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								RACK 1
A1	A1	O1	W4	L1	N1	M3		
								RACK 2
E1	I1	I1	O1	R1	S1	V4	Double Word Score	
								RACK 3
E1	O1	O1	M3	W4	S1	T1	2nd Letter Triple	
								RACK 4
E1	I1	O1	N1	S1	V4	N1		

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 211

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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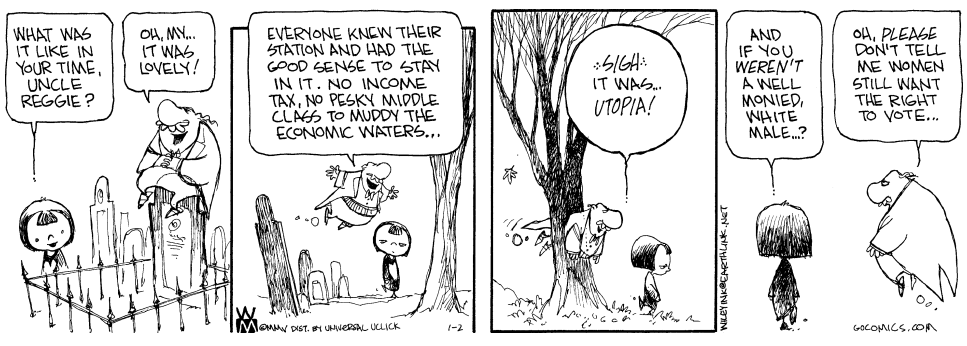
NON SEQUITUR by Wiley



DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

"HOPE YOU'RE PREPARED, MR. WILSON. IF THIS KEEPS UP, WE COULD BE TRAPPED TOGETHER FOR DAYS!"

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.

WELYN

BIRTO

CIJNET

LUDONF

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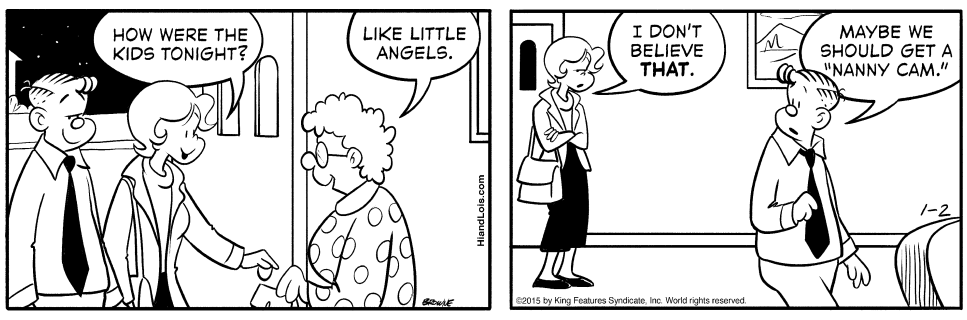
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " ○○○○○ - ○○○○○○ "

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRIME MESSY BITTEN VOYAGE
Answer: After playing tennis all day, he was happy for a meal with — BIG SERVINGS

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne



THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane

"This year is startin' out to be a very good year!"

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne

Smoking, vaping; prostate screening

Q: I quit smoking cigarettes about two years ago and started vaping nicotine instead. Could vaping account for the decrease in smoking? — *Ned T., Arlington, Texas*

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, smoking declined from around 21 percent of adults in 2005 to about 18 percent in 2013 and preliminary data show that it hit 16.8 percent in 2015. And it's certainly possible that the numbers indicate a lot of folks, like you, have switched from cigarettes to vaping.

As for your nicotine vaping: While you may be dodging the tar and chemical additives in cigarettes, vaping isn't harmless. One study found that using an e-cigarette for 10 minutes raised airway resistance significantly. Reduced respiration taxes your heart and your brain!

The National Institutes of Health also points out nicotine is highly addictive, and testing of some e-cigarette products found that the vapor contained carcinogens and toxic chemicals, as well as potentially toxic metal nanoparticles.

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Ned, we still don't know vaping's long-term effects, and you're still addicted to nicotine. So put down the vape and try a smoking-cessation program that uses nicotine aids in ever-reduced doses to help you breathe free.

Q: New info on prostate cancer screening and "active surveillance" is confusing. Do I get a PSA test every year or not? — *Lamar P., Baltimore*

This complex topic has no easy answers. The smart choices will change when (we predict) a radically new, highly specific prostate cancer test becomes available in late 2016. But for now, let's examine the effect of the 2012 recommendation against PSA testing.

First, since the no-PSA-test recommendation came out, PSA tests have dropped by about 20 percent and the number of early prostate cancer diagnoses has declined 23 percent. That means some men who would have been diagnosed with early-stage prostate cancer aren't getting that life-saving diagnosis, and it's estimated by some researchers that the one-year drop in testing will lead to more than 1,200 additional deaths from prostate cancer.

However, because of fewer PSA tests, fewer men went under the knife. That spared some who didn't have prostate cancer and some who had slow-moving, low-risk prostate cancer that didn't call for immediate treatment.

Our advice to you: Talk with your doc about your risk factors for prostate cancer; then go ahead and have the PSA test. But if you get a significantly elevated reading, repeat the test at least once before you start thinking about next steps.

IMPORTANT: Late in 2016, every guy should ask his doc about the new prostate cancer test. In preliminary trials, it has demonstrated "100 percent sensitivity with no false negatives and approximately 80 percent specificity." Read about it on the Cleveland Clinic Innovation site (go to myclevelandclinic.org and search for Protein Biomarker Analysis).

Chess

by Shelby Lyman

To all appearances Bobby Fischer was an alpha male in the extreme. His early teachers were astonished by his competitiveness.

As was Robert Byrne, one of America's strongest players, who offered the following account of their first meeting on the chessboard:

"But oh my God, this maniac came at me and everything indicated he knew exactly what he was doing. I had White but I was on the defensive in about 10 moves and scared skinny."

Was it DNA, a gift from the gods, or somethng else?

His sister Joan explained it succinctly: "We, Fischers, do not like to lose."

His mother Regina, who insisted there was nothing her children could not accomplish, offered vivid personal examples of her credo.

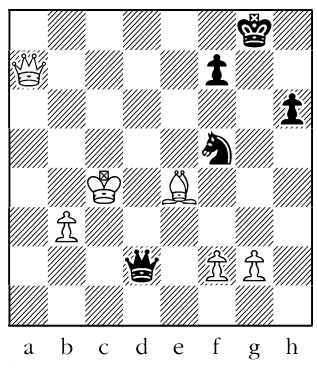
When funds were needed for a U.S. chess team to participate in the Leipzig Chess Olympiad, Regina went on a successful hunger strike. Years later, protesting the war in Vietnam, she chained herself to a Whitehall fence. And there was much more.

Perhaps even greater in significance was an endless testing of wills between mother and 16-year-old son in the daily life of their Brooklyn homestead.

It was of considerable relief to both when, leaving Bobby on his own, Regina embarked on an extended peace march and a second marriage.

Despite the son's very different politics, it is obvious that the apple did not fall far from the tree.

Below is a win by Levon Aronian vs Veselin Topolov from the London Classic tournament in London, England



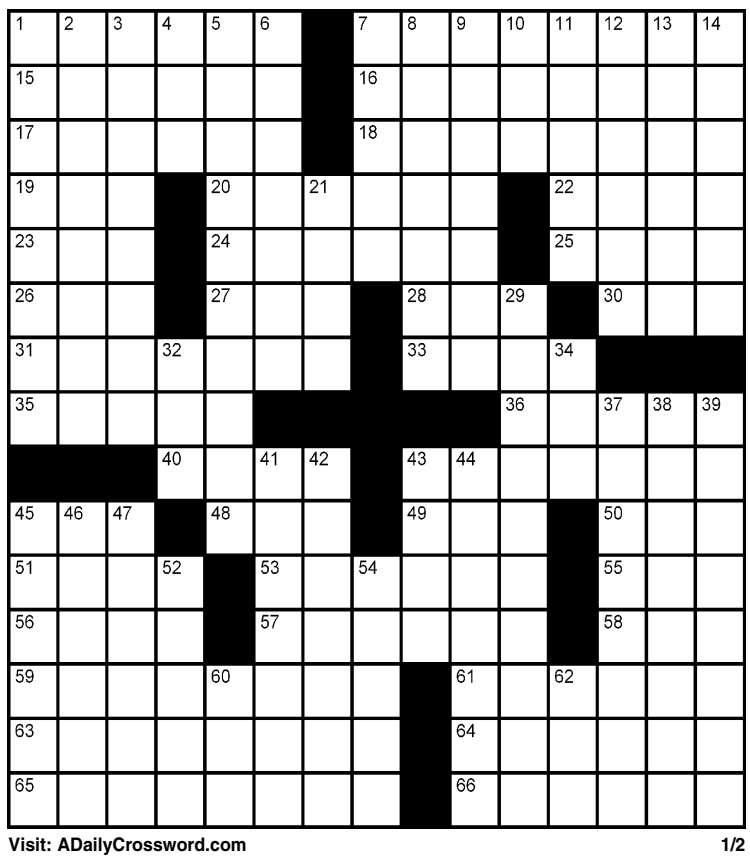
BLACK TO PLAY

Aronian	Topalov
1. c4	c5
2. Nf3	Nf6
3. Nc3	d5
4. cxd5	Nxd5
5. e4	Nb4
6. Bc4	Nd3ch
7. Ke2	Nf4ch
8. Kf1	Ne6
9. b4	cxb4
10. Nd5	g6
11. d4	Bg7
12. Be3	Nc6
13. Rc1	Bd7
14. Qd2	Qa5
15. h4	Rc8
16. Bb3	Qb5ch
17. Kg1	h6
18. Kh2	g5
19. R(h)d1	Kf8
20. Kg1	Rd8
21. hxg5	hxg5
22. Bxg5	Nxg5
23. Qxg5	Bh6
24. Qh4	Bg7
25. Qf4	Bh6
26. Ng5	Bxg5
27. Qxg5	Black resigns

SOLUTION TO BEGINNER'S CORNER: 1. ... Nd6ch! 2. Kc5 (the only legal king move) Qxf2ch! (winning the queen).

The Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



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ACROSS
1 Proprietary product
7 Stalemates
15 Feminist Bloomer
16 Johnny cake
17 Stretch run
18 Like reasonable commands
19 Part of Canada's Y.T.
20 Of a common cultural heritage
22 Stitched connection
23 __ pro nobis
24 Undo a hairdo?
25 Common rodents
26 AAA in the UK
27 Uncountable years
28 Asner and McMahon
30 Danson or Kennedy
31 Never growing old
33 Match components
35 Strung along
36 Hamlin/Dey TV series
40 Soul singer Redding
43 Iridescent
45 Distress letters
48 Pioneer TV-movie channel
49 Of recent origin
50 Yap or kisser
51 Abound
53 Melodramatic actor
55 That man's
56 Virtuous
57 Intertwined again
58 Blowup letters?
59 Pilot's field
61 Prisoner
63 Ester of carbamic acid
64 Mountain climber
65 Cut back
66 Ax wielders

DOWN
1 Bucolic
2 Strength of an electrical current
3 Like some cultivated hillsides
4 Wallach or Whitney
5 Queen Victoria's century
6 Body art
7 Clickable screen images
8 Moving sculptures
9 Come before
10 Indefinite amount
11 Burst of activity
12 Words of acceptance
13 Interlock
14 Had the appearance of
21 Followers of Attila
29 North American seaway
32 London W.C.
34 Mineo of movies
37 Clear-ish pub choice
38 One applying oil to sanctify
39 Noah and Daniel
41 Inhabitant of a European peninsula
42 Any individual
43 Not tricked by
44 Irritable
45 One of the Twin Cities
46 Lifework of an artist
47 Episodic TV show
52 Butcher's stock
54 Had title to
60 Word ignored by alphabetizers
62 Gaping mouth

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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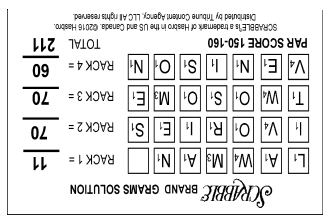
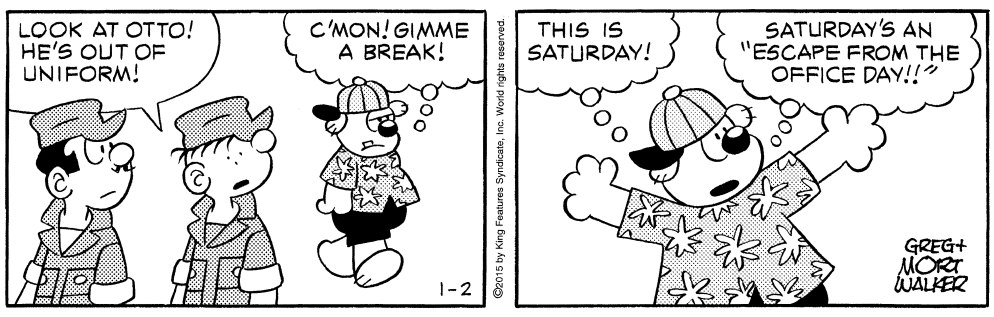
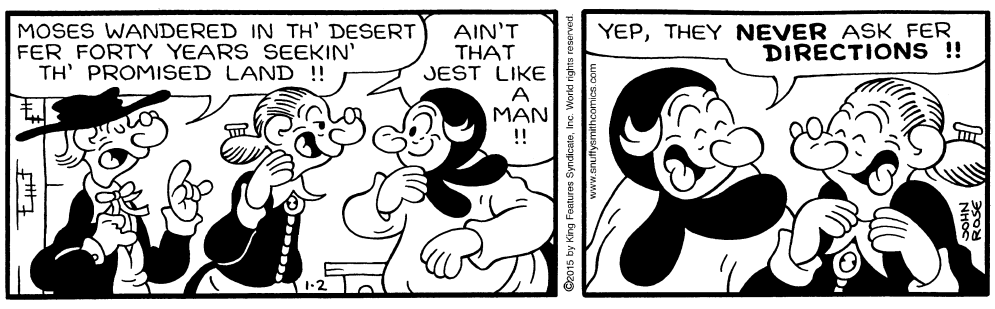
Scrabble Solution



BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell



Conceptis Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 1/02

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

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 1/01

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