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A1I1Y4D2L1W4L1

I1O1Y4P3T1S1C3

A1E1E1Y4L1B3L1

O1U1H4R1G2T1B3

RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160

BEST SCORE 229

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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2nd Letter Double

Triple Word Score

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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NON SEQUITUR by Wiley

YEAH, WELL... I SAY THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN BEING A GOOD LISTENER AND NOT GIVING A RAT'S PATOOT

I HAD A BAD DREAM LAST NIGHT THAT SOMEHOW I BROKE YOUR NEW CORDLESS SCREWDRIVER

WELL, THE TRUTH IS, I ACTUALLY DID BREAK IT SOMEHOW

SO WHY DID YOU TELL ME IT WAS ONLY A DREAM?!

BOY, THAT'S SOME BAD DREAM, ALL RIGHT

OBVIOUSLY, I WAS TESTING THE WATER BEFORE I DOVE IN WITH THE TRUTH

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HI & LOIS by Chance Browne

WHY ARE YOU SALUTING ME?

YOUR BROTHER BEETLE IS IN THE ARMY.

WE'RE THANKING YOU FOR HIS SERVICE.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne

HAMLET, I'M YOUR FATHER, BUT ALSO YOUR BEST FRIEND...

YOU CAN SHARE ANYTHING WITH ME!

WELL...?

HAVE A COOKIE!

THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

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DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

“OL’ MARGARET IS GOOD EVEN WHEN CHRISTMAS IS A LONG WAY OFF.”

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane

“I’ve never been so quiet in school. Both the kids that sit next to me were absent.”

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JUMBLE

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

SIDYA

SOREA

CDENHR

RACDOC

Answer here: “○○○○○○○○ - ○○○○”

Yesterday's Jumbles: KITTY LOGIC LOTION ASTRAY Answer: The handsome bowler was — STRIKING

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

Dude, how was your Friday night? Are you crying?

Kathy broke up with me last night.

WHEN HIS GIRLFRIEND BROKE UP WITH HIM ON FRIDAY, THE WEEKEND STARTED ON A —

11-11

Uncertainty about too-low cholesterol

Dear Dr. Roach: Can your cholesterol count be too low? I am 72, and my normal LDL level is 100 to 102. My doctor thinks that is high because he classes me as “pre-diabetic,” and he put me on pravastatin. My LDL level is now 68. Is that good or bad? I am always concerned about the benefits versus the side-effects risk. — *D.S.*

DR. KEITH ROACH TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

even lower, and preliminary data suggests that these also are beneficial at preventing heart disease, but, like statins, these can cause some people to have some memory issues. Whether this is an effect of the drug or of the low cholesterol isn’t clear. My own practice is to push the LDL levels lower than 70 only in those with highest risk for heart attack, especially in those who already have had one. Diabetes imparts a high risk, though not as high as existing heart disease, so most experts would agree with your doctor. As long as you aren’t noticing side effects, I would continue the pravastatin.

Dear Dr. Roach: I am a female, 16 years old. My white blood cell count is 16.6. I am suffering from so much weak-

ness and pain in my legs, arms and shoulder area. I also have a cough and cold. Is it dangerous? What should I do for it? — *K.C.*

I don’t have enough information to help much. A white blood cell count that high suggests an infection. At your age, those symptoms are most likely a viral infection, but acute mononucleosis and even pneumonia are possible, so you need to see your doctor.

Dear Dr. Roach: Seven years ago, I had a stroke. I was immediately put on Lipitor and Plavix. The statin drugs made my arms and shoulders ache, and the doctor tested me and found no reason for it. He said anecdotally that he had many patients who complained of the same thing. He then put me on fenofibrate. The pain stopped immediately. Now he says new research shows that any cholesterol-

lowering drug makes the blood tests show lowered cholesterol levels but it does not prevent heart attack or stroke. So he took me off it. I wonder if you know anything about this study that said there was no benefit to taking statins. I did not really understand what he said. — *G.C.*

It sounds like the message got a bit confused. The evidence that statin drugs reduce risk of heart attack and stroke in people at high risk, such as those who have had a previous event, is very strong. However, the evidence for fibrate drugs, such as fenofibrate, is much weaker.

Statin drugs often cause some muscle aches. Pravastatin and fluvastatin are least likely to cause this problem, so it’s worth a try switching, in my opinion. Some people get relief from muscle aches with a CoQ10 supplement.

Bridge

by Frank Stewart

The dreaded ruff-sluff

At the ACBL Summer Championships, David Grainger and Adam Kaplan, today’s East-West, induced declarer to go down at a makable game by giving him a ruff-sluff.

After North scraped up a negative double at his first turn, South backed into four hearts. Kaplan took two spades and led a third. South was reluctant to ruff in dummy; he discarded a club from dummy and ruffed in his hand. He took the A-K of trumps and then the A-K of diamonds.

When West’s queen fell, declarer could have won the rest: ace of clubs, club ruff, draw trumps with the queen. But that line would fail if a defender had both missing trumps.

and he bids two clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: This is one of those times when I would long to borrow a term from chess: “Resign.” Any call is unsatisfactory. I believe some experts might choose to rebid two spades. That is a big underbid, but a bid of 2NT, two diamonds, a “fourth-suit” two hearts and a raise to three clubs all have imperfections.

South dealer
E-W vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 5 4

♥ Q 10 8 6

♦ J 10 7 6 2

♣ Q 8

WEST

♠ A K J 9 3

♥ 9 7 2

♦ Q 8

♣ J 3 2

EAST

♠ Q 8 7 2

♥ J 4 3

♦ 4 3

♣ K 9 6 5

SOUTH

♠ 10 6

♥ A K 5

♦ A K 9 5

♣ A 10 7 4

South

1 ♦

3 ♣

4 ♥

West

1 ♠

Pass

All Pass

North

Dbl

4 ♦

East

2 ♠

Pass

GOOD DIAMOND

Perhaps not giving East-West due credit, South led a good diamond to force someone to ruff — giving the defense a ruff-sluff! But Kaplan ruffed, and Grainger pitched his last spade. Then the lead of a fourth spade promoted East’s jack of trumps.

Giving up a ruff-sluff is often a defensive error, but if declarer has shaky trumps, a ruff-sluff may compromise his trump holding.

Opening lead — ♠ K

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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- Hiatus
 - Smithy, at times
 - Formal agreements
 - “Surfin’ ___”
 - Lariat
 - Country singer K.T.
 - Start of a quote by Jules Renard
 - French wine valley
 - Dietier’s word
 - Naturally bright
 - Ripen
 - Sketched
 - Self-satisfied smiler
 - Plays a role
 - Contemptuous interjection
 - Hope/Crosby film
 - ___ Stanley Gardner
 - Part 2 of quote
 - James Dean film, “East of ___”
 - Cemetery marker
 - Continental NASA equivalent
 - Park of London
 - Hungarian horsemen
 - Even more tender
 - Yodeler’s location
 - In acceptable working order
 - Plentiful
 - Unemotional
 - End of quote
 - Lion clan
 - ___ ‘bout that

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

14 15 16

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71 72 73

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- 70 Black goo
- 71 Caesar or Waldorf, e.g.

- 72 More than chunky
- 73 Pig’s abode

DOWN

- Trade association
- Up and about
- Ziti or orzo, e.g.
- Sign of a full house
- Chart toppers
- Waikiki’s island
- College on the Thames
- “Love Is a Hurtin’ Thing” singer Lou
- “The Merchant of Venice” character
- Volcanic dust
- ___ and dagger
- Touch of color
- Smile scornfully
- Just released
- Drank
- Def. grp. since 1 949
- Butler of fiction
- Mountain lions
- Slope lift
- The Divine Bernhardt
- Future fish
- Past prime
- Fruit cooler
- Units of force
- Eugene of “SCTV”
- Sigma precursor
- Chaney of “The Wolf Man”
- Sheep-ette
- Employs
- Drunk
- Metal fasteners
- UHF word
- Ruin
- Final authority
- Mining product
- Mob melees
- Key of “Eroica”
- Towel off once again
- Ninnyhammer
- Angler’s doodad
- Corn units
- McKinley’s first lady
- Deli loaf

Scrabble Solution

PAR SCORE 150-160

TOTAL 229

RACK 4 = 89

RACK 3 = 62

RACK 2 = 66

RACK 1 = 13

11-11

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

YOU GUYS CAN'T HOLD A TAG SALE ON AN ARMY BASE... ...HEY! COMIC BOOKS!

I TOLD YOU WE'D GET AWAY WITH IT IF WE HAD A VARIETY!

WOW!

GOLF STUFF!

DVDs

11-11

SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell

BIGGER CROWD THIS YEAR !! YEP !!

GOOD THAVE 'EM ALL BACK HOME !!

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Conceptis Sudoku

2 8 4

9

7

3

4

6

1

5

6

8 9 1

5 4

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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

3 7 8 6 4 5 2 1 9

2 4 1 9 7 3 6 8 5

9 6 5 1 2 8 7 3 4

8 5 9 3 1 2 4 6 7

7 1 2 8 6 4 5 9 3

4 3 6 5 9 7 1 2 8

5 8 7 2 3 1 9 4 6

1 9 4 7 8 6 3 5 2

6 2 3 4 5 9 8 7 1

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