

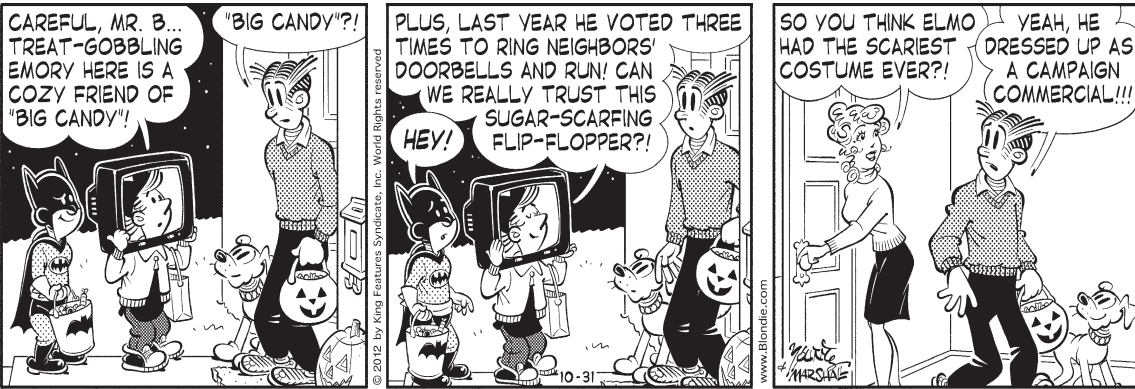
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



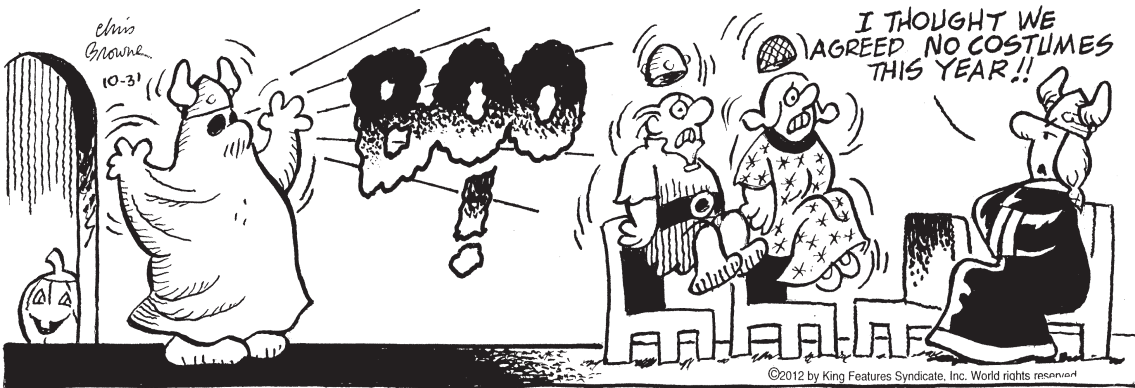
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



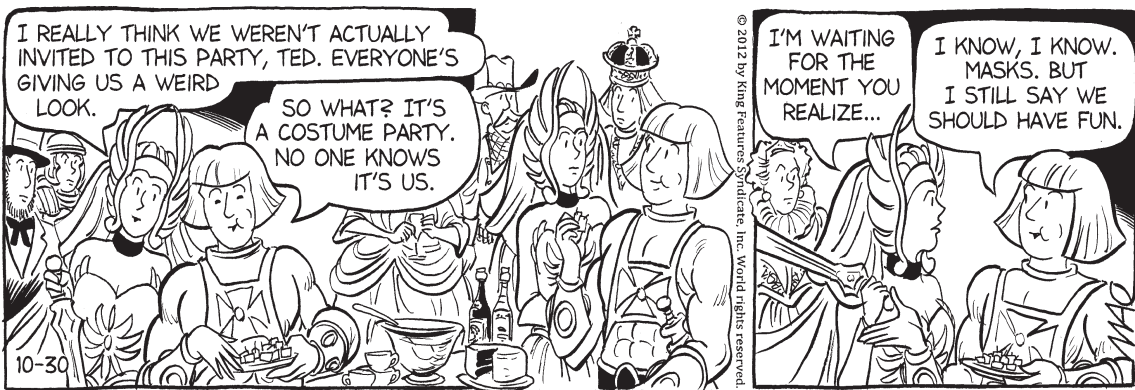
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise



Soda deodorizes, still cleans sinks

Dear Heloise: Like many people, I keep a small box of baking soda in my refrigerator to absorb odors. I replace the box every few months or so. Not wanting to waste the baking soda, I move it under my kitchen sink and use it to clean the sink and the bottoms of pots. — Eva W. in Florida

You have discovered one of the reasons baking soda is an all-time favorite of mine! As a non-abrasive cleaner, nothing works better or is more economical. I have a multitude of hints for baking soda in my Heloise's Baking Soda Hints and Recipes pamphlet. To receive one, send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (65 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Need a handy container for your baking soda? Reuse an old, plastic, round grated-cheese container. Wash and dry, then fill it with baking soda to use as needed for household chores. Just be sure to label it clearly, and keep it away from children and pets. — Heloise

FROM CONCENTRATE

Dear Readers: When purchasing fruit juice, have you ever wondered what the words "from concentrate" on the label mean? Well, water is taken out of the fruit when harvested, causing it to become "concentrated." Once ready to make fruit juice, the concentrate is mixed with water during processing (essentially, restoring the juice to the way it originally was). — Heloise

BETTER SANDWICH

Dear Heloise: I love to make sandwiches, lightly toasted, with melted cheese. When making a sandwich, take the bread, then layer the meat, followed by the cheese. Place both halves, cheese side up, in the toaster oven until melted. Now, when adding condiments to the sandwich, the cheese is on the inside, melted to the meat, NOT to the bread. Flip the cheese and meat from one slice of bread onto the other, and add the condiment directly to the bread. You can add condiments before finishing with any other ingredients. — S.D. in Tennessee

MICROWAVE PLATE

Dear Heloise: I use my old microwave glass plate for cooling, cutting and serving homemade veggie and fruit pizzas. Since I use a nonstick-coated pan to bake the dough, I don't like to cut the pizzas on the nonstick surface. So, I slide the just-baked pizza crust onto the microwave plate, which is the perfect size for a round pizza. — MaryLou C., Bardstown, Ky.

GRATING CHEESE

Dear Heloise: I discovered an easier, less-messy way to grate cheese. I take the stand-alone cheese grater and place it inside a large, zipper-top plastic bag. Now as I grate the cheese, it all collects in the bag. Once I lift up the grater, the cheese is already contained and ready to store in the refrigerator. — Sarah S., Birmingham, Ala.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠AK6
♥7632
♦AJ1054
♣3

WEST
♠Q1082
♥AK5
♦K9873
♣4

EAST
♠J973
♥J1098
♦Q6
♣Q52

SOUTH
♠54
♥Q4
♦2
♣AKJ109876

The bidding:
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass 5♣
Opening lead — King of hearts.

Sherlock Holmes

"Your recent behavior has been quite astonishing, Holmes. For one who prides himself on being painstakingly careful, you have been remarkably careless of late."

"Watson, my dear fellow," the great detective replied, "what on earth are you talking about?"

"Your alarmingly casual manner at bridge last night. In particular, that five-club hand where West led the K-A and another heart, which you ruffed. All that remained was to resolve how to play the trump suit, but instead you fiddled around with the diamonds and spades."

"It was all quite necessary," Holmes countered. "In order to play my trumps properly, I had to count out the other suits. Of course, I already knew how the spades were distributed."

"Spades? But Holmes, the opponents had bid diamonds and hearts, not spades."

"Come now, Watson, surely you remember the case of the dog that did not bark in the night. Spades were not mentioned by either opponent, so that suit had to be divided 4-4. And while East had to have four hearts for his bid, the diamond distribution was uncertain. In order to learn how many West had, I led a diamond to the ace, ruffed a diamond, led a spade to the king and ruffed another diamond. When East showed out, I knew West had started with precisely five diamonds, four spades, three hearts and hence one club."

"But West's singleton club could have been the queen," Watson protested. "He had, after all, opened the bidding."

"The singleton queen was not very likely. East needed six points for his heart response, and these were known not to include the A-K of hearts or the king of diamonds. And if East had the Q-J of spades, this would mean that West had opened with 12 points, two of which would be a singleton queen — surely unlikely. So when I led a spade to the ace and took the club finesse, it was almost certain to succeed. Indeed, it was all quite elementary, my dear Watson."

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"...I want to dress as Tactical Sergeant Tarkus from the Blood Ravens 4th Company in Warhammer 40,000."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/31

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.

Cryptoquip

JDNGKJ NXSXBE LYKVMNJ
MXGVET QLVPL WDYWKD
MGDII XW VE NETDK NEM
INVES PYISXBDI: LNKY-QDDE.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BIT OF HEAVY FOOTWEAR YOU MIGHT USE TO TOSS INFORMAL BALLOTS IN AND DRAW FROM: A VOTING BOOT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals H

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Without help
5 \$ dispenser
8 MPs' quarry
12 Speedy steed
13 Meadow
14 Toy block name
15 Time rival
17 Dregs
18 Recipient
19 Brings forth
21 Feudal worker
24 Hooter
25 Isn't well
28 Hebrew month
30 Discoverer's cry
33 To and —
34 Visit habitually
35 Zero
36 Coffee break hour
37 Leave out
38 On in years

DOWN

39 Martini ingredient
41 Banish to Hades
43 Cultural, as some cuisines
46 Pass along
50 False god
51 Thin, as a fracture
54 Soft cheese
55 Kind
56 Tittle
57 Kind
58 Chart format
59 Black-birds
2 Twistable treat
3 Tennis stern
4 Pre-music occupy
5 Hearty brew
6 Ball
7 Create qui
9 From mal y pence
11 Privation through
16 Teeny Saturday
20 Electrical molding
22 Paper quantity
23 Liquid in a pot, maybe
26 Anger
27 Classical music lover
29 "Do — others ..."
31 Hasten
32 Ancient
34 "— soit qui
38 Aviatrice Earhart
40 Bay, for one
42 Bobby of hockey
43 Recedes
44 Poi base
45 Item in a pot, maybe
47 MGM mascot
48 Con
49 Nays' undoers
52 Muham-mad or Laila
53 Eisen-hower

Yesterday's answer 10-31

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15			16					17		
18					19	20				
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