SCRABBLE BRAND — G2 R1 A1 M3 S1

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A1	O1	L1	L1	L1	B3	W4		RACK 1
A1	I1	O1	L1	C3	C3	M3	1st Letter Double	RACK 2
I1	O1	K5	D2	N1	S1	N1		RACK 3
E1	O1	U1	G2	N1	G2	G2	Triple Word Score	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 160-170
BEST SCORE 217

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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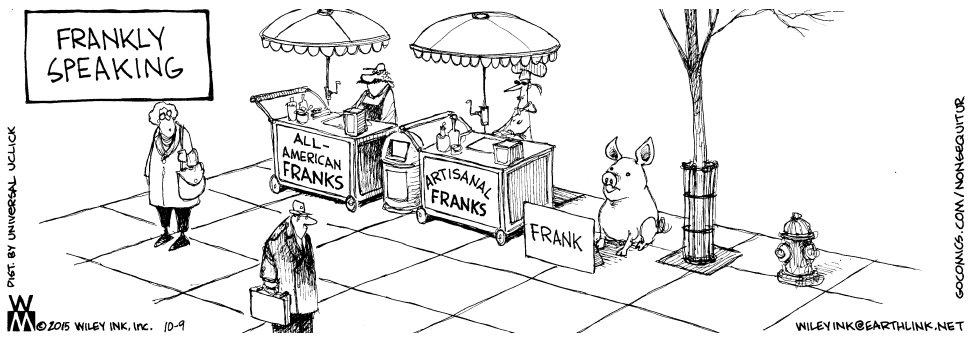
NON SEQUITUR by Wiley



DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

"WE NEED TO TALK!" "OKAY. YOU GO FIRST."

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.

WETIN

NORYI

WRIYEN

SIVETN

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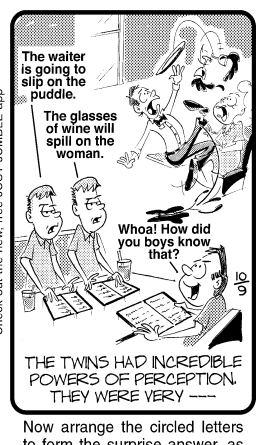
Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app



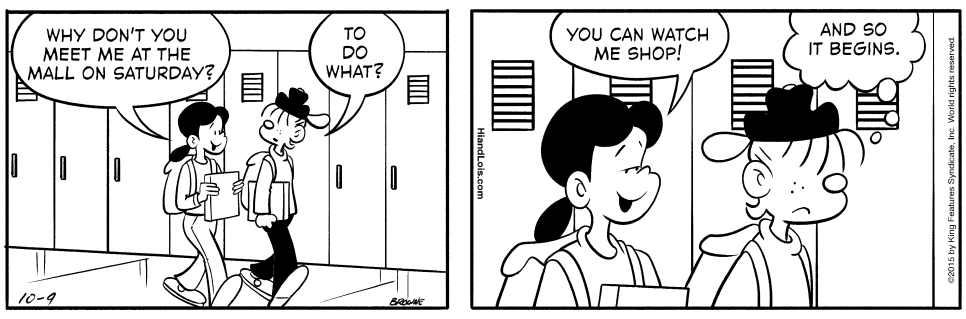
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: " ○○ - ○○○○ - ○○○○○○ "

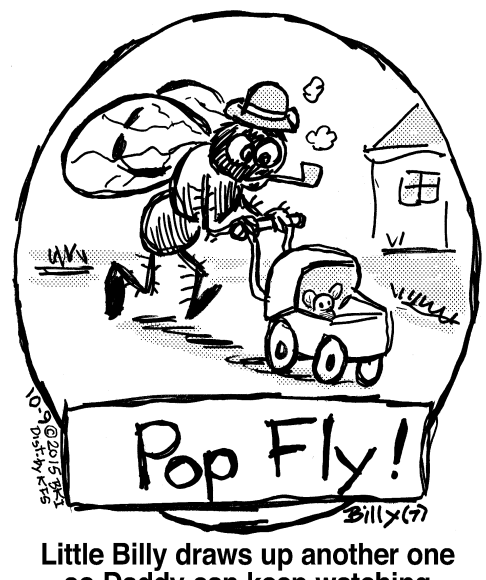
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GIVEN SHEEN BEHIND ASTHMA
Answer: He had bushes to block out his neighbors, but he planted some more to — HEDGE HIS BETS

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne

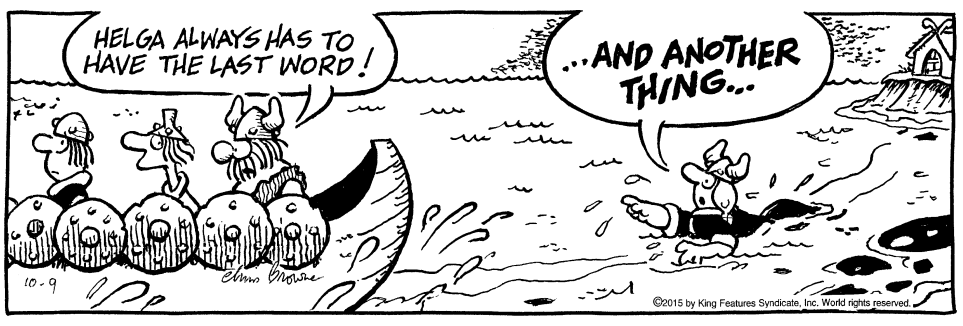


THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



Little Billy draws up another one so Daddy can keep watching the baseball playoffs.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne



Typical rash of Grover's on chest, back

DR. KEITH ROACH
TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Dear Dr. Roach: My husband has a terrible rash on his back and front, diagnosed by a dermatologist as Grover's disease. He is 79 and has had it for five years. My husband's internist said it would go away within six to 12 months, but his never went away. The doctor gave him some triamcinolone cream, and it helped, but the rash is still bothersome. Will he have to live with this? — *L.S.*

Grover's disease was described in 1970, and the original report showed that the rash cleared up within weeks; however, the same rash and biopsy findings have subsequently been described in people with chronic disease. Grover's disease is most often found in lighter-skinned people over 40, and it affects men more than women. The cause is unknown, but there are many triggers, including cold air, heat and sweating, sunlight and medications.

Your husband has the typical distribution of the rash, on the chest and back. It often is extremely itchy.

Unfortunately, there isn't a cure for Grover's disease, and I can't tell you if your husband's case is going to finally go away by itself. Treatment is to avoid triggers, if known and possible to do. When that isn't possible, over-the-counter moisturizing creams help some people, but most require steroid creams like the triamcinolone your husband uses. Some people need even higher-potency topical creams.

If these aren't adequate, topical vitamin D creams have been used, and some people need oral antihistamines. The most recalcitrant cases may require systemic treatment with oral steroids, vitamin A analogs like isotretoin, or ultraviolet light treatment. These need to be supervised by an expert.

Dear Dr. Roach: I have a condition that I believe is unusual. I am female, nearly 80 years young and am in excellent physical and usually excellent mental health.

Every spring, I have an "emotional crisis." It comes on suddenly. I feel very depressed, become emotional and want to stay isolated. I prefer cold weather. I will be this way six to eight weeks. I can't follow through on my responsibilities, and I can't explain what's wrong.

Do I see a medical doctor or a psychiatrist? — *B.J.*

This sounds to me like a mental illness, though I should point out that the distinction between medical disease and physical ones isn't particularly useful. The brain or mind can become disordered just like any other organ system.

The fact that this happens in springtime makes me wonder about seasonal affective disorder. While the majority of people with SAD have depressive symptoms in the winter, there is a small subset who have symptoms in spring or summer. Light therapy, useful for some people with SAD in winter, is of no value in the spring-onset SAD.

Like other types of depressive episodes, SAD may be treated with medication, psychotherapy or both. Fluoxetine in particular has been studied for SAD, as has cognitive-behavioral therapy. A psychiatrist can help decide what is the best treatment in your case.

Some people with depression tend to worsen around reminders of a life-changing event, which might be another explanation for the fact that these symptoms recur.

Bridge
by Frank Stewart

Procrastination pays

Cy the Cynic says procrastination is the world's great thief — and he's still at large. But when you're declarer, you must often put off certain things.

At four spades, South hastily won the first heart with the king and led a trump. West won and led the queen of hearts to dummy's ace. South then drew trumps and led the jack of diamonds, but West won, cashed a heart and led a club to East's ace. Down one.

FOUR LOSERS

South must procrastinate. He has a loser in each suit but can throw a heart from dummy on a high diamond. But South must see to his discard promptly; if he leads a trump early, East-West will have time to set up and cash a heart.

Also, South must preserve an entry to his diamond winner. He must win Trick One in dummy and lead the jack of diamonds.

If West wins the second diamond and leads a heart, South can win in his hand and pitch dummy's last heart on the high diamond. After he ruffs his last heart high, he can stop procrastinating and lead a trump.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 5 2 ♡ Q 10 8 7 6 ◊ A 7 6 ♣ 10 5. The dealer, at your left, opens three diamonds. Your partner doubles, and the next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner's double is for takeout, though you might pass it with length and strength in diamonds. Since he suggests a hand worth 17 or more points, bid four hearts. A response of three hearts would promise no values. Your best option would be a bid of 3NT.

North dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K J 3
♡ A 5 3
◊ J 4
♣ K Q 6 3 2

WEST
♠ A 5 2
♡ Q 10 8 7 6
◊ A 7 6
♣ 10 5

EAST
♠ 8 7
♡ J 9
◊ 10 9 8 3 2
♣ A J 9 4

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 9 6 4
♡ K 4 2
◊ K Q 5
♣ 8 7

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

Opening lead — ♡ 7

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The Daily Crossword
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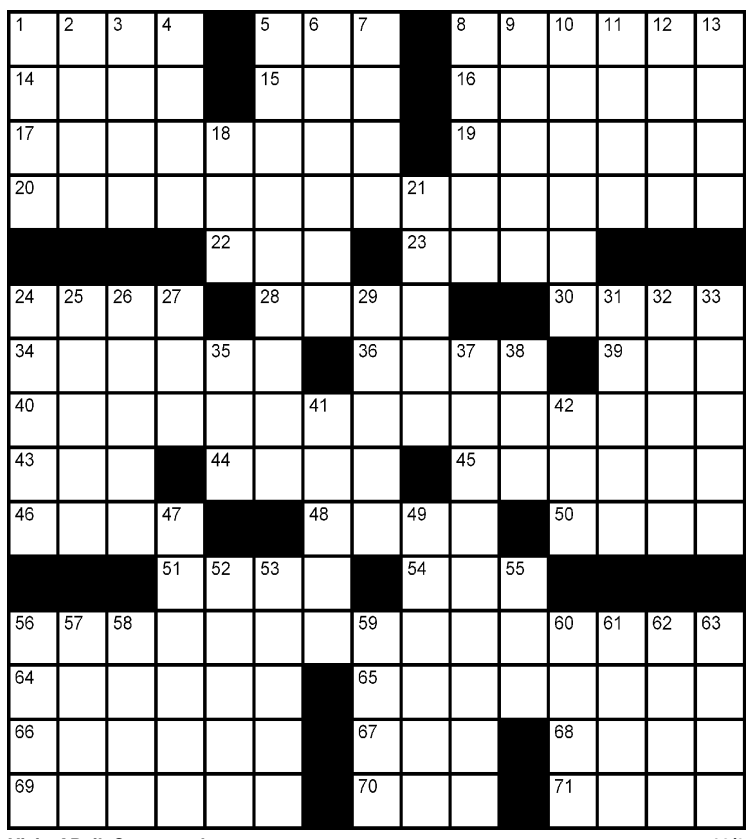

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ACROSS
1 Dag-nabbit!
5 Harper Valley grp. of song
8 Sophia and others
14 Neighbor of Santa Barbara
15 One with a nest egg?
16 Martini garnishes
17 Battlers
19 Examine again
20 Executive perks
22 Suitable
23 Hombre's home
24 Deck officer
28 Command to Fido
30 Bausch's partner in medical products
34 Have a lofty goal
36 Irish luck
39 Lindstrom or Zadora
40 Sitcom starring Kevin James
43 Evening in an ode
44 Drive-thru purchase
45 Loan shark
46 Dinner and a movie, perhaps
48 Costa __
50 __ avis
51 Desensitized
54 Escort's offering
56 Committee of university officers
64 At large
65 Of an extremely small scale
66 Danny of "Radio Days"
67 Dict. entry
68 Okinawa city
69 Buys time
70 Diminutive creature
71 Lawman Wyatt

DOWN
1 Mike of "Dirty Jobs"
2 Cleanser brand
3 Boat cover
4 Father of a foal
5 Luminous impression not caused by light
6 Cylinder-shaped
7 Latin handle
8 Writer Federico Garcia __
9 Bread spreads
10 Ceremonial
11 Fifty-fifty
12 Cozy retreat
13 Boomers aloft
18 Actress Claire
21 Staff sign
24 With __ breath
25 Milo or Tessie
26 All done in
27 No-good-__
29 Pathogenic bacteria
31 "Aida" or "Thais," e.g.
32 Prospector
33 Iraqi port
35 Crater edge
37 Go head-to-head
38 Pending starter?
41 "Ninotchka" star
42 Belg. location
47 Join up
49 Price-fixing grp.
52 Kennedy's Secretary of the Interior
53 Windows predecessor
55 Hollywood studio's letters
56 Sheep appeals
57 Last bio?
58 Sector
59 Lose vitality
60 Strauss' "__ Alpensinfonie"
61 March Madness letters
62 Asian wild goat
63 Open-handed whack

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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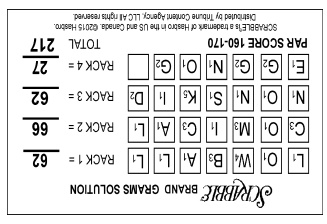
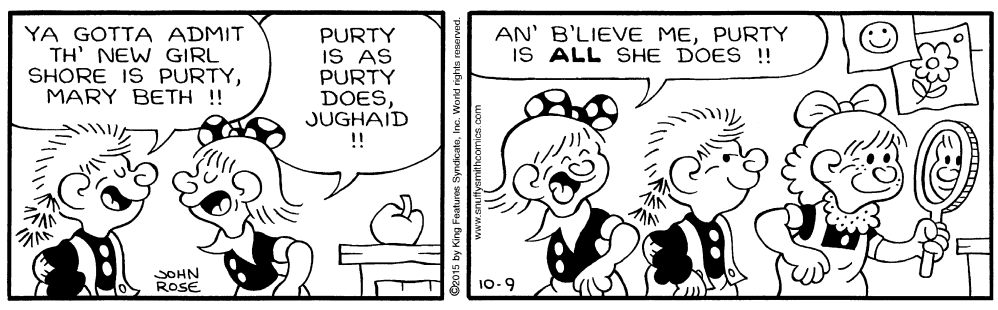
Scrabble Solution



BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell



Conceptis Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/09

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/08

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