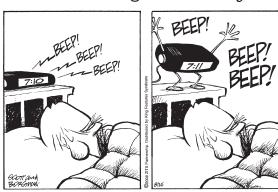


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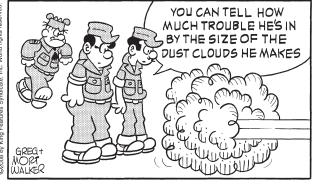
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Cryptoquip

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DK YZKRD? OJZCTH'V PNYR. Saturday's Cryptoquip: POPULAR OLD HAWAIIAN TUNE ABOUT MINUSCULE ORNAMENTS THAT ARE SHOWY AND CHEAP: "TINY BAUBLES."

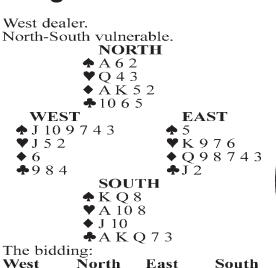
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals L

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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.

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



North East Pass Pass Pass Pass Opening lead — six of diamonds.

Famous hand

It is said that luck is eliminated when you play duplicate bridge, but, alas, there is more poetry than truth in the assertion.

Consider this deal from the match between the United States and France at the 1960 World Bridge Olympiad.

The bidding went as shown when Victor Mitchell and Morton Rubinow were North-South for the U.S.

West led a diamond, and Rubinow, looking at 12 highly probable tricks -- three spades, a heart, three diamonds and five clubs -- followed low from dummy.

East won with the queen and returned a diamond, and the slam very quickly went down the drain.

It is hard to point the finger of blame at Rubinow.

Just about anyone worth his salt would have made the same play and gone minus

When Pierre Jais and Roger Trezel were North-South for France, the bidding followed an entirely different route:

West North East South 3 [S] Pass Pass 3 NT Pass 4 NT Pass 6 [C] Pass 6 NT

Ira Rubin, West, opened three spades, but the renowned French pair found their way to six notrump anyhow.

The four-notrump bid by Jais was merely a raise in notrump and had nothing to do with Blackwood.

Rubin led the jack of spades, and Trezel did not have any difficulty making six

notrump. He won the spade with the king, cashed

the A-K of clubs, led the jack of diamonds and finessed.

The finesse lost to the queen, but Trezel had 12 ice-cold tricks.

France thus gained 1,540 points on the deal, due largely to the 6-1 diamond division that had played such a critical role against six clubs at the first table.

Tomorrow: The Law of Probabilities. (c)2008 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Know why, Daddy? It's the day the Bushes do their vacuuming.

2 Lotion

3 R.I.

4 Mint

5 Re

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Plato's

teacher

motion

6 Com-

7 Show-

8 Jinx

room

9 Wealth

maker

Eli —

17 Legume

holder

Ransom

10 Poison

11 Auto-

sample

19 Piece of

work

22 Biblical

king

24 Scoundrel

25 Sapporo

sash

sieurs

parts

your

finger

29 Barracks

bed

30 Ram's

33 Agile

36 Rug

38 Slot-

40 Mai -

mate

machine

(cocktail)

structure

drama

night

fruits

flavor

27 String

counter-

around

26 Mes-

Crossword

4C	ROSS	42 Beetle		
1	Apiece		talisman	
5	Despon-	45	Mythical	
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8	Vagrant	49	Collected	
12	Sly tactic		into a	
13	Praise in		volume	

podge

Caesar!

science

support

woman

show

53 "Hail,

54 PBS

55 Sail

56 That

DOWN

57 Dance

1 Grand

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group of buildings **18** Use a sevensecond

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23 Female deer 24 UNIVAC, for one

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politician 32 Paddock 35 Platter 37 Entire of "dis"

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