

contract bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable, in each of the following three hands. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?

- ♠ 753 ♥ Q9762 ♦ 64 ♣ Q43

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| East | South | West | North |
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 4 ♣ | 4 NT |
| Pass | 5 ♥ | Pass | 5 ♠ |
| Pass | ? | | |
- ♠ K5 ♥ KQ972 ♦ 8 ♣ KQJ32

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|-------|------|-------|------|
| North | East | South | West |
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 ♥ | Pass |
| 4 ♣ | Pass | 4 NT | Pass |
| 5 ♣ | Pass | ? | |
- ♠ 92 ♥ AQ963 ♦ A5 ♣ 8432

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|-------|------|-------|------|
| South | West | North | East |
| 1 ♥ | Pass | 1 ♦ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | 4 ♥ | Pass |
| ? | | | |

should add significantly to partner's hand. Three possible holdings for partner might be:

- ♠—♥A5 ♦AKQ83 ♣AKJ972
 - ♠—♥AK4 ♦KQJ95 ♣AKJ85
 - ♠—♥AJ ♦AKQ752 ♣AK986
2. **Seven hearts.** Partner's five-club response to your Blackwood inquiry shows either no aces or four aces. He can hardly have no aces, considering his first two bids, so he must have all four. A grand slam is therefore virtually assured, and there is no reason not to bid it straightaway. Partner's hand should look something like:

♠AJ732 ♥AJ86 ♦A9 ♣A5

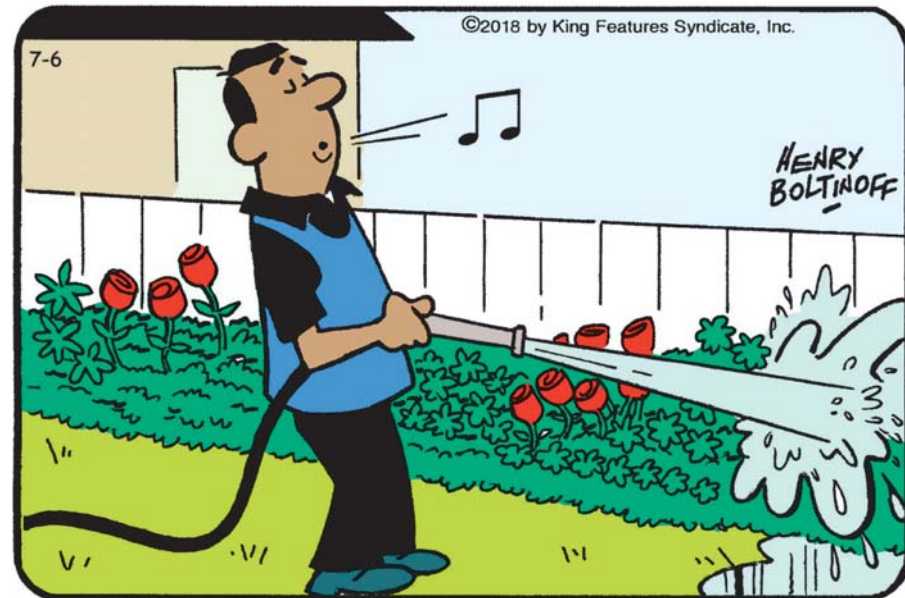
3. **Five diamonds.** This hand is obviously on the verge of a slam, since partner leapt to game in hearts without knowing you had passed a hand worth nearly an opening bid. Partner has in effect said that he thinks you will have a good play for game even if you have only six points and just four mediocre hearts. However, you can't bid six all by yourself, as he might have two immediate losers in one of the black suits.

Five diamonds is clearly a slam try showing the ace, since you would pass four hearts if you were only interested in game. The diamond cuebid will enable partner to bid six hearts with a hand such as ♠A7 ♥KJ85 ♦KJ762 ♣AK, which offers an excellent play for 12 tricks.

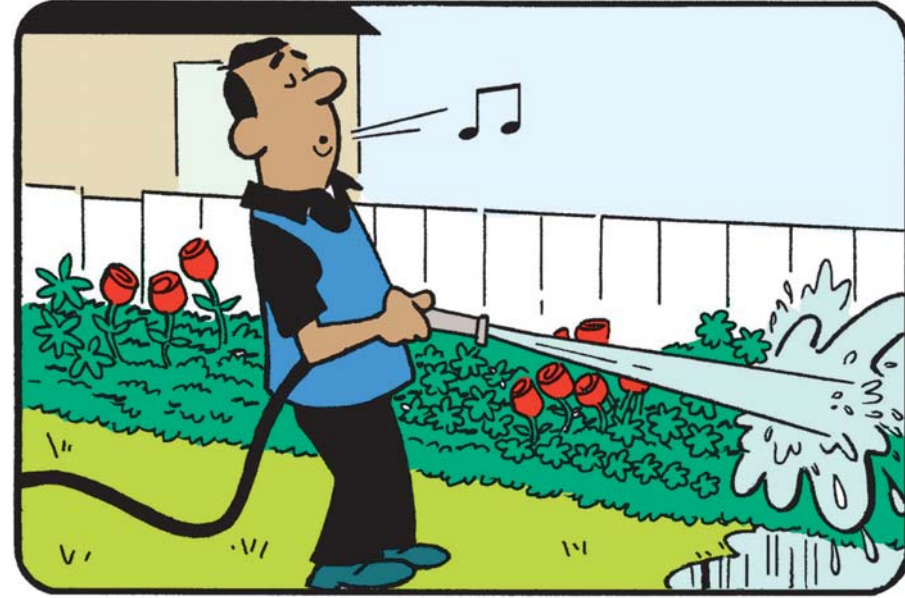
Sunday: Thinking things through

1. **Six clubs.** The four-notrump bid by partner was equivalent to a strong takeout double. After his five-spade bid, which commits you to slam, you should assume he is very likely void in spades and has a powerful two-suiter in diamonds and clubs. If he were happy with hearts as trump, he'd either pass or go on to six hearts if his hand was strong enough to do so.

It follows that partner wants you to choose between diamonds and clubs, and you should make the choice happily with your Q-x-x of clubs, which

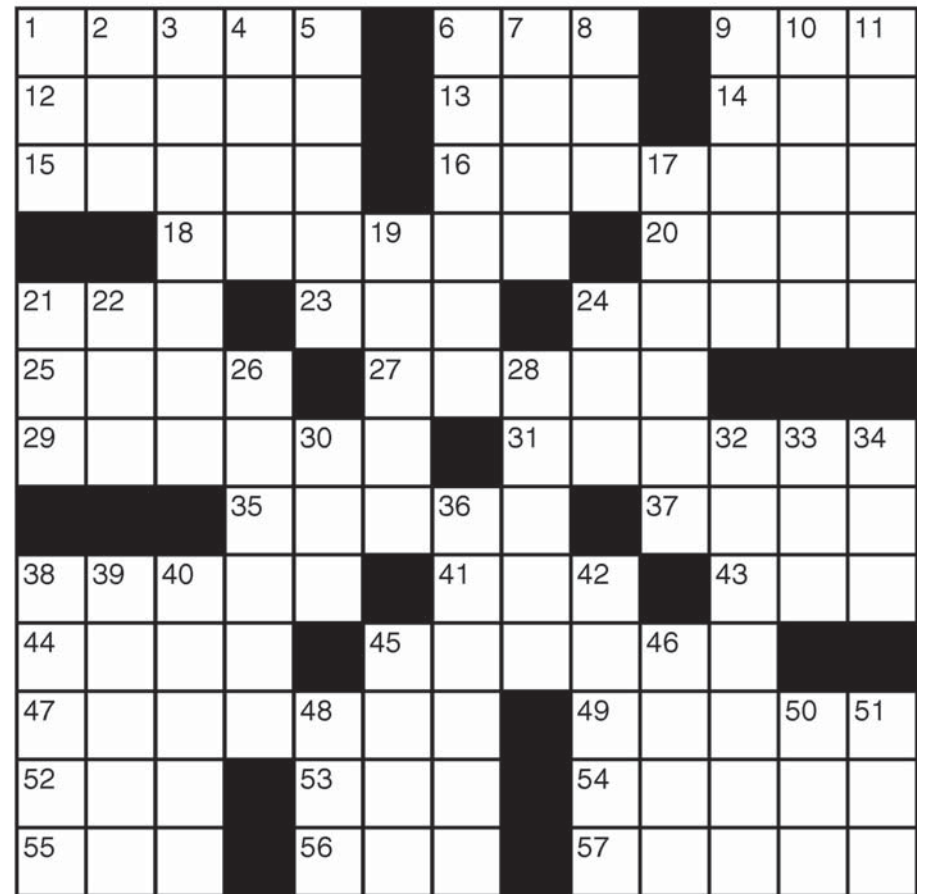


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Nozzle is shorter. 2. Hose is moved. 3. Puddle is larger. 4. Flower is missing. 5. Roof is not as wide. 6. Fence board is shorter.

Eugene Sheffer Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Utter disorder
 - 6 Expert school subj.
 - 12 Pizzazz
 - 13 Privy
 - 14 Great weight
 - 15 Old photo tint
 - 16 Mythical box opener
 - 18 Tea type
 - 20 Algerian port
 - 21 Latin 101 word
 - 23 Lobbying org.
 - 24 Fashion
 - 25 Sugar or starch, for short
 - 27 "The Trial" author Franz
 - 29 "Ghost" actor Patrick
 - 31 Loose overcoat
 - 35 CBer's device
- DOWN**
- 1 Lettuce variety
 - 2 Garden tool
 - 3 Ancient Greek jar
 - 4 Mayberry moppet
 - 5 Pointy llama's cousin
 - 7 Furnace fuel
 - 8 A billion years
 - 9 Bedtime reading
 - 10 Pink hue
 - 11 Foolish
 - 17 Second childhood
 - 19 Used the oven coolers
 - 21 Rm. relative
 - 22 Gullet
 - 24 Reggae
 - 26 Secondary route
 - 28 Battle line
 - 30 Use a ray gun
 - 32 Soprano role in "Il Trovatore"
 - 33 100%
 - 34 "Science Guy" Bill
 - 36 Big lizard
 - 38 Glisten
 - 39 Stinging insects
 - 40 Chicago airport
 - 42 City-based
 - 45 Sandwich treat
 - 46 Bailiwick
 - 48 Resistance unit
 - 50 Spasm
 - 51 With it, once

Solution time: 25 mins.

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| S | Q | U | A | L | L | S | O | R | D | I | D |
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Yesterday's answer 7-6

7-6 CRYPTOQUIP

D S S A N H B Z U J K D X
 D P Q F Q B V D U B C ' H Q N V N Z
 Z B D C S , H A D S H D C S A N Z N D
 K D Z R N C T J J K X B P ? A B S
 U B R J T V C .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NONE OF THE RESTAURANT'S MEALS HAD IMPRESSED THE EPICURE, SO THE CHEF MADE A LAST-DISH EFFORT.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals T

Word by Word

- Mother (أم) Umm**
 Necessity is the mother of invention.
 Al haja umm al ekhtera.
- Numbers** الحاحه أم الإختراع
7906 Seven thousand nine hundred six
٧٩٠٦ Sabat alaf wa tesou maaha wa setah



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General

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NYF offers free yoga classes: NYF Kuwait offers free yoga, breathing, meditation and reiki classes by a well-experienced female yoga teacher for all age groups. Classes are given on the basis of different health problems, stress and other problems by different techniques. Contact: 99315825.

Leadership Excellence Course: The Leadership Excellence Course (LEC) is a course modeled on the Seerah of Rasoolullah who is the best model of leadership for all mankind. The LEC focuses on the lessons that we can learn from the Seerah of Rasoolullah and see how we can apply them in our lives to become winners in this world and the next.

The objectives of the course are 1. Understand what leadership is from the Seerah of Rasoolullah and how to apply it in our lives today 2. Understand the purpose of our lives and learn to live that purpose with confidence 3. Understand the importance of connecting to Allah and learn how to do it 4. Understand how to leverage your strengths and overcome weaknesses 5. Understand how to articulate your life goal and create a road map to achieve it.

For more information please visit www.leckuwait.com or call 99514995 / 66363310.

AWL registration: If you would like to join the American Women's League (AWL), please call 99039723 or 94067999 or email: kuwaitawl@yahoo.com. All American women and wives of Americans are welcomed.

Ugandans register with UIK: Are you a Ugandan living and working in Kuwait? Would you like to get in touch with other Ugandans in Kuwait both socially and professionally? Then please get in touch with us. We would like to invite you to register with the Ugandans in Kuwait (UIK) association, an informal organization of Ugandans living and working in Kuwait. The purpose of this exercise is to get together as Ugandans and to consider taking the first steps to establishing a more formal organisation. This association is voluntary. It is designed to create a forum for Ugandans in Kuwait to foster a sense of community, to communicate more effectively with each other and to encourage Ugandans out here to work together. We are also planning a celebration to mark 50 years of Uganda's Independence this year. If you have any questions regarding this association or if you are interested in registering, then please send us an email at ugandansinkuwait@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you soon.

Free drum music classes: Free professional drum music classes are available at Salmiya for all age groups from beginners to advanced by a well experienced drum teacher. For more details: 94974295.

Experience Science for Adults: Registration is now open for Experience Science for Adults. Why should kids have all the fun?! The five week programme will be held on Saturday from 10:00 am-11:30 am at the Yarmouk Cultural Centre.

Registration is limited to 16. You may register at either the Amricani Cultural Centre, Sunday to Thursday 10:00-3:00 or the Yarmouk Cultural Centre, Sunday to Thursday 10:00-6:00. For more information, please email: education@damuseum.org.kw

TIES Center events: TIES Center announces following events - Tajweed and Recitation: Learn and practice the art of reciting the Holy Quran (tajweed). The instructor will also answer questions related to the meaning of the Arabic words and verses. Every Sunday & Tuesday @ 10 - 11:30am; every Monday @ 5-6:30pm.

The TIES Center is the social and educational hub for English Speaking expats in Kuwait. For more information, please call 25231015 or e-mail info@tiescenter.net or visit www.tiescenter.net.

IMA-Summer Islamic classes: Indian Muslim Association (IMA) opens the doors of its well-known 2-month long, 'Summer Islamic Classes' program to students in Kuwait from LKG up to 12th Standard. Offering a syllabus with a wide range of Islamic subjects such as Quran reading/understanding/memorization, Prophet's Life and day to day Jurisprudence. Apart from this, teachers work on Personality Development of the students and also engage them in various activities including field visits. Competitions are held on Islamic Quiz, Recitation of Quran and Elocution.

The classes will continue until Aug 19, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm on Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Indian Community School, Junior Branch, Salmiya, Kuwait. Interested parents can register their kids at IMA official website www.imakuwait.org or can contact 99632314 for more details.

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

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| 1 | | | | | | | | 3 |
| | | 7 | 6 | 3 | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | | 9 |
| | 8 | 3 | 9 | 5 | | | | |
| | 3 | | | 9 | | | | |
| | 7 | 4 | 6 | 1 | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | | 4 |
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★
 Answer to yesterday's puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

Challenger

By Louis Mark

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| 8 | 15 | 15 | 8 | | | | | 8 |

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
 45 Seconds
 Your Working Time ___ Minutes
 ___ Seconds

Yesterday's solution

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| 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | | | | | 14 |
| 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | | | | | 14 |
| 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 11 |
| 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | | | 14 |
| 19 | 11 | 11 | 12 | | | | | 11 |