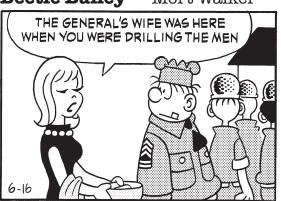
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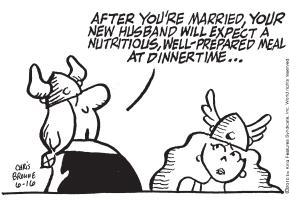
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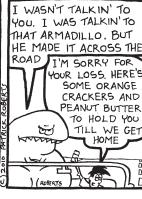


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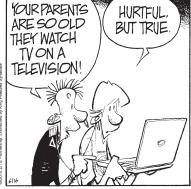


**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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## Heloise

Hints from Heloise

# Brown eggs same as white

Dear Heloise: What is the difference between BROWN EGGS AND WHITE? - A Reader, via e-mail

Brown eggs and white eggs are the same. The brown hue of the shell is the only thing that separates them - well, not exactly the only thing. Hens that lay brown eggs are generally larger and therefore eat more, increasing the cost of care of the birds, so brown eggs may be a bit more expensive (although brown and white eggs are the

Our friends at the American Egg Board (www. incredibleegg.org) tell us that the color of the shell has no connection to the egg's flavor or nutritional value. Brown-shelled eggs cook the same as white eggs. – Heloise

GOOD OL' VINEGAR

Dear Heloise: Just thought I would mention your good old, cheap vinegar once again. Put water and a tablespoon of vinegar in your teacup, let sit awhile, then wipe the stains with a sponge and/or dishcloth for a clean cup.

I have enjoyed your column in the Houston Chronicle and, when I moved to the Hill Country, the San Antonio Express-News. I also have one of your books. Thanks for years of great hints! -Barbara from Canyon Lake, Texas

Barbara, thanks for the kind words. And you are right, I love vinegar! What's not to love? It cleans and deodorizes for pennies! It has so many uses that I've compiled a pamphlet filled with all of its wonderful money-saving hints. This is a must-have pamphlet for every household, especially in these trying economic times. To receive a copy, just send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (61 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. For a nice and easy job of cleaning the bathtub, add a cup or two of apple-cider vinegar to a tubful of water. Your skin will love you, and tub cleaning is quick! - Heloise

### ORGANIC PEANUT BUTTER

Dear Heloise: Here is an experiment that works when purchasing organic peanut butter where the oil has separated to the top. Before opening and while at room temperature, shake it a little and place it upside down in the refrigerator for one or two days. Then open and enjoy its creamy texture without the mess. – William D. Dobbs, Houston

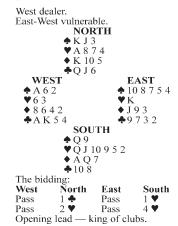
vigorous shaking back and forth was needed to mix the oil, and even then there was still some only on top. There are natural-peanut-butter mixers available. Storing the peanut butter in the refrigerator helps to keep it together so it won't separate as easily. – Heloise

# TILE FILE

Dear Heloise: We never could get shelf paper to stick to our cabinet shelves. We bought some self-adhesive tiles that matched the wallpaper inside the cabinets. They adhere well and make it much easier to remove large, heavy items. Of course, they don't tear like shelf paper. We also put them in our laundry room and bathrooms, and they can be used inside drawers, if necessary. – Ted. via e-mail

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## **Bridge** • Steve Becker



## Abandoning the Percentage Play

Wherever you go in bridge circles, whether the caliber of the game is good, bad or indifferent, the one thing that stands out is that more points are lost on the easy hands than on the difficult

For example, take this case where South was in four hearts and West led the king of clubs, East playing the deuce. At trick two, West shifted to a low spade, hoping his partner had the queen.

Declarer played the king from dummy to encourage East to win with the ace (if he had it) and return a spade. But when the king held the trick, South led a spade to his queen and West's ace. West then cashed his ace of clubs - the third trick for the defense - and shifted to a diamond at trick five.

Declarer won with the ace and led the queen of trumps, on which West followed low. South was then faced with a crucial guess. It did not take him long to go up with the ace, catch the king and so make four hearts. There is no doubt that when a declarer is faced

with the trump combination shown here, he will do much better in the long run to finesse than play the ace from dummy. But in the given circumstances, South had am-

ple justification for abandoning the normal percentage play. He had seen West show up with the A-K of clubs and ace of spades on the first four tricks, and he also remembered that West had passed originally. It followed that West could not have the king of hearts, which would have given him an opening bid.

Accordingly, South went up with the ace, hoping East's king was singleton, and was well-rewarded for his effort.

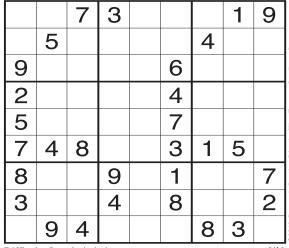
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## Family Circus • Bil Keane



'Mommy, which is shorter — a 'CAT nap' or a 'PEOPLE nap'?"

# Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which

region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

each row, column and 3x3

7	1	8	5	6	2	3	4	9
5	2	6	9	4	3	8	1	7
3	4	9	8	7	1	5	6	2
6	9	5	4	3	8	2	7	1
2	3	7	1	5	6	4	9	8
4	8	1	2	9	7	6	5	3
9	7	3	6	8	5	1	2	4
8	6	2	7	1	4	9	3	5
1	5	4	3	2	9	7	8	6
Difficulty Level ****								

## Cryptoquip

COF CXDF XWH RZSF QWZG

Heloise Central tested your hint and found that EQBDZFCF AQLV XT X CFXB.

COFG HFENHFH COFG BSTC

## XZAXGT TCNEV CQRFCOFL.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN ASKED "WHAT DO PEOPLE SEE WITH?" THE SAILOR ON DECK READILY REPLIED "EYE, EYE, CAPTAIN!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T

## **Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS** 

**25** "Why not?'

30 Altar

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love

33 Male

ACROSS	<b>38</b> 54-Across	DOWN	22 Vocal
1 Tosses in	feature	1 Pronto,	come-
<b>5</b> Trail	39 Debt	acronymi-	back?
behind	notice	cally	23 Strauss
8 Lone	41 Region	2 Gloomy	specialty
Ranger's	43 State	3 "Aeneid"	25 Gam-
conceal-	of confu-	queen	blers'
ment	sion	4 Stealthily	venue
<b>12</b> Dirt	46 Prefix	quiet	(Abbr.)
13 ld coun-	with	5 Main-	26 Japanese
terpart	red	lander's	pond
14 Strat-	50 La Scala	memento	carp
ford's	solo	6 Past	27 Ardent
river	51 One way	7 Amateur-	desire for
15 Tryout	to enlarge	night prop	a goal
17 Motion	a family	8 Large-	29 Mediocre
picture	<b>54</b> Entrance	scale	<b>31</b> Pair
18 Tending	55 Intimidate	<b>9</b> Flying	32 Sphere
(to)	56 Valhalla	<b>10</b> "Ameri-	34 Hint
<b>19</b> Car	VIP	can Idol"	<b>38</b> Band-
shelter	57 "—	choice	leader
21 Recog-	Karenina"	11 Dandling	Stan
nized	58 Longing	site	40 Butler's
24 Barracks	59 Conten-	16 X rating?	love
bed	dere	20 Rue the	42 Pinch
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28 Money Solution time: 21 mins.

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