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15-14  
 O U H D R S  
 A E I U C R Q  
 H I U D C L F  
 A E D B N T R

PAR SCORE 150-160  
 BEST SCORE 241

FOUR RACK TOTAL  
 TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

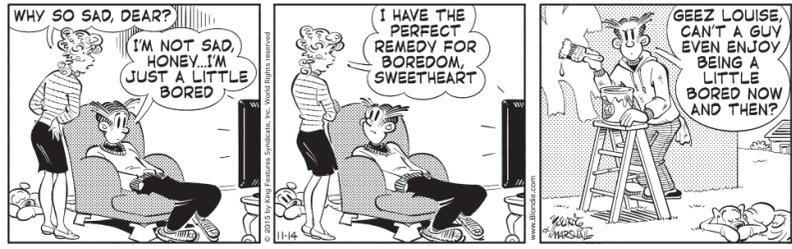
DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE™ Players Dictionary 5th Edition.

Answer below  
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**NON SEQUITUR** by Wiley



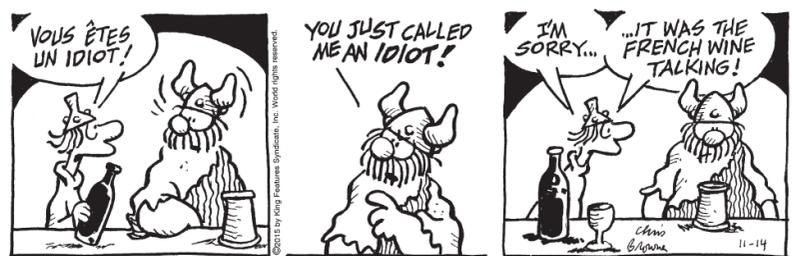
**BLONDIE** by Dean Young and John Marshall



**HI & LOIS** by Chance Browne



**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE** by Chris Browne



**DENNIS THE MENACE** by Hank Ketcham



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** by Bill Keane



**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.

MFIYL  
 NALGC  
 SAFCIO  
 NARPIS

When did you know that you wanted to be a quarterback? I've always known.

HE PLAYED QB IN HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND NOW THE NFL BECAUSE BEING A QB WASN'T A —

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

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: STOMP ELDER ACCEPT HAIRDO  
 Answer: The fashion model didn't like her new competition and thought she — POSED A THREAT

**Facts on FASDs; Legionnaire's disease**

**Q:** I have a friend who's still drinking, even though she knows she's pregnant. She thinks that a drink here and there doesn't hurt anything. Doesn't it cause birth defects? — Tracy D., Trenton, New Jersey



**DOCTORS OZ AND ROIZEN**

Unfortunately, drinking during pregnancy is not as uncommon as you would think. A recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey found that among pregnant women in the U.S., "the prevalence of any alcohol use and binge drinking in the past 30 days were 10.2 percent and 3.1 percent, respectively."

But, back to your friend. You can tell her that for her fetus, there is no known safe level of alcohol consumption, period. If a woman drinks when she's pregnant, so does the fetus. The alcohol goes right through the umbilical cord. Birth defects due to an alcohol-exposed pregnancy are called Fetal Alcohol

Spectrum Disorders (FASDs). They include everything from abnormal facial features to poor coordination, and learning and speech difficulties. Fetal death is unusual, but it's the most extreme result.

Not only should every woman stop drinking as soon as she knows she is pregnant, but she should refrain if there is a chance of pregnancy. That's because a woman can get pregnant and not know for up six weeks — during that time, a lot of damage can be done to the fetal brain.

So tell your friend that the sooner she stops drinking, the

better off everyone will be. If she's having a hard time quitting, her problem may be one of addiction, and if so, she needs help now.

**Q:** I keep hearing about these outbreaks of Legionnaire's disease caused by contamination in air conditioning units. There's no way to know where it will hit. What's the smart move to avoid it? — Frankie J., Boise, Idaho

New York has been in the news recently, with two rounds of Legionnaire's that affected more than 120 people, but such outbreaks happen all around the country, sickening 8,000-18,000 people annually. Legionnaire's (caused by the Legionella bacteria) can trigger high fever, chills, a cough and sometimes muscle aches and headaches. It can lead to pneumonia, but it cannot be

spread from person to person. You get it by breathing the mist from contaminated environments such as air conditioning units. Even in less-urban areas, there's some risk: One of the main sources of infection is hot tubs! To determine whether a hot tub has been properly maintained, regularly use pool test strips to check water for adequate free chlorine (2-4 parts per million) or bromine (4-6 ppm) and pH (7.2-7.8) levels.

The good news is that most folks who are exposed to the bacteria do NOT develop symptoms. The most vulnerable are those 50 or older, smokers and people with chronic lung disease, as well as anyone with a weakened immune system. But if you or anyone you know develop flu- or pneumonia-like symptoms, find out if you need an office visit or to head to the hospital. Most Legionnaire's and pneumonia can be treated effectively with a round of antibiotics.

**Chess**

by Shelby Lyman

For the young Bobby Fischer chess was a world of enchantment, and adventure. Physically at its epi-center was a string of Manhattan sites, a chess archipelago of irresistible allure.

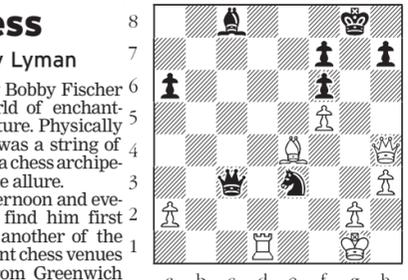
In a single afternoon and evening one might find him first at one and then another of the strikingly different chess venues that stretched from Greenwich Village to Midtown Manhattan in close proximity to each other. It was a fairyland of discovery. For a budding chess genius a cornucopia of living chess. Most august was the midtown Manhattan Chess Club, chess venue for the wealthy and famous.

Southward in Greenwich village, there was the more Bohemian, but nevertheless, affluent Marshall Chess where frequently lingered Marcel Duchamp — the iconic 20th century artist — or Johnny Marks, composer of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and other children songs.

Geographically between was the flea house a residence of all games and all social classes. There one could find Nick the Wrestler, Tiger, Sam the Rabbi, Freddie the Fish, Israeli Jack and a medley and motley of others.

Farthest South was Nicholas Rossolimo's chess studio. Inspired by Fischer's visits, Nick named his dog "Bobby," whimsically nudging it or gently kicking it from time to time, as seemingly fit.

Where did this spectacle of chess, games and life come from? Was it perhaps the brainchild of a mischievous deity or a mys-



**WHITE TO PLAY**

terious necromancer who played chess, himself.

Or was it a normal manifestation of life itself made physically possible by inexpensive rents and the uncommon amount of frolicking and leisure that the '60s allowed.

Below is a win by Bruzon Batista against Shanglei Lu.

**Lu**  
 1. Nc3  
 2. Nf3  
 3. d4  
 4. Nxd4  
 5. g3  
 6. Bg2  
 7. O-O  
 8. bxc3  
 9. Rb1  
 10. Re1  
 11. Nxc6  
 12. Qd4  
 13. Qd3  
 14. Ba3  
 15. Bxe4  
 16. Qe3  
 17. Bxc5  
 18. Ra1  
 19. R(e)c1  
 20. R(c)b1  
 21. Rxa7  
 22. Bxa7  
 23. Rb4

**Bruzon Batista**  
 e5  
 Nc6  
 exd4  
 Nf6  
 Bb4  
 O-O  
 Bxc3  
 Re8  
 h6  
 Ne4  
 bxc6  
 c5  
 d5  
 Qf6  
 dxe4  
 Qa6  
 Qxa2  
 Qxc2  
 Qb3  
 Qc4  
 Rxa7  
 Bg4  
 Qa2

White resigns

**The Daily Crossword** Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

**ACROSS**

- Certain canopy support
- Chewed out
- 1855 French novel
- Easy victory
- Dignified and impressive
- Downright
- Stitch up
- Three-dimensional objects
- Sad
- Mispickel and feldspar
- Dance partner?
- Down time
- First name in talk shows
- Common marsh plant
- Towel word
- Greek advisor at Troy
- Packed heat
- Sincerely
- Control freak of the worst kind
- Belt positions
- Zesty bite
- Country on the Mekong
- Pull the bow
- No spring chicken
- Stage directions
- Senator Jake the astronaut
- Sorvino of "Mighty Aphrodite"

**DOWN**

- Macaroni and spaghetti
- Modicum
- Into pieces
- Thrust forward
- Victoria of "All of Me"
- Flotsam or jetsam, e.g.
- Actor Armand
- Weakness in numbers
- Low-range woodwind
- Muse of music
- Illustrators
- Classroom favorite
- Barcelona bravos
- Farm outbuildings
- President following Polk
- Club used as a weapon
- Gets some grub
- Fixed monotonous routine
- Advanced in years
- Pitcher
- Parasitic nematode
- Aridity
- Drunken
- Overindulging
- Kong preceder
- Attracted
- Detesting
- Not imaginary
- Biblical birthright seller
- Alternative to prix fixe
- Openings in leaves
- Pieces of hand luggage
- Discretionary football plays
- Legislative act
- Outspoken denunciations
- Transmitters
- Start out
- Mink's cousin
- Karenina or Christie
- Closely confined
- Put in the holder
- Former quarterback
- Marino
- Took off

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**Scrabble Solution**

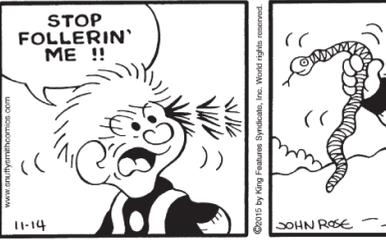
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**BEETLE BAILEY** by Mort Walker



**SNUFFY SMITH** by Fred Lasswell



**Conceptis Sudoku**

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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**

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★