

contract bridge

By Steve Becker

Partnership rapport

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10 8 3
♥ K J 7 4
♦ K 6 5
♣ 8

WEST
♠ 6 4
♥ 10 8 6 3
♦ J 3
♣ K Q J 6 2

EAST
♠ J 9 5 2
♥ Q 9 2
♦ 8 7
♣ A 9 7 4

SOUTH
♠ K 7
♥ A 5
♦ A Q 10 9 4 2
♣ 10 5 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♦	Pass

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Point count is without question a valuable crutch to lean on when trying to reach the best contract. But other key factors can prove even more useful to experienced players.

Consider this case where South got to six diamonds on the sequence shown. True, each player had only 13 high-card points opposite his partner's 13, and it usually takes more high-card strength than that to make

a slam.

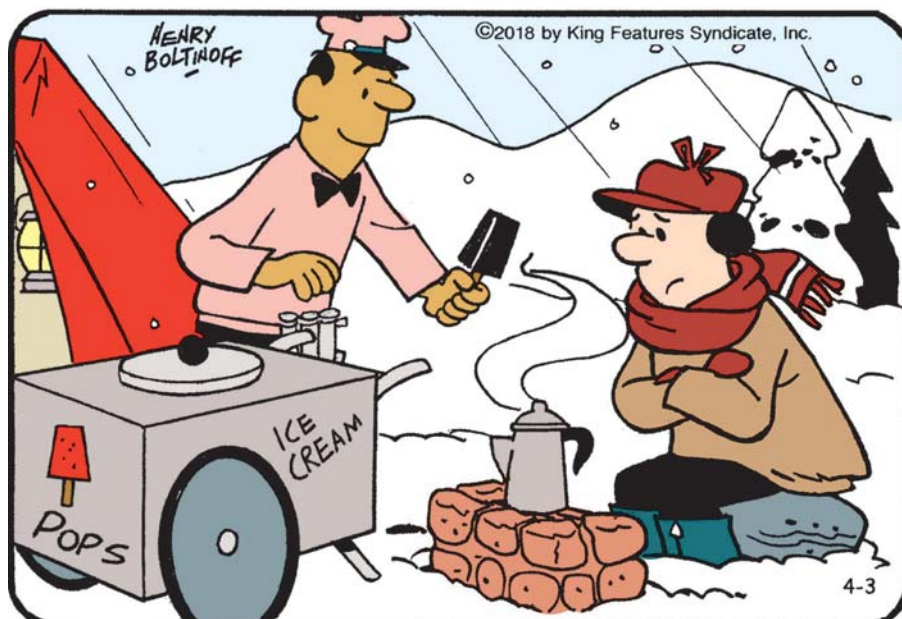
But North went out of his way to pinpoint both his high-card strength and his 5-4-3-1 distribution, and his graphic description of both did not fall on deaf ears.

Although South could not see his partner's hand, he recognized that North had five spades and four hearts because he had bid spades first. South also inferred from partner's third-round leap to five diamonds that he had at least three diamonds — and therefore could not possibly have more than one club.

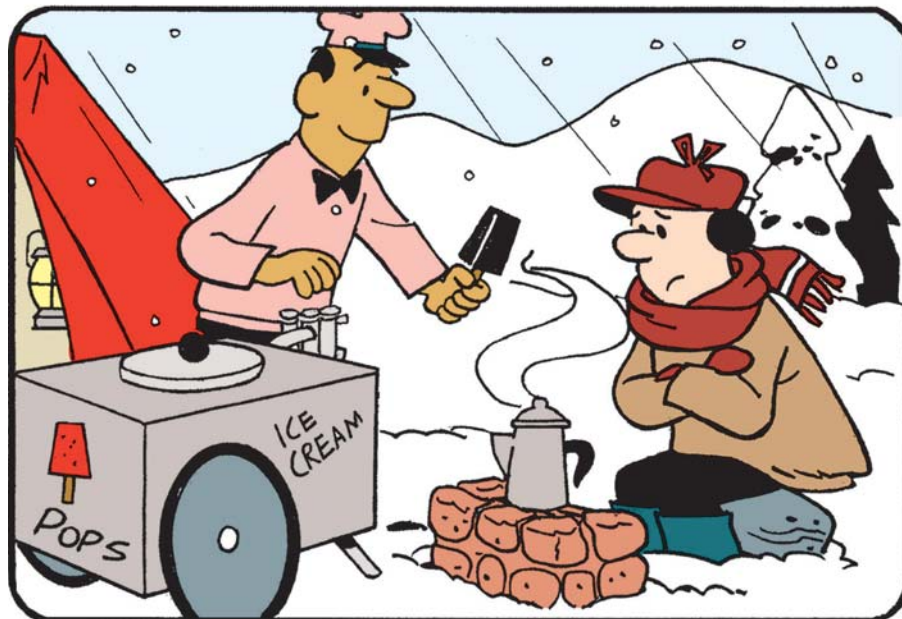
And so, while it might seem that South should have been more deeply concerned about his three club losers before undertaking a slam with his minimum-looking hand, the fact is that he was resting on very solid ground when he decided to bid six. As pays off so often in bridge, South gave much more credence to what he heard than what he saw.

It is quite likely that many pairs, including some long-standing partnerships, would fail to reach this excellent slam. The chief reason might be North's failure to describe his 5-4-3-1 pattern, which is the crux of the matter, or possibly South's failure to recognize the message his partner was imparting. In any case, the deal highlights the enormous value of close partnership rapport.

Tomorrow: A resistible temptation.



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cart handle is missing. 2. Coffee pot handle is lower. 3. Lantern is lower. 4. Zipper on boot is missing. 5. Rock is smaller. 6. Button is added to shirt.

click

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Latest

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For more information and on chapter membership, kindly contact IEI, Kuwait Chapter office on 22445588 extn. 314 between 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 pm (Sunday through Thursday) or through email to ieikwt@hotmail.com. You may also contact Engr Ashok Kumar (97275974) or Engr Karthikeyan (99840191) for any further clarification.

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Oct 7

Brazilian Elections 2018: In view of the presidential elections on 7th of October 2018 (first round), Brazilian voters in Kuwait are informed of the obligation to re-register at the consular section of the Brazilian Embassy in Kuwait.

In the process of re-registration, the voter must complete the following steps (please pay attention to the deadline of each step):

Step 1 (to be fulfilled until 09/05/2018):

a) fill the form on the website of the Superior Electoral Court (<http://www.tse.jus.br/eleitor-e-eleicoes/servicos/eleitor-no-exterior/pre-atendimento-eleitoral-no-exterior-titulo-net>);
b) print and sign the form.

Step 2 (to be completed by 16/05/2018):

c) attend the consular section of the Embassy of Brazil in Kuwait, which runs from Sunday to Thursday, from 08 am to 12 noon, to present the following documents:

■ Brazilian official document of identification (identity card, professional card issued by a federal organization, birth or marriage certificate, passport, Brazilian labor ID). Documents must have the following data to confirm one's identity: name of the father, name of the mother, date and place of birth. In the case the document does not provide the mentioned data, the voter must present another document to complete the information;

■ Proof or statement that certifies your residence in Kuwait;

Personal attendance is mandatory for finalizing the application.

The address of the Brazilian Embassy in Kuwait is Mubarak Al Abdullah Area, Block 1, Street 116, Villa 47 — phone 2537-8561/2.

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Conceptis Sudoku

The grid must be so completed that every row, column and 3x3 box has every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★

Challenger

By Louis Mauer

			1			8
						6
		1				6
					2	8
						8
2						8
8	7	5	8			6

DIRECTIONS:

Fill each square with a number, one through nine.

■ Horizontal squares should add to totals on right.

■ Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.

■ Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION.

Today's Challenge

Time 5 Minutes

19 Seconds

Your Working

Time ___ Minutes

___ Seconds

Yesterday's solution

9	3	1	1	14
9	3	2	3	17
9	2	7	1	19
9	9	9	9	36
36	17	19	14	28

Eugene Sheffer Crossword

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	
12					13					14			
15					16					17			
				18				19	20				
21	22	23					24						
25					26	27					28	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		

ACROSS

1 Cattle

group

5 Okla-

homa

city

9 Center

12 Declare

13 Couturier

Chanel

14 Actress

Hagen

15 After-

work

time

17 Torched

18 Boxer's

punch

19 Face-

to-face

exams

21 Spritelike

24 Beehive

State

25 Follow

26 Busy

commut-

ing period

30 The

Browns,

on score-

boards

31 Brook-

lyn's —

Island

32 Yoko of

music

33 30

minutes

35 Skewer

36 "Phooey!"

37 Clipper

ship

poles

38 Private

teacher

40 Easy

targets

42 Uganda's

cont.

43 Workday

break

48 Pronoun

49 Ireland

50 Top-

notch

51 Sixth

sense

52 Locale

53 Village

People hit

DOWN

1 Taunting

laugh

2 Actress

Longoria

3 Workout

unit

4 TV psy-

chologist

5 Canyon

sound

6 Cranny

7 Hosp.

area

8 Judy's

role in

"The

Wizard of

Oz"

9 Fad toys

of the

'50s

10 Gas co.,

for one

11 Cave

creatures

16 Thither

20 Fan's

cry

21 Leave a

lasting

impres-

sion

22 Chorus

syllables

23 School

excursion

24 Manual

reader

26 Cheer

(for)

27 Burma's

first P.M.

28 One

29 Decays

31 William

and

Harry's

dad

34 To and —

35 Glide

37 Speed-

ometer

stat

38 Docile

39 Sci-fi

vehicles

40 Peevish

fit

41 Skin

breakout

44 Mentalist

Geller

45 — -pah

band

46 Mom's

bro

47 Stephen

of "Still

Crazy"