

MORNING ADDITION

By Matt McKinley

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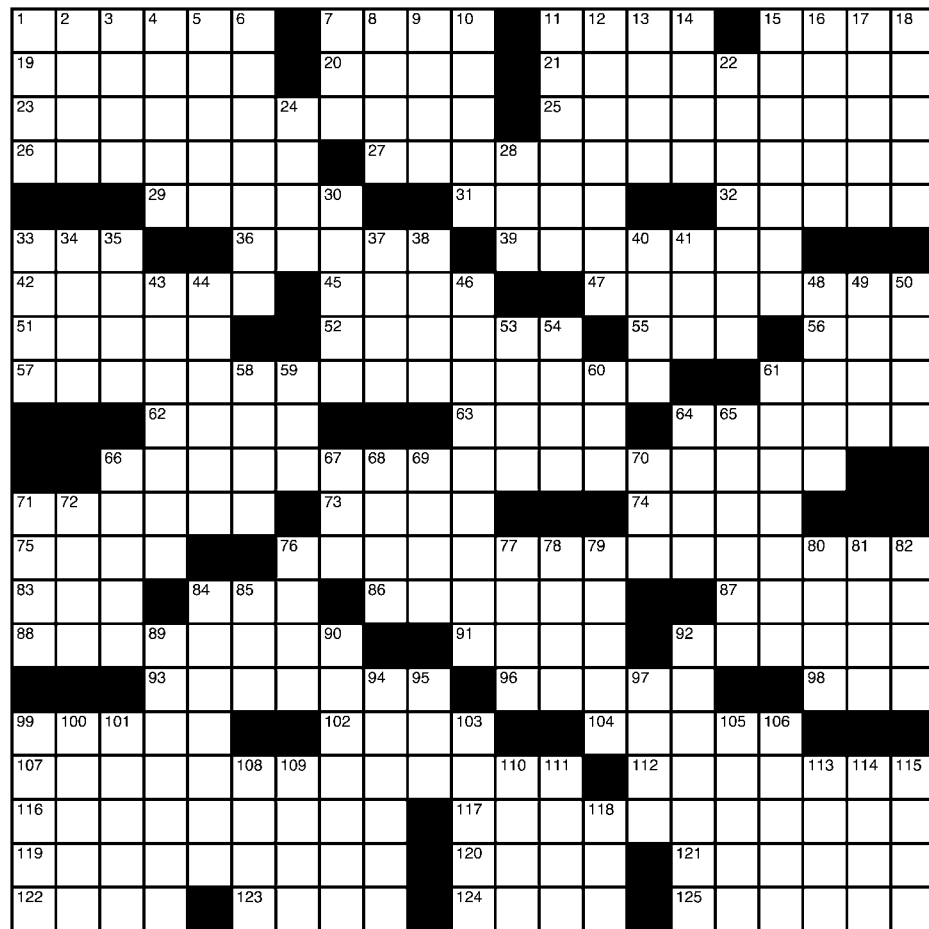
- 1 Opinionated assortment
 7 Biblical shepherd
 11 Polaris Rangers, e.g., briefly
 15 Asian cookware
 19 Start a bulleted list, perhaps
 20 Forecast
 21 Painful, in a way
 23 Harsh criticism of an old Pontiac?
 25 Superman or Spider-Man
 26 Unavoidable end
 27 Unprincipled operator?
 29 “__, I’m flying in my taxi”: Harry Chapin lyric
 31 Table salt, in chem class
 32 Pool stroke
 33 Therapists’ org.
 36 Corporate rule
 39 Something for a fan to support
 42 Fan appreciation event
 45 Personal: Pref.
 47 Pleads not guilty
 51 Soviet cooperative
 52 Loud salutes
 55 Type of cell or cent
 56 “Star Trek: Deep Space Nine” constable
 57 Salesperson who doesn’t take your offer seriously?
 61 [Uh-oh!]
 62 Annual August golf tournaments, familiarly
 63 Classic theaters
 64 Aiming devices
 66 Mexican dish you were warned not to eat?
 71 Current king of Spain __ VI
 73 Silents star Negri

- 74 Time to beware
 75 Truth stretcher
 76 “Missionary squad loses big in softball game”?
 83 Rink legend
 84 Tee sizes: Abbr.
 86 Done like Donne
 87 Rancor
 88 If it’s orange, it’s really black
 91 Physics unit
 92 Strengthen
 93 Race on the water
 96 Kidney-related
 98 Match in size
 99 Doo-wop band instruments
 102 After-hours
 104 Hoods
 107 Memoirs of a penitent bookie?
 112 WWII bond designation
 116 Carefree
 117 Really large items thrown overboard?
 119 Life partners
 120 Snack in a stack
 121 Nails the test
 122 Doesn’t have to ask about
 123 Egg holder
 124 Sign of boredom
 125 Techniques involving falsetto

DOWN

- 1 Texas city nickname
 2 About
 3 Some govt. lawyers
 4 “The Flying Dutchman” soprano
 5 Conclude with
 6 One awaiting a cancellation
 7 Six-pack set
 8 Two-balled weapon
 9 European cheese town

- 10 Bar fruit
 11 Hook on
 12 Warbled
 13 Winery fixtures
 14 Course-plotting “Star Trek” crewman
 15 Simulated military exercise
 16 Chiwere speakers
 17 Bust measurements?
 18 Not a good thing to make
 22 Marine myth
 24 “Goodness!”
 28 Traitor
 30 Woman in a “Paint Your Wagon” song
 33 Simple rhyme scheme
 34 Veal __
 35 Largest of the Near Islands
 37 Purim month
 38 Like most zoo animals
 40 La., once
 41 Lincoln-to-Des Moines dir.
 43 Give up
 44 Advantage to get
 46 Like talent, in a Geoff Colvin best-seller
 48 Liquid courses
 49 Not working
 50 Beats
 53 Vanilla-flavored, as wine
 54 Machine displaying fruit symbols
 58 Go out with
 59 CBS drama since 2000
 60 Spanish “that”
 61 Throws a fit
 64 Iraq’s __ City
 65 Monty Python co-founder
 66 First name in superhero lore
 67 W, vis-à-vis E
 68 Don Knotts denial



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- 69 Too
 70 Open __ night
 71 Disaster
 72 Where the Shannon flows
 76 Fishing, perhaps
 77 Interstellar dist.
 78 Berlin article
 79 Canine attraction
 80 Annoy
 81 Decorative sewing case
 82 Cabinet part: Abbr.
 84 Phrase on a fortune-teller’s business card
 85 Office conf.
 89 Son of Agamemnon
 90 Travelers’ references
 92 Rogers Centre player
 94 Least likely to bite
 95 Downed
 97 “Sure, I get it”
 99 Magic center?
 100 Be gaga over
 101 Marked for deletion
 103 Relish
 105 Artist El __
 106 Located
 108 Classic showdown time
 109 Went off the deep end
 110 Commercial prefix with “cell”
 111 Fish-eating duck
 113 Forum infinitive
 114 Zip (through)
 115 First responders, for short
 118 __ mot

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 TWO-SYLLABLE MAMMALS** in the grid of letters. Write your answers below.

Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle® BrainBusters:
HILL RIDGE PLAIN RAVINE ISLAND VALLEY CANYON

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SUDOKU

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

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

BRIDGE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
 ♠ K 9 8 5 2
 ♥ 9
 ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ A K 3 2

WEST
 ♠ 7
 ♥ K Q 7 3 2
 ♦ K 10 8 7 6
 ♣ 9 5

EAST
 ♠ Q 3
 ♥ A J 10 5 4
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ Q J 10 7

SOUTH
 ♠ A J 10 6 4
 ♥ 8 6
 ♦ J 9 3
 ♣ 8 6 4

The bidding:

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
| Pass | 2♥* | Dbf | 3♥ |
| 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ | All pass |

*Hearts and a minor, weak

Opening lead: King of ♥

Two-suited opening bids are popular in Europe, and today's deal is from a recent tournament in Norway. These bids can be very effective on a given hand, but they also give the opponents a lot of information. This deal is from a pairs competition, where overtricks are crucial, and South was Harald Gjellastad.

East overtook the opening heart lead with the ace and shifted to the queen of clubs, won in dummy with the king. Declarer cashed the king of spades and led a spade to his ace, drawing trumps. Ten tricks were easy

enough at this point, but South went after the important overtrick.

South ruffed his remaining heart in dummy, returned to his hand with a trump, and led the jack of diamonds. West covered with the king and dummy won the ace. South cashed dummy's queen of diamonds, leaving this position:

NORTH
 ♠ 9
 ♥ Void
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A 3 2

WEST
 ♠ Void
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ 10 8
 ♣ 9

EAST
 ♠ Void
 ♥ 10 5
 ♦ Void
 ♣ J 10 7

SOUTH
 ♠ 10 6
 ♥ Void
 ♦ 9
 ♣ 8 6

Playing West to be 5-5 in the red suits from the auction, South cashed dummy's ace of clubs and exited with the last diamond. West won and was forced to lead a red suit to give South a ruff-sluff. The overtrick gave declarer a well-earned top board.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001. E-mail responses may be sent to tcaeditors@tribune.com.)



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.

LIGYUT

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RANWID

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MENECT

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DALHEN

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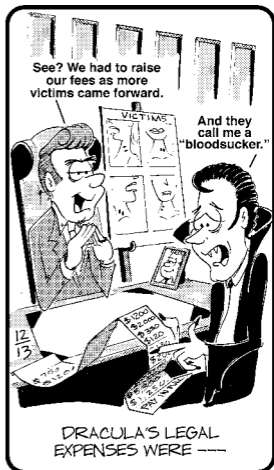
BEETDA

○ □ □ □ □ □ ○

RADPON

○ □ □ □ □ □ ○

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DRACULA'S LEGAL EXPENSES WERE ----

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

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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I₁ I₁ O₁ S₁ V₄ T₁ L₁

□
RACK 1

□ □ □ □ □ □ □

A₁ A₁ E₁ N₁ B₃ W₄ N₁

□
RACK 2

□ □ □ □ □ □ □

A₁ U₁ G₂ T₁ N₁ S₁ M₃

Double Word Score

□
RACK 3

□ □ □ □ □ □ □

E₁ E₁ E₁ I₁ V₄ B₃ L₁

□
RACK 4

□ □ □ □ □ □ □

O₁ O₁ U₁ M₃ P₃ S₁ S₁

2nd Letter Triple

□
RACK 5

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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.

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DEC. 12, SUDOKU SOLUTION

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

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Last Sunday's Puzzle Solved

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

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TODAY'S JUMBLE SOLUTION

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Answer :

GUILTY INWARD CEMENT HANDLE PARDON
DEBATE

Dracula's legal expenses were —

BLEEDING
HIM DRY

TODAY'S SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

SCRABBLE BRAND GRAMS SOLUTION

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|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| V ₄ | I ₁ | O ₁ | L ₁ | I ₁ | S ₁ | T ₁ |
| W ₄ | A ₁ | N ₁ | N ₁ | A ₁ | B ₃ | E ₁ |
| M ₃ | U ₁ | S ₁ | T ₁ | A ₁ | N ₁ | G ₂ |
| B ₃ | E ₁ | L ₁ | I ₁ | E ₁ | V ₄ | E ₁ |
| O ₁ | P ₃ | O ₁ | S ₁ | S ₁ | U ₁ | M ₃ |

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| RACK 1 = | 60 |
| RACK 2 = | 62 |
| RACK 3 = | 70 |
| RACK 4 = | 62 |
| RACK 5 = | 67 |
| TOTAL | 321 |

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