 6 5
◊Q 10
♣A K Q

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♠4

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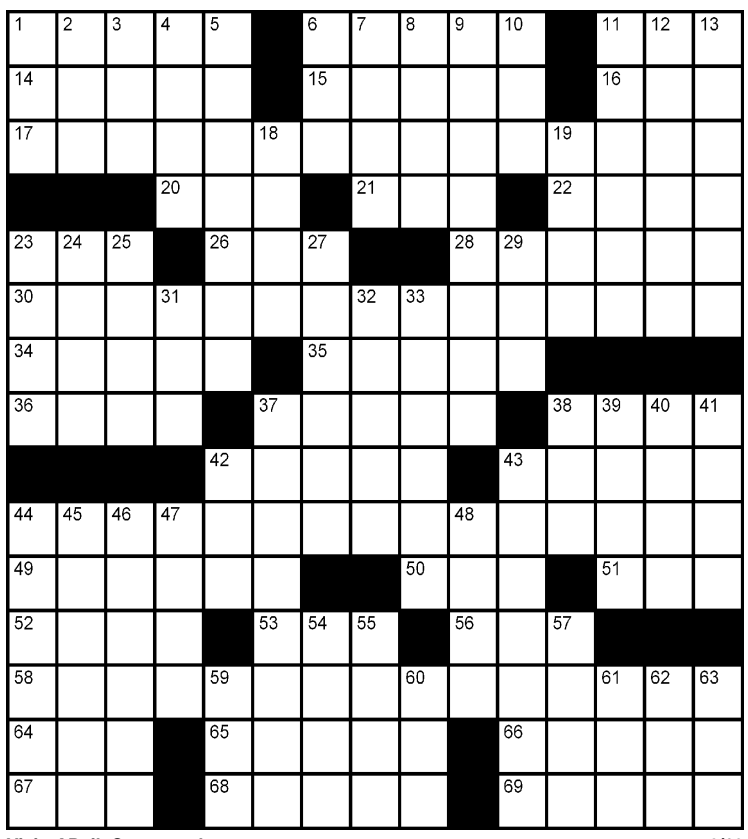
The Daily Crossword
Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



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ACROSS
1 Vietnam capital
6 Director Kurosawa
11 Videos channel
14 Flu type
15 Determined container-weight deduction
16 End of a post?
17 Bart Simpson catchphrase
20 Hee follower
21 Delibes or Buscaglia
22 Having the skill
23 Mauna __
26 Albanian money
28 Actress Matlin
30 Given a bad suggestion
34 Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"
35 Birds of a region
36 Not e'en once
37 Flying high
38 Down with!
42 In the cooler
43 Macintosh, e.g.
44 Noted resident of Frostbite Falls
49 Negatively charged atoms
50 The way, in China
51 Bookkeeping abbreviation
52 Annapolis inst.
53 NYC hours
56 Letters in lobbies
58 Pulpy fruit eaten as a vegetable
64 Multi-computer syst.
65 Perfume oil
66 Up to that time
67 Golfer Ernie
68 Magnetic unit
69 Commune in Tuscany

DOWN
1 Used to own
2 Kyushu volcano
3 "The Delta of Venus" writer
4 Swear word
5 Breather
6 Off-road letters
7 Film critic Pauline
8 "Dies __" (day of wrath)
9 Be a repeat offender
10 Bother
11 Speak indistinctly
12 Kerry county seat
13 Wood facing
18 Filled with reverence
19 Viral lump
23 Aga __ III
24 Go gingerly
25 Game starter
27 Fine clay
29 Dunderhead
31 "Le coq __," Rimsky-Korsakoff opera
32 Lou of baseball
33 Insincere
37 Licorice liqueur
38 Mil. address
39 Fraternal org.
40 Furthermore
41 Strike one as
42 Hold the title to
43 Passionate and romantic
44 Trinket
45 Open
46 Sheets, etc.
47 Hang about
48 River beneath the Brooklyn Bridge
54 Matched collections
55 Active volcano near Manila
57 Potent starter?
59 Tended tots
60 Isthmus of __
61 Goddess of criminal folly
62 Sardine container
63 End of pay?

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

S	P	A		A	D	D	U	P		A	S	S	E	T
O	A	R		N	O	O	N	E		R	E	I	C	H
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B	L	A	R	E		O	N	E	N	D		F	E	E
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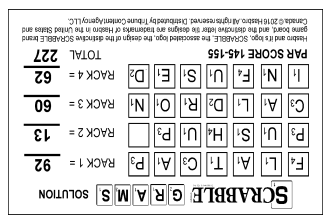
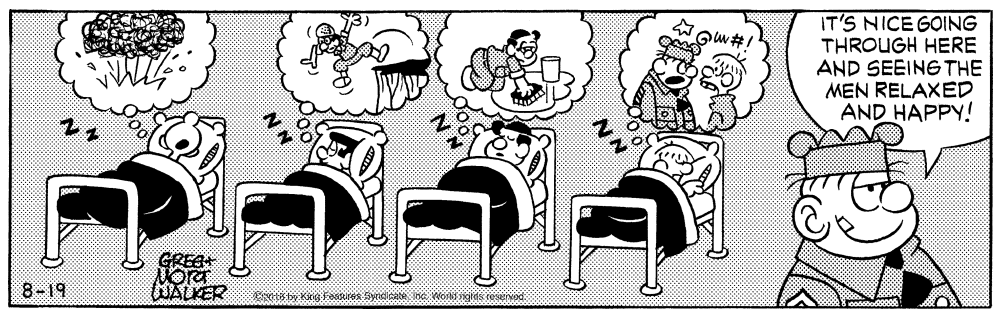
Scrabble Solution



BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



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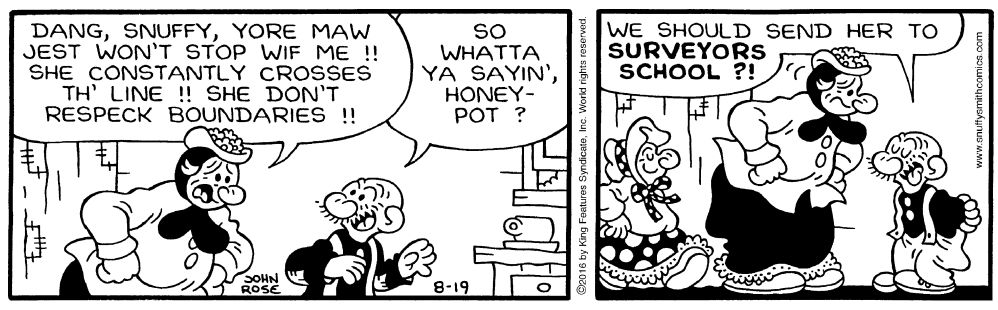

Conceptis Sudoku

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

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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

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

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