

SCRABBLE

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1st Letter: G, R, A, M, S
2nd Letter Double: A, E, Y, S, B, M, S
3rd Letter: O, O, O, Y, D, H, B
4th Letter: I, I, N, B, T, R, B

PAR SCORE 155-165
BEST SCORE 229

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.

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NON SEQUITUR by Wiley



BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall



DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham



"MY MOM SAYS MR. WILSON'S 'OLD SCHOOL.' I GUESS THAT'S WHY HE DOESN'T TRY ANYTHING NEW."

JUMBLE

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

PALAH
RIWTL
KOLTEC
VHALIS

Check out the new free JUST JUMBLE app.

Why isn't this 50% off? Unless I get that discount, I'm not buying anything.

Sorry, the jewelry is 25% off.

THE SHOPPER DEMANDED 50% OFF EVERYTHING IN THE STORE BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO —

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

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: APRON LIMIT IMMUNE MYSELF
Answer: Installation of the new clock was completed in a — TIMELY MANNER

HI & LOIS by Chance Browne



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne



THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bill Keane



"I thought this was one of those theaters that came with a tray to put my food on."

Antidepressants, autism; Carter 'cure'

Q: I'm taking an SSRI for depression and am trying to get pregnant. I hear that taking the medication may cause my baby to be autistic. I am worried about going off the medication; I really need it. What should I do? — *Genevieve L., Toronto*



DOCTORS OZ AND ROIZEN

We believe you're referring to the Canadian study that reported a significant increase in the likelihood that you'll have an autistic child if you take an antidepressant while pregnant. Truth is, the increased risk goes from around 1 percent of births to around 2 percent, meaning 98 percent of women who take SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors) while pregnant will not have an autistic child. Other important points about the study:

1. There was no increased risk for autism associated with taking an SSRI the year before becoming pregnant or during the first trimester.
2. A 2013 study in the New England Journal of Medicine did not detect a significant association between taking SSRIs while pregnant and autism in offspring.
3. The study's authors used data from SSRI prescriptions filled, not actual use; they didn't have any data on moms' lifestyle choices.

You and your doctor must discuss the pros and cons of going off or staying on your antidepressant; then you can make an informed decision.

Q: I couldn't believe that Jimmy Carter was cured of

cancer by new drugs! What are the details, and how long will it be before we can cure all cancers? — *Jordan P., Indianapolis*

Hold the phone! Here's what's true and what many news stories got wrong.

True: President Jimmy Carter was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma. He took advantage of the latest medical breakthroughs to get the most effective treatment available.

True: He underwent surgery (liver), radiation therapy (brain) and treatment with a newly approved immunotherapy drug, Keytruda. Keytruda is part of a new class of drugs that unmask the cloaking power of some cancer cells so they can be destroyed by your immune system. Wow!

True: The latest surgical techniques and targeted radiation therapies also are amaz-

ingly effective. Given the type of metastasis in President Carter's brain and the highly specialized stereotactic radiation treatment he received, it was not so surprising that the radiation took care of his brain lesions.

True: President Carter recently told family and friends, "My most recent MRI brain scan did not reveal any signs of the original cancer spots, nor any new ones."

False: The claim that President Carter was "cured"; that's not accurate. He is in remission. There are no detectable cancer cells, but that does not mean there are none in his body or that the cancer cannot re-emerge.

Unfortunately, medical reporting often sensationalizes the news, and facts go into remission. Don't think that the treatments didn't work for Carter if his symptoms reoccur, or that immunotherapy is anything less than remarkable.

Chess
by Shelby Lyman

Chess has been banned numerous times by religious authorities because of an association with gambling. With the exception of the pre-revolutionary Czarist regime of Russia, few, if any, secular powers have had concern with it.

Chess clubs, it feared, were gathering sites for the give-and-take of subversive ideas.

Indeed, leading revolutionaries including Vladimir Lenin and Leon Trotsky, as well as many liberal intellectuals were fervent chess players.

Trotsky's very serious interest in chess is subject of an amusing anecdote, probably apocryphal, yet likely containing at least a grain of truth.

During a stay in New York, Trotsky frequented clubs and coffee shops where chess was played.

There is an irresistible account of a chess hustler at a local Brooklyn club learning for the first time of Trotsky's sensational exploits as commander of the victorious Red Army.

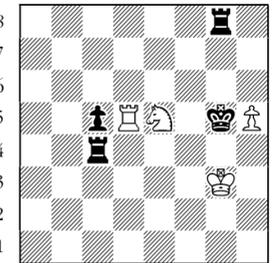
"I don't believe it," he said, shaking his head, as he looked up momentarily from the game he was playing.

"Trotsky leading an army?"

"I could give that patzer the odds of a knight."

Whatever the truth of our story, Trotsky, like others who carried their chess sets to war — Peter the Great, King Charles XII of Sweden, Napoleon and Robert E. Lee among them — was, in fact, an irresistible force on the battlefield.

Was Trotsky's own immersion in chess a factor?



WHITE'S BEST MOVE?
Below is a win by Magnus Carlsen against Daniil Yuffa from the Qatar Masters open.

Carlsen
1. e4
2. Nf3
3. g3
4. Bg2
5. O-O
6. Nc3
7. d4
8. Bg5
9. Nxe4
10. d5
11. exf3
12. Re1
13. Re4
14. dxc6
15. h4
16. Rb1
17. Be3
18. h5
19. Qd2
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21. Rxd4
22. Bxd4
23. Bc3
24. f4
25. b3
26. Ba1
27. Rc1

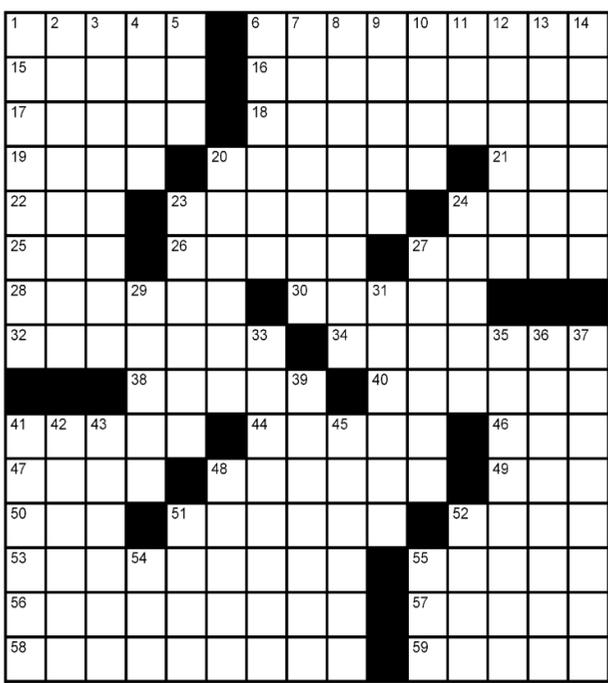
Yuffa
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Bg7
O-O
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Nc6
Bf5
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Bxf3
Nd4
Re8
c5
Nxc6
Qb6
a5
Qc7
e5
Nd4
f5
exd4
Bf8
Qxc4
Re4
Qc5
d5
Black resigns

SOLUTION TO BEGINNER'S CORNER:
1. Ng4! mate.

The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- 1 Direct the guidance system
- 6 Equipment designed to serve a specific function
- 15 Jay Silverheels role
- 16 Petticoat fabric
- 17 Malicious burning
- 18 Zoe and Erskine
- 19 Means of checking
- 20 Turning points
- 21 Global positioning fig.
- 22 Kilmer of "The Doors"
- 23 Boozers
- 24 Blind trio of nursery rhyme
- 25 Crete's highest peak
- 26 Groom oneself
- 27 Timer button
- 28 Noodle
- 30 Relinquish
- 32 Graham and Lorne
- 34 Exposes for all to see
- 38 Groovy!
- 40 Girl of the Highlands
- 41 Olympian strings?
- 44 Dashing Flynn
- 46 Drench
- 47 Holiday precursors
- 48 Mortise mates
- 49 Social insect
- 50 Greensward



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

C	A	S	H	A	R	P	S	P	O	S	T
R	U	N	E	E	L	I	O	T	H	O	H
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- 55 Started a fire again
- 56 Become part of
- 57 Fail to be
- 58 Undoes a disconnection
- 59 Wood-splitting tool
- 29 Heredity elements
- 31 Cantaloupe and honeydew
- 33 Soaking, as tea
- 35 Beset
- 36 Disney film, with "The"
- 37 Group of seven Turcotte
- 39 Saxophonist Coleman
- 41 The ___ of two evils
- 42 Actress de Carlo
- 43 Estimate a new age
- 45 Bronco-busting events
- 48 Fibula's neighbor
- 51 Ice mass
- 52 Scant
- 54 Kesey or Follett
- 55 Uncooked

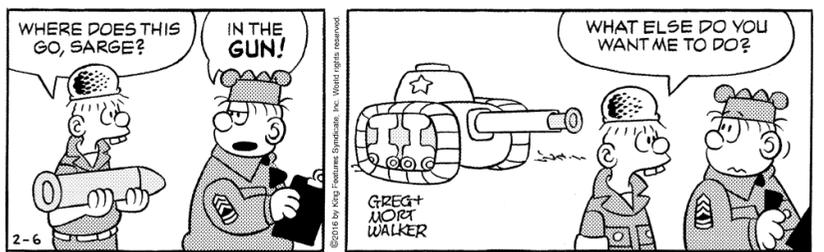
Scrabble Solution

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BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell



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

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