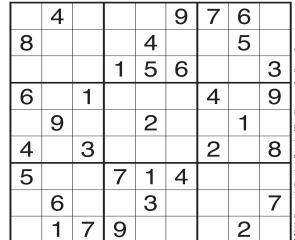
Family Circus • Bil Keane

"When you're tired of ironing, I'm ready to play something else."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



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.



Cryptoquip

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals P

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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Saturday's answer 8-22

Ask Dr. Brothers

Dr. Joyce **Brothers**

Son favors time over money

Dear Dr. Brothers: My 25-year-old son is throwing away his life, and I don't know what to do! He just graduated from college (with honors -- on the dean's list, nonetheless) and was offered an extremely well-paying position with a prestigious Wall Street investment firm. He refused! When I told him everyone takes a little time off after college before getting a job, he laughed and said that he's "never going to live his life on someone else's clock." What's wrong with him?

Dear T.C.: Your son may be suffering from a homework hangover. He's just spent many years buckling down, studying, doing what he had to do to succeed under the various systems he's been trying to crack. Although he is a very capable guy, he may have felt a tremendous pressure to succeed just so that he could receive those prestigious job offers. But now that the time has come to enter the real world, he is too burned out to even consider it.

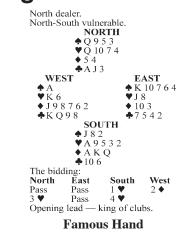
But your son may never join the corporate world; because he has a strong productive drive, he probably will find something else to make him happy and pay the rent. What you need to do now is put things in perspective -- money truly doesn't buy happiness! A new study of more than 400,000 workers in 63 countries over 40 years, published by the American Psychological Association, made things pretty clear: Money is important to people in order to achieve autonomy, but in most societies, personal individualism -freedom to operate as a free agent in a society -- trumps money. Dear Dr. Brothers: My father has been run-

ning a restaurant for 40 years, and his employees have always been like family to him. I've just noticed that some of what he says might be construed by the new waitresses as sexist. Those who know him realize that he really means no harm, but I've seen the new hires blanch when he refers to them as "his girls." I don't know how to approach him about all this without hurting his feelings. Am I making a big deal out of nothing? -- P.W.

Dear P.W.: It's quite a dilemma for you. I can T W M W D Q K V see that you have the interests of both your dad and the waitresses at heart, and you don't really want to hurt anyone's feelings or make waves in your dad's business when he is just being himself. I am sure that as the "girls" get to know him, they will go along with the program -- the boss has an old-fashioned streak, and he's probably not going to change at this point. Of course, if he really wants to call them his girls,

As for the waitresses you see reacting to your dad's unwitting sexism, you don't want to lose them while gambling that they will just get used to his ways. You might mention to him that there's been a change in society in the past 50 years or so (yes, you can say it with a smile) and that girls are now called "women." I would focus your efforts on those waitresses who truly seem to be offended, and put in a good word for your dad. If the atmosphere is casual and they can call him by his first name, that might help balance things (c) 2011 by King Features Syndicate

Bridge • Steve Becker



When declarer can make a contract only if the opponents' cards are divided in a certain way, he should assume that particular distribution actually exists and plan his play accordingly. This principle is self-evident, but applying it to a particular hand is sometimes not so easy.

Here is a gem of a hand played by Allan Cohen in the Life Master Pairs Championship some years ago. It would seem that South cannot avoid losing two spades, a heart and a club for down one, but Cohen found a way to make the contract after West led the king of clubs. Furthermore, there was nothing the defenders could do to stop

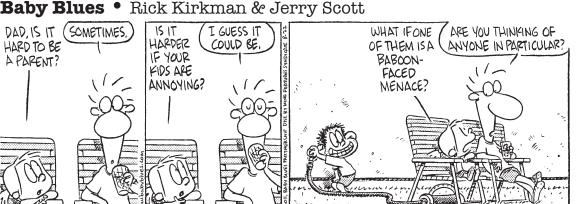
He won the club with the ace and returned a club to his ten. West took the queen and cashed 35 Mannered GRAY BEIRE ENS the ace of spades, on which East signaled with the seven. West then shifted to a low diamond. Gauging the situation perfectly -- and realizing

that West's ace of spades was a singleton because he had failed to lead another spade -- Cohen won the diamond shift with the ace, cashed the ace of trumps and king of diamonds, then led the queen of diamonds. By this time it was clear to Cohen that his only

chance of landing the contract was to find West with an original holding of the K-x of trumps. In line with this, he ruffed the queen of diamonds with dummy's queen of hearts! After this held, he cashed the jack of clubs -- discarding the eight of spades -- and then led a trump. In true storybook fashion, West was forced to

win with the king and return a diamond or a club. This allowed Cohen to discard his jack of spades as he ruffed in dummy, bringing a satisfying conclusion to a very well-played hand.

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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker

DAD IS IT (SOMETIMES.)

HARD TO BE

A PARENT?



I GUESS IT

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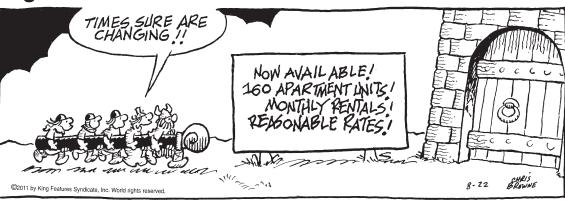
Blondie • Chic Young







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



URF! THAT'S IT

FOR ME!





