Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman \&e Jerry Scott


Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker


Blondie - Chic Young


Hagar the Horrible - Chris Browne


Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters


Sally Forth - Greg Howard


Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts


Zits • Jim Borgman \& Jerry Scott



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- Hints from Heloise


## Cupcake letters spell greetings

Dear Heloise: I went to my best friend's 3-year-old's BIRTHDAY PARTY. Instead of the
mom baking a cake, she made cupcakes and dec orated each one with a letter. When finished and
the cupcakes were placed together, they spelled the cupcakes were placed together, they spelled
out "Happy Birthday Boston" (the birthday boy's out "Happy Birthday Boston" (the birthday boy's
name). One had the number " 3 " on it, since that name). One had the number
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was how old he was turning.
Depending on how many people are attending, extra cupcades can She used stars etc. These extra cupcakes can be placed between
the "Happy Birthday," or they can be arranged
around it. They were great for picture-taking and were adorable.
Assign some
Assign someone with baby towelettes to wipe the children's faces and hands, because the fro
ing can really make a mess. - Ruth in Texas Love this idea, and we are posting the pictur on my website, www.Heloise.com! Great idea for any party where a cake would be served. And with frosting now sold in tubes, it's much easier
to decorate cupcakes. - Heloise
MATCHSTICK VEGGIES
Dear Heloise: I was so happy to discover matchstick carrots and matchstick broccoli. (Readers,
these are julienne or sliced very thinly, and are a bit pricey. - Heloise) In addition to using them in salads, I zap them in the microwave, season and toss them into casseroles and soups. Now I wish omeone would come out with matchstick sweet potatoes. - Gloria in North Little Rock, Ark. Gloria, you can slice most any veggie into
small, thin pieces. Remember, though, just like "baby" carrots, they do not grow that way, so start slicing away at those sweet potatoes! - Heloise POTATO SOUP
Dear Heloise: What to do with left-over scalatoes in a big pot, add milk and heat. Delicious (Better than freshly made potato soup.) - Marjorie in Fillmore, Calif.
PANCAKES
Dear Heloise: My family loves pancakes for Sunday breakfast. To keep the twins from argu-
ing over whose pancake is bigger, I came up with a solution. I use a meat baster to "squeeze" the pancake batter onto the hot griddle - perfect-
shape, same-size pancakes every time. - Vicki White in Arkansas
FRESH MARSHMALLOWS
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Dear Heloise: To keep marshmallows from being wasted, just put the marshmallows in a plas-
tic zippered bag and keep it in the freezer. It just takes three to four minutes to thaw. For a creamy treat, place a frozen marshmallow in your hot chocolate. - A Reader in New Mexico
HOT PL ATE HOT PLATE
Dear Heloise: I bet this is not a new idea to many, but it was an "aha" moment for me. I had
casserole dish hot out of the oven. Passing it a casserole dish hot out of the oven. Passing it
with hot pads would have been cumbersome, so put the hot dish on a platter that we could easily hand around the table. Problem solved. - Jo M.,
via e-mail

## Bridge - Steve Becker



A Matter of Faith many years ago is most remarkable in thate game ferent result was achieved at nearly every one of
the 13 tables where it was played. played in four, five or six hearts, or five or six clubs, doubled in some cases.
When East-West played the hand, they were in
five or six spades, doubled in every case. The North-South pairs who bid and made slam ion. The East-Wests who sacrificed in five or six tion. The East-Wests who sacrificed in five or six
spades achieved good scores, going down 200 or 500 to prevent the opponents from making a vulnerable game or slam.
six hearts. The bidding went as shown, with West deciding not to sacrifice against six hearts because he thought he had a reasonable chance to
defeat the slam. pades at trick one, won by East with the queen The fact that West had underled the ace of spades - a highly risky maneuver against a slam - was
not lost on East, who was certain that his partner had a very good reason for such an unusual lead. He therefore resisted the natural impulse to try to cash the ace of diamonds. Had he played
the ace, of course, South would have ruffed and taken the rest of the tricks to make the slam. Instead, demonstrating supreme faith in his partner to be void in that suit. West happily ruffed to defeat the slam, and the defenders earned them-

Family Circus • Bil Keane

"But I'm not too sick to watch TV. I'm just too sick to go to school!"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals T
Crosswrord • Eugene Sheffer


