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Double Word Score

TRIPLE LETTER SCORE

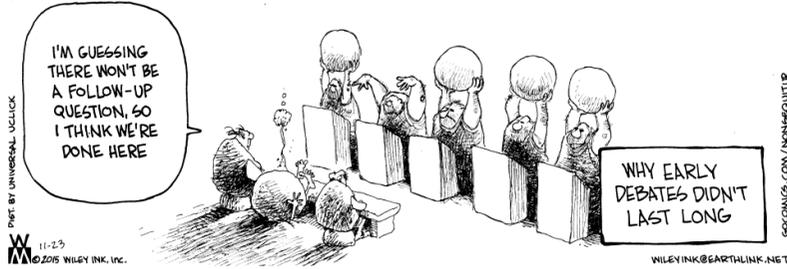
PAR SCORE 165-175
BEST SCORE 223

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



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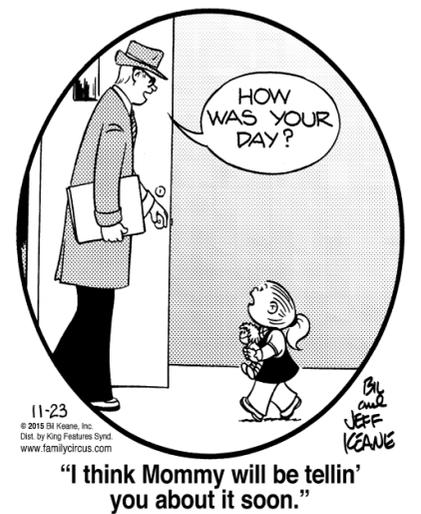
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne



DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bill Keane



JUMBLE

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

UNANL

NKULF

DIDUGE

RIJYUN

Print answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: HYENA TRACT BLURRY DUGOUT
Answer: To learn his rope tricks, the magician had — TO BE "TAUT"

'Stomach flu' actually is not influenza

Dear Dr. Roach: With the flu season coming on, would you please discuss the difference between what people call the "stomach flu" and what the flu really is? I have two friends who last year said they weren't getting the flu shot anymore because despite having it, they got the flu. They each described several hours of throwing up, but feeling better the next day. I suggested that they probably had a gastrointestinal episode and not influenza, which is a respiratory disease. They insisted that they had the flu, and they'd always learned that the stomach flu is influenza and the flu shot is meant to prevent it. Since then I've spoken to two others who believe the same thing. — G.C.

DR. KEITH ROACH TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

severe body and muscle aches. Influenza occurs about two days after exposure. There also often are symptoms of cough, sore throat and nasal discharge, just as there are with the common cold, but the sudden onset, fever (commonly 100 to 104 degrees) and muscle aches help distinguish cold from flu.

Gastrointestinal symptoms — such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea — are less common in influenza, and these symptoms in absence of the major manifestations listed above makes the diagnosis of flu very unlikely. In late fall through early spring, some diarrheal illnesses (mostly viral) are common, but you are correct that these are NOT influenza.

The flu shot contains viral proteins, not live influenza,

and it is incapable of causing the flu. Many people will have a sore arm and sometimes mild fever and body aches after a flu shot. This is just part of the body's reaction, and it goes away by itself within 24 hours. There is a live influenza vaccine given by nasal spray, which also generally has mild side effects. This may be given to adults under 50.

The flu shot is not perfect: You still can get the flu after receiving the shot. However, the flu shot is effective at reducing the most serious cases of flu.

Dear Dr. Roach: Can you please explain how an MRI machine affects the pigment in a tattoo? My friend's MRI procedure was stopped because she was experiencing a burning sensation at her lower eyelids, which had previously been tattooed with black ink. Does this happen

only with black ink? Which colors are safer? — J.H.

Reactions between the ink in tattoos and MRI scanners are well-documented in the literature. Some inks are made with iron or titanium oxides. Only 1.5 percent of people with tattoos have reported bad experiences in MRI machines.

Iron and titanium oxides conduct electricity, and the strong magnetic field in an MRI scanner can cause a current to travel between different tattoos or different portions of a tattoo — especially those with loops in the pattern. The electric current causes heat, and even can cause minor burns. Cold packs or ice placed on the area during MRI can minimize damage, but some MRI facilities will not perform an MRI on tattooed individuals, especially if the tattoo covers a large area.

Bridge by Frank Stewart

Holiday reading

Many excellent books appeared or reappeared this year. One that came out in an updated edition is Mike Lawrence's "Tips on Competitive Bidding." Classics such as Dorothy Truscott's "Bid Better, Play Better" still make good reading.

A useful publication is "Larry Teaches Defense," an overview of basic defensive play by noted player/teacher Larry Cohen. Today's West leads the queen of hearts against four spades. Say South takes dummy's ace and leads a diamond: deuce, eight, nine. Then West need not continue hearts: If the defense has a heart trick, they will always get it.

LOSERS

"The only possible thing declarer can do with losers is trump them in dummy," Cohen notes, "and you want to stop him. Shift to a trump."

East is sure to get in to continue trumps, and South will end a trick short.

For information about Larry Cohen's writings and bridge-related activities, see larryco.com. For all books in print, software and other bridge-related items, see baronbarclay.com.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 8 2 ♥ A 4 3 2
♦ 6 5 ♣ A K 5 3. Your partner opens

one heart, and you respond 2NT, a conventional forcing raise. Partner then bids three spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: In conjunction with your 2NT, your partner's bid of three spades shows a singleton spade. The purpose of that bid is to help you judge how well your hands fit together. Your ace of spades is a perfect card. Try hard to get to slam, starting with a cue bid of four clubs.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 8 2
♥ A 4 3 2
♦ 6 5
♣ A K 5 3

WEST
♠ 4
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ K J 10 9
♣ Q J 10 7

EAST
♠ K 6 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ A Q 2
♣ 8 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 9 7 5
♥ K 7
♦ 8 7 4 3
♣ 9

South 2♠ West Pass North 4♠ East All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ Q

The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- 1 Leave the bivouac
 - 7 British actor Herbert
 - 10 Skier's tow
 - 14 Captivate
 - 15 Dockworkers' org.
 - 16 Floating platform
 - 17 Post-WWII generation member
 - 19 Up to the job
 - 20 Emphatic typeface: abbr.
 - 21 In a palpable manner
 - 23 Phone #
 - 24 Solidify
 - 25 Scanty
 - 28 African lemur
 - 31 Cheering sound
 - 32 Fine-tune
 - 35 All worked up
 - 37 Sesame oil
 - 38 EPA-banned substance
 - 39 Any part of JFK
 - 40 Pummeled soundly
 - 43 Can skip
 - 45 Natl. League Braves
 - 46 Infancy
 - 48 Doggerel writer
 - 50 Finnish twins?
 - 51 Big galoot
 - 54 Figure in the Passion
 - 57 Woody Guthrie's boy
 - 58 Town on the Firth of Lorn
 - 60 Brooke Shields movie

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- DOWN**
- 1 Ledger entry
 - 2 Related to the mother's side
 - 3 Group of secret plotters
 - 4 nitrate
 - 5 Unruly crowd
 - 6 March with placards
 - 7 Portray in words
 - 8 Designer Cassini
 - 9 Xylophone's cousin
 - 10 Musical refrain
 - 11 Five-foot piano
 - 12 -CIO
 - 13 Highway abbr.
 - 18 Swearword
 - 22 Former Tunisian rulers
 - 24 Pending starter?
 - 26 Order pizza delivered
 - 27 Clark's role of a lifetime
 - 25 Mawr College
 - 26 Spigot
 - 27 Overtakes
 - 28 Wall Street optimist
 - 29 Hen
 - 30 Colony builder
 - 32 Battling
 - 33 "A ___ in the Family"
 - 34 Hard candy
 - 36 Neck and neck
 - 38 Cotillion gal
 - 41 German chief
 - 42 Balcony railing
 - 43 Unremitting
 - 44 Goddess of the dawn
 - 47 Miami pros
 - 49 Massenet opera
 - 51 Grad school examinations
 - 52 Playwright Edward
 - 53 Auto racer A.J. and others
 - 55 La ___ Tar Pits
 - 56 Pager signal
 - 57 Vigoda and Lincoln
 - 58 Spherical object
 - 59 Qns. or Bx., e.g.
 - 61 Singer Sumac

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

SEABEES SOFTEST
ALDORAY TORONTO
REVOLTS AMENDED
AGE EUTERPE WED
PARSPERTH DILL
ENSUE MRS RESEER
STENNIS SAUCERS
SARACEN MINDERS
TRENT GEE GETAT
RIMS MITTS RODE
IDORANCHOS NIAL
VERDURE INITIAL
ESSENCE NARRATE
STENTOR GREENER

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Scrabble Solution

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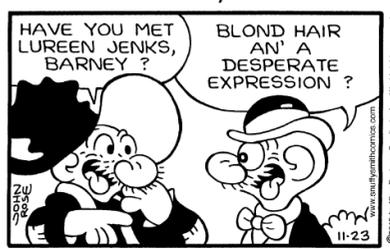
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BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell



Conceptis Sudoku

Difficulty Level ★

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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

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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