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Cryptoquip

SPZKG X Q L O C Y Z K Q L

KOF LPGVJO PJ Q KQLRV

QZHOLQKCQJ CHKQJG

Saturday's Cryptoquip: EACH DAY AS THE CEREAL FACTÖRY EMPLOYEE LEFT THE OFFICE, HE REPORTEDLY SHOUTED "CHEERIO!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals B

Conc	eptis	Sud		by Dave Green				
2			1					
		6	9	3	8	7		
	7	3				1	9	
1	4				7		3	
	5						2	
	6		3				4	1
	3	9				2	8	
		4	2	6	5	3		
					3			6
Diffic	niltv 1	Level	*					1/15

Conceptis Sudoku

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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	5						2	
	6		3				4	1
	3	9				2	8	
		4	2	6	5	3		
					3			6
Diffic	ulty	Level	*					1/1

Bridge

North dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH

♠ Q 10 5 ♥Q 10 8 3 ◆ A 6 2 ♣Q 10 4 **EAST** WEST **↑** 7 4 3 2 **№** 9 8 **♥**65 742 **♦** KJ873 **♦**954 **♣**J9632 **♣**K 7 SOUTH

♠ A K J 6 **♥**AKJ9 **♦** Q 10 🗚 A 8 5 The bidding: North East

South West Pass 1 • Pass 1 NT **Pass** 3 Pass **Pass Pass** 4 NT Pass **6** ♥ Opening lead — six of hearts.

Famous Hand

How would you like to be in six hearts on this deal, after West leads a trump?

Not much, you'd probably say, but when Giorgio Belladonna, the great Italian star, played the hand in the 1969 world championship, he wound up making the slam. Not only that, but it turned out that there was no way to stop him!

Belladonna started with three rounds of trumps and four rounds of spades, discarding a diamond from dummy to produce the following position:

North [H] Α6 [D][C] Q 10 4 West KJ87 [D] K 7 [C] East 954 [D][C] J96 South [H] J Q 10 [D] A 8 5 [C]

He now led the ace and another club. West won with the king and had to return a diamond from his K-J-8-7, permitting Belladonna to avoid a diamond loser and so make the slam.

Observe that it would not have helped West to drop his king of clubs on the ace in order to avoid being endplayed. Had he done that, Belladonna would surely have found the winning countermeasure.

He would have taken the next club with dummy's queen and then played the ace and another diamond, saddling West with the lead. West's forced diamond return would have handed Belladonna a ruff-and- discard, and the improbable slam would have come home.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"When the president has a cabinet meeting, how can they all fit in one cabinet?

Grand

Island

51 Wander

52 Took the

deed

molding

54 Curved

tool

bus **53** — good

Bahama

DOWN

1 Future

2 Largest

3 Existed

5 1952

Gary

Cooper

classic

6 End of a

Web

7 Rat's

school's

address

food, in

'The

House

That Jack

4 Devotee,

continent

10 Shopping

center

invaders

11 Picnic

17 Distant

19 Former

frosh 22 Bert's

roomie

Street"

24 Symbol of

25 Listener

rush

booze

address

Dewey or

peninsula

29 Knight's

30 Potent

33 Huey,

36 III will

Louie

38 Egyptian

40 With it,

once

43 Item on

44 Soft

stage

46 Relaxing

exercises

26 Mass

27 Shun

intrigue

"Sesame

Crossword

ACROSS 41 Leave a "Arabian Nights' name 42 Oranges' 5 Skirt bottom non-com-8 Mater parables **45** Gave a preceder Secondthumbs hand 49 City on

13 Actress Lupino **14** Slendei 15 Told a tale 16 Mississippi

18 Ostracize 20 Poisons 21 Ice-cream 23 Cellulai material. for short

24 Connecti- 57 Hourglass town 28 Formerly formerly 32 Sharp

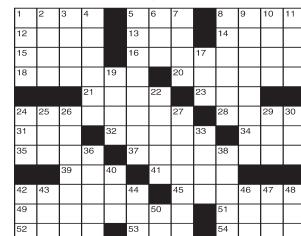
34 Noise 35 Support group? **37** Town in Flanders 39 Speedometer

ened

55 Admitting Slalom 56 Puncturand downhill 9 Kate's 'Titanic' co-star Solution time: 24 mins.



47 Squared



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