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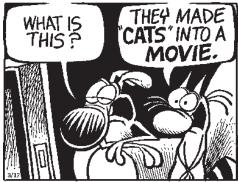
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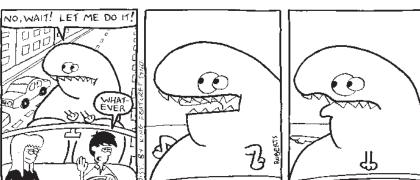
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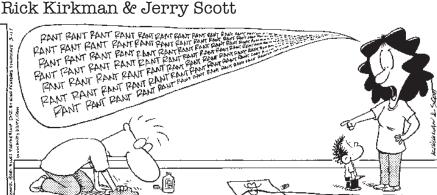
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# Cryptoquip

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"EIN VNU RWHB ENJLA." Saturday's Cryptoquip: A COUPLE OF COWS WERE RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL TODAY APPARENTLY THEY SUFFERED UDDER FAILURE

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals T

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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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#### **Bridge**

#### South dealer. North-South vulnerable. **NORTH ↑** A J 6 3 **♥**A93 **♦** A 9 4 **4**432 WEST **EAST** ♠ 9 7 5 4 ♥KQ8765 ◆ Q 10 8 6 3 **♣**QJ9865 **1**0 7 **SOUTH ♠** K Q 10 8 **♥**J 10 ◆ K 7 5 2 ♣A K The bidding: South North East 1 NT Pass Pass Opening lead — four of hearts.

#### **Famous Hand**

Here is a remarkable hand played in a rubber-bridge tournament by the late French expert Pierre Albarran.

North's two-club bid asked South if he had a four-card major suit, and Albarran obliged with two spades.

For reasons unknown, North then leaped to five spades. This could hardly be the right bid, since a slam was very unlikely opposite a 16- to 18-point notrump. Albarran, with no values in excess of those previously expressed, had the good sense to pass.

West led a heart, and East won with the queen, South falsecarding with the ten. East was afraid to return a heart because declarer might have had J-10 alone, so he shifted to a club.

Albarran took the ace and drew all the trumps, learning in the process that East had started with four spades as well as six hearts. When declarer then cashed the king of clubs and everybody followed suit, 12 of East's cards were fully accounted for, and it became likely that East had started with precisely one diamond.

Accordingly, Albarran led a low diamond toward dummy and, when West followed low, played the nine. East was forced to take the jack and return a heart.

Thus, Albarran, who had started with only nine sure tricks, now had a 10th trick because of the forced heart return. The 11th trick followed very shortly, as this was the position with four tricks remaining:

North [H] A [D] A4 [C] 4 West [D] Q 10 8 [C] Q East **Immaterial** 

South [H] J [D] K 7 5

Albarran cashed the ace of hearts, and there was nothing West could discard that would prevent South from taking the rest of

## Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Could we tell the Easter Bunny my favorite is chocolate-covered chocolate?"

3 Land

in the

11 Hamlet,

for one

### Crossword

ACROSS

**1** X-ray

23 Nimble

24 Midday

role

28 Flop

25 "Hamlet"

	machine		bug		water
	descen-	41	Eight on		(Abbr.)
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5	DDE's	42	"Hamlet"	5	Alkali
	opponent		role		neutral-
8	Begged	47	"— do for		izer
12	Explorer		now"	6	Old
	Amerigo	48	Impas-		French
14	Philbin's		sions		coin
	co-host	49	Some	7	Rock-
15	"Hamlet"		necklines		and-roll
	role	50			legend?
16	Portent		Plaines	8	C3H7
17	Tease	51	Trans-		com-
18	"Hurray!"		mitted		pound
20	Desirable			9	Flaccid
	posses-	DC	NWC	10	Duel
	sion	1	Super		tool

Bowl

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2 Old

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37Fleet

40 Have a

29 Mentors 30 Underwear with underwire 32 "Hamlet" role 34 Kerosene lamp part 35 Muck partner 36 Buckwheat

Solution time: 24 mins. porridge

13 One neighbors 19 Enrages 37 Tel -20 Moreover 38 Ceremony 39 Oodles of inches 40 Origami and macramé, 43 Compass 44 Apply 45 Lair 46 Superlative suffix

21 Satan's

**22** Pop

23 Binge

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26 Wading

bird 27 St. Louis

29 Cross-

31 Alias

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