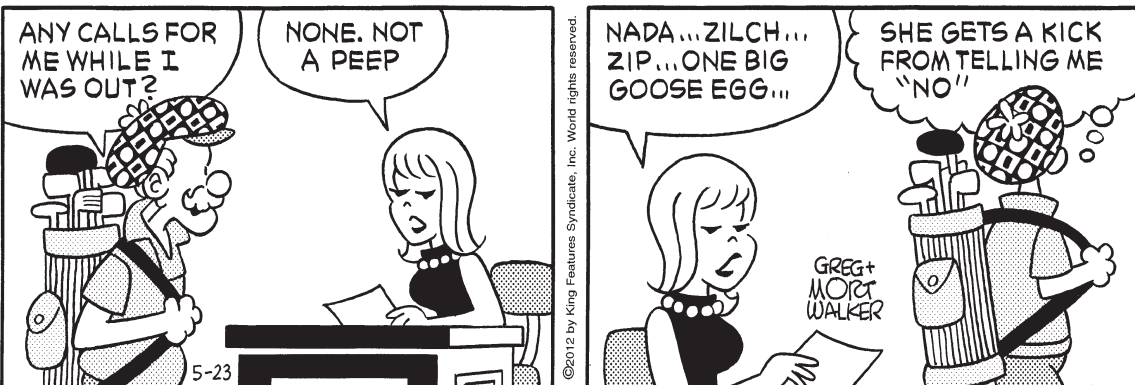


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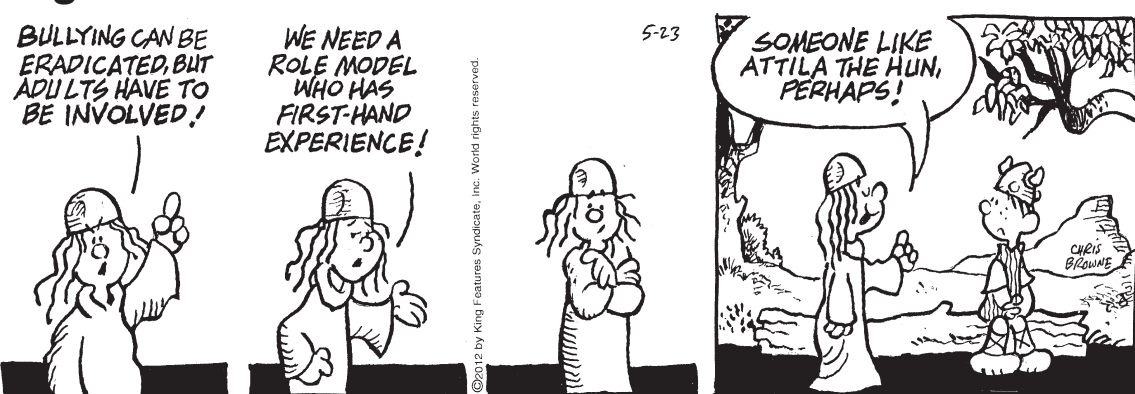
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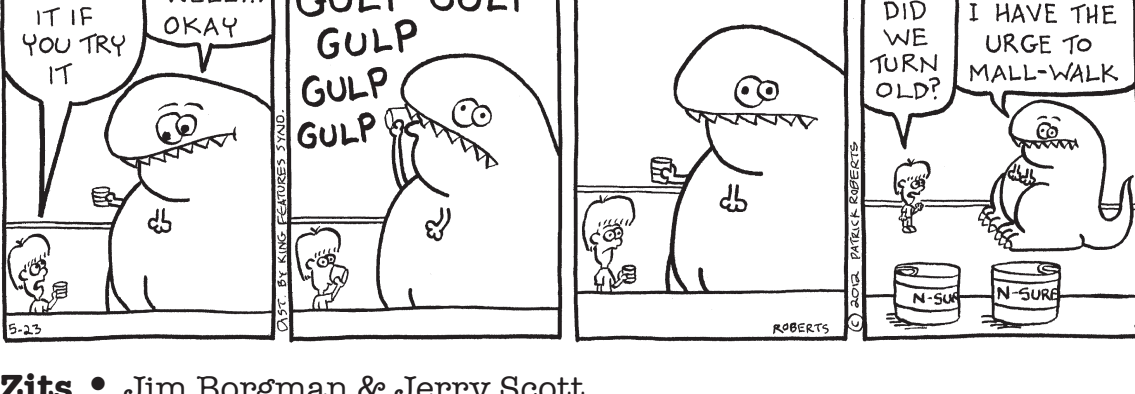
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Choose cream according to use

Dear Heloise: What are the differences among heavy cream, light cream and whipping cream? – A Reader, via e-mail

There is a lot of difference! And it's mostly fat and calories. Heavy cream has 36 percent to 40 percent butterfat, light cream has 18 percent to 30 percent butterfat (most often it contains 20 percent), and whipping cream has 30 percent butterfat.

Cream rises to the surface of whole milk and is labeled according to the butterfat content. Heavy cream, used in baked goods as filling or frosting, doubles in volume and holds its shape well when whipped. Light cream usually is added to coffee or other hot drinks in place of milk.

Whipping cream doesn't whip quite as well (doesn't make sense to me, since it's called whipping cream!) or hold its shape as well, so it most often is used as a filling. – Heloise

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ADDING BEANS

Dear Readers: When using canned beans in a recipe, do you drain and rinse the beans before adding them, or just drain them? The brine from a can of beans is a great way to add flavor to your dish. However, if you are watching your sodium intake, rinsing the beans after draining can cut the sodium. – Heloise

PRECOOKING PEPPERONI

Dear Heloise: My family loves to have a pizza-and-game night once a week. In an effort to keep costs down, we started making our own pizza. It is a lot of fun mixing all types of different ingredients and never making the same pizza twice.

Pepperoni is one of our favorite toppings. Not liking how greasy the pepperoni is, especially after cooking, I came up with this hint. I place a single layer of pepperoni in the microwave, on paper towels, microwave for about 30 seconds and then put it on the pizza to cook. There still is some grease, but it seems like a lot less. – Julie D., Colorado Springs, Colo.

STIRRING SOUP

Dear Heloise: I like to eat condensed soups, and I prepare them on the stovetop. This presents a problem in that you must constantly stir, especially with creamed soups. I eliminated the stirring and guesswork. I measure out the required amount of water and bring it to a rapid boil, then add the condensed soup and immediately turn off the heat. I stir to mix and wait a minute for the heat to saturate the mix before serving. – Edward T., Berlin, Pa.

COOKING HINT

Dear Heloise: A lot of recipes call for you to place the lid on a pot, but with the lid slightly ajar for venting steam. I was having a particularly hard time doing this with one lid, until I took a binder clip and clipped it to the side of the pot. This allowed me to set the lid on top of it and keep the lid from falling down. – Denise D., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Please use caution when removing the binder clip, because it may be hot! – Heloise
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Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 8 4 2
♥ 9 8 6 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K

EAST
♠ 7 5 3
♥ J 7 2
♦ 8 2
♣ 9 8 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 6
♥ A K Q 10
♦ 7 6 4
♣ Q 5 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1♦ Dblc Pass 4♥
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

First Things First

Assume you're declarer in four hearts and West leads the K-A of diamonds, East playing the eight and then the deuce to show a doubleton. When West continues with the jack, you ruff with dummy's nine, which East overruffs with the jack. Later you try a spade finesse that fails, and you finish down one.

When you begin to think about whether the contract could have been made, it suddenly dawns on you that you could have -- and should have -- made four hearts.

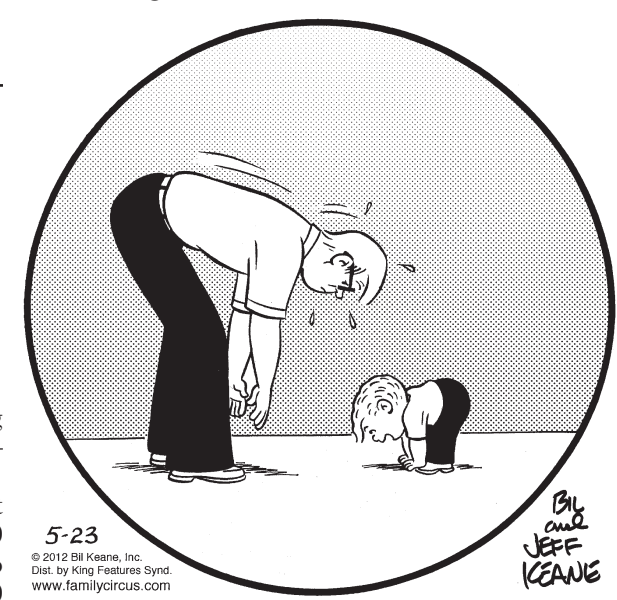
It all goes back to your play at trick three when you ruffed the third round of diamonds in dummy and East overruffed. It would have been far wiser to discard a spade from dummy instead. For practical purposes, this play would have assured the contract. Whatever West did next, you would win, draw trumps, cash the A-K of clubs and A-K of spades, then discard dummy's last spade on the queen of clubs, eliminating your spade loser.

It might seem odd that the best method of play is to make no effort whatever to win the third round of diamonds when there is a reasonable chance of taking the trick by ruffing high in dummy. After all, East might not be able to overruff the nine.

But the fact remains that it is far better to allow West's jack of diamonds to win at trick three. By doing so, you virtually eliminate all chance of losing a spade trick later on. The long-term view of protecting the contract takes precedence over the short-term view of winning the trick.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

	3	9			2	1	4	6	
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6			4						7
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/23

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.

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

Cryptoquip

A E T Z D W H X X W U K G A Q U ' R

E A R J - Q H G Q J A K V B U R J A R

I U W T K U H W T Z D , T Z D B A V J G

J H I U A K G U W K - K U G H Q Q R R .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN CUSTOMERS MAKE CALLS AT A SANDWICH SHOP, I THINK THEY SHOULD PROBABLY USE THE DELI-PHONE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 36 Folkways 59 Simple 23 Branch

1 Bar 38 Mandel- 24 Writer

bottles a's org. **DOWN** Buscaglia

5 Suitable 40 Weep 1 Asian 25 Bridge-

8 First 41 Cereal loudly desert town's

victim 43 Petrol 2 Mideast island

12 Sandwich 45 Epic 3 Dweeb 27 After-

treat 47 Ahead 4 Video- noon

13 Train 48 Epic fail hedge- social

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18 Rainbow 57 Back talk 16 City of 44 Stock-

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19 Mark of disgrace 59 — out a living 20 Williams or Turner 45 Swimmer's

21 French vineyard 46 Notion

22 Antitoxins 47 Performance

23 Priestly vestment 48 Performance

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28 Rid of frost 50 June 6,

31 Harvest 51 June 1944

33 Ball holder 52 Diving

35 Uppy sort 53 bird

Yesterday's answer 5-23

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