Family Circus • Bil Keane

"Jeffy forgot to add milk! Is he

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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X D U J B W D R A D W G B L X D V Q E F

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: PRODUCT THEY SHOULD SELL FOR PET CATS WHO REALLY LIKE

WALKING IN SPARKLY STUFF: KITTY GLITTER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals E

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25 Realiza-

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29 "CSI"

27 Spelling

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Difficulty Level ★★★

ber placement puzzle.

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This is a logic-based num-

The goal is to enter a num-

ber, 1-9, in each cell in which

each row, column and 3x3

region must contain only one

The solution to the last

instance of each numeral.

Sudoku puzzle is at right.

Cryptoquip

allowed to eat his cereal raw?"

# Grill brush poses problems

Dear Readers: Before you start grilling this summer, be aware that there is a potential danger that you may not know about: the wire bristles on the brush used to clean your grill.

years of patients who found out that they had accidentally eaten wire bristles from the grill brushes along with the meat they ate. They were complaining about abdominal pain and pain when swallowing. X-rays and CT scans found small pieces of wire in their throats or abdomens.

There are things you can do, though, to prevent this. After cleaning your grill with a wire brush, wipe down the grill with a wet paper towel to make sure no wire pieces are left. Also, consider alternative cleaning tools. There are nylon scrubbers and grill "stones" made of recycled materials that you can use instead of brushes. So, fire up the grill, and enjoy your outdoor family time! – Heloise

# Heloise

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Dear Heloise: My family members come home for dinner at different times. They love spaghetti meals. Due to busy schedules, they want to be served quickly. So, ahead of time I cook a big batch of spaghetti, rinse well with cold water and insert a portion into a small, freezer-safe, plastic bag and put into the freezer.

it into a colander and rinse with hot water. This will defrost and warm the spaghetti immediately. I pour the spaghetti sauce over it, and presto

ready to enjoy! – Ginny in Heber Springs, Ark. busy families! – Heloise

# CONDIMENT SUBSTITUTE

sandwich as a substitute for mayonnaise. Fewer calories and healthier! - Glenna H., via email

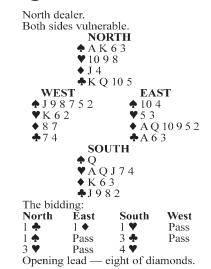
etables and as a sandwich spread, too!

Hummus, for those who don't know, is ground chickpeas. The chickpeas (also known as garbanzo beans) are mixed with olive oil, garlic and XBEEZ other spices to make a tasty dip. They are high in fiber and protein, and many use hummus as a meat substitute. You can enjoy it with vegetables, JWWBLD QR UNBGH XD AJMQEF chips, pita bread or, now, try it on a sandwich! -Heloise

Dear Heloise: Here's a hint I use in the mornings. I wanted cereal, but I had no milk, so I thought about my yogurt. All I do is put enough yogurt in a bowl, then add cereal. For an extra treat, I slice bananas, strawberries and blueberries. - Karen M., Hazleton, Pa.

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# **Bridge** • Steve Becker



# The Secret of Good Defense

It is extremely difficult to defend well at all times, yet in most deals the winning line of defense, if there is one, can be found - provided there's a strong-enough will to find it.

Take this case, which illustrates how a determined defender pursues his task. West leads what is obviously his highest diamond, won by East with the ace, and the question is what East should play next. Since he has only two defensive tricks himself,

all of East's thoughts should be directed toward hands his partner might have that could produce two more tricks. Practically all such hands require West to have a trump holding of A-x-x or K-x-x, so East should assume that his partner has one of these holdings. This assumption, however, leads to only three

tricks, so East's next step is to start looking for a means of acquiring a fourth trick. Given South's jump to three clubs at his second turn, it seems certain that he must hold either four or five clubs, which in turn means that West must have either one or two clubs. Once East gets this far, all that remains is to

try to pinpoint West's actual club holding. East resolves this question by assuming that if West had the A-x-x or K-x-x of trumps and also had a singleton club, he would surely have led a club originally rather than a diamond. East therefore concludes that West started with a doubleton

Accordingly, East returns a low club at trick

two! No matter how South proceeds from this point on, he can no longer make the contract. As soon as West gains the lead with his king of trumps, he returns a club to East's ace and ruffs the next club to put the contract down one.

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# Heloise Hints from Heloise

There have been many cases throughout the

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### DINNER SHORTCUT

When ready for dinner, I take out a bag, empty

Ginny, what a great dinner solution for today's

Dear Heloise: Try hummus when making a I love hummus as a snack with different veg-

# YOGURT HINT

# **Crossword •** Eugene Sheffer

VJXXQR

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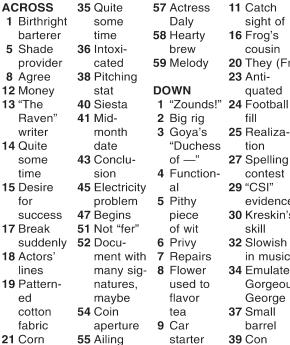
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26 Light touch 28 Insinuating **31** Old Italian

bread 33 Kitten's

53 Right comment Yesterday's answer 6-20 19 52 55 58

SEE YOU IN THE HOW DOES' IT'S LIKE I NEED HE DO TUCKING IN SOME WATER HOUDINI.

**Beetle Bailey •** Mort Walker

ALL COMFY AND

THERE YOU GO, HAMMIE,

SNUG AS A

BUG.

**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

G'NIGHT,

MORNING.





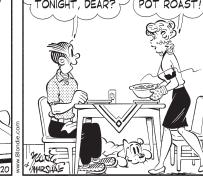
WHAT'S FOR DINNER

## **Blondie •** Chic Young DAGWOOD WANTS YANKEE



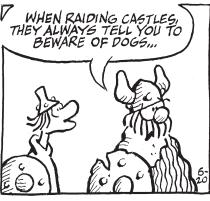


SO WHAT? I GO TO THE MALL



YANKEE

# **Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne





## **Mother Goose and Grimm •** Mike Peters



I DON'T KNOW, MOM. MY MIND'S

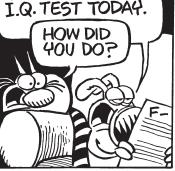
ALREADY DEALING

WITH SO MUCH.

Sally Forth • Greg Howard

READY FOR FINALS,

SWEETIE?





I MISSPELLED







# **Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts









OH, RIGHT.

**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott





