







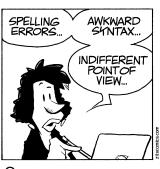




**ZITS®** 

BY JERRY SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN







HAGAR THE HORRIBLE®



BY CHRIS BROWNE OR WE DON'T ATTACK TODAY AND STILL BE AROUND TOMORROW!



FRANK AND ERNEST®

 $(\omega)$ 

OFFICE

BY BOB THAVES

THAT'S WHAT I HATE ABOUT MIDDLE MANAGEMENT-YOU'RE OUT OF THE LOOP, BUT TILL STUCK IN THE RUN-AROUND.

PICKLES®

BY Greg Walker, Brian Walker and Neal Walker



GRAMMA, GRAMMA, GRAM GRAM, GRAM, GRAM

GRAMMA! GRAMMA!

GRAMMA, GRAMMA

GRAMMA, GRAMMA!

BY BRIAN CRANE NELSON! I'M DON'T BOTHER ME, ON THE PHONE! ROSCOE, I'M HOLDING HOLD YOUR THOUGHT UNTIL MY THOUGHT SO IT I'M DONE!

POESN'TGETAWAY.

BEETLE BAILEY®

I THOUGHT YOU



BABY BLUES®

PHONDA 15 GOING TO

STAY WITH US

WHILE HEP

CONDO 15 BEING

AND ONE OF YOU WILL BE SHAPING YOUR ROOM I PICK ZOE. !YAY! WITH HER!

BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT









I'M AFRAID WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CHANGE OUR PLANS FOR THE WEEKEND.

THE CAR IS

ACTING UP!

I'M GOINGTO TAKE IT INTO THE SHOP TOMORROW,



**CRABGRASS®** 

NO WAY. I

KEVIN, FINISH YOUR VEGGIES,

BY TAUHID BONDIA BECAUSE YOU DON'T EAT YOU VEGETABLES. NEVER LET IT BE HELPLESS. REASON.

I PICKED UP A NEW COFFEE WE CAN TRY. WHAT'S IT



N'T WANT TO, AND SMALL. MAKE ME

SAID THAT I WON'T LEVELHEADED

**BLONDIE®** 

HI AND LOIS®

BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

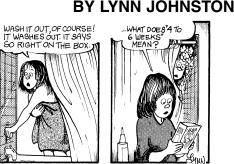




EASILY.

I CAN.

YOU'RE





YEAH, I'M TRYING > TO FINISH MY BOOK REPORT YOU LOOK PRETTY BUSY OVER THERE, ALEX









JUMBOTRON IN THE LIVING ROOM." **BRIDGE®** BY STEVE BECKER

learnin' from Daddy? How to be a couch potato."

East

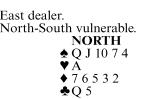
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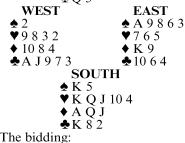
Pass

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Opening

## Famous Hand







♦ A Q	J	
<b>♣</b> K 8 2 ling:		
South	West	North
1 ♥	Pass	1 🖈
2 NT	Pass	3 ♦
3 ♥	Pass	3 NT
lead — s	seven of c	clubs.

Even the best players often disagree on how to bid or play a hand. But that is perhaps all to the good, since this lack of unanimity adds zest to the game. Consider this deal played by

France and the United States in 1971. When Mike Lawrence and Bobby Goldman were North-South for the U.S., the bidding went as shown, and West led a club.

Goldman played dummy's queen, which won, and tried a diamond finesse, which succeeded. He then returned to dummy with a heart, led another diamond and so scored nine tricks consisting of five hearts, three diamonds and a club.

When Pierre Jais and Roger Trezel held the North-South cards

for France, the bidding and play were totally different. This time the bidding went: South West East North Pass Pass 2 NT 3 ♦ Pass Pass 3 NT Pass

Again, a club was led by West and won with the queen, but here declarer played a low spade from dummy at trick two. Bobby Wolff (East) rushed up with the ace and returned a club, and South quickly went down one for a combined loss to France of 700 points.

It seems clear that the French

declarer misplayed the hand. True, he would have succeeded had West held the ace of spades instead of East — essentially a 50-50 chance. But Goldman's line of play gave him two chances to succeed instead of one: if East had the king of diamonds or, failing that, if West had the ace of spades, making him a 3-1 favorite to get home safely.

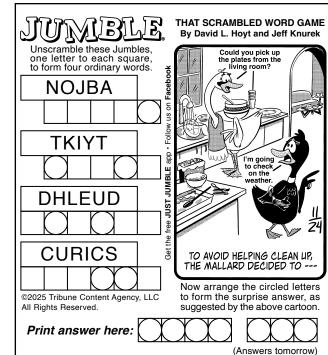


THE FAMILY CIRCUS®









**POKER** 

Hagar played a joke at the Russian restaurant when he ordered — A RED HERRING

TOWARD GOVERN

Saturday's Answer:

Jumbles: CHIVE

**Tomorrow:** Caught in a quandary. ©2025 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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