

# CRESCENDO

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## ACROSS

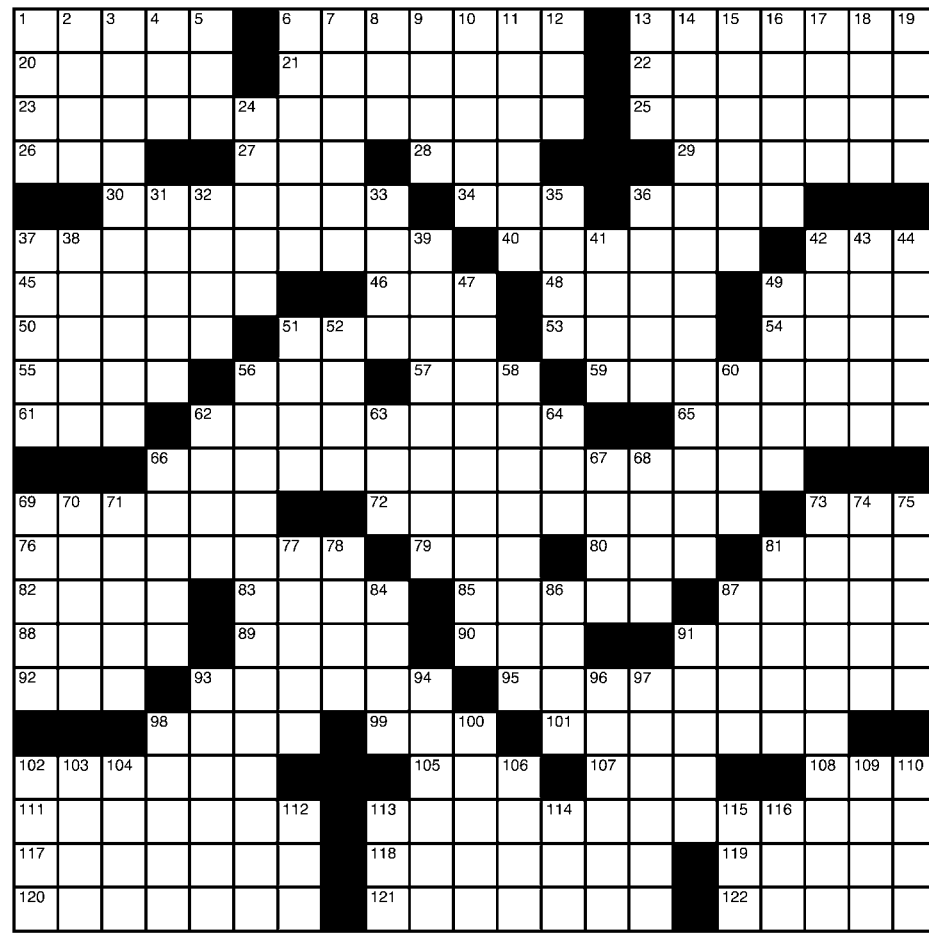
- 1 Concentrate  
 6 Impose restraints on  
 13 Talladega sight  
 20 Creamy white  
 21 Assemble at a theater, say  
 22 Like Hobart College  
 23 Brilliant bit of deception?  
 25 Goes by  
 26 Roadie's burden  
 27 Source of many med. terms  
 28 Toledo title: Abbr.  
 29 Unhurt  
 30 Mississippi explorer  
 34 Clemson U. is in it  
 36 Like a brioche  
 37 Taciturn circus entertainers?  
 40 Joshua trees, e.g.  
 42 Variety of tricks?  
 45 Baseball news  
 46 Skater Babilonia  
 48 Predicament metaphor  
 49 19th-century French composer *f*douard  
 50 "This came as no surprise"  
 51 Domain  
 53 Okay  
 54 Sci. with biomes  
 55 Muscle mag display  
 56 On the occasion of  
 57 "Breaking Bad" channel  
 59 Mislead  
 61 Crafty  
 62 Scotch and soda, e.g.  
 65 Passes out  
 66 Panel judging phobic reactions?  
 69 Co-star of Boyer in "Algiers"  
 72 FEMA concerns  
 73 Org. found in alleys

- 76 Good place for views  
 79 Service inaccuracy  
 80 T size  
 81 Many a Mideast native  
 82 Florida's \_\_ City  
 83 Lanford Wilson's "The \_\_ Baltimore"  
 85 An arm and a leg  
 87 Cutting  
 88 Crossword component  
 89 Influence  
 90 " \_\_-hoo!"  
 91 Makeup mishap  
 92 Sequence-shortening letters  
 93 Switch-hitter with the most career homers  
 95 Award ceremony side dish?  
 98 Brest "but"  
 99 Eponymous tree, streetwise  
 101 Triage priorities  
 102 Get to bubble over?  
 105 Milne's absent-minded Mr.  
 107 Supergirl's symbol  
 108 Enlisted mil. rank  
 111 Not bright at all  
 113 Gradually doze during a long meeting?  
 117 League championship  
 118 Its NYSE symbol is "X"  
 119 Commemorative 1999 Broadway revue  
 120 Part of Procter & Gamble  
 121 Savings vehicle named for a sen.  
 122 Jacket material

## DOWN

- 1 Nike competitor  
 2 Reproductive cell  
 3 Cooperation  
 4 Sch. near Providence  
 5 Unit, for one: Abbr.  
 6 Sudden wind increase

- 7 Disco activity  
 8 Pershing's WWI command  
 9 They often precede entrances  
 10 Actress Knightley  
 11 Folly  
 12 Capable, jokingly  
 13 Arctic coast explorer  
 14 Charge in an Everglades water taxi?  
 15 Metallic noises  
 16 Like some promises, alas  
 17 Roberto's residence  
 18 Oldest Baldwin brother  
 19 Others  
 24 Five Norse kings  
 31 Yellow fever mosquito  
 32 Cioppino, e.g.  
 33 "Do I dare to \_\_ peach?": Eliot  
 35 Bear young  
 36 Online payment  
 37 Versatile Unilever brand  
 38 "Family Matters" nerd  
 39 Dressing ingredient  
 41 Ducklike bird  
 42 "Almost anything can be improved with the addition of \_\_": Jasper Fforde  
 43 In the air  
 44 Enjoys the links  
 47 Quite a lot  
 49 Martin's partner  
 51 Links star McIlroy  
 52 Sock ending  
 56 "Charlie's Angels" actress on her sloop?  
 58 First act?  
 60 Crew members  
 62 Tupperware sound  
 63 Mail svc. in the sticks  
 64 Derisive sound  
 66 Burned-out  
 67 Unit of work: Abbr.



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- 68 Neurol. readouts  
 69 Ski resort centerpiece  
 70 Split  
 71 Doc  
 73 Make susceptible  
 74 Canal transport  
 75 Supérieurs des moines  
 77 They often have matching caps  
 78 State of France  
 81 Honda luxury brand  
 84 '60s-'70s bullpen star Sparky  
 86 No longer relevant  
 87 Radio option  
 91 Snow remnants  
 93 Cocktail with an umbrella  
 94 Rio Grande city  
 96 Ice cream company founder  
 97 Locale in a 1987 Cheech Marin title  
 98 Mars' pair  
 100 Thick  
 102 Kelly of talk  
 103 First place?  
 104 Firmly attach  
 106 "Breaking Bad" drug  
 109 Protection in a box  
 110 Street \_\_  
 112 UPS unit  
 113 Natural coat  
 114 In Chinese, the "north" part of China's "northern capital"  
 115 Terrestrial newt  
 116 Question as to technique

# Boggle® BrainBusters!™



INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

## BOGGLE® POINT SCALE

- 3 letters = 1 point
- 4 letters = 2 points
- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 6 points
- 8 letters = 10 points
- 9+ letters = 15 points

## YOUR BOGGLE® RATING

- 151+ = Champ
- 101-150 = Expert
- 61 - 100 = Pro
- 31 - 60 = Gamer
- 21 - 30 = Rookie
- 11 - 20 = Amateur
- 0 - 10 = Try again

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



## Boggle® BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?

Find EIGHT FISH in the grid of letters. Write your answers below.

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Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle® BrainBusters:

SNAKE GECKO CAMEL MOOSE MOUSE HYENA PANDA KOALA

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# SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

# BRIDGE

Neither vulnerable, South deals.

## NORTH

♠ Q 6 3

♥ 9 2

♦ 7 5 4

♣ K Q J 5 4

## WEST

♠ 10 9 8 7 2

♥ J 8 5

♦ A J 9 3

♣ 10

## EAST

♠ 5 4

♥ Q 6 4 3

♦ 8 6 2

♣ A 9 8 6

## SOUTH

♠ A K J

♥ A K 10 7

♦ K Q 10

♣ 7 3 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠

In a duplicate pairs' competition, there is a continuing battle to see if a declarer can manage an overtrick or two, or if the defenders can gain an additional undertrick. Just making the contract, or defeating it by one trick, is often not good enough. In a team competition, or at rubber bridge (real bridge, some say), just making the contract is declarer's goal. Overtricks don't matter very much unless the contract is doubled. It is

easy for a declarer to lose sight of this and get careless.

South won the opening spade lead with his king and led a club to the 10 and king. East ducked the first club, but won the second as West shed a low spade. East reasoned that West would not have discarded a spade if he wanted that suit returned. As West might easily have discarded a higher spade, East decided that his partner would prefer a diamond shift, the lower ranking of the other two suits.

East shifted to the eight of diamonds, South put up his king, and West allowed the king to hold. Declarer tried the jack and another club. East won and led a second diamond, allowing West to take three diamond tricks for down one.

A lovely defense, but declarer might have succeeded. He could have allowed West's 10 to hold the first club trick by not covering it in dummy. His diamond holding would be safe from attack and he could knock out the ace of clubs later. There would have been nine tricks in his pile at the end of the hand.

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# JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

SLIVHA

○							○
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USENNK

○							○
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DETDOS

○							○
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CAUSTC

			○				○
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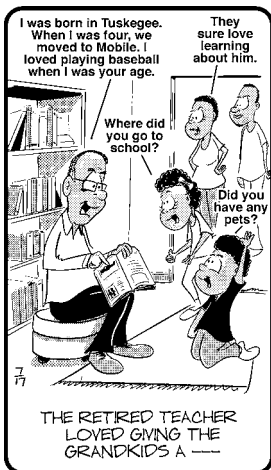
VYRUSE

○		○					○
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KEVINO

○			○				
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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.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

“○○○ - ○○○○○” ○○○○○

# SCRABBLE

G<sub>2</sub> R<sub>1</sub> A<sub>1</sub> M<sub>3</sub> S<sub>1</sub>

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A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>5</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>
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RACK 1

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E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	W <sub>4</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>
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1st Letter Double

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RACK 2

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A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	W <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	G <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>
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RACK 3

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A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>
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RACK 4

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A <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>
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Triple Word Score

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RACK 5

PAR SCORE 260-270  
BEST SCORE 339

FIVE RACK TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_  
TIME LIMIT: 25 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.

For more information on tournaments and clubs, email NASPA - North American SCRABBLE Players Association info@scrabbleplayers.org. Visit our website - www.scrabbleplayers.org. For puzzle inquiries contact scrgrams@gmail.com.

# JULY 16, SUDOKU SOLUTION

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

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# Last Sunday's Puzzle Solved

F	I	L	L		L	A	T		T	I	N	T	S		A	S	M	A	R	A	
I	D	E	A		E	L	I		A	C	U	R	A		P	A	S	T	A	S	
B	O	D	Y	C	H	E	C	K	M	A	T	E	S		C	L	U	T	C	H	
S	L	A	L	O	M		K	I	L	N		A	S	I	A				E	K	E
			A	L	A	B	A	M	A	B	O	D	Y	S	L	A	M	M	E	R	
I	S	M		A	N	E	W			E	M	O		A	C	C	E	P	T		
C	H	A	T			N	A	A	N		S	N	O	W		H	I	T	E	M	
B	U	S	Y	B	O	D	Y	W	O	R	K		N	I	T	E		E	E	E	
M	I	C	R	O	B	E		E	N	E		N	E	T	H		L	D	R	S	
			A	S	T	R	O		O	A	S	I	S		E	L	A	T	E	S	
P	R	I	N	C	E	S	S	A	N	D	T	H	E	P	E	A	B	O	D	Y	
R	E	C	T	O	S		C	H	O	S	E		C	O	U	P	E				
A	C	E	S		T	W	A	S		T	E	D		C	R	U	L	L	E	R	
M	O	C		T	S	A	R		B	O	D	Y	S	H	O	P	L	I	F	T	
S	N	O	R	E		I	S	A	Y		S	E	T	A		E	S	T	E		
	N	L	W	E	S	T		P	T	A			U	R	G	E		A	S	S	
B	O	D	Y	D	O	U	B	L	E	S	T	A	N	D	A	R	D				
R	I	B		B	P	O	E		P	U	N	T		T	O	U	S	L	E		
A	T	E	A	S	E		A	N	T	I	B	O	D	Y	S	O	C	I	A	L	
G	E	E	Z	E	R		S	T	A	R	E		O	M	B		T	R	I	M	
A	R	R	O	W	S		T	Y	P	E	S		G	A	Y		S	I	R	S	

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# TODAY'S JUMBLE SOLUTION

**JUMBLE**

Answer :

LAVISH ODEST SURVEY  
SUNKEN CACTUS INVOKE

The retired teacher loved giving  
the grandkids a —

“HIS-STORY”  
LESSON

# TODAY'S SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

B<sub>3</sub> A<sub>1</sub> U<sub>1</sub> L<sub>1</sub> K<sub>5</sub> E<sub>1</sub> D<sub>2</sub>

S<sub>1</sub> W<sub>4</sub> E<sub>1</sub> E<sub>1</sub> T<sub>1</sub> I<sub>1</sub> E<sub>1</sub>

T<sub>1</sub> W<sub>4</sub> A<sub>1</sub> N<sub>1</sub> G<sub>2</sub> E<sub>1</sub> D<sub>2</sub>

T<sub>1</sub> A<sub>1</sub> B<sub>3</sub> O<sub>1</sub> O<sub>1</sub> E<sub>1</sub> D<sub>2</sub>

S<sub>1</sub> P<sub>3</sub> I<sub>1</sub> N<sub>1</sub> A<sub>1</sub> C<sub>3</sub> H<sub>4</sub>

PAR SCORE 260-270

RACK 1 =

64

RACK 2 =

61

RACK 3 =

62

RACK 4 =

60

RACK 5 =

92

339

TOTAL

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