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G₂ R₁ A₁ M₁ S₁
 A₁ O₁ U₁ S₁ L₁ L₁ C₃
 E₁ I₁ U₁ R₁ R₁ G₂ D₂
 A₁ A₁ E₁ U₁ T₁ T₁ C₃
 A₁ A₁ E₁ G₂ D₂ B₂ N₁

PAR SCORE 140-150
 BEST SCORE 200

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.

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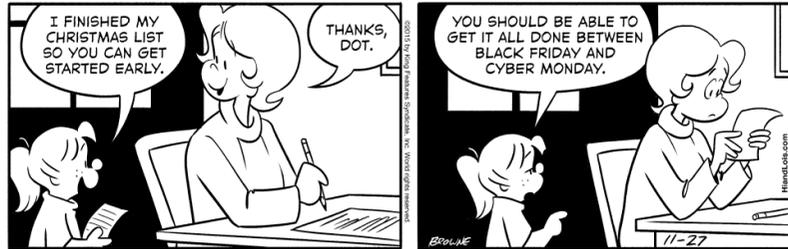
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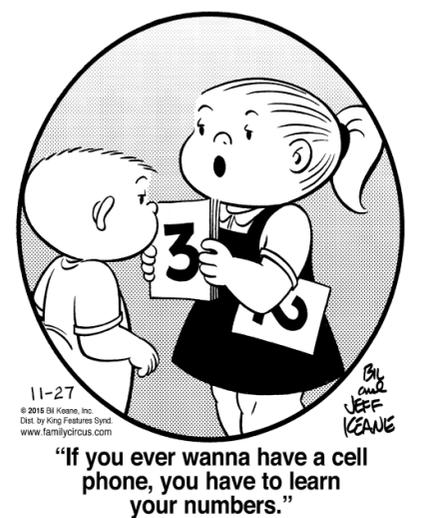
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Chris Browne



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.

HNUCK
 O O O O O O O

TURET
 O O O O O O O

BIRSEC
 O O O O O O O

PAJLOY
 O O O O O O O

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SLUSH DIMLY FELLOW GATHER
 Answer: He skipped the Thanksgiving turkey, but food was coming to him — FROM ALL SIDES

Widespread testing not recommended

Dear Dr. Roach: I am 64 years old and was diagnosed with hereditary hemochromatosis several years ago, following an enhanced annual physical exam. My condition is now successfully managed through regular phlebotomies, or blood-letting.

I consider myself very lucky, as I understand that many people with hemochromatosis are either misdiagnosed or diagnosed too late, and as a result end up developing serious and sometimes fatal diseases. I also understand that hemochromatosis is a relatively common genetic disorder, and that a simple blood test for ferritin and transferrin saturation generally can lead to early detection of the condition (as it did in my case). Should there not be more widespread screening for hemochromatosis among at-risk populations, given that it is relatively common, easily treated and can lead to so

DR. KEITH ROACH
TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

much unnecessary suffering? — S.M.

Hereditary, or primary, hemochromatosis prevents the body from regulating absorption of iron. Normally, the body absorbs all the iron it can when body stores are low and very little when body stores are adequate, but in hereditary hemochromatosis, the body absorbs maximally all the time, leading to iron overload.

The policymakers who decide whether to recommend population-level screening have recommended against screening for hereditary hemochromatosis, based on the rarity of people who will develop symptoms of hemochromatosis. Even among people with the gene for hemochromatosis, develop-

ment of overt disease is only in a subset of those with the highest-risk gene mutation.

However, this recommendation does NOT apply to family members of people with hereditary hemochromatosis, who should be screened. The condition may be looked for by either genetic testing, or by transferrin saturation, which is the iron level in the blood divided by the "total iron binding capacity." Ferritin levels are high only in iron overload.

Dear Dr. Roach: Few things are more satisfying on a cold winter night than a nice warm bed with an electric blanket. I am concerned about the electromagnetic waves emitted from the wiring in the blanket. Should I be worried? — D.A.

I think the best answer probably is that you do not have to be worried. It is true

that electric blankets, like all electrical devices that run a current, generate magnetic and electrical fields, and that these fields can penetrate body tissues. However, the majority of research in the area finds no increase in risk of disease, especially cancer, from exposure to these low-level electromagnetic fields.

I have seen burns from electric blankets that have become worn, and older electric blankets lack automatic turn-offs and other safety features of newer blankets. I would recommend replacing an old electric blanket. Also, I don't recommend any kind of heating device for people with damage to nerves.

People who remain concerned about the harm of EMFs can either use the blanket to warm up the bed and then turn it off, or buy a low-voltage electric blanket, which produces much-lower-strength EMFs.

Bridge
 by Frank Stewart

'Play Bridge With Me'

Here's another deal from my just-published 23rd book, "Play Bridge With Me." The reader sits beside me and can compare his decisions with mine in 90 deals.

Against four hearts, my partner led the queen of diamonds. I took the ace and returned a diamond, and declarer won and led a club. My partner played low, and dummy's king won. Declarer later lost a spade and a trump to me but made his impossible game.

West should have grabbed his ace of clubs. If South had K Q J 9 5, K Q 7 3, K 4, 5 2, he wouldn't have led a club. He would have drawn trumps and attacked the spades, hoping to set up three club discards from dummy.

TRUMP TRICK

Still, I was more at fault. I knew — and West couldn't know — that I had a surprise spade trick and trump trick. If West had the ace of clubs, I wanted him to take it. I should have led a club at Trick Two.

For a postpaid to U.S. copy of "Play Bridge With Me," send \$23.95 to PO Box 962, Fayette AL 35555. Tell me how you'd like it inscribed. Profits donated.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 8 4 ♥ A J 5 4 2
 ♦ 10 7 ♣ K J 9 7. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one

heart and he bids one spade. What do you say?

ANSWER: You can't afford to follow through with a bid of two clubs. A new suit by responder would be forcing and would suggest more strength, and you might get too high. Since you have only nine high-card points, it's better to limit your strength at this stage. Bid INT. A rebid of two hearts would promise stronger hearts.

South dealer
 N-S vulnerable

NORTH
 ♠ 8 4
 ♥ A J 5 4 2
 ♦ 10 7
 ♣ K J 9 7

WEST
 ♠ 10 7 6
 ♥ 6
 ♦ Q J 9 8 6 3
 ♣ A 10 6

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

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q J 5 3
 ♥ K 9 7 3
 ♦ K 4 2
 ♣ 5

South 1 ♠
 West Pass
 North 1 NT
 East Pass

Opening lead — ♦ Q

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The Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- 1 Captain's insignia
- 5 Mountain climber
- 11 Sm. change
- 14 Extended narrative poem
- 15 "Epodes" author
- 16 Smack
- 17 Remini of "The King of Queens"
- 18 "Oedipus" composer
- 19 Bambi's aunt
- 20 Thick lubricant
- 22 Popeye's nephew, ___ Pea
- 23 Miss Piggy's question
- 24 ___-de-dah
- 25 List ender
- 26 Caricature
- 30 Theater sec.
- 32 Goddess of discord
- 33 Dashboard gauges
- 38 Casting need
- 39 Service station service
- 41 ___ Schwarz (toy store)
- 42 Corfu's location
- 44 Decline
- 45 SASE, e.g.
- 46 Asked over
- 49 Work shift
- 51 Trial-of-the-century inits.
- 54 Always, in verse
- 55 Trace of smoke
- 56 Fuel ships
- 61 Ostrich-like bird
- 62 Paler

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14				15						16		
17				18						19		
20				21						22		
23				24						25		
26	27	28		29			30	31				
32				33	34	35				36	37	
38				39	40					41		
42				43						44		
45				46	47	48						
49	50			51	52	53		54				
55				56				57		58	59	60
61				62						63		
64				65						66		
67				68						69		

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

S	H	A	W	M	O	O	R	E	N	O	L	A		
H	O	M	E	C	E	B	U	X	E	N	O	N		
O	P	E	N	D	I	O	S	A	C	T	O	N		
W	I	L	D	B	I	L	L	H	I	C	K	O	K	
U	N	I	T	E				E	F	T		G	U	T
P	G	A		T	H	E	B	E	S		R	E	P	O
M	A	D	A	N	T	H	O	N	Y	W	A	Y	N	E
I	C	I	L											
A	C	E	S											
S	I	S												
D	I	Z	Z											
M	E	R	O											
I	N	A	L											
S	T	E	A	L										

- 63 Tennis great Nastase
- 64 Martial arts legend
- 65 Anna of "Nell Gwynn"
- 66 Western st.
- 67 Asian holiday
- 68 Homebound
- 69 Electronics giant

DOWN

- 1 Composer Bartok
- 2 Pinnacle
- 3 Iranian bread?
- 4 Intrigues
- 5 Governor of Mecca
- 6 Scoop holder
- 7 Of a region
- 8 African fever
- 9 Jesus wearing crown of thorns
- 10 Auto pioneer's initials
- 11 Talk of weighty matters?
- 12 Ringworm
- 13 French writer Madame de ___
- 21 Muck
- 22 Religious offshoot
- 26 Actress Garr
- 27 End of a buck? Hard fat
- 28 Watch pockets
- 31 Johnny ___
- 34 "Gidget" star
- 35 City near Santa Barbara
- 36 Last gasp
- 37 Auctioneer's last word
- 39 French lake
- 40 Set free
- 43 Title for M. Clouseau
- 44 Small wooden kegs
- 47 More at hand
- 48 Blood passage: L.
- 49 Resided
- 50 Singer Mann
- 52 Islamic holy war
- 53 Irish seaport
- 57 Over distance: pref.
- 58 Ticklish Muppet
- 59 Nimes nothing
- 60 Erotic
- 62 Colonial blackbird

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Scrabble Solution

PAR SCORE 140-150
 BEST SCORE 200

RACK 4 = 72
 RACK 3 = 61
 RACK 2 = 8
 RACK 1 = 59

BRAND SYMBIOTESE

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



SNUFFY SMITH by Fred Lasswell



Conceptis Sudoku

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

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

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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