

What's On

contract bridge

By Steve Becker

A rare defensive play

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 10 5 4 2
♥ Q 4
♦ Q 7 4
♣ Q 5 3

WEST
♠ 9 8 7 6
♥ A K 9
♦ J 3 2
♣ J 6 4

EAST
♠ —
♥ J 10 8 7 6 5 2
♦ K 10 6 5
♣ A 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 3
♥ 3
♦ A 9 8
♣ K 10 9 8 7

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 3♥ 3♠
4♥ 4♠ 5♥ Pass
Pass 5♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.
A pre-emptive bid is a defensive rather than an offensive weapon. Its primary purpose is to cramp the bidding space of the opponents and make it difficult for them to find their best contract. It's not at all surprising that it succeeds as often as it does.

Consider East's three-heart bid in this deal and observe the effect it has on South. He has no clear-cut action. He can double for takeout, overcall in spades or clubs, or simply pass. South knows that any bid he makes can go wrong. This is not an unusual predicament, because this sort of problem is frequently created

by a pre-emptive bid.
In the actual case, South decided to overcall with three spades, a daring bid to make on a four-card suit, and he eventually wound up in five spades. The subsequent play is not without interest, because it gave East an opportunity to use a rare defensive play, the Deschappelles Coup.

West led the king of hearts and continued with a heart, ruffed by declarer. South played the K-Q-J of spades, overtaking the jack, and drew West's last trump with the ten. He then led a club to the king, which held, and returned the ten, on which West and dummy played low. This forced East's ace and produced the following position:

North
♠ 5
♥ Q 7 4
♦ Q
♣ —

West
♥ 9
♦ J 3 2
♣ J

East
♥ J
♦ K 10 6 5

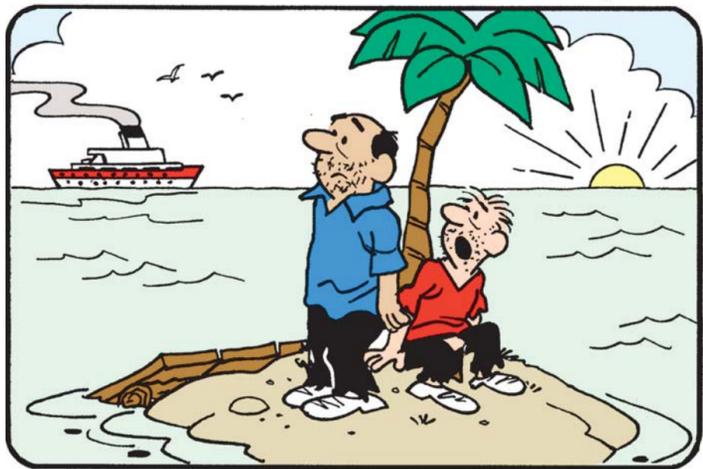
South
♠ A 9
♥ 8 7
♦ —
♣ —

East now made the only return that could defeat the contract — the king of diamonds! Had he led the jack of hearts or any diamond but the king, South would have taken the rest of the tricks. The king-of-diamonds return prevented South from making use of the clubs in his hand and left him a trick short of his goal.

Tomorrow: A stitch in time saves nine.



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Foot is missing. 2. Ship is not as long. 3. Sleeve is different. 4. Stone is thinner. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Neckline is different.

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Latest

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a) fill the form on the website of the Superior Electoral Court (<http://www.tse.jus.br/eleitor-eleicoes/servicos/eleitor-no-exterior/pre-atendimento-eleitoral-no-exterior-titulo-net>);
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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	4	3	7		
	9						8	
6								
7								
8			2	1	5	9	7	
2								3
5								6
	4							7
		2	6	9	5	1		

Difficulty Level ★★★

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★

Challenger

By Louis Murer

				23
		6		9
				28
	6			28
			8	34
8				
22	22	28	27	22

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 7 Minutes
8 Seconds
Your Working
Time ___ Minutes
___ Seconds

Yesterday's solution

				13
3	1	3	1	8
5	1	1	5	12
9	9	8	9	35
2	1	2	5	10
19	12	14	20	17

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		
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40	41	42				43					44	45	46
47						48					49		
50						51					52		
53						54					55		

ACROSS

- 1 Bridal accessory
- 5 Cato's 502
- 8 Sleeve end
- 12 Mater lead-in
- 13 Ornate vase
- 14 "Got it"
- 15 Some corp. recruits
- 16 Magic cures
- 18 Spring flowers
- 20 Endures
- 21 On in years
- 22 Abysmal
- 23 Aplomb
- 26 Straw hats
- 30 Yoko of music
- 31 Trail the pack
- 32 Past
- 33 Black leopard
- 36 Top picks, for short

38 Feedbag

- tidbit
- 39 Baseball's Ripken
- 40 Used a broom
- 43 Flap-jack
- 47 Catered (to)
- 49 "It can't be!"
- 50 Saxophone range
- 51 Metal source
- 52 Blood vessel
- 53 Trudge
- 54 However
- 55 911 responders

DOWN

- 1 Siren
- 2 Exile isle
- 3 One-named
- 4 Rodeo supermodel
- 5 Hood-winked
- 6 Nest egg choices
- 7 Hostel
- 8 Locust
- 9 Exploits
- 10 Accomplishment
- 11 Own (up)
- 17 Arkin or Alda
- 19 — -de-France

22 Satchel

- 23 Burst
- 24 Stop — dime
- 25 Charged bit
- 26 Standard
- 27 Dallas
- 4 Rodeo hoopster, briefly
- 28 Candle count
- 29 "May-day!"
- 31 Allow
- 34 Head honcho
- 35 Abhor
- 36 Enthusiast
- 37 Niche
- 39 West Pointer
- 40 Hot tubs
- 41 Humpty's perch
- 42 Within (Pref.)
- 43 Andean land
- 44 Throat clearer
- 45 Make a scarf
- 46 Billions of years
- 48 Filch

Solution time: 22 mins.

S	A	I	D	S	P	A	E	L	B	E	
L	U	R	E	U	R	L	M	E	E	K	
O	R	E	L	B	E	E	R	P	O	N	G
B	A	D	E	G	G	S	H	I	N	E	S
			T	A	R	A	O	R	A		
L	I	F	E	L	O	N	G	E	R	S	E
A	V	A	T	U	T	E	E	D	O	N	
B	E	N	Z	P	R	O	M	S	O	N	G
			D	I	A	A	L	M	A		
E	L	A	N	D	S	O	A	F	I	S	H
D	I	N	G	D	O	N	G	A	R	L	O
E	D	G	E	L	I	I	R	A	I	N	
N	O	O	R	E	T	C	I	S	M	E	

Yesterday's answer 8-14

8-14

CRYPTOQUIP

K J S Y P O P F Z S Y K Z I P F P N U
T O Z P M H T M V Y S M X P F K Z
J T N N U K F V M P, H P Z T F P M S

Z P M M N P M X P I V Q Q P F.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FAMOUS SINGER OF THE DISCO ERA WHO WAS KNOWN TO BE A BIG FAN OF HITCHHIKING: DONNA THUMBER.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals M

Word by Word

Rose (ورده) Warda
There is no rose without thorn.
La warda men ghair shawka.
Numbers لا ورده من غير شوكه.
7939 Seven thousand nine hundred thirty nine
7939 Sabat alaf wa tesou maaha wa tesah wa thalathoun.



"DID YOU TALK THAT SILLY TO ME WHEN I WAS A BABY?"