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Cryptoquip

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ZMCV TEUD BKXXQ, WOIID
BDDR? LEIV-GRGUDOQ

Saturday's Cryptoquip: AFTER THE ARSONIS TURNED-SCREENWRITER WROTE HIS SCRIP HE HOPED HE HAD A SURE-FIRE HIT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals I.

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 12/17

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★ 12/17

Bridge

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J 8 6 5 2
♥ K 7
♦ K Q 7 6 4
♣ —

WEST
♠ A 9 4 3
♥ 9 8 6 4
♦ 5
♣ 7 6 4 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 3
♥ J 8 2
♦ K Q J 9 8 5 2
♣ —

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 7
♥ A J 5 2
♦ A 10 9 3
♣ A 10

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♦ Pass 1♠ 1NT
 Pass 2♣ 3♣ Pass
 3♥ Pass 4♦ Pass
 4♥ Pass 6♦ Pass

Opening lead — ace of spades.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred during the match between Italy and the United States in 1951. The Italians scored heavily on the hand but lost the match by a wide margin on one of the few occasions through the years that an American team triumphed over Italy.

The bidding at the first table went as shown. Eugenio Chiaradia's notrump overcall, as played by him and his partner Augusto Ricci, indicated a long suit in either hearts or clubs.

John Crawford and B. Jay Becker were respectively North-South for the U.S. and wound up in six diamonds. Ricci, having listened carefully to the bidding, then led the ace and another spade, ruffed by East for down one. As the East-West cards were divided, the U.S. pair could have made six spades.

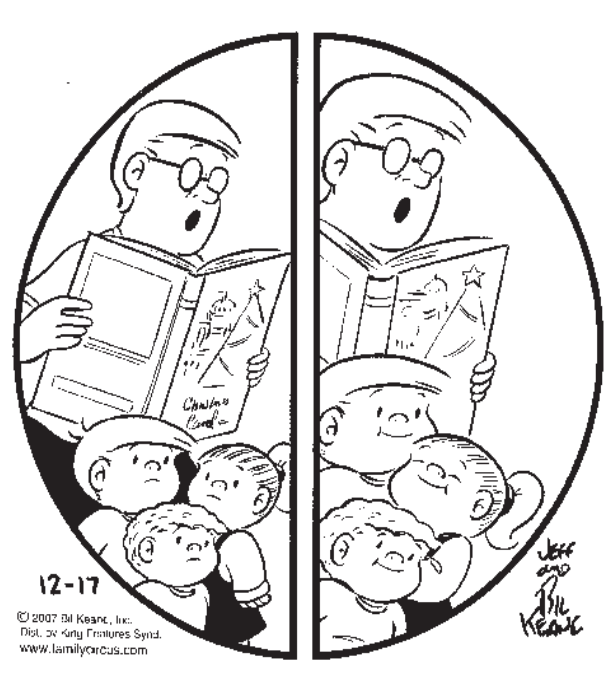
At the second table, where an Italian pair held the North-South cards, six diamonds was also reached -- but the outcome was not the same. Here, the bidding went:

East	1 [H] Pass	2 [D] Pass
	3 [D] Pass	3 [S] Pass
	4 [C] Pass	4 [S] Pass
	4 NT	Pass 6 [D]

The Italians at that time always bid their shorter suit first with a very promising hand, which accounts for North's initial response of two diamonds.

The effect of this was that North wound up as declarer at six diamonds instead of South. With East on lead, six diamonds could not be defeated, and Italy gained 1,470 points on the deal.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Crossword

ACROSS

1 1920s-30s art style
5 "See ya!"
8 Recipe meas.
12 Reverberate
13 Tatter
14 Pelvic bones
15 Santa — Calif.
16 Dilettantes
18 Fermented-milk drink (Var.)
20 Forced restraint
21 Grand story
23 Sleuth, for short
24 Texas city
28 Active one
31 French pronoun
32 Coronet
34 Blond shade
35 Loim meat

DOWN

1 52 cards
2 Beige
3 Pal
4 More apt to seep
5 South American capital
6 Sweet potato
7 "Zounds!"
8 In layers
9 Cop
10 Letter
11 Overtake
17 Egypt's boy king
19 Skewer
22 — casino
24 Rock band's item
25 Cow's comment
26 SST, for one
27 Citrus green-house
29 Superlative suffix
30 Plato's P
33 Met
36 Put in an oven, as
38 Coda
40 Deity
42 Strong wind
43 Uncontrollable
44 Bowler's targets
46 Domestic
47 Badder than bad
48 "Phooey!"
50 Denier's word

Solution time: 24 mins.

S	C	A	B	S	G	R	A	M	P	A		
A	M	U	L	E	T	R	E	B	O	O		
R	E	T	T	N	A	A	G	G	R	E		
E	W	E	S	M	A	Y	A	E	R	E		
T	O	P	S	P	O	L						
D	O	E	L	E	I	S	B	L	I	P		
U	N	I	T	E	D	N	A	T	I	O	N	S
G	E	M	E	I	R	S	K	I				
S	I	A	M	A	N	A						
R	O	T	A	G	E	S	G	A	P	S		
I	C	E	A	X	E	O	U	T	L	E	T	
C	H	I	P	I	N	I	H	E	A	I		
H	O	M	E	S	T	A	N	D	R	E		

Saturday's answer 12-17

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
12				13			14					
15				16			17					
18				19			20					
				21			22					
24	25	26					27			29	30	
31				32			33			34		
35				36			37			38		
				39			40			41		
42	43			44			45			46	47	48
49							50			51		
52							53			54		
55							56			57		