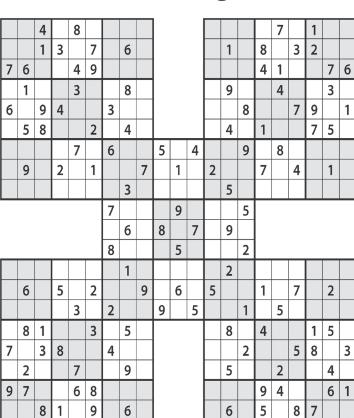
SUDOKU High Fives



HOW TO PLAY: Sudoku High Fives consists of five regular Sudoku grids sharing one set of 3-by-3 boxes. Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition. The numbers in any shared set of 3-by-3 boxes apply to each of the individual Sudokus.

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ACROSS

"In a word ... awful!"

Range of light that's in-

Brand in the frozen-

Called to Bo-Peep

"You and me both"

Like one of Michael

performina

students

Skedaddles

Stage set?

my country

changed

religiously Some art supplies

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53 Boatloads

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Usual

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Exams for top HS

Alternative to JFK

Reviews negatively

Nathan who said. "I

only regret that I have

but one life to lose for

Locks that have been

Inapplicable stat for electric cars Mark Twain.

Label on some jars

John Hancock

Reef predators

Beast slain by Hercules

in his fourth labor

Three-pronged letter

Jessica of TV's "Candy'

Cocktail with an energy

Listed, obsolescently

Tennis pro Nastase, the

endorsement deal with

Washington, with "the"

first athlete to sign an

Treacherous places to

land for eagles?

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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WORKSPACE: 24× 8+ 48× 3+ CHALLENGING **RULES** outlined boxes, called cages, mus Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating. combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. 7 9 t E

JUMBLE by David L. Hoyt NUROYEG Bobby B., to Greg B. LYSNIEK | Clue: Crane sight ONRWTKE Clue: Type of system Clue: This person's first TV acting job was playing Rhoda's date on an AMRCNHO Clue: "The Crown" ruler Tyler Moore Show."

Answers to 6/26/22 Jumbles: KNIGHT RABBIT JERSEY CONCERT
Answer. The producers of the TV show "Columbo" wanted this actor
to take the lead role, but he turned it down.

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BING CROSBY

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Tires are getting shorter, thieves getting more creative

Dear Car Talk: Over the past couple of decades, wheels on cars have gotten bigger and tires have gotten shorter.

Why? It seems as though that would make cars ride

rougher. — Randy It does.

There are two reasons for the wheel size wars, Randy. The main reason is looks. People like the look of a larger wheel filling more of the wheel opening. It seems silly, but if you go back and look at cars from, say the 1980s to now, the wheels

actually do look kind of small. So I guess it's the same reason my beehive hairdo went out of fashion. Tastes change. The second reason for bigger

wheels is better handling. That's simply a matter of physics. If the wheel is bigger, the tire's sidewall is shorter. And if the sidewall is shorter, there's less of it to flex and bend when you take a corner.

Now, if you're driving a 1987 Buick LeSabre, maybe you want shorter sidewalls to improve your handling. But if you're driving a 2018 Audi A4, you may find the car handles well enough already. And it may not be worth the trade-off of a harder, noisier ride. Not to mention a greater chance of a blowout and a bent

Dear Car Talk: I have a 2017 Ford F-150 3.5 Eco-Boost. One cold night this winter, I plugged in the block heater. The next day, I came down with a bad stomach bug and didn't leave the house the next two days. It never crossed my mind that the truck was still plugged in (not something you think about when you're making frequent visits to the bathroom). On the third day when I

moved it, I noticed a fairly large spot on the driveway. I checked all the fluid levels, and they were good. I assumed it was oil from the outside of the engine, but after about six days, the spot was gone (no rain or snow, somewhat cold temps).

I didn't think oil would evaporate like that. The truck has been fine since this happened.

Here are my questions: Did I damage the engine by leaving the block heater plugged in for two days straight? What was the spot in the driveway: oil, radiator fluid or something else? Should I be concerned? Thanks. — Troy

No, water or coolant, and probably not.



You didn't do any damage to the engine by leaving the block heater plugged in for two days.

All the block heater does is heat up the coolant. And it doesn't even make the coolant hot. It just heats it up about 50 degrees or so, so it's not freezing cold when you start the car.

If you had left the truck parked outside during the summer when it was 75 degrees out for a couple of days, that would have been no different, as far as the engine is concerned. So, what was the fluid that

came off the engine? It's not

oil. It's not transmission fluid.

It's not differential fluid. Those

petroleum-based fluids would never evaporate in a few days. If it had rained or snowed, maybe they'd get diluted a bit. But there's a reason they call them "oil stains," Troy. They're really hard to get rid of. So I'm guessing it was either a small amount of coolant, which — because it's water soluble — could disappear

some ice that melted when you warmed up the engine compartment. And it's entirely possible that your small puddle has nothing to do with your block heater. You could have a loose hose clamp or a dripping water pump. You came out the other day looking for trouble. Maybe

something's been leaking slowly

over time, or it was water from

for months and you just haven't noticed it? If you see the spot again, see if it's got a greasy feel on your fingers. Coolant will feel slippery. It'll also have a sweet aroma and taste. Don't taste it, though, Troy, or you'll be trot-

ting to the bathroom again. If it's coolant, ask your mechanic to pressure test your cooling system. If there's a small leak, he'll find it that way, and you can fix it.

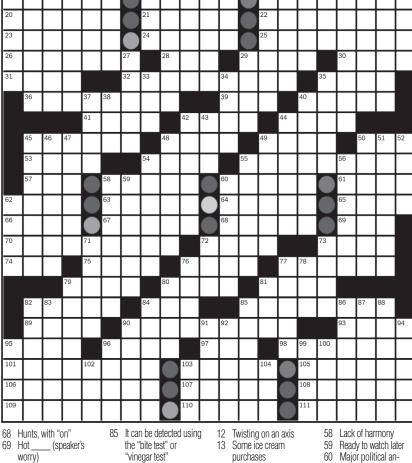
Got a question about cars? Write to Ray in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

YORK TIMES SUNDAY CROSSWORD

SOME LIGHT READING

By Jeremy Newton / Edited by Will Shortz

visible to the human eve



- 70 Brushes are dipped in them
- See-through piece It's observed at LAX during part of the vear
- Nickname for Chloe Portland native, e.g. What a raised hand
- Avid war campaigner [What a snoozefest!]
- Car in the Beach Boys' "Fun. Fun. Fun Sweater fuzz, e.g.

- **ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

A O M I

L E D R U S S O L O

R E P S T Y N E G M O

BABYONEMORETIME

- **DOWN** Hawkeye
 - Stand for a photograph "Oh, shove it!"

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- Fruity refreshments What nervous eyes might do
- Big name in cloud computing Roofer's power tool
- Gargoyles are often depicted with them Draw upon again

- Heart charts, in brief Cartoon frame There's a 4.75% chance of getting this
- in poker Tesla and Edison famously

Early online discussion

- forum Pharma supplies Lose its spark, as a
- relationship Temporary solutions Opening words? 34 Little troublemakers
- 35 Thrilling 37 "That's a touchy subject" Move hurriedly Utterly, in slang
- Giggle "It's my turn" [or] Comment after rambling on
- Equus africanus asinus, more familiarly Marijuana strains said to be more invigorating
- "How marvelous! Wield authority
- Lucky numbers in Chi-
- Film critic Kael
- 51 DNA, e.g. Vacation getaway

informally

- Someone sequencing
- Lighter fluid Reach, as new heights Baseball slugger,

crete. Focus on making things better for yourself, your loved ones and causes that concern you. Sign up, participate and make a difference. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Work with what you have to build a strong foun-

YOUR HOROSCOPE

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

Put your energy into something con-

dation. Put your heart and soul into the people and things that matter to you. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Change only what's necessary. Keep the peace

by avoiding situations that make you feel uncomfortable. Reset your goals GEMINI (May 21-June 20): An idea you have will help you advance. Put together a proposal and a list of people who

have something unique to offer CANCER (June 21-July 22): Including a family member, lover or good friend will encourage team spirit and plans that lead to a vibrant, healthy lifestyle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): An energetic plan will challenge you and help you make positive changes to your life and what you pursue. Don't settle for less when you can have so much more with a bit of effort.

Personal growth will transpire.

you feel passionate about, and make a statement that will draw attention. Socialize, network and interact with people who inspire and motivate you. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take a

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do what

step in a new direction. Speak up, share your thoughts and find who wants to help. Carry on, enjoy and reap the rewards. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pla by the rules and make necessary adjust-

ments. Find a way to make a difference for someone you love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be positive, and do your best to make others smile. A kind word, gesture or offer will open a conversation that encourages you to start something new

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Assess your routine, and consider what you can do to avoid overindulgence. Hang out

with people who live healthy lifestyles. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't hold back: speak up and clear the air

if something concerns you. Evaluate your life and what you want to do next. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't

let the little things get to you. Keep your eye on what matters, and walk away from confusing or uncomfortable situations.

By Eugenia Last

MISS MANNERS

By Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin Dear Miss Manners: I manage a

department of about 15 professional and clerical workers. I am a direct resource for most, and I enjoy helping them find solutions. My office is a revolving door, with usually no more than 20 minutes between What is bothering me is a complete

disdain for my food and beverages. I frequently drink coffee at my desk, and just this morning, an employee came in with a question. She managed to lean directly over my coffee and then rub her face, play with her hair, and talk animatedly enough to release spittle. I found myself sneaking back to the break room for a fresh cup after Another time, an employee coughed

directly over my barely touched lunch salad. Sadly, I was then unable to consume it, which left me hungry and annoyed. This unintentional contamination occurs commonly enough that it is beginning to frustrate me.

I can close my door when I eat, but that reduces my availability and hampers workflow; also, it doesn't address the coffee. I can cover or tuck away my consumables when my door is darkened, and have done so, but this seems offensive.

Is there a better way to protect my food while not causing offense nor inconvenience?

Dear Gentle Reader: Please step aside while Miss Manners rearranges the furni-

ture in your office. Your food should not be within leaning distance of others. There is such a thing as being too accessible. Aside from dribbling on your lunch, visitors may be reading your screen.

Position your desk on the far wall, facing a

window, if you have one. When employees enter, you should swirl around to face them leaving your food safely behind you. If you don't have a window, do this anyway, hanging a nice picture above the desk — or, better yet, a mirror so that you can see who

Dear Miss Manners: I am the mother of the bride, and we have sent out "save the date" cards for a 150-person wedding. My daughter has now decided that she wants a more intimate wedding, with only family present. The wedding is seven months How should we address the guests who

were sent the "save the dates"? Dear Gentle Reader: You do know,

Miss Manners hopes, that this is not a nice thing to do. She will help you, but it is not easy to tell people that you have decided you do not want them at the wed-Besides, if pictures of the wedding are

posted, you won't have a friend left. Can you persuade your daughter to

elope? Then you could express surprise that the planned wedding was superfluous, and invite all those people to a party for the already married couple. You will have to give that party anyway. As those asked to save the date may have

made travel arrangements, it would be best to do it on that date, but after that intimate ceremony

Address your etiquette questions to Miss Manners at her website, www.missmanners com: to her email, dearmiss manners@gmail. com; or through postal mail to Miss Manners. Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

Small knocks

- Cross one's fingers
- 101 Two-player board game with spies and bombs might mean 103 Bust midcrime 106 Lover of psychedelics,
 - informally 107 Words to a silly goose 108 Putting on the heat? 109 Mascot who made his

Noted slacking speedster

Not stay undefeated

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1988 No. 1 country al-

burn named for its singer

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- Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade debut in 2017

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- Stars of the Wild West

72 73 Place for a lighthouse Pull off the road for gas or snacks, say

convention, informally

Actor in a much

publicized 2022

defamation case

Book some wedding entertainment Tries Starchy vegetable

Blow away

- Kind of roof for a tiki bar Peter Pan's creator Opposite of a superstar
- into the role of Captain America 86 Invitation on a wrapped gift Preamble

Clothed, so to speak

Avenger who stepped

- Paper size Japanese brew Prankster's smug shout One might be right out-
- side your window Junior's hurdle 96 Stagger about "Copy
- 100 Surname of the "Incredibles" superhero family 102 Nonetheless, poetically 103 Lowly worker, so to speak

104 Yell before a snap