

#### Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





#### **Blondie** • Chic Young

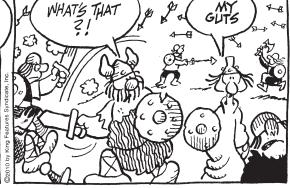






#### Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne





**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts





**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott















HOW SLOWLY



# Dr. Joyce **Brothers**

Ask Dr. Brothers

# Jobless man has crazy ideas

**Dear Dr. Brothers:** My husband is a victim of the economy and has been out of a job for months. I've become a victim of his crazy ideas! First he wanted to take away all the televisions after he saw what the kids were watching, and now he wants to open a hot-dog stand on our corner. We live in a nice subdivision. I'm afraid of what he will think of next. Help me deal. - K.B.

**Dear K.B.:** It sounds like both of you are under a great deal of stress. While you are used to being queen of the castle while he's at work, you are now finding your empire in disarray because of a man with too much time on his hands! And while he may be creative and enterprising - which should be encouraged - he needs realistic goals that will not drive the rest of the family crazy.

I can sympathize with your plight. Most moms would cringe at having the televisions removed, but check to see if you are using them as a baby sitter or ignoring what the kids are watching. Your husband may have a point; he's just going a overboard in expressing himself. This is not the time to be critical, but it is a good time to try ideas that might work. So instead of feeling like he is out to steal your sanity, see if you can make his journey less stressful and more focused. Maybe between the two of you, you'll come up with a winner of an idea. You'll be glad you kept on being supportive.

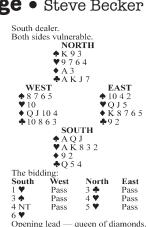
Dear Dr. Brothers: My cousin is a car salesman. Last year, he gave me "the family discount" on my new car. Now I find that the family discount is not all it's cracked up to be. He sold the same car to a person I work with for thousands less. It bothers me! What should I do? - S.N.

**Dear S.N.:** Your cousin was trying to be a big man in the family when he offered you a discount - maybe his heart was bigger than what he could offer you. Perhaps when your co-worker went in. business was different. It might have been as simple as your co-worker's having a more valuable car to trade in. Who knows? The only thing that is clear is that offering you a "family discount" brought with it some unspoken entitlements that were mostly in your head instead of something your relative could really deliver.

If this is going to cause a rift between you and your cousin or co-worker, you probably should take a few minutes to talk to them. Obviously, your co-worker is not to blame. I understand your feelings, though - not only are you miffed at getting a worse deal, but if you bragged about the discount and sent your co-worker there, only to H R A K K find he got a better deal, I'm sure you were suffering from humiliation. Let your cousin know you were happy to send him a customer, but you OPPF EPS want to know what gives. I hope he has an explanation that makes sense to you.

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## Bridge • Steve Becker



## **Famous Hand**

Bobby Goldman, one of the world's great players and a member of the Dallas Aces that challenged and then overcame the vaunted Italian Blue Team in the early '70s, died more than a decade ago at the age of 60. He had just been elected to the Bridge Hall of Fame.

Goldman was a moving force in keeping alive many of the Aces' numerous bridge enterprises long after the team had disbanded. He was also a leading theorist and promulgator of new conventions that have since passed into common usage.

The day after Goldman's death, my cousin, Bob Becker, a top-flight player in his own right, called to give me a hand Goldman had played at Philadelphia's Cavendish Club when he was just 19 years old. As the deal shows, even at that tender age Goldman had a full grasp of the subtleties of the game.

Goldman was South, and West led the queen of diamonds to dummy's ace. Goldman then cashed the A-K of trumps, learning that he had a trump loser when West discarded a diamond.

His only chance for the slam was to get rid of his diamond loser on dummy's fourth club. Most players would no doubt have played the Q-K-A of clubs, hoping East had started with three or more clubs. This would have failed as the cards lie. But Goldman saw a way to improve on his chances by giving East a chance to make a mistake. So he cashed the A-K of clubs and led a club

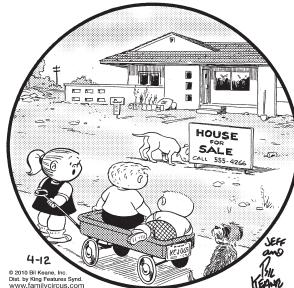
toward his hand as if he were trying to ruff out the queen. From East's perspective, South might have had [S] AQJx [H] AKxxx [D] xx [C] xx, in which case Goldman would be correct in attempting to fell the club queen before trying to get rid of dummy's remaining diamond on his fourth spade.

Goldman produced the queen, led a spade to the king and threw his diamond on the club jack. If East had ruffed the third club, the slam would have gone down.

Bobby was headed for stardom."

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"It's a HOUSE right now. When people move in it'll be a HOME.

# Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

9	4	7	2	1	8	3	5	6
3	1	6	4	5	7	2	8	9
2	5	8	3	9	6	4	1	7
8	6	2	5	7	4	9	3	1
5	9	3	6	8	1	7	4	2
4	7	1	9	2	3	5	6	8
1	8	4	7	3	2	6	9	5
6	2	9	8	4	5	1	7	3
7	3	5	1	6	9	8	2	4
Difficulty Level ***								4/05

## Cryptoquip

Sudoku puzzle is at right.

GE SAXQQC ZGKYPWAKL EPQFK

WAAZ HSGIIGWH LPPQK, G

KYPRQZ LYAC

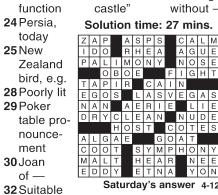
QGXSK' IQGASK.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHOULD I MAKE AN INTERNET SITE THAT PROMOTES PUNCTUATION MARKS AND CALL IT A DOT-COMMA?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals F

## SSMORA - Eugene Sheffer

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer					
ACROSS 1 Often-	34 Spill the beans	DOWN 1 Eggs	20 Comedia Caesar		
dunked cookie	35 Hum- dinger	2 Agent, for short	21 Operatic solo		
5 Away	<b>36</b> Baby	3 Before	22 Genie's		
from NNW	kanga- roos	<b>4</b> "Tonight Show"	home 23 Animal		
8 Dog's feet 12 Not	<b>37</b> Beverage of the	host, briefly	track <b>25</b> Electrical		
para-	gods	5 Dazzle	strength		
phrased <b>14</b> Last	<b>40</b> Prepared <b>41</b> Beige	6 Knight's address	<b>26</b> Harvard rival		
write-up <b>15</b> Hole	42 Hunger 47 Stay	7 Retired 8 "Anything	27 Picture of		
16 Depend	away	Goes"	health?		
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— and Roll"	<b>50</b> TV	10 Volition	man's		
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19 Working

46 Sullivan and McMahon

36 Scoff

37 Bird's

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