

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



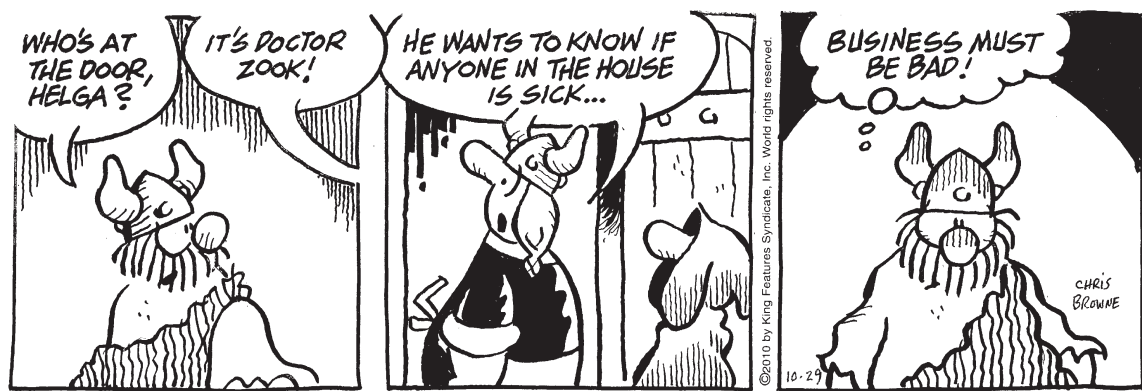
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Blondie • Chic Young



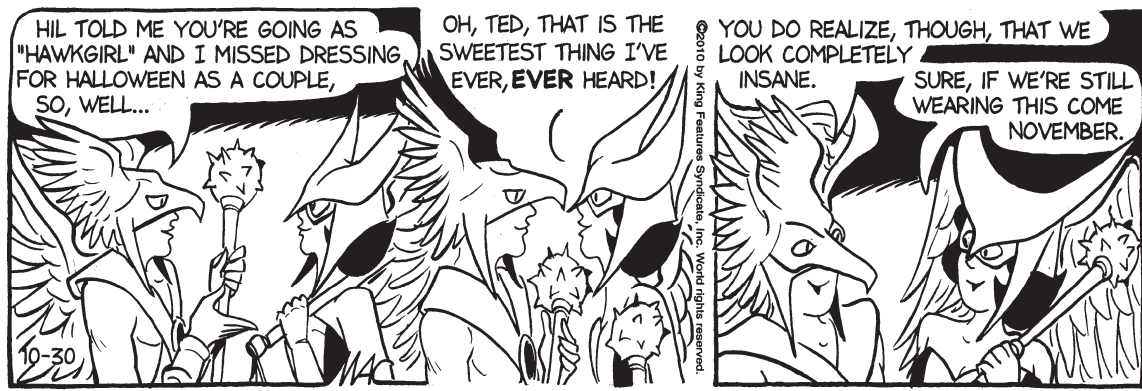
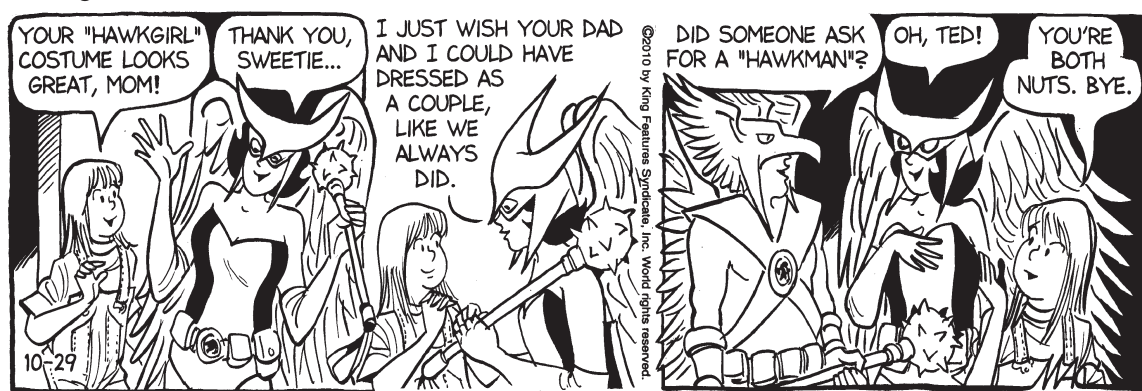
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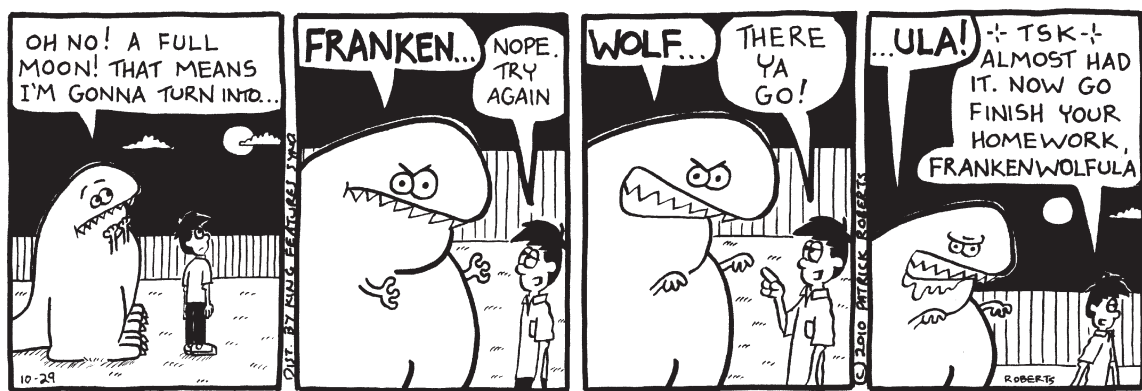
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Zits ZOMBIE Week
6 MORE REASONS WHY ZOMBIES WOULD MAKE COOL PARENTS



Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Don't wash label along with jar

Dear Heloise: We have a relatively "new" DISHWASHER. It quit working. I called the serviceman, and he took apart the inner workings. The spinner that threw water had stopped, and there was a gummy, sticky substance clogging up the mechanism. I realized I often put jam or peanut-butter jars in the dishwasher, and what was gumming up my dishwasher was the sticky glue and paper from the labels. Now I never put anything with a label on it in my dishwasher. Hope this saves others unnecessary repair bills. — Janet in Missouri

Thanks for sharing your experience. Our readers certainly will benefit from it. — Heloise

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TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: With our need to pack and carry less luggage, I have a hint. Rather than packing a bottle of fingernail-polish remover, place cotton squares in a sealable sandwich bag. Then pour in enough polish remover to saturate the squares. Remove air and seal the bag. Then double-bag it in another sandwich bag as a precaution. This could work for other clear liquids — alcohol, etc. If I am carrying polish or other such liquids, I sandwich-bag them as well, placing all such items inside a gallon sealable storage bag. — Carol Golden, Kingwood, Texas

A space and weight travel hint. However, this is not advisable in carry-on luggage, because it may not pass through security. A representative with the Transportation Security Administration said the screener has the discretion to allow it on board or not. However, this is a helpful hint for other travels by auto, bus or train. — Heloise

WET-MOP PADS

Dear Heloise: The wet mop I have requires pricey pads. For spot-mopping throughout the week, I use two to three paper towels by poking the four corners into the places where the pads go. Because the mop base has a spray feature, I fold the paper towels down below the spray head so that the liquid is unimpeded. — Patti in Texas

EASY PAINT ID

Dear Heloise: I have a hint about keeping track of the name and paint for a room. I write the name and formula of the paint under the switch-plate cover of the light switch. When the switch plate is installed, it protects the information and keeps it out of sight. Now, when it comes time to repaint or there are new owners, all the information for each room is right there under the switch plate. — Sherry from Arkansas

CLEANING BRASS

Dear Heloise: Cleaning brass with ketchup is quick, easy and practical. It surpasses using the thick residue that cakes in the crevices of the souvenirs. — Margarette Mattern, Temple, Texas
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Bridge • Steve Becker

How many points does the opening bidder indicate by his rebid in each of the following sequences?

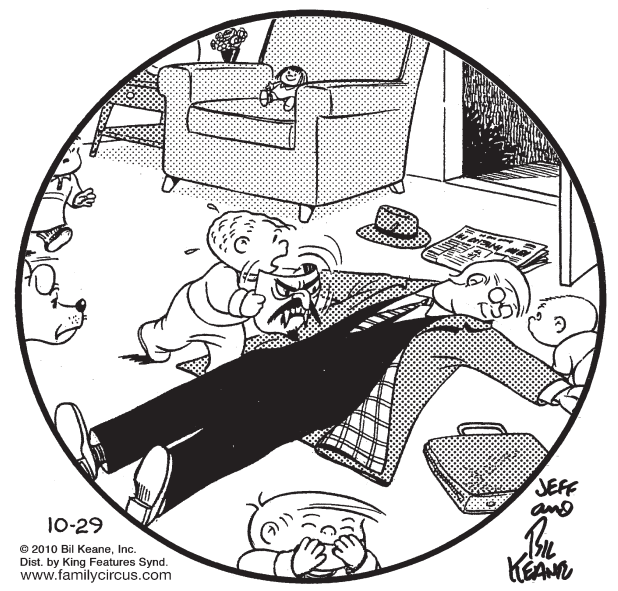
- | | Opener | Responder |
|----|--------|-----------|
| 1. | 1♦ | 1♠ |
| 2. | 1♥ | 1♣ |
| | 2 NT | |
| 3. | 1♠ | 1 NT |
| | 3♣ | |
| 4. | 1♦ | 1 NT |
| | 2♦ | |
| 5. | 1♣ | 1 NT |
| | 3♠ | |

Bidding Quiz

- Thirteen or 14, or 13 to 15 points, depending on the range of your opening one-notrump bids. (If you play 15- to 17-point notrump openings, you should not have more than 14 points when you rebid one notrump.) The one-notrump rebid shows a balanced hand (4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2 or 5-3-3-2 distribution) of the minimum class and willingness to play at one notrump if responder has a balanced minimum (six to 10 points).
- Eighteen or 19 points. The jump to two notrump by opener shows a balanced hand containing 18 or 19 high-card points. It is not a forcing bid; responder may pass with minimum values (six points) for his one-spade response.
- Sixteen to 18 points. The invitational jump-rebid promises at least six spades including two or more honors. Responder may pass with minimum values (six or seven points) for his one-notrump response. In most cases, the three-spade bidder will have only 15 or 16 high-card points, with the rest of his count based on distributional values.
- Thirteen to 18 points. The change of suit in this sequence might be based on minimum values, e.g., [S] 94 [H] AQ863 [D] AQ752 [C] 10, or on values well above a minimum, e.g., [S] AQ8 [H] KQ752 [D] AQ104 [C] 3. Because of the inherent ambiguity of the opening bidder's change of suit, the responder often finds himself awkwardly placed in choosing his next action. If he has only six or seven points and a preference for opener's second suit, he can pass, but with all other hands, he must bid again, and must use his judgment as to how to continue.
- Nineteen or more points. This bid — a jump-shift — is 100 percent forcing to game, so responder must keep bidding until game (or slam) is reached. The bid tends to say that the combined hands contain enough points for game — even if responder has only six points — but opener is not yet sure where the best game lies.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 10/29

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.

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

Cryptoquip

D H T F P Q B T V B J W Q G V K W B S G
H J M P W V H V D T X W U P Z B D K,
G H C W K Z B C G D U D X Z V F D S W
B F D V V F W K W M Z W T T B.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CLASSIC OLD HEMINGWAY BOOK ABOUT UNLUCKY FOLKS LOSING THEIR HOMESTEADS: "A FAREWELL TO FARMS."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Lawyers' org.
- Predicament
- Was able to
- In need of repair
- Work with
- Permanent prisoner
- Scarlet
- Thomas Bullfinch's subject
- Aviv
- Tartan pattern
- Pinnacle
- Last (Abbr.)
- "Bye"
- Slippery tree
- Japanese governor
- Unaccompanied
- Strong adhesive
- Offer unwanted advice

DOWN

- Heart line
- Censor's sound
- Confuse
- Leap
- Sanctuary
- Platinum, e.g.
- Oaf
- Lubricant
- Venusian vessel
- Journey segment
- Parched
- Bat stats
- Ohio city
- November birthstone
- Past
- Formal wear
- Whatever amount
- Luxurious
- Harmonization
- Resort
- Puppy's call
- "Ostentatious? —!"
- Clear the tables

Solution time: 25 mins.

M	O	D	S	K	I	P	S	T	E	M
P	E	A	L	I	Z	A	H	A	V	E
G	R	I	D	I	R	O	N	A	R	E
Q	E	D	D	I	A	M	O	N	D	
F	A	U	C	E	T	C	U	P		
O	B	I	S	A	Y	G	O	W	N	S
P	E	R	U	M	A	D	O	H	I	O
S	L	I	N	K	P	U	B	L	L	
S	I	R	B	U	S	T	E	D		
F	R	O	N	T	O	N	C	O	T	
A	U	R	A	B	A	C	K	I	N	E
T	I	E	R	O	D	I	E	A	R	
E	N	O	L	T	A	R	T	R	Y	E

Yesterday's answer 10-29

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		