

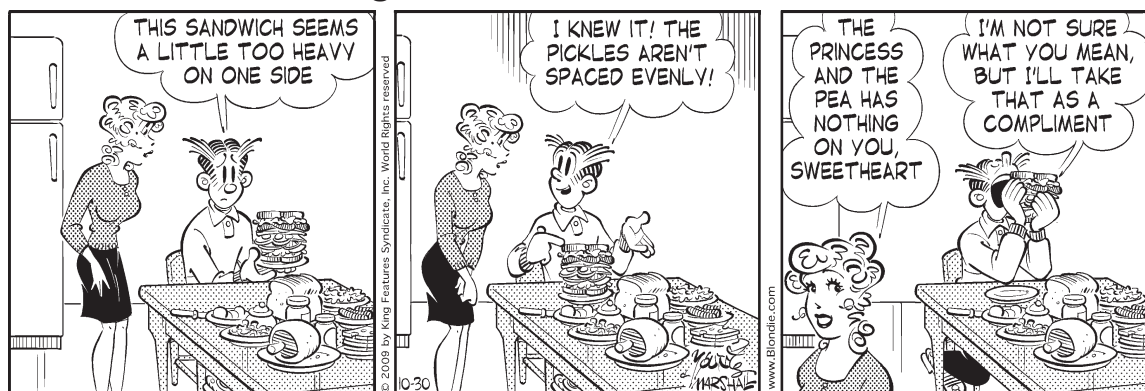
**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



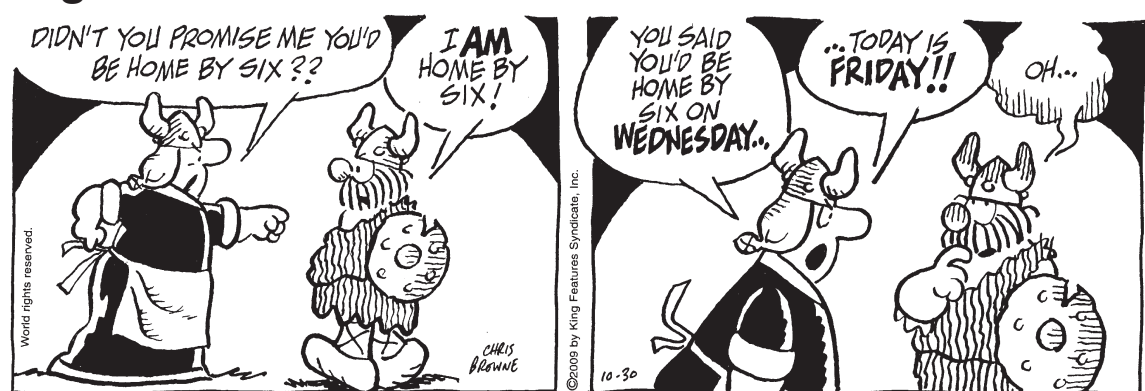
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**Blondie** • Chic Young



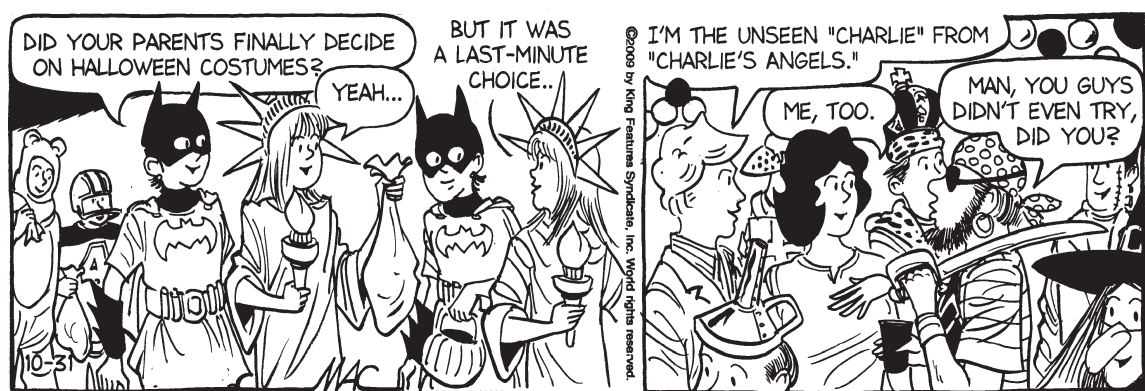
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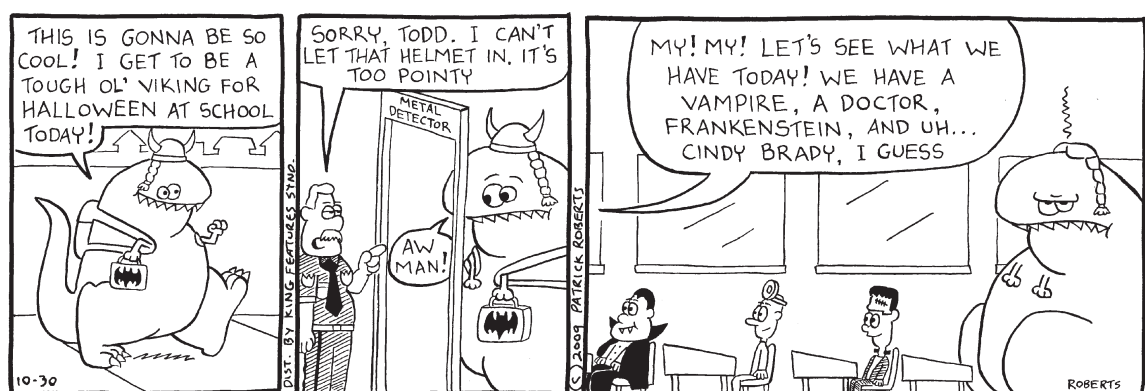
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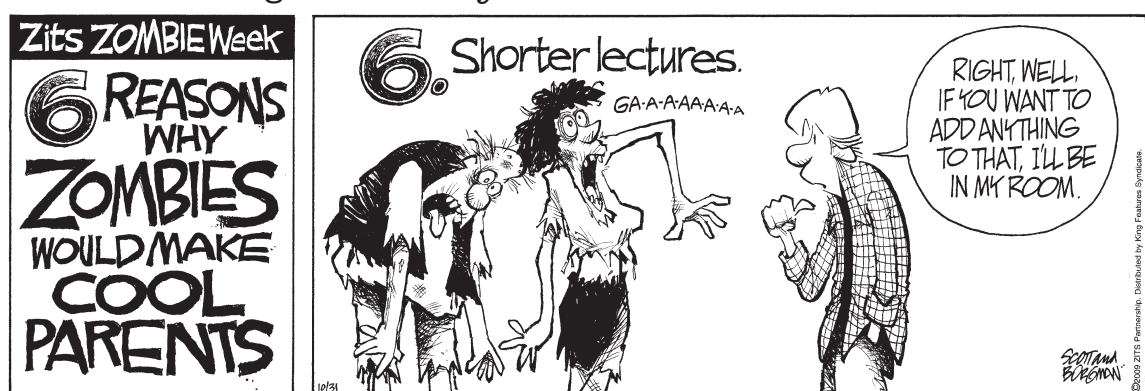
**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Heloise**

• Hints from Heloise

**Wash walls before painting**

Dear Heloise: I'm going to paint my living room, and I want to WASH THE WALLS first. What's the best cleaning solution to use? Thank you. - Martha Brooks, via e-mail

Probably the easiest thing you can try is a mild solution of baking soda and water. For large jobs, mix 4 tablespoons of baking soda with 1 quart of warm water in a small bucket. You don't want to use anything too acidic that will react with the paint or primer.

Do you want other homemade, low-cost cleaning solutions that will save lots of money? I have the six-page pamphlet you need! To order, send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (61 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Cleaners, Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. I've got solutions for carpets, microwaves and even grout!

Painting a room is a good project to freshen up your home without spending too much. Here are some wall-prep hints:

- Empty the room or use dropcloths to cover large pieces of furniture.
- Clean walls so the paint will go on smoother.
- Use primer to cover stains.
- Repair drywall and plug any nail holes. You may need to use sandpaper and fresh spackle a few times to make the wall smooth.
- Vacuum windowsills and baseboards to minimize dust that could get in paint pans or rollers.
- Use masking tape or green painter's tape to mask off trim work, windows, doors, light-switch faceplates, etc. - Heloise

**TRAVEL HINT**

Dear Heloise: When traveling, I dislike folds in clothing (which require ironing), so I've created an easier way to pack without the fold lines.

Choosing the clothes I intend to pack, I lay the longest item (usually my robe) on the bed. Then I lay my slacks on top in layers. Next, I lay my pajamas or nightie, followed by blouses and sweaters on top of it all. Then I fold the pile in three sections to fit entirely in the suitcase.

Plastic bags with shoes, underclothing or toiletries are easily tucked into the sides of the suitcase. - Rose Baiardi, Florida

**UNIVERSAL NEEDLE**

Dear Heloise: While mending torn bath towels, I broke the needle of my sewing machine. It was Sunday, and I knew the sewing center would be closed, so I went to a department store. I taped my broken needle to a paper with my model number, etc. I found a universal needle that fit my machine perfectly! - Martha Dean Cagle, Tyler, Texas

**FOIL TABS**

Dear Heloise: You recently ran a letter from a person who thought she was the only one in the world not to know about the "press here" tabs located on the end of aluminum foil. I bolted from my chair to look at my rolls and instantly found the tabs. And now my rolls do not escape from their boxes. - Carol, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone:

East	South	West	North
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Which card would you choose as your opening lead in each of the following four hands?

- ♠ K4 ♥ Q987 ♦ KJ94 ♣ 752
- ♠ Q6 ♥ J63 ♦ J9742 ♣ A83
- ♠ Q853 ♥ 8742 ♦ QJ7 ♣ 64
- ♠ J10972 ♥ 5 ♦ 9876 ♣ K72

**Opening Lead Quiz**

1. Two or five of clubs. Generally speaking, defense is either active or passive. In some deals, you attack to try to achieve the best result; in others, you try to avoid any lead that is apt to cost you a trick.

Here, the danger of handing declarer a trick by leading anything but a trump is self-evident. Partner cannot have many high cards, so your best chance of defeating the contract lies in letting declarer work out his own salvation.

2. Queen of spades. Here aggressive action is called for. True, the queen of spades appears to be a wild stab in the dark, since it is not supported with the king or jack. Nevertheless, it offers the best prospect of beating the contract.

Basically, your hope is that partner has the king (or ace) of spades and you can capture three tricks by scoring a spade, a club and a spade ruff. Perhaps the chance of this materializing will prove to be only a pipe dream, but the fact is that no other defense is more attractive. Holding the ace of trumps, it seems sensible to attack boldly in an effort to acquire two more tricks.

3. Queen of diamonds. This time you must depend on partner for tricks, and your best chance is to try to develop a trick or two in diamonds. If partner has the king or ace, you are well on the way to exploiting declarer's most likely weak spot.

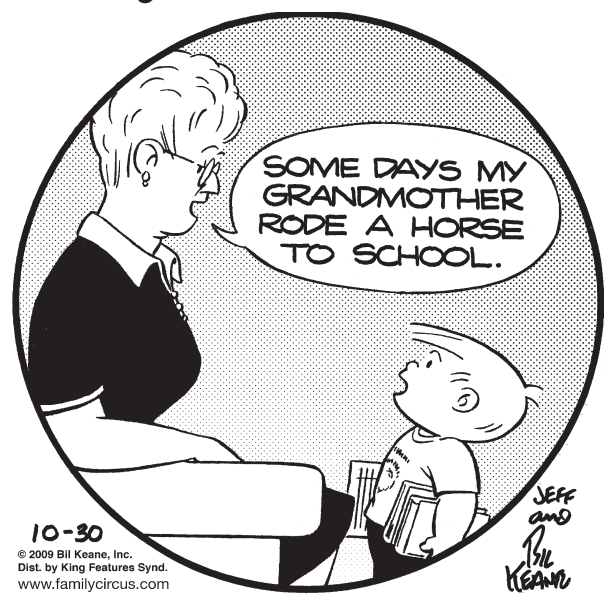
There is no way of knowing just how strong dummy's hearts are, but your goal should be to establish your side's diamond tricks before declarer can develop his heart tricks.

4. Five of hearts. There doesn't seem to be much of a chance to set the contract unless you can get a heart ruff. Your main hope - not unlikely on the bidding - is that partner has a quick entry of some kind. If so, a heart ruff might easily become the setting trick after you have gained the lead with the king of clubs.

Leading the top card of a sequence is ordinarily very desirable, but in this case, holding the K-x-x of trumps behind declarer, the singleton lead is more likely to succeed.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



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"Wow! So gas prices were too high to drive back then, too!"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

EPMY AZISQ ZCB AMSS YPB

RBZRSB EPZ OMTNBQ YPB

EOTYBO ZH "ZP! NINMCCM"?

HZNYBO RMOBCYN.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FAMOUS SITCOM ABOUT A HAIR-COLORING SALON RUN BY A MOTHER AND HER DAUGHTERS: "FAMILY DYES."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals P

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

- Cauldron
- Harvest goddess
- One of Franklin's certainties
- Inseparable
- Tear
- Pond buildup
- Felonious flight
- Keeps changing one's mind
- Shrill bark
- Nimble
- Front of a ship
- Matterhorn, for one
- Spill the beans
- Rowing need
- Private gesture?
- Extra benefit
- Orion's brightest star

**DOWN**

- 25 Noshed
- 26 — canto
- 28 Nay
- 30 Jackie's second mate
- 31 Coll.
- 32 Piratic potato
- 33 Exist
- 36 Carvey or Delany
- 37 "Deal or No Deal" fixture
- 40 Insurance ad lizzard
- 42 October birthstones
- 43 Belly-button
- 44 Plaintive poem
- 45 Open slightly
- 46 Despot
- 48 Sky safety org.
- 49 Parcel of land
- 50 Museum stuff
- 51 Bake sale grp.

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13				14			
15			16			17				
18			19							
20			21		22			23	24	25
26			27	28			29	30		
31	32	33					34			
35				36		37				
38				39	40			41	42	43
44				45			46		47	
48	49	50	51						52	
53					54				55	
56					57				58	

Yesterday's answer 10-30