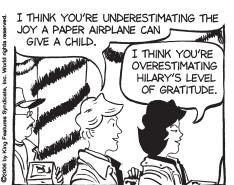


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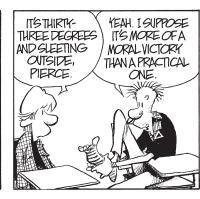




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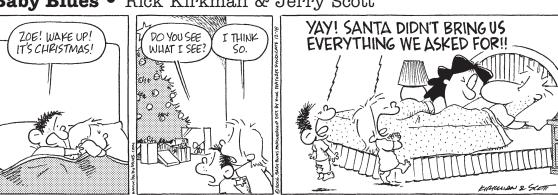




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# Cryptoquip

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Y P M C G U RGJMS? Saturday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE IT HAS TO MAINTAIN ITS MAIN LEGISLATURE BUILDING, EACH STATE NEEDS CAPITOL CAPITAL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals Y

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★

**EAST** 

9 8 7 3

### **Bridge**

East dealer. East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH ↑** A Q 6 2 **♥**QJ85 **♦** 10 ♣A K Q 7

WEST **♠** J 5 **♥** 10 7 4 **◆**9643

♣J 10 6 3 **♣**842 **SOUTH ♠** K 10 4 ♦ A K Q J 8 5 2

**4**95 The bidding: East Pass

South West Pass 6 NT

2 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass Pass Opening lead — ace of hearts.

### **Famous Hand**

We can all take solace from some of the hands played at the highest levels of the game.

This deal, for example, took place in the match between Great Britain and the United States in 1955, and demonstrates how far from par the experts can stray even in a world cham-

When the British were North-South, the bidding went as shown.

Kenneth Konstam bid one diamond, and Boris Schapiro jumped to two hearts.

Schapiro was trying for a slam, of course, and Konstam went along with the idea by leaping to four diamonds in an attempt to show a respectable opening bid containing a self-suffi-

It is not known whether Schapiro's fournotrump bid was intended as Blackwood.

However Konstam interpreted four notrump, his raise to six indicates he did not treat the bid as asking for aces.

Konstam might have thought that a five-diamond response, showing one ace, would not do his hand justice, considering the number of winning tricks he had.

At any rate, six notrump became the contract, whereupon the American East led the A-K of hearts to defeat the slam.

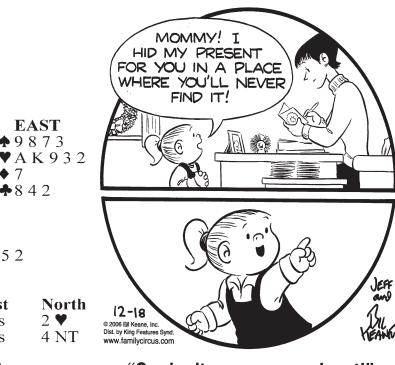
At the other table, the American pair of William Rosen and Milton Ellenby arrived at the same contract! Rosen opened the South hand with three notrump ("gambling"), showing a long, solid minor with not much else on the side, and Ellenby raised him to six.

Ellenby was hoping there would be either a legitimate play for the slam or that the defense would make the wrong opening lead.

The latter wish was granted when the English West led the jack of spades, and Rosen made So the American team gained 1,070 points on

diamond contract. Tomorrow: The obligatory finesse. (c)2006 King Features Syndicate

## Family Circus • Bil Keane



"So don't go near my closet!"

2 "It's a Sin 22 Breed of

beef

cattle

tastes

nerve-

tissue

cells 27 Ration-

ality

beest 30 Feedbag

tidbit

36 Hollan-

38 Himala-

van

40 Next-to-

last

Greek

biz abbr.

letter

42 Family

43 Garage

44 Recedes

46 Glitch in

print

47 Gaelic

48 Bucks

nation

daise and

béarnaise

33 Tardy

29 Wilde-

terrible!"

24 Snitch

**26** Re

to Tell

3 Remedy

Touch-

5 "Neither

preceder

Teenage

Mutant

Ninja

Turtle

11 Chooses

seats'

sign 19 Carbon

com-

pound

17 "No

10 Antitoxins

6 Dhabi

7 Singer

8 Stick

(to)

9 À

Turner

41 Adam's

son

42 Woman's

45 A gender

49 Fork with

curved prongs

51 Novice

52 Theater

53 Derek

and

54 Church

55 Min.

56 "Help!"

57 Unfavor

able

DOWN

votes

1 Wound

cover

trophy

Diddley

section

fractions

## Crossword

40	CROSS	
1	Bag	
5	Dracula,	
	some-	

addition 12 Colonel Mustard's

game 13 Kimono sash

**14** Profound 15 Wellventilated

16 Become insufficient 18 Paging

device 20 Sports venues 21 Ox of the

Celebes 23 Manmouse

link 24 Summaries

28 Therefore 31 Candle

32 Within the law 34 Modernday evidence

35 Therefore genre

Solution time: 24 mins.

mates **50** Old 37 Car style 39 Eminem's card game 10 the deal. Both teams missed the ice-cold six-