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Blondie • Chic Young



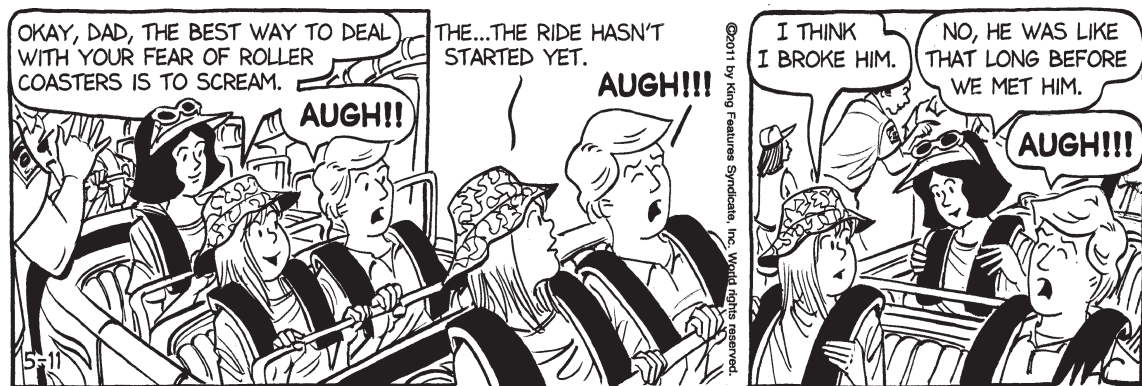
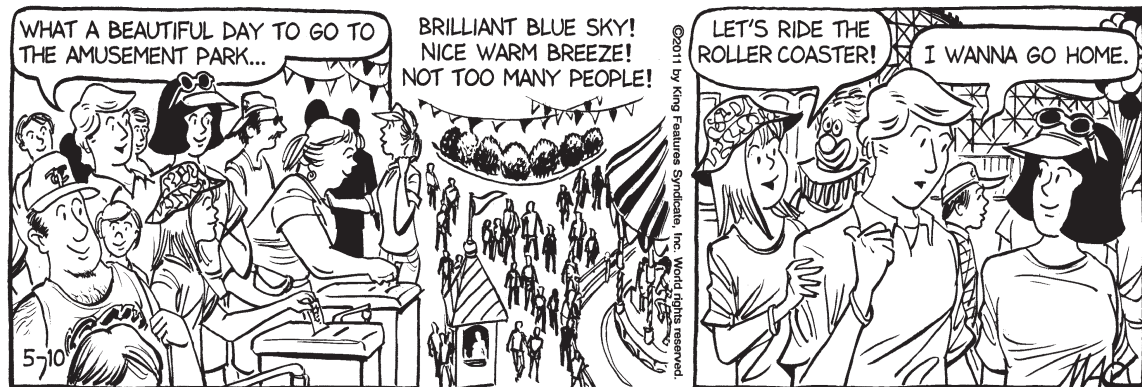
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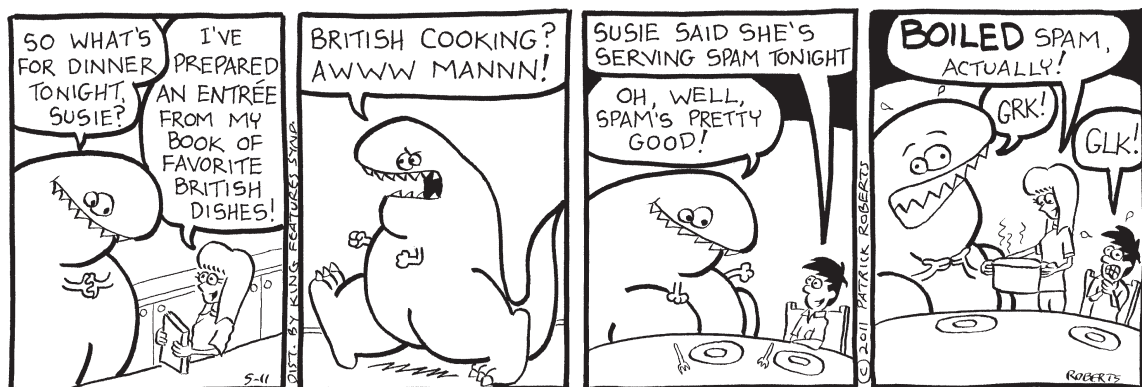
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Candy makes snack special

Dear Readers: The recent recipe for an easy CANDY SNACK using pretzels, pecans and caramel candy resulted in a deluge of questions from readers asking what type of candy was used. Since I don't use brand names in my column or books, here's a stab at describing it. The chocolate-covered caramels are individually wrapped with copper-colored foil, and are sold either in a bag or in a roll.

For those who may have missed this easy recipe, all you do is take one of the caramel-filled chocolate candies and place it onto a square pretzel, then top with a whole pecan. Bake in a 350-degree oven for about 4 minutes. After removing from the oven, press the pecan down into the candy and then put in the fridge so they harden. — Heloise

P.S.: These are almost too yummy!

FRUIT PEELS

Dear Heloise: Never throw away another orange or lemon peel. Before eating or using the fruit, use a vegetable peeler to shave the colored zest onto a piece of plastic wrap. Spread in a single layer, then fold into an airtight package. Collect these packets in a freezer bag until use. Remove the needed amount, and chop until finely minced. Use in cooked cereal, fresh cranberry sauce, muffins, pancakes, etc. It adds wonderful flavor! — Joan B. in Linn Creek, Mo.

MILK STORAGE

Dear Heloise: My husband insists on leaving our milk (1/2 gallon) in the refrigerator door. I told him it should be in the back. He doesn't believe me. He is the only one who drinks it. We're at home all day; the refrigerator gets opened a lot. — Connie Y. in Florida

Connie, you are the winner! It is not a good idea to store milk in the door of the refrigerator because constant changes and higher temperature promote spoilage.

For milk to remain at its best, it should be stored where the temperature is the lowest and there is no fluctuation, which is in the back of the refrigerator. However, this may make getting to the milk a little difficult. So, the middle of the shelf is OK, but definitely not in the door.

Buy the smallest container of milk to meet your needs. A lot depends on how quickly the milk is used. You want to use it all before it starts to spoil. — Heloise

HANDY ICE-CREAM SCOOP

Dear Heloise: Here is my hint: I use an ice-cream scoop to fill the paper liners inside the tins when making muffins, etc. It is easy to direct the batter into the liners without a mess. The scoops come in assorted sizes. The one I have is equivalent to 2 ounces, and it has a swivel-type insert operated by a thumb lever that scoops the batter into the tin. It works perfectly every time. — Marian Maag, via email

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 4 3 2
♥ 10 5
♦ Q 8 4
♣ Q 8 6 5

WEST
♠ K 6 5
♥ J 9 7 2
♦ 6 2
♣ A K 9 3

EAST
♠ A J 10 9 7
♥ Q 8 6 4 3
♦ —
♣ 10 7 2

SOUTH
♠ 8
♥ A K
♦ A K J 10 9 7 5 3
♣ J 4

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 5♦
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Pointing the Way

Suit-preference signals are both the most abused and the most underused plays in bridge. This might sound contradictory, but it is nonetheless true. The dichotomy exists because many players try to give suit-preference signals in situations where they do not apply, yet miss other opportunities where such signals can be used.

A good rule of thumb is the following: The play of an unnecessarily high or low card when other alternatives are known to exist is a suit-preference signal, provided all other types of signals (i.e., attitude and count) have been ruled out. In other words, count and attitude signals take precedence over suit-preference signals. If a player gives a signal that cannot be either count or attitude, then it is, in all likelihood, suit-preference.

A fine example is provided by this deal from a sectional tournament. South opened with five diamonds in third seat, ending the auction.

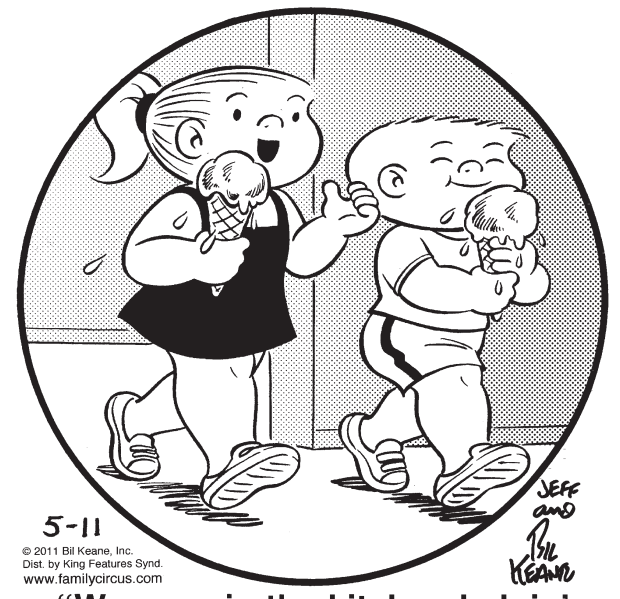
West led the king of clubs, East playing the deuce and South the four. As East could not have a doubleton (he would have begun a high-low on the king), West switched to a low heart at trick two, declarer taking East's queen with the ace. South then made the excellent return of the club jack, delaying the drawing of trumps in order not to give the opponents an opportunity to signal one another.

It can be seen that if West takes the club ace and returns another heart, hoping his partner has the king, South will make the contract. After winning the heart return, South can draw trumps ending in dummy and discard his losing spade on the club queen. West's play after taking the club ace would therefore appear to be a guess.

But East came to the rescue by playing the ten of clubs on the second club lead. Since West knew that East still had the missing seven of clubs, West concluded that his partner was directing him to return a spade rather than a heart. West duly returned a spade, and the contract went down one.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



“We were in the kitchen helpin’ Daddy ruin his diet.”

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/11

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

Cryptoquip

ASRQCWS UPS GSTTKX XQOUW
UK GHTB WKBS WNHVSYW
PKBSW, WPKCTV PS NCYRPQWS
QOV CWS Q XSA RQB?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A PHILOSOPHER LOVES PONDERING ENDLESS THINGS, DOES HE HAVE AN AFFINITY FOR INFINITY?

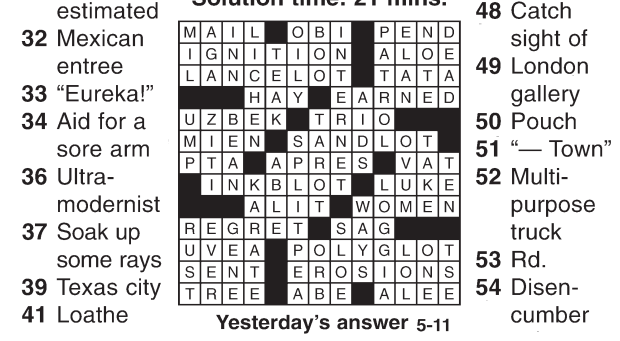
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals H

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Equine repast
4 Swear
8 Kitten's comment
12 Way back when
13 Chills and fever
14 Sandwich cookie
15 Aye canceler
16 Disney-land, e.g.
18 React to a pun
20 Mischievous tyke
21 "I taut I — puddytat!"
24 56-Across style
28 Roughly estimated
32 Mexican entree
33 "Eureka!"
34 Aid for a sore arm
36 Ultra-modernist
37 Soak up some rays
39 Texas city
41 Loathe

DOWN
43 Bat a gnat snoozes
44 Existed
46 West Point
50 Cartman's home
55 NAFTA signatory
56 Car
57 Satan's specialty
58 Suitable
59 Team of workers
60 Relinquish
61 Caustic solution

DOWN
1 Suspend
2 Culture medium
3 Toy on a string
4 Quick tastes awful!
6 Seek damages
7 Big rig
8 Tyke
9 Geological period
10 "— the fields we go ..."
11 Stir-fry pan
17 Type measures
19 Pac. counter-part
22 Forest (Ger.)
23 The Ram
25 Comical Carvey brand
26 Computer brand
27 Cubby-hole
28 Rum cake
29 Moby-Dick's pursuer
30 Whip period
31 Recognized
35 Large blackbird
38 Bow obsequiously
40 Bake sale org., maybe
42 Cheerleader's cry
45 Detail, for short
47 Two-way sight of
48 Catch London gallery
49 Pouch
51 "— Town"
52 Multi-purpose truck
53 Rd.
54 Disen-cumber



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