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A1A1E1U1L1S1X8

Double Word Score

A1E1E1T1Z1G2T1

3rd Letter Triple

O1O1Y4W4D2L1S1

A1E1O1G2H4T1S1

PAR SCORE 165-175

BEST SCORE 239

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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10-03

JUMBLE

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

AVEEW

TLOAT

CHROCS

SNENUK

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

THE DETECTIVE THOUGHT HE'D BE HANDLING THE INVESTIGATION, BUT THAT —

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

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's

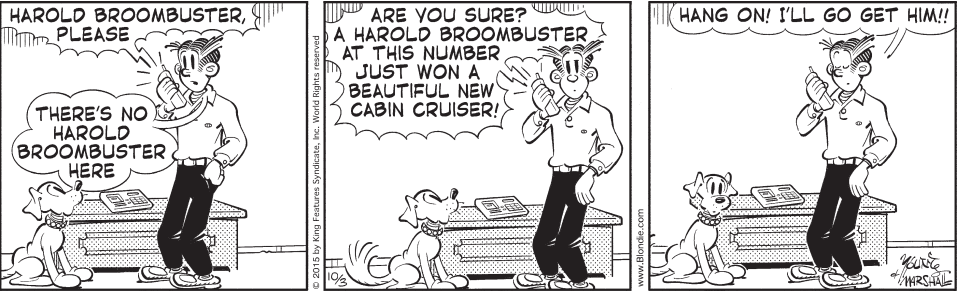
Jumbles: ABOVE TWANG INLAND TRAUMA

Answer: The handsome bounty hunter was a — WANTED MAN

NON SEQUITUR by Wiley



BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall



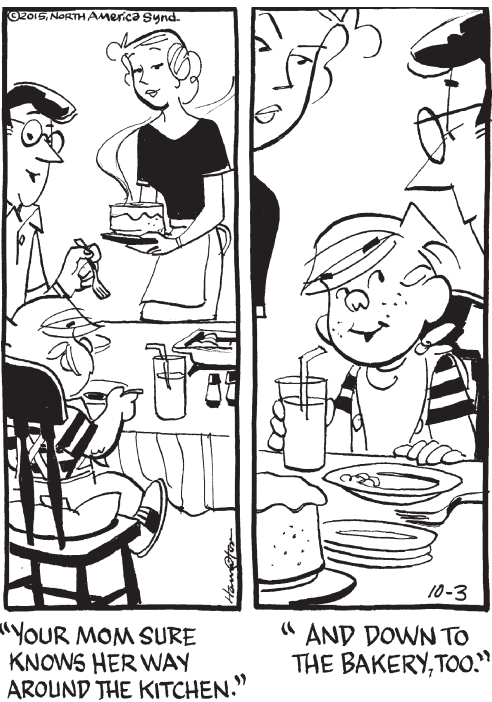
HI & LOIS by Chance Browne



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne



DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane



Sexting yes or no; dodging norovirus

Q: I read about a study that said sexting was not only an acceptable behavior, but good for relationships as well. What is this world coming to? Doesn't it lead to risky sexual behavior? — *Mildred E. Willoughby, Ohio*



DOCTORS OZ AND ROIZEN

Sounds like you're referring to the results of a survey done by researchers at Drexel University that examined "possible positive effects of open sexual communication with a partner." They found that for adults in committed relationships (and that's the key), there's nothing wrong with "sending, receiving or forwarding sexually explicit messages, images or photos through electronic means." In fact, for those in a relationship, sexting was associated with greater sexual satisfaction. So in that context, it's just another form of good old-fashioned communication, something that we have always advocated for a healthy,

loving relationship.

However, for vulnerable teens and young adults, there are serious risks associated with sexting. It's been associated with unprotected sex, unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Parents need to make it clear that it's not good for their kids. It can be easily shared and can't be erased. Act like a grownup, and things should be fine. If you don't, it'll have lasting consequences.

Q: Our kids gave us a Caribbean cruise for our 40th wedding anniversary so we

can get some sunshine this winter. But I'm concerned about those norovirus outbreaks that have hit cruise ships. Am I overreacting? — *Jo J., Brookings, South Dakota*

Well, a bit, but we get your concern. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, from 2004 through 2014 there were 158 confirmed outbreaks of the norovirus on cruise lines. But the good news is that the number of norovirus outbreaks per year has come down almost every year since 2004, when there were 36. Last year there were nine. Now you have less than a 1 percent chance of contracting gastroenteritis from any cause on an average seven-day cruise.

But still, the norovirus is no fun. It lasts for one to three days and causes acute gastric distress (vomiting and diar-

rea). It's extremely contagious and moves like a brushfire aboard ship, spreading from contaminated surfaces, air, food or water.

So here's how to reduce your chances of getting infected:

—If someone you're around becomes ill, wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer before eating; make sure your food is cooked piping hot; and consider using plastic-wrapped plastic utensils. Underwashed silverware seems to be a major vehicle for transmission.

—If it breaks out onboard ship, make sure you don't touch your face with your hands unless they are freshly washed. Consider wearing a mask and gloves when out and about. Stay out of places people gather.

But none of that should keep you from heading for the high seas! South Dakota and all 49 other states get hit with noro-*nausea* too!

Chess

by Shelby Lyman

"Chess is the touchstone of the intellect," we are told by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

It is also an affair of the heart, wrote the physician and grandmaster Siebert Tarrasch, who declared unabashedly that "Chess like love, like music, has the power to make men happy."

Many are attracted to its universality, as expressed by the Indian proverb "Chess is a sea in which a gnat can drink and an elephant can bathe."

The World Chess Federation attests to this essential truth with its motto: "Gens una sumus" (We are one people). Chess is above all a manifestation of the play and sporting instinct. Inextricably linked, play and sports sustain, enhance and celebrate individual and collective life.

At one extreme is the benign, joyful activity of children; at the other a prototype for war.

Princes have been trained in the intricacies of the game so as to better carry out their princely functions.

Military leaders and rulers — no less than Napoleon, Peter the Great and Robert E. Lee — have carried chess sets into battle.

Curiously, in our fiercely competitive world of today, knowledge of chess is an asset proudly listed on a resume. According to the Wall St. Journal, more than 250,000 Linked-In profiles include a special interest in the game as an item of potential interest to an employer.

Chess, which is growing by leaps and bounds in popularity, is more relevant to our lives than we might think.

