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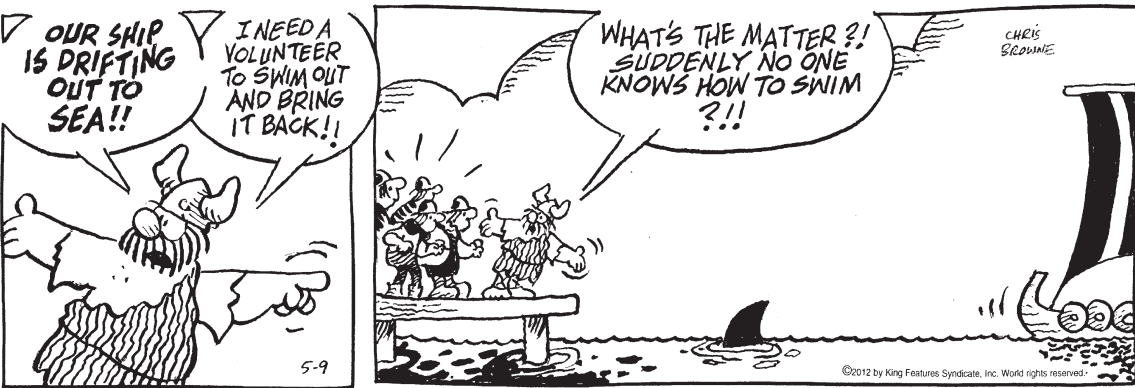
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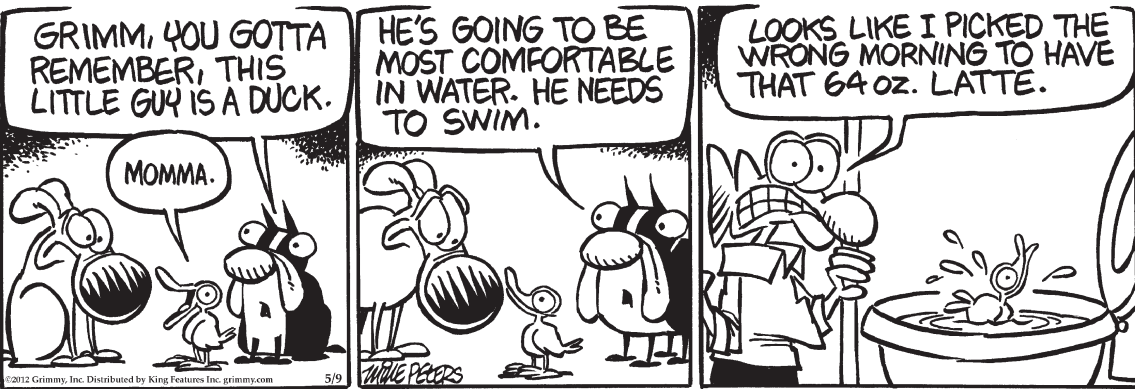
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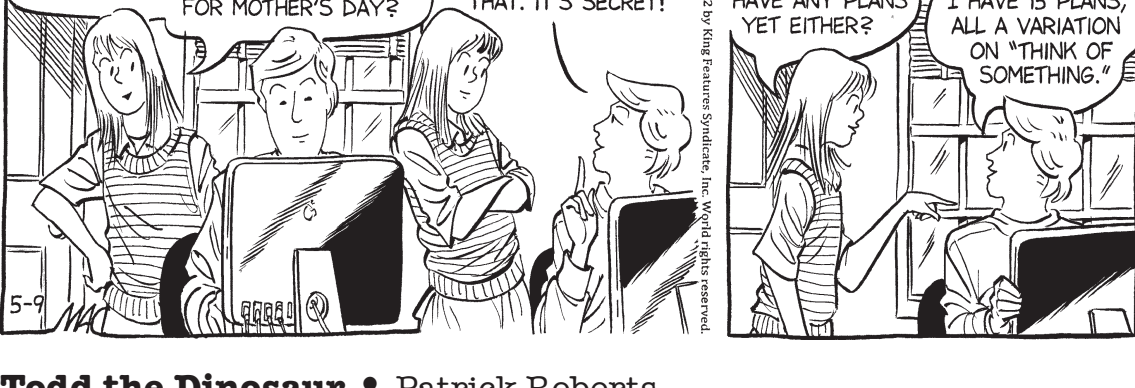
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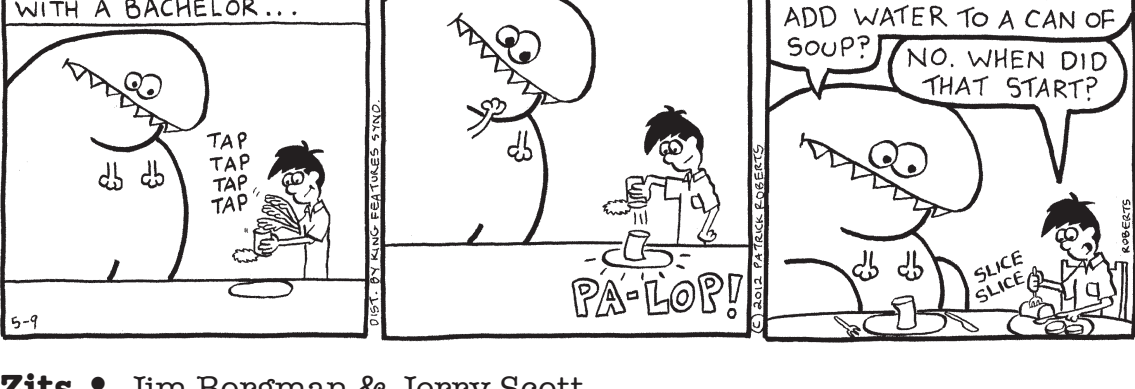
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Quick recipe makes tuna tops

Dear Heloise: Many years ago, your mother printed a recipe using tuna. I remember dropping the tuna in oil. I can't find the recipe, and I think my grandchildren would like it. Thank you. — A Faithful Reader, via e-mail

Dear Reader: Thank you for writing. My mother, the original Heloise (1919-1977), made these tasty treats using canned salmon. She did suggest that if you're on a tight budget, you can substitute tuna. Here's the recipe for Heloise's Salmonettes. They are easy to make and taste great. You need:

- 1 can of salmon or tuna (14 ounces)
- 1/4 cup reserved liquid from the salmon or tuna
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup flour
- Pepper (optional, to taste)
- 1 heaping teaspoon baking powder

Fill a deep fryer or skillet half-full of oil and preheat while assembling the salmonettes.

Drain all but 1/4 cup of the liquid off the canned fish and set aside. Place fish in a mixing bowl and break apart with a fork. A little at a time, add egg, flour and pepper. Mix well but do not overmix.

Add the baking powder to the reserved liquid and beat with a whisk or fork until frothy. Immediately add it to the fish mixture and stir to blend — do not let it sit after mixing.

Drop the mixture over iced-tea spoons into the hot oil. Keep an eye on them, because it won't take long until they are browned. Drain on a paper towel and then serve! Unfortunately, this is a recipe that you cannot make ahead of time and then cook. You have to fry them as soon as you mix them. Enjoy! — Heloise

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CELERY LEAVES

Dear Readers: I love celery stuffed with peanut butter or cream cheese as a snack. It also is an ingredient in numerous recipes. However, most folks cut off the leaves and throw them away.

The leaves contain the most vitamin K, calcium and potassium of the entire plant. The leaves can be used like parsley when seasoning dishes. They can be mixed with other greens to make salad. So, don't toss those leaves. Use within a day or two, because they won't keep for long! — Heloise

CRUNCHY ROLLS

Dear Heloise: Sometimes I am in the mood for an eggroll out of the freezer. I am usually not patient enough to wait for them to cook. In the microwave, they aren't crunchy like they are right out of the oven. I put the heated eggroll in a hard taco shell. I get the crunch I want in two minutes instead of 30. — Kevin C., via e-mail

TASTY OJ

Dear Heloise: I drained a can of crushed pineapple for a recipe, leaving me with pineapple juice. My husband suggested pouring the juice into our container of orange juice. Delicious! — Carolyn in Alabama

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ 10 9 8
♥ 10
♠ A Q 10 7 3 2
♣ K 10 6

WEST
♦ Q 4
♥ K Q J 8 7 5
♠ —
♣ Q 9 8 7 4

EAST
♦ K J 2
♥ A 9 4 3
♠ 9 8 6 5
♣ 5 2

SOUTH
♦ A 7 6 5 3
♥ 6 2
♠ K J 4
♣ A J 3

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 ♣ 2 ♠ 4 ♠
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Partnership Cooperation

Considering that the vocabulary of bidding consists of only 15 words -- the four suits, the numbers one to seven and the words "notrump," "double," "redouble" and "pass" -- one would think that it is a near impossibility to accurately describe one's holding to partner in the majority of deals. Nevertheless, a good pair, by making careful use of this limited vocabulary, will reach the best contract the great majority of the time.

Similarly, this same good pair, utilizing the same sort of inferential reasoning that is available in the bidding, will usually excel on defense.

For a good example of how careful defenders guide each other during the play, consider this deal where declarer got to four spades on the bidding shown. South's spade bid had guaranteed a five-card suit, and West's two-spade bid had conventionally guaranteed at least five hearts as well as five or more cards in one of the minors.

West started his side on the right path when he made the abnormal lead of the jack of hearts instead of the king. It was immediately obvious to East, after dummy appeared, that the jack-of-hearts lead was not the top card of a sequence and that his partner was trying to deliver a special message of some sort.

It did not take East long to decipher the message. He won the jack of hearts with the ace and shifted to a diamond at trick two! West ruffed, and the defenders later scored two trump tricks to put the contract down one.

But if West had led the king of hearts originally, or if East had not been alert to the meaning and purpose of his partner's offbeat opening lead, declarer almost surely would have lost only two trumps and a heart and would have made four spades.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Mommy! Billy's goin' in there and he's not old enough!"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/09

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.

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

Cryptoquip

TYBMU-PTIQUEUKMO MQHGYUC

WKOEIKMG KM URG PRBTG

QW B HGIC WBPUBWIKNBM

WGYKMG: B NRKB NRGGUBR.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU WANT TO WIN THE "CLEANEST HAIR" COMPETITION, I'D SAY YOU REALLY NEED TO USE CHAMP-OO.

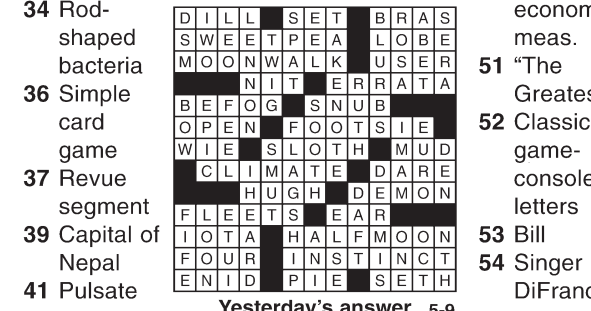
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals F

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Recede
4 Melt
8 Fedora
12 —
13 Anger
14 Franc
21 Bantu
24 Secret
28 Winnip-
32 Individ-
33 Lennon's
34 Rod-
36 Simple
37 Revue
39 Capital of
41 Pulsate

- 43 Reveille's
44 In favor
46 Emanate
50 Island
57 Toss in
58 Toss in
59 Heart
60 Theater
61 Plaything
62 Tress
63 Ostriches'
64 Kin
65 Wild
66 Afrikaaner
67 Large
68 Homage

- 5 That
6 Every last
7 Un-
8 Preced-
9 Pirates'
10 George's
11 Calendar
12 matter
13 Chic no
14 longer
15 Subma-
16 chine gun
17 Tress
18 WWII
19 Show
20 ennui
21 Large
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23 vessel
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35 amount
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46 Large
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48 vessel
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54 Large
55 amount
56 vessel
57 Show
58 Large
59 amount



Yesterday's answer 5-9

