

# POSSESSION

By C.C. Burnikel

## ACROSS

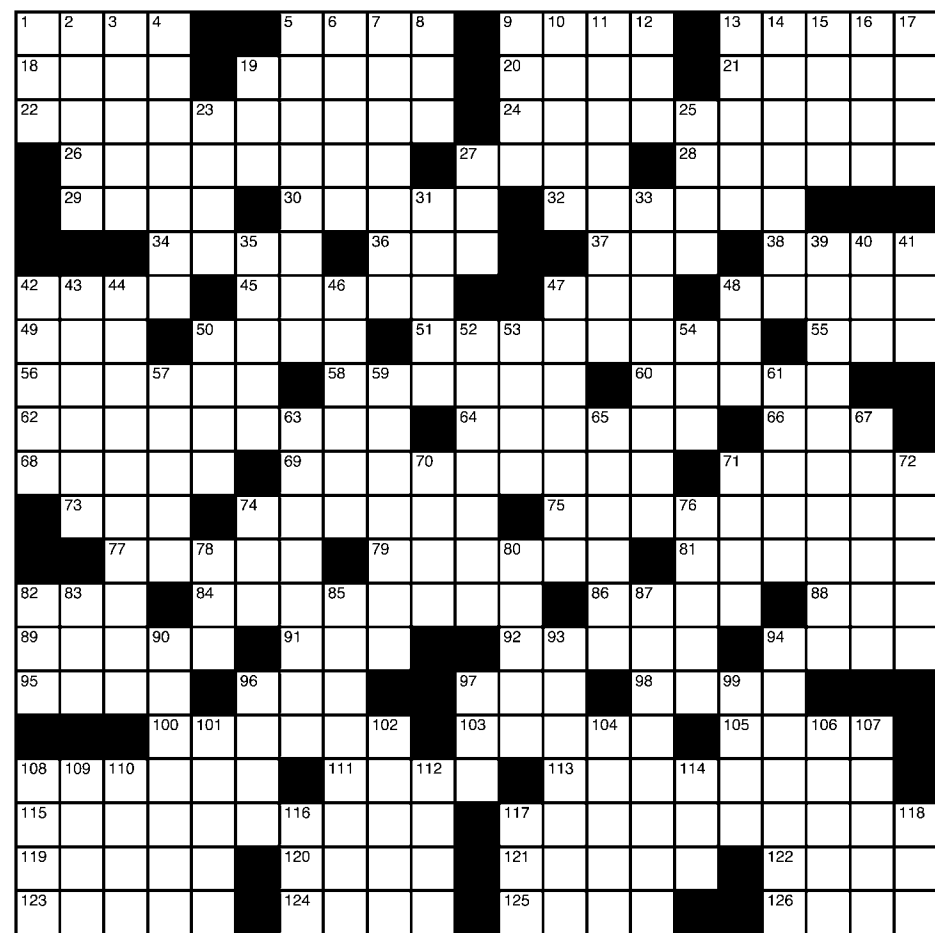
- 1 Twinkler  
 5 Block from the White House  
 9 Sunburn salve  
 13 Others, in Oaxaca  
 18 Almond \_\_: candy  
 19 Like jeggings  
 20 Fist bumps  
 21 Talked a blue streak?  
 22 Ill-kept confidence  
 24 Seasonal drink  
 26 Tossed a bone to  
 27 Playground retort  
 28 Up-to-the-minute  
 29 "I never \_\_ purple cow ...": Burgess  
 30 New Mexico county bordering El Paso  
 32 Dance partner  
 34 Mr. or Mrs.  
 36 Hard-to-imagine period  
 37 It's charged  
 38 Winds up or winds down  
 42 \*English surgeon Henry  
 45 Talks like Daffy  
 47 Mo. town  
 48 Like a paddling surfer  
 49 With 113-Across, "Fun-eral in Berlin" author  
 50 Waikiki wingding  
 51 Sounded nostalgic about  
 55 Tiger, e.g.  
 56 Churchill, notably  
 58 Cura ao cocktail  
 60 American Red Cross founder Barton  
 62 Prankster's missile  
 64 "Popeye" pirate  
 66 Racing Unsers  
 68 Zen garden piece  
 69 Match made in heaven  
 71 Kept from squeaking  
 73 Lifesaver, initially

- 74 Potted dwarf  
 75 \*Noted WWII lifesaver  
 77 Sticks figure  
 79 Drive-thru burger chain whose name has two hyphens  
 81 Make a home  
 82 Squat  
 84 Summary  
 86 It has Air, Mini and Pro versions  
 88 Part of a circ.  
 89 Fervently wishes  
 91 Stooge with a bowl haircut  
 92 Center of Florida?  
 94 Govt. guidelines  
 95 Name on the 1984 album "My Kind of Country"  
 96 Cologne cooler  
 97 NYC commuter letters  
 98 Thunder sound  
 100 Pains  
 103 Courier and Roman  
 105 King with a pipe  
 108 Very destructive  
 111 Nursery cry  
 113 See 49-Across  
 115 1990 #1 rap hit  
 117 Specialized slicing tools  
 119 Chugged, say  
 120 Links seen at pga.com  
 121 Doctoral candidate's hurdles  
 122 Furry sci-fi creature  
 123 Huffly states  
 124 Duma vote  
 125 Lose eligibility  
 126 Prevent

## DOWN

- 1 Letters connected to theater capacity  
 2 Collectible baseball card brand  
 3 Boston-to-D.C. rail service

- 4 Took off  
 5 \*Second-longest reigning British monarch  
 6 Blue heron kin  
 7 Peter Benchley thriller  
 8 Giants great Mel  
 9 \*First of all?  
 10 Slip  
 11 Facing  
 12 Bilingual subj.  
 13 Award declined by George C. Scott  
 14 Company with a blue bird logo  
 15 Used Lyft, say  
 16 Mining haul  
 17 Barcelona-born muralist  
 19 Leaves for a Chinese dinner  
 23 Line crosser  
 25 SpaceX CEO Musk  
 27 Chicago's \_\_ Center  
 31 Carlo \_\_: wine brand  
 33 Money immediately available  
 35 Book jacket entry  
 39 Consequence of the telemarketing boom  
 40 It's in our genes  
 41 Disappeared from view  
 42 Looks really happy  
 43 Upgrade, as on Yelp  
 44 Vet student's workplace  
 46 Send for  
 47 Type of massage  
 48 Student advocacy gp.  
 50 Folk tales  
 52 Ownership claim ... and a hint to the relationship of each answer to a starred clue to a word it intersects  
 53 Earth goddess  
 54 Subj. with unknowns  
 57 Approaching the hour  
 59 Coarsely insulting, as language



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- 61 Vice squad incursions  
 63 Classic for which Pavarotti won a Grammy  
 65 Frenzied  
 67 Did some farm work  
 70 Legal scholar Guinier  
 71 Lacking width and depth  
 72 Worst of the worst  
 74 Drink, in Dover  
 76 Hot  
 78 Foreman stat  
 80 Have a loan from  
 82 "Fresh Air" airer

- 83 Country on St. George's Channel  
 85 \*Memorable 1968 role for Mia  
 87 Treat on a stick  
 90 "Really, Captain Obvious?"  
 93 \*First human woman, in Greek myth  
 94 Scheduled  
 96 Perry's creator  
 97 CalArts degree  
 99 Eight, to Mozart  
 101 Street fare seekers

- 102 Luxurious fur  
 104 Bonnie or Clyde  
 106 Lerner collaborator  
 107 Company with an ironically crooked logo  
 108 Shadow targets  
 109 Beige shade  
 110 Marsh duck  
 112 Computer game title island  
 114 Gloomy fellow  
 116 Ballerina's hairdo  
 117 Tool for Cupid  
 118 Hawk's domain

# 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.

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Find **AT LEAST SEVEN U.S. STATES** in the grid of letters.

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Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle® BrainBusters:  
ELM PALM CALM BALM FILM HELM REALM QUALM PSALM

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# SUDOKU

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

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

# BRIDGE

Rubber bridge, 40 partscore for North-South, South deals.

## NORTH

♠ J 8 5  
♥ J 8 7 4  
♦ Q 10 8 7 3  
♣ A

## WEST

♠ A K Q 7 3  
♥ Q 2  
♦ K 9 6 5 4  
♣ 10

## EAST

♠ 9 4  
♥ 10 9  
♦ A 2  
♣ 9 8 7 5 4 3 2

## SOUTH

♠ 10 6 2  
♥ A K 6 5 3  
♦ J  
♣ K Q J 6

The bidding:

|              |             |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>SOUTH</b> | <b>WEST</b> | <b>NORTH</b> | <b>EAST</b> |
| 1♥           | 2♥*         | 3♥           | All pass    |

\*Spades and a minor

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

Another lovely hand from a 1991 article by the late Patrick Jourdain, of Wales. Jourdain was East, again partnered by “Maestro Junior,” a fine player but a horrible partner, who expected his partners to find the winning play — even when that play was nearly impossible to find.

West started with three rounds of spades, Jourdain discarding a low

club, before shifting to diamonds. Jourdain won with his ace and returned the suit, but declarer ruffed and quickly drew trumps before claiming nine tricks and his contract. “Nothing to do about that one,” thought Jourdain, but the dark look on his partner’s face made him reconsider. After some thought, Jourdain saw the light. “I should have discarded my ace of diamonds on the third spade,” said Jourdain. “You could then have cashed the king of diamonds and continued the suit. My ruff would have promoted your queen of trumps into the setting trick. So sorry, partner. I’ll try to do better.”

Jourdain was too much of a gentleman to point out an alternate defense. Had West shifted to a diamond at trick two, Jourdain could have won with his ace and reverted to spades. It would then have been a simple matter for him to discard his remaining diamond on the third spade. A diamond ruff at that point would have resulted in the same uppercut.

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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.

WESESA  
○ □ □ □ ○ □ □

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GUTAEO  
□ □ ○ □ □

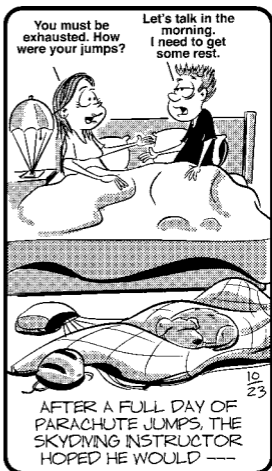
GELDPE  
○ ○ □ □ □ ○

RALRPO  
□ ○ □ □ ○ □

NEELVE  
○ ○ □ □ □ □

DARFOF  
□ ○ ○ □ □ □

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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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|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □                           |
| E <sub>1</sub> | O <sub>1</sub> | S <sub>1</sub> | P <sub>3</sub> | T <sub>1</sub> | L <sub>1</sub> | S <sub>1</sub> | RACK 1                      |
| □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □                           |
| E <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>1</sub> | Y <sub>4</sub> | D <sub>2</sub> | N <sub>1</sub> | F <sub>4</sub> | G <sub>2</sub> | Double Word Score<br>RACK 2 |
| □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □                           |
| E <sub>1</sub> | E <sub>1</sub> | E <sub>1</sub> | L <sub>1</sub> | P <sub>3</sub> | T <sub>1</sub> | S <sub>1</sub> | RACK 3                      |
| □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □                           |
| E <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>1</sub> | D <sub>2</sub> | R <sub>1</sub> | R <sub>1</sub> | G <sub>2</sub> | 3rd Letter Triple<br>RACK 4 |
| □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □              | □                           |
| E <sub>1</sub> | E <sub>1</sub> | U <sub>1</sub> | R <sub>1</sub> | T <sub>1</sub> | T <sub>1</sub> | X <sub>8</sub> | RACK 5                      |

PAR SCORE 255-265      FIVE RACK TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_  
BEST SCORE 325      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<sup>®</sup> Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

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# OCTOBER 22, SUDOKU SOLUTION

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

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## Last Sunday's Puzzle Solved

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

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# TODAY'S JUMBLE SOLUTION

**JUMBLE**

**Answer :**

SEESAW PLEDGE ELEVEN  
OUTAGE PARLOR AFFORD

After a full day of parachute jumps, the skydiving instructor

hoped he would —

**FALL FAST ASLEEP**

# TODAY'S SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

**SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION**

|                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| T <sub>1</sub> | O <sub>1</sub> | P <sub>3</sub> | L <sub>1</sub> | E <sub>1</sub> | S <sub>1</sub> | S <sub>1</sub> |
| D <sub>2</sub> | E <sub>1</sub> | F <sub>4</sub> | Y <sub>4</sub> | I <sub>1</sub> | N <sub>1</sub> | G <sub>2</sub> |
| S <sub>1</sub> | T <sub>1</sub> | E <sub>1</sub> | E <sub>1</sub> | P <sub>3</sub> | L <sub>1</sub> | E <sub>1</sub> |
| R <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>1</sub> | G <sub>2</sub> | I <sub>1</sub> | D <sub>2</sub> | E <sub>1</sub> | R <sub>1</sub> |
| T <sub>1</sub> | E <sub>1</sub> | X <sub>8</sub> | T <sub>1</sub> | U <sub>1</sub> | R <sub>1</sub> | E <sub>1</sub> |

|            |          |            |
|------------|----------|------------|
| <b>59</b>  | RACK 1 = | <b>59</b>  |
| <b>80</b>  | RACK 2 = | <b>80</b>  |
| <b>59</b>  | RACK 3 = | <b>59</b>  |
| <b>63</b>  | RACK 4 = | <b>63</b>  |
| <b>64</b>  | RACK 5 = | <b>64</b>  |
| <b>325</b> | TOTAL    | <b>325</b> |

**PAR SCORE 255-265**

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