

SCRABBLEGRAMS

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I<sub>1</sub>

I<sub>1</sub>

O<sub>1</sub>

C<sub>3</sub>

N<sub>1</sub>

P<sub>3</sub>

C<sub>3</sub>

RACK 1

A<sub>1</sub>

E<sub>1</sub>

I<sub>1</sub>

O<sub>1</sub>

X<sub>8</sub>

D<sub>2</sub>

T<sub>1</sub>

Triple Word Score

U<sub>1</sub>

U<sub>1</sub>

R<sub>1</sub>

H<sub>4</sub>

G<sub>2</sub>

L<sub>1</sub>

B<sub>3</sub>

3rd Letter Double

A<sub>1</sub>

I<sub>1</sub>

I<sub>1</sub>

N<sub>1</sub>

B<sub>3</sub>

L<sub>1</sub>

M<sub>3</sub>

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160

BEST SCORE 232

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

HEY, KATE...DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR SISTER IS?

YEAH...SHE'S FLYING HOME ON A MOSQUITO CLOUD WITH A GIRL WEARING PAJAMAS

EKK EEEK  
EEP EEP  
EEEEKK

CHECK THAT...  
NOW THEY'RE COMING IN ON A FLYING CARPET OF BATS

PLEASE BE A CHILD'S WILD IMAGINATION...  
PLEASE BE A CHILD'S WILD IMAGINATION...  
PLEASE BE A...

MY SHOULDERS ARE REALLY TIGHT TONIGHT

TOUGH DAY AT WORK, DEAR? THE WORST...

I MUST HAVE SLEPT IN A WEIRD POSITION AFTER LUNCH

HE KNOWS HIS DOs, BUT HE NEEDS TO WORK ON HIS DON'Ts.

BLONDIE by Dean Young and John Marshall

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HI & LOIS by Chance Browne

I DON'T LIKE THIS SCHOOL. IT'S TOO BIG.

ARE YOU AFRAID YOU'D GET LOST IN THE CROWD HERE?

NAH, IT WOULD JUST BE TOO MUCH WALKING BETWEEN CLASSES.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne

I HATE THIS BEACH COTTAGE!

GIVE IT SOME TIME!

THE TIDE WILL GO OUT!

DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham

“HE KNOWS HIS DOs, BUT HE NEEDS TO WORK ON HIS DON'Ts.”

THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bil Keane

“This is a PG movie. That means it's gonna be Pretty Great.”

JUMBLE

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

HISSU

KYNID

PERILT

LAMFEE

“ ”

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: REBEL RIGID VACANT UNLOAD  
Answer: When it came to measuring the Earth's circumference, there was a — LEARNING CURVE

Thoracic hernia is common in babies

Dear Dr. Roach: I was diagnosed with a Bochdalek hernia following a lung CT scan I had for a separate problem. I had had some pretty serious pain a few months earlier, and went to the doctor, but nothing was found at that time.

It wasn't until later, when I had the CT scan, that the hernia suddenly showed up. I then saw a surgeon, and he said that surgery could be postponed since

I had no symptoms, it appeared that the hernia was fat-filled and there was no movement of my abdominal organs into the thoracic cavity. I didn't have any symptoms again until earlier this month, and now I am planning to go back and see the surgeon.

It has been very difficult to try to find information on the internet that might help me to make a decision about whether to have the surgery. A friend of mine who is a doctor said that there is a risk that

DR. KEITH ROACH  
TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

the abdominal organs could push up through the hernia, which can be a life-threatening issue.

From what I understand, this condition is so rare in adults that very few surgeons have ever seen it. I believe it is more commonly found in infants. Can you weigh in about this type of hernia? — T.M.L.

A Bochdalek hernia is fairly common in newborns (1 in 2,500 or so), and usually is treated surgically within a few days of birth. It is caused by a lack of development of the diaphragm, allowing abdominal contents (stomach, small or large intestine, spleen) to move into the chest. This potentially can prevent the lungs from developing. They are rare in adults.

A 2010 case report identified about 150 adult cases found in the world's literature, but noted that as more people undergo CT scanning for other issues, more cases will be identified.

I have never seen a case. From what I have read, most people are treated surgically. The pain you had certainly might have been related to the hernia.

Symptoms include chest and abdominal pain, shortness of breath and intestinal obstruction. Finding a surgeon with expertise in this issue may be difficult, but I would start at a teaching hospital nearby if you want a second opinion. However, what the surgeon you consulted said makes sense to me.

Dear Dr. Roach: You mentioned in a column that you don't recommend high-school football because of the injury rates. Will you please write

about the toxins in artificial turf that our students must play on? — R.D.

There are more than a few reasons to be concerned about artificial turf. I have read about the chemical composition of the crumb rubber used in the construction of artificial turf, and there are several chemicals (such as lead) that pose health risks. However, at the level the athletes are exposed to, the risks appear to be low.

Given the high temperatures that artificial surfaces can reach and keeping in mind that some of the athletes who play on these surfaces are quite young, I am concerned that after many years of use the research evaluating their safety is not definitive. In addition, abrasion injuries seem to be more common with artificial turf, and the research on more serious injuries is mixed.

Bridge  
by Frank Stewart

Partnership signals

Cy the Cynic defines a successful marriage as one in which a couple agrees on a thermostat setting. A winning bridge partnership must agree on how to interpret defensive signals.

Today's South leaped boldly to four hearts over East's double. West led the king of spades, and East signaled with the jack. West continued with the eight to the ace, and East next led the king of diamonds: five, deuce, nine.

East then led ... a third spade. South ruffed, led a club to dummy, picked up the trumps with a finesse and claimed.

UNHAPPY

East-West were unhappy. West said his deuce of diamonds signaled "count" — an odd number of diamonds — so East should have cashed his ace. But West knew the ace would surely cash — East was unlikely to have six diamonds — and West knew a third spade would not. Might he have signaled with the ten of diamonds, "attitude," to encourage?

East-West were a world-class pair. Any pair can misfire if they don't speak the same language on defense.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A J 2 ♥ Q 10 9  
♦ A K 6 4 3 ♣ 8 5. You open one

diamond, your partner bids one heart, you raise to two hearts and he tries three diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner would not bid a second time without game interest. You have a sound hand and can cooperate, but you should not jump to four hearts with three-card support. A bid of four diamonds is possible. Your best bid is three spades, showing spade strength and leaving room to reach 3NT.

North dealer  
E-W vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 10 7 5

♥ 3

♦ Q J 9

♣ A K Q J 10 6

WEST

♠ K Q 9 8 6

♥ 6 4

♦ 10 7 2

♣ 7 3 2

EAST

♠ A J 2

♥ Q 10 9

♦ A K 6 4 3

♣ 8 5

SOUTH

♠ 4 3

♥ A K J 8 7 5 2

♦ 8 5

♣ 9 4

North 1♣ East Dbl South 4♥ West All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ K

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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- 1 Iota
- 4 Wine containers
- 9 Hollow cylinders
- 14 100 square meters
- 15 Effective use
- 16 Snow abode
- 17 Entertainer presented by P.T. Barnum
- 20 Bones in forearms
- 21 Hawaiian dish
- 22 Buyer-beware warning
- 23 In place of
- 26 Wine container
- 31 Assisted-living facility
- 33 Small hills
- 34 Saudis and Omanis
- 36 At the peak of
- 37 Rejects
- 43 Hold on there!
- 44 Blazing
- 45 Production
- 48 Aircraft carriers
- 53 "Morning Train" singer Easton
- 54 Understand
- 55 Like a gentlemen's agreement
- 56 Clay, today
- 58 Originate
- 59 Expressed scorn
- 66 Chart prop
- 67 Bakery bouquet
- 68 Permit to

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- 69 Astaire's sister
- 70 Complete successfully

- 71 Wynn and McMahon

- 29 Run smoothly
- 30 Armchair athlete's channel
- 32 Laughs
- 35 Happy expression
- 37 Deuces
- 38 Casual negative
- 39 Memorization method
- 40 Neck part
- 41 Hillside by a loch
- 42 Fix firmly
- 46 Not fit
- 47 Story
- 49 Lacerated
- 50 Two-tone flyer
- 51 Overtook
- 52 Icy rains
- 57 McKinley and Cantor
- 58 Rush-job acronym
- 59 Bagged brew
- 60 Came down with
- 61 Wear and tear
- 62 Singer Tillis
- 63 Galena or mispickel
- 64 At the present moment
- 65 Ostrich's cousin

DOWN

- 1 Leopard's relative
- 2 End of a threat
- 3 Racket sport
- 4 Fords and Dodges
- 5 Gardner of the silver screen
- 6 Erie Canal mule
- 7 Assembly-required purchase
- 8 Pig vittles
- 9 Brownish orange
- 10 Vocalized grunt
- 11 Color of the Italian sky
- 12 Bookkeeping abbrev.
- 13 Weep audibly
- 18 New York City river
- 19 Ridicule
- 23 Garrison
- 24 City in Nebraska
- 25 Fends off
- 27 Word with block or house
- 28 Palo \_\_, CA

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

TRI P Y S E R I F T E T S

ASC I T R E V I E E R O

TAK E C A R E O F A L E X

ROT D R I F T

YO U R B O D Y R O P E R

AL G E B R A G R O W L E D

M A L F O R S E W E A R S

IT I S T H E O N L Y

S M E A R T E S T B U M

W I S P I E R E L E V O N S

C I T E D P L A C E Y O U

RO S S I P H I

CH A O H A V E T O L I V E

C E R F A M O C O E V I L

LE I F G E T U P D E C K

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Scrabble Solution

PAR SCORE 150-160

TOTAL 232

RACK 4 = 9

RACK 3 = 6

RACK 2 = 9

RACK 1 = 12

SOLUTION

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

THIS ONE HAD GOOSE DOWN FILLING WITH A SATINY COVER...

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell

LOOK WHAT I FOUND AT TH' YARD SALE !!

GOODNESS, LUREEN, THAT DRESS IS THREE SIZES TOO BIG !!

Conceptis Sudoku

2 1

8 2 4 7

7 5 9 8

3 2 5 9

6 8

5 3 9 6

6 7

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

1 9 4 7 3 6 5 8 2

8 7 6 2 5 4 3 1 9

5 2 3 9 8 1 7 4 6

7 4 2 5 9 3 1 6 8

3 1 8 4 6 2 9 7 5

6 5 9 1 7 8 2 3 4

2 3 1 6 4 9 8 5 7

4 8 5 3 2 7 6 9 1

9 6 7 8 1 5 4 2 3

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Difficulty Level ★★★