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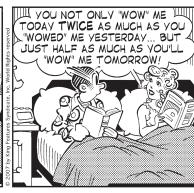
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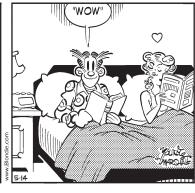




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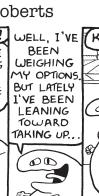
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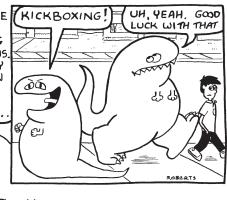
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## Cryptoquip **THANK YOU FOR**

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GCM AR'G C ERFEPR ECYGFJ. Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF SOME SMALL POOCHES CARRY AROUND ELECTRICAL FITTINGS, YOU MIGHT SAY THAT PUGS LUG PLUGS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals P

Dist. by King Features Syndicate, 9 6 2 8 6 4 6 5 8 3 2 4 5/14 Difficulty Level This is a logic-based

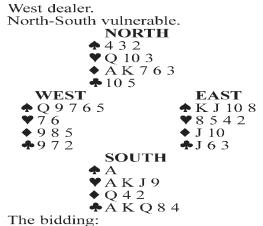
number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to today's Sudoku puzzle is right.

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



West North East South Pass Pass 2 💠 Pass 5 NT Pass 3 🍁 Pass 7 NT 7 🌢 Pass Pass Opening lead six of spades.

Famous Hand

Once upon a time, many years ago, B. Jay Becker, former editor of this column, was playing in a team-of-four event and held the South hand. He opened two clubs, and his partner, Dorothy Hayden Truscott, responded three diamonds.

Becker invoked the grand slam force convention by leaping to five notrump, asking his partner to bid seven of her suit if she held two of the three top diamond honors. Mrs. Truscott complied, and Becker then bid seven notrump in the interests of safety.

Making seven notrump for a score of 2,220 points was, of course, the best result possible for Becker-Truscott. Naturally, they were curious to learn whether their counterparts at the other table had also reached the grand slam. Their hopes more than materialized when they later compared results with their teammates, Sam Fry Jr. and Peter Leventritt. At their table, with Fry West, the bidding had

West North East South 1 NT (!) Pass Pass Dble Pass Pass Pass

bidding with a psychic notrump. His timing couldn't have been more perfect. When his partner passed one notrump,

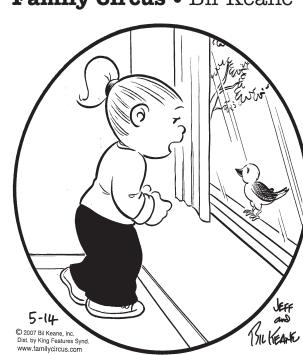
Fry had chosen this moment to open the

showing zero to seven points, and South doubled, Fry knew his opponents had a sure game, probably a small slam and possibly a grand slam. He thought it likely that North would pass the double and that he (Fry) would take very few tricks.

He was certainly right in this respect — so much so that, as soon as the opening diamond lead was made, Fry conceded all the tricks! Down seven — 1,300 points in those days — nevertheless brought his team a net gain of 920 points.

Generally, psychics are not a paying proposition and produce unfavorable results, but when they work as well as this one did, one can only shake one's head in wonder.

## Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Sorry, little bird. This isn't a drivethrough window for birdseed."

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6 Wire

5 Jason's

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21 Criterion

**22** Den

23 Saline

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42 Home

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37 Water-

## Crossword

**ACROSS** 1 Milky gemstone **5** Pal in Paris 8 Radiate 12 Phone option 14 Hitchcock tour de force 15 Percus sion instrument 16 Guitars 17 Cattle **18** User 20 Book of maps 23 Hi-tech journal 24 Meadows 25 Galley

47 Tulsa's 48 Recondite 49 Crystal gazer 50 İlluminated 51 Nitwit **DOWN** 1 1-Across'

mo. type 28 Omega preceder 29 Belief in natural religion 30 Mimic

32 Neptune's spear 34 A Great Lake 35 Fill till full

seated 27 Grand ill will 9 Trickster 29 Crucial god **31** "A **10** Oil cartel 11 Into the 33 Weathersunset 13 Grandson 19 Campus quarters Solution time: 24 mins.

34 Surround 36 Outlet 37 Commotions 38 Croupier's tool 39 Hold the scepter 40 Roster 43 Hitter's stat 44 Twosome 45 Cleo's slayer 46 Fourth letter

