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G2 R1 A1 M1 S1
 E1 U1 T1 L1 B3 F4 F4
 A1 E1 O1 W4 F4 S1 R1
 E1 I1 I1 O1 N1 T1 D2
 A1 E1 Y4 N1 C3 R1 N1

RACK 1
 RACK 2
 RACK 3
 RACK 4

Double Word Score
 1st Letter Triple

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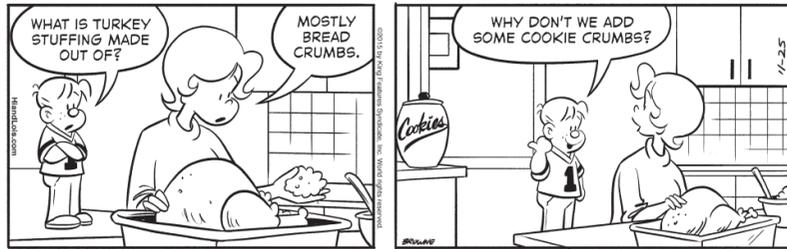
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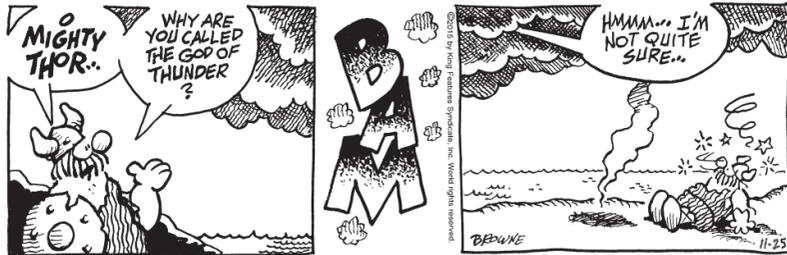
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DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham



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JUMBLE

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

RAYRM
 ESEGE
 TORPYH
 CIPAAE

We are live from Kennedy Space Center. The Apollo 11 mission has just lifted off. I could watch shows about the moon all day!
 WHEN THEY WATCHED THE APOLLO 11 MISSION ON TV, THEY WATCHED A _____
 Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)
 Yesterday's Jumbles: STYLE VENOM TRIVIA INCOME
 Answer: The high school cheerleaders were so good because they practiced their — "ROOT-TEENS"

Damage to myelin compromises nerves

Dear Dr. Roach: About eight years ago, I was diagnosed with CIDP (chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy). After several tests, it finally was diagnosed by a spinal tap. One of the effects of this disease is that one's toes feel as if they are asleep, and in my case, it made my legs very weak and affected my balance. About two years ago I began having that same tingling in my fingers.

The doctor assigned to my case really didn't know what to do to treat this relatively rare disease, so he started me out on steroids intravenously for a few weeks and then he prescribed the medication CellCept.

As I am in an area where there seems to be no doctor that is really familiar with the disease, I wonder if I should still be taking that medication. Also, is there any progress being made toward find-

DR. KEITH ROACH
 TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

ing a cure for this disease? I am now 86 years old and have learned to cope, but I am more concerned with younger people who get this disease, since it is very debilitating. If there is a cure for CIDP, I was not made aware of it. — D.M.

CIDP is a condition where nerves are compromised by damage to the myelin, a protein that envelops and protects nerves and improves nerve conduction.

Damage to the myelin causes weakness (your legs are weak) and sensory abnormalities (the toes feel asleep). Balance problems, like you have, occur less commonly. The nerves to bladder and bowel may be affected in more-severe cases.

So far, I could be describing Guillain-Barre syndrome. The

difference between Guillain-Barre syndrome and CIDP is that while GBS gets better over a few weeks, CIDP lasts longer than eight weeks.

Some people with CIDP, mostly younger, have intermittent episodes. Some progress over time; that includes mostly people in the older age group. CIDP is most common in older males. Its cause is unknown. Nerve-conduction studies, nerve biopsy and spinal fluid analysis all are used to make the diagnosis.

Treatment is done most commonly with prednisone (a medicine that has many side effects if given long term), immune globulin (expensive and often limited in supply) or plasma exchange (expensive and available only at referral centers).

Only about 25 percent of patients will have long-term complete remission from the condition. There will be some response in about 60 percent,

and about 15 percent will have severe disability (unable to walk).

CellCept (mycophenolate) has been used for this condition, but it concerns me that you are using this second-line treatment and lack confidence that your doctor is expert in treatment of this condition. Rare and serious diseases require experience for best outcomes. You can read much more about the condition at www.gbs-cidp.org.

TO READERS: Recurring vaginal infections are often troubling to women. The booklet on that topic explains them and their treatment. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach Book No. 1203, 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6. Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Bridge
 by Frank Stewart

Duplicate technique

Many of my readers enjoy duplicate competition. Matchpoint duplicate is challenging; the strategies differ from rubber or party bridge.

To improve their scores, duplicate players can try "Winning Duplicate Tactics" by David Bird, or "Matchpoints" by Kit Woolsey, a classic book recently updated. In today's deal from "Matchpoints," West leads the king of clubs against four spades. East wins the next club and gives West a club ruff, and West exits with a trump.

REMARKABLE

West's remarkable lead has put South behind the eight ball. Other Wests will lead something else, and South can draw trumps and make an overtrick if a diamond finesse with the jack wins.

To get back to even, South must lead the jack of diamonds for a backward finesse. If East covers, South wins and returns a diamond to the nine. If West had the queen, South would go down, but he was slated for a matchpoint zero anyway.

For a book or product for your favorite partner's holiday gift, see baronbarclay.com.

passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: This is my idea of a reasonable limit raise to three hearts: four-card trump support and good distribution but limited high-card strength. If partner has a good-looking minimum such as A J 5, A K 9 6 4, 5 2, Q 10 5, he will go on to game. The old-fashioned style of playing an immediate double-raise as forcing made this hand impossible to describe.

South dealer
 E-W vulnerable

NORTH
 ♠ K Q 8 2
 ♥ A 8 6
 ♦ K J 9
 ♣ J 10 4

WEST
 ♠ 6 5 3
 ♥ J 9 4 2
 ♦ 10 6 3 2
 ♣ K 6

EAST
 ♠ 7
 ♥ Q 10 7 5
 ♦ Q 8 7
 ♣ A 9 8 7 2

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

South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ K(!)

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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- Swat again
 - Tent stakes
 - Williams and Turner
 - Ooze
 - Moises or Felipe of baseball
 - Like a cocked hat
 - Start of a quote by Omar Khayyam
 - Italian seaport
 - Have a little lamb
 - Cao Ky of Vietnam
 - Academy frosh
 - Continental crust
 - Born in Lyon
 - Surf's noise
 - Part 2 of quote
 - Goose genus
 - One-celled organism
 - Dentition
 - Manipulate fraudulently
 - Large-scale productions
 - Elvis' Mississippi hometown
 - Waste piece from metal casting
 - Part 3 of quote
 - Recedes, as the tide
 - Bleed
 - HST's lady
 - God of cunning
 - Writer Hemingway
 - Refrain syllable
 - Inland Asian sea

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- DOWN**
- Dixie soldier
 - English river
 - Eh?
 - Director Lupino
 - Plains dwelling
 - Installment \$
 - "The Santa Clause" extra
 - Sticky stuff
 - Family handle
 - Forbidden
 - Comic Booster
 - Original
 - Mouseketeer
 - Small piano
 - Gone by
 - Orbs
 - Funny kind of fall?
 - Star or wolf modifier
 - Tranquil rest
 - Favre and Hull

- Literary comparisons
- Geometric figure with equal angles
- Islamic women's quarters
- Chart maker
- Constant compass directions
- Sub weapon
- Ice unit
- Legis. meeting
- Certain literary criticism
- Picks up the tab
- Victory shout
- Existing naturally
- Shortened preposition
- British noblemen
- Biblical land
- Heavy loads
- Manuscript encl.
- Little yelp
- Unused property
- Here in Le Havre
- Remote
- Ernie of the PGA

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

C	O	B	R	A	L	O	A	T	H	R	O	T				
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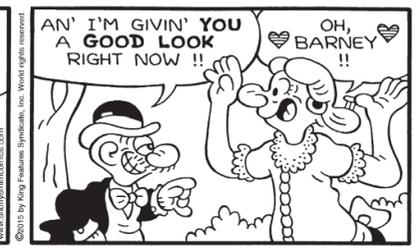
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BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell



Conceptis Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/25

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

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

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