

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

WHEN YOU SAY:
I WANT YOU GUYS TO HELP ME CLEAR THE TABLE.

THEY MUST HEAR:
I WANT TO REMOVE ALL THE JOY FROM YOUR LIVES WHILE EVERYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD HAS FUN.
AGAIN??

Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker

MISS BUXLEY TORE HER SKIRT ON A NAIL AND HAS TO SEW IT UP AND...

WHY DO YOU KEEP RATTLING ON?

I HAVE TO COVER HER UP UNTIL SHE FINDS A NEEDLE AND THREAD

Blondie • Chic Young

MY NEW GIRLFRIEND DOESN'T TRUST ME TO KEEP A SECRET

CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT?

SHE'S TESTING ME BY TELLING ME SOMETHING ABOUT HER SISTER TO SEE HOW I DO

AND SHE'D PROBABLY BE REALLY TICKED OFF IF I TOLD YOU, BUT IT'S TOO GOOD TO KEEP TO MYSELF!

Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne

I'LL SURRENDER MY CASTLE RIGHT NOW...

BUT TAKING MY MOTHER-IN-LAW WITH IT HAS TO BE PART OF THE DEAL!

Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters

IT'S NOT JUST YOURS... ALL DOG FATHERS ARE DEADBEAT DADS.

Sally Forth • Greg Howard

MOM, WHY ARE YOU SO DEPRESSED?

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO WANDER ALONE IN THIS BIG OLD HOUSE.

YOU LIVE IN A CONDO.

EVERY DAY JUST STUCK INSIDE THIS TINY, CRAMPED SPACE.

YOU HAVE A CAR. ONLY TO DRIVE HOME AND BE GREETED BY NO ONE.

AS SALLY VISITS HER MOM, LIFE CONTINUES AT THE FORTH HOUSE...

DINNERTIME!

GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST AND MIXED VEGETABLES?

WHY, WHAT'S WRONG?

I KINDA PREDICTED YOU'D SERVE NOTHING BUT FROZEN PIZZA AND FROOT LOOPS.

YOUR FAITH IS THE WIND BENEATH MY WINGS, HIL.

Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts

DIE, YOU SCUM!

DIE, YOU HYPER-INTELLIGENT VERMIN!

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE FLAILING?

BODY ENGLISH HELPS ME WIN MY VIDEO GAMES!

BUT TODD, YOU'RE PLAYING A VIDEO GAME VERSION OF JEOPARDY

I WAS WONDERIN' WHY THOSE TWO OTHER GUYS WEREN'T SHOOTING BACK

Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott

PIERCE, WHAT'S IT LIKE HAVING YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE?

IT'S COOL, I GUESS.

FOR SIXTEEN YEARS I COULDN'T GO ANYWHERE IN THIS TOWN BECAUSE I COULDN'T DRIVE.

THEN I GOT MY LICENSE AND REALIZED THAT THERE'S NOWHERE TO GO.



Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Soda crackers have new name

Dear Heloise: I had cut out your recipe for “MOCK APPLE PIE,” but my problem is that I can’t seem to find “soda crackers” anywhere. Do they still make them, and if so, where can I buy them? Thanks for all your great hints. – Emily N., via e-mail

Emily, yes, they do “still” make them – they are just plain old saltine crackers. Since this is an old Heloise recipe, the term “soda crackers” is what we used. For my readers who want to try Heloise’s Mock Apple Pie (which you would swear is made with real apples), here’s the recipe:

- Pastry for a double-crust 9-inch pie
- 2 cups water
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 20 single-stack square saltine crackers (regular, salted)
- Butter (for dotting)
- Ground cinnamon (for sprinkling)

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Line the bottom of a 9-inch pie pan with pastry. In a medium saucepan, boil the water, sugar and cream of tartar. Add the saltine crackers and boil for ONLY 1 minute. Spoon mixture gently into the pie shell. Dot top with butter and sprinkle on the cinnamon to taste. Cover pie with the top crust and cut vents into the pastry. Bake about 35 minutes. Let the pie cool completely before cutting, so it has time to firm up. For more tasty and low-cost Heloise recipes, visit my Web site, www.Heloise.com. – Heloise

EASY FIND

Dear Heloise: Whenever I have an exotic or unusual ingredient for a recipe, I attach that recipe to the ingredient so I don’t have to figure out how it’s used. – Rosie in Fort Wayne, Ind.

SALTED NUTS

Dear Heloise: Our family enjoys canned mixed nuts, yet they have a saltier taste than we prefer. I empty the nuts into a sieve, then shake and stir over the sink so that excess salt falls off. This leaves the nuts more likable to our taste and healthier. – M.J. Tomlinson, Richardson, Texas

SMALLER PORTIONS

Dear Heloise: When I purchase hamburger, I repackage it in smaller portions. After dividing it, I seal and flatten the package. It only takes a little while to thaw out. – Becky Maley, Canton, Ohio

CRANBERRY SAUCE

Dear Heloise: I live alone and like cranberry sauce. They do not market it in small packages. I use the small individual applesauce containers and fill them up, cover, then freeze. They thaw quickly. – Shirley in Indianapolis

Sounds good, but a manufacturer told us that it doesn’t recommend freezing because the sauce can be quite watery when thawed. – Heloise

CAUTION

Dear Heloise: It is a bad idea to store heavy objects in the cupboard above your glass cooktop. A small spice jar falling 36 inches will likely crack the glass. – C.L. Messler, Houston

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J 8 5
♥ A 7
♦ K J 4
♣ K J 9 2

WEST
♠ 7 4
♥ K Q 10 8 2
♦ 9 6 3
♣ A 10 4

EAST
♠ 9
♥ 19 6 4 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ Q 7 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 6 3 2
♥ 5
♦ A Q 10 7
♣ 8 5

The bidding:
North 1 NT
East Pass
South 3 ♦
West Pass

Opening lead — king of hearts.

A Neat Swindle

This deal occurred many years ago in a national pair championship. The South player who bid the hand as shown certainly vindicated his optimistic leap to slam by a rather ingenious succession of plays.

When dummy came down, South saw that the slam was in the bag if he could avoid losing two club tricks. Looking at all four hands, it’s easy to see that the winning play is to lead a club toward dummy at some point and, if West follows low, play the king.

But with the East-West hands concealed, how to play the clubs is essentially a tossup. If West has the queen and East the ace, the winning play is to lead to dummy’s jack.

With this crucial guess looming on the horizon, South decided he could add greatly to his chances by laying a trap for West. After winning the heart lead, he cashed the A-K of trumps and continued with four rounds of diamonds, carefully discarding dummy’s last heart on his last diamond.

The heart discard did not in itself increase the number of tricks declarer could take, but it planted the seed firmly in West’s mind that South had started with two hearts and that the heart discard from dummy was vital.

Since declarer was known at this point to have started with six spades, four diamonds and presumably two hearts, he could have only one club. Consequently, when South next led the club eight, West rushed up with the ace, thereby relieving declarer of the guess. The specter of losing his ace and allowing South to make seven – an important consideration at matchpoint scoring – had done West in.

When the hand was over and West saw how neatly he had been swindled, he could not help but feel a sneaking admiration for the way South had duped him, and congratulated him on his imaginative line of play.

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“My mattress has a flat!”

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Cryptoquip

SRM GHEUSSP HPKBHR UVHU'N

AXGSBKPZ HP XQWXEU HU

H WSWJRHE VKPMJ XQXEGKNX

NDNUXB: DSZH AXHE.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A PERSON OR A PLACE IS TOTALLY SACRED, I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY IT'S WHOLLY HOLY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Du-champ's art movement

5 Uncooked

8 Remain

12 Tel —

13 Blackbird

14 Vagrant

15 Downhill racer

17 Follow the rules

18 Follow

19 Food fish also called mahi mahi

21 Coagulate

24 Year-end abbr.

25 Familiar folks

28 Actress

30 Letter-man's network

33 Id counterpart

34 Farm statistic

35 Erstwhile acorn

36 San Francisco's — Hill

37 Ms. Moore

38 Wan

39 Singer

41 No

43 Urge

46 Eccentric

50 Tow

51 Admittedly

54 Advan-tage

55 Actor

56 Black, in verse

57 Tree hugger?

58 Glutton

59 Ohio nine

2 Shake-speare's river

3 Firsties

4 Acknowl-edge

5 Scott

6 Ortiz

7 Kite flyer's need

8 Coast

9 Shag et al.

10 Sleeping

11 Vacillate

16 Solidify

20 Keatsian works

22 Formerly

23 Contract details

25 Author

26 Billy

Joel's "— to

27 Vessels that resemble

29 Bridal cover

31 Scrooge's cry

32 Firma-ment

34 Hebrew month

38 Exploit-ative one

40 Pack animals

42 Indivisible

43 Throat clearer

44 Pedestal part

45 Engrave

47 Tooth-paste holder

48 Walked (on)

49 Longings

52 Discovery call

53 Ginor-mous

Solution time: 21 mins.

ASK STALE MOW
IKE HIVES IDO
MINCEMEAT NOR
BAMBOO HERS
URTI PUG MACAO
SINK TARTAR BULB
TATER SOS LEIT
JEEP MODEST
OCULAR ALI
VOL MINNESOTA
ERE EMAIL HEP
RAP REPAY MAR

Yesterday's answer 8-12

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				59			