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I SMELL

BRIMSTONE.

IS THE OLD

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**Blondie** • Chic Young







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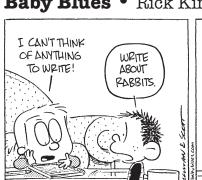
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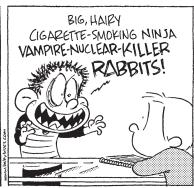






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# Cryptoquip

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TFSD FN SRLK RU DZPFFTD Saturday's Cryptoquip: SUPPOSING A SHELLFISH IS DRIVING A FAST VEHICLE, I IMAGINE ONE COULD CALL IT A MUSSEL CAR.

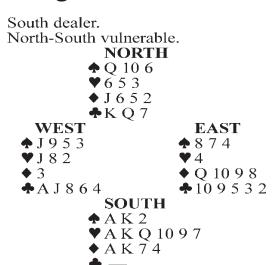
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals S

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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 today's Sudoku puzzle is right.

7	2	3	4	9	6	1	8	5	
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#### **Bridge**



Final contract — six hearts. Opening lead — three of diamonds.

### **Famous Hand**

Back in 1933, the Franklin Bridge a S S W S to S tŀ fc T throat that night.But the fact remains that in theory, every declarer should have adopted this method of play,

since it offered the only chance to

make the contract.

## Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Who would give us less homework the Republicans or the Democrats?"

#### Crossword

35 Chow

39 Upper

37 Jamaica's

capital

surface

41 Chief god

shelter

periods

**57** Loathe

of ancient

Memphis

**ACROSS** 

1 Diamond

Head

locale

year's jrs.

5 Last

8 — and

crafts

Back in 1933, the Franklin Bridge	-
Club of Philadelphia staged its an-	
nual team-of-four club championship.	
t was no world-shaking event; the	
vinners, even if their names could	(
pe recalled, would stir no excitement.	
But one hand played was of a remark-	
able nature. The bidding by the North-	
South pairs varied a great deal at the	
different tables, but nearly all of them	
arrived at six hearts, certainly a rea-	
sonable undertaking. And wherever	
West led his singleton diamond, de-	
clarer invariably went down one. The	
South hand progressed from table	
o table searching for a declarer who	
vould make the slam, but it never	
encountered one. It was only in later	
nalysis that the winning line of play	
vas discovered. Assume declarer	
vins the diamond lead with the ace,	
draws trumps and cashes the king of	
liamonds, learning that East has two	
diamond winners. The outlook may	
seem hopeless, but let's say our he-	
oic declarer next plays the ace and	
hen the deuce of spades. When West	
ollows low, South finesses the ten!	
This hurdle surmounted, declarer	
hen leads dummy's king of clubs	
and, after East plays low, discards	
he king of spades on it! All these un-	
isual maneuvers lead to a very sat-	
sfying denouement. West can do no	
petter than win the club with the ace,	
out whatever he returns, the contract	
s firmly on ice. Dummy wins any re-	
urn, and declarer disposes of his two	
liamond losers on the queen of clubs	
and queen of spades. The hand dem-	
onstrates once again that ingenuity	
n bridge has no bounds. However, it	
vould be a harsh critic who berated	
nimself for missing the play shown,	
and, in fact, not one South cut his	

**DOWN 19** They may get 1 Portent 2 Verdi opera over 3 Pile 4 Reveal

12 Carriage 42 Religious 13 Spicy retreat 14 Scott who 45 Paragons plaved 49 Hive Chachi boss 15 Dutch

**51** Met cheese melody 16 Tartness 52 Bear, to of tone astrono-18 Jellied mers 53 Raggedy gasoline

20 Props for 54 Campsite Ferrante and **55** P.M. Teicher 21 Letter **56** Prepared

opener? 23 Seventyfive XVIs **24** Big

prizes in Vegas 28 Part of MYOB 31 Gold, in Guadalaiara

32 Rocky debris 34 Simile

center

Solution time: 24 mins.

Saturday's answer 1-14

glossed 22 Disrobe 24 Trot 25 Timetable •

one's identity abbr. 5 Irish 26 Most sophisticlover 6 Sinbad's cated bird 27 Aware 7 Dance 29 GIs' entertainlesson

8 Monasment grp. **30** Scooted office 33 "Zounds!" 9 Mackin-36 North tosh **10** One of wind 38 Scabbard

terv

the

40 Skillet Jackson 42 Blue 11 Tofu shade 43 Go from sources **17** Edge

Web site Web site **44** Biz degrees (Abbr.) 46 Vicinity 47 Fluff on

clothing 48 Fully **50** Away from WSW

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