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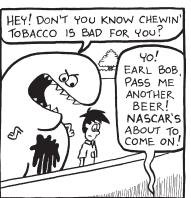




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Dr. Joyce **Brothers**

Ask Dr. Brothers

Corporate closet holds quandary

Dear Dr. Brothers: I've been fortunate enough to have a successful career in the corporate world. I've been promoted to vice president, and there is a huge gala being thrown in my honor. My problem is this: No one at my job knows I'm homosexual. They will be bringing their wives, and I would love for my partner of 15 years to go, too but I don't want to risk my career or make this my coming-out party, either. Help, please? – G.K.

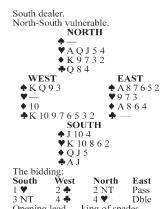
Dear G.K.: It is interesting you have gone this long without revealing your secret, and I wonder if revealing it at the gala would make a nice beginning for your newly enhanced career. You have weathered many a company party in the past 15 years, and gone to many events where spouses or dates were invited. Are you the only gay man in the boardroom? Do you have a good handle on the corporate culture? Is it acceptable to be open about homosexuality? There still is discrimination based on sexual orientation in the workplace and it is good to know if there would be any threat to your position or career path.

That said, I can see you have indulged in wishful thinking. If only you could invite your partner and be open. You can do that, but you need to be aware of the possible consequences – socially and career-wise. Possibly the revelation of your secret would result in a big ho-hum, or warm wishes. There's no way to know without trying. But your colleagues might not be so surprised. Chances are, you have let slip a number of clues.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I don't want to sound like a whiner, but I can't stand the lack of support from my parents. I'm a 20-year-old college junior who, with friends, has developed a program for the Internet that can earn big bucks. This isn't me tooting my own horn - our professors are blown away. The problem is, my parents think the Internet is a toy and I'm wasting time! Arrgh! – F.W.

Dear F.W.: It does seem strange that being on the cutting edge of software development should earn you such disrespect from your parents. I suppose they won't come around until you have graduated and gotten a great job offer or an investment that will make your dream a reality. In any case, the more you can do to stay on track and stay positive by being around people who believe in you, the better things will go.

Don't be too hard on your parents – although most people with college-age children are at least able to receive e-mails asking for money, some are clueless when it comes to the Internet revolution. Technology is moving at a dizzying pace, and perhaps someday you can explain it to them and show them what your program does. in you - maybe they'll take a class. In any case, don't give up on your dream. Just be as patient as you can, and hope things improve. Good luck!



Famous Hand

Psychic bids usually don't pay big dividends, but every once in a while they produce a sensational triumph. Today's extraordinary hand features a highly successful psychic by Harold Ogust in the United States-Great Britain match of 1960.

Ogust was North and was partnered by How- 20 N ard Schenken against British stars Terence Reese and Boris Schapiro. Schenken opened one heart, which Schapiro overcalled with two clubs. Ogust thereupon bid two notrump, deliberately suppressing his exceptional heart support so as to create the impression around the table that he had a normal notrump type of hand.

Reese, gazing at his misfit in clubs, elected to 32 F pass, and Schenken -- unaware of the irregular nature of Ogust's two-notrump bid -- raised his 33 O partner to three notrump. Schapiro, with a sharp eye on the vulnerability, then tried four clubs, judging that, with an eight-card trump suit, he could not be severely injured.

Ogust now belatedly showed his heart support, and Reese, having previously remained silent, doubled - partly on his two aces and partly on Schapiro's having bid for 10 tricks all by himself. Everyone passed, and Schenken easily made the contract with an overtrick.

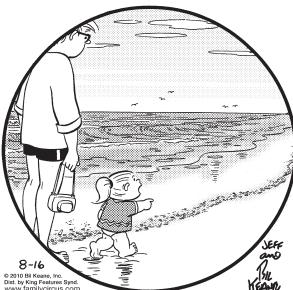
Ogust's smooth performance had taken everybody by surprise, and his strategy proved even more successful when subsequent analysis revealed that East-West were ice-cold for seven spades! The distinguished British pair was certainly

guilty of a serious misjudgment somewhere along the line. Perhaps East should have ventured three spades over Ogust's two-notrump bid or perhaps tried four spades over four hearts. Or possibly West should have bid four spades over four hearts doubled, instead of passing.

But wherever the fault is attributed, there is no doubt that Ogust's offbeat two-notrump bid was perfectly timed. Measured in terms of the out-

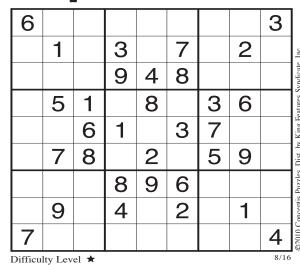
come, his psychic was a resounding success. (c)2010 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Somebody should clean the ring around this ocean."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



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Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE THESE KIDS ARE EFFICIENT AT ICING BAKED GOODS. (c) 2010 by King Features Syndicate COULD YOU SAY THEY'RE FROSTER CHILDREN?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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