

# What's On

## contract bridge

By Steve Becker

### Bridge is a game of probabilities

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#### Sports

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quizzes and even five-a-side matches on a home international teams basis. We need expats to register their support and hence we can then start to cast around for a suitable meeting venue. The site can be accessed at [www.kbfsa.co.uk](http://www.kbfsa.co.uk).

**Free fitness classes:** Free fitness classes at B.FIT studio in Salmiya! Classes include Zumba, Masala Bhangra workout, aerobics, toning & much more. Contact +965-65077062 for further information. Hurry and enroll now!!

**Free IFRA coaching classes:** Indian Football Referees Association (IFRA) will be starting free refresher/coaching classes for existing referees, new recruits, those aspiring to be referees and even those who would like to learn about the laws of the game at IEAS - Salmiya (Don Bosco).  
Classes will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm every Friday.

Those interested may call 99519439 or get in touch with any IFRA member for registration.

**FBC tournament:** Filipino Badminton Committee (FBC) is inviting all badminton enthusiasts in Kuwait to join their regular badminton tournament being held every Friday from 8 am to 7 pm at Kuwait Disabled Sports Club, Bin Khalidoun Hawalli. Over 10 badminton courts are now available for badminton practices and tournament and it is open for all nationalities and from different badminton organizations. Exclusive-private court are also available on per hour rental. For more information, please contact Dr Chie Umadap - 97197268

**Arnis/Eskrima training:** Eskrimador-Kuwait a member of Cacooy Doce Pares World Federation now opens a new batch of training. Learn the Philippine national sports, which is Arnis/Eskrima with the authentic style and techniques. Training schedule will be every Friday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm @ Kaifan Sports Complex-Karate Gym. Text or call #50292148-Hermis.

#### Courses

**Islamic and Arabic courses:** Islamic and Arabic courses are being offered at the Enlightenment into Islam Center starting from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Registrations can be done at the main office - Women's Committee in Qurtoba.  
For more information contact: 24322684, 25362693, 97743327 and 25362681.

**IPC Arabic Course:** IPC Rawdah Ladies Section will commence the Arabic Conversation Course. The students must have successfully completed at least 3 levels of Arabic. Placement test will be taken by those who took Arabic class outside IPC.  
Class is every Friday from 9-11 am.  
IPC Rawdah-22512257

**IPC Islamic Courses:** "Say: O my Lord, let me grow in knowledge". IPC is offering Islamic courses in English (for ladies only). Muslims and non-Muslims are welcome.

1. Tilawa Surah Ar-Rad and Surah Ibrahim - Sundays at 5:30-7:00 pm; 2. Principles of Tafsir (part 2) - Sundays at 7:00-8:30 pm; 3. Tajweed 3 - Tuesday, at 5:30-7:00 pm; 4. Jesus in Surah Mariam (part 2) - Tuesdays at 7:00-8:30 pm.

Instructor: Sr Zeinab Hassan Ashry  
Place: IPC - Women Section Al-Rawdah, Area 3, Street 30, House 12, opp 4th Ring Road.  
Email: [ipc\\_sch@yahoo.com](mailto:ipc_sch@yahoo.com), Telephone: 22512257.

#### Embassies

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For documents issued by member countries of the Apostille Convention\*, after getting Apostilles from the competent authorities, they can be used in Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR of China directly.

\*Refer to the Convention of Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents

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Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 9 7  
♥ A Q 10  
♦ 8 5 2  
♣ 9 7 4 3

**WEST**  
♠ 6 3  
♥ J 7 6 2  
♦ Q J 10 4  
♣ A J 5

**EAST**  
♠ A 4  
♥ K 9 5 4  
♦ 9 7 3  
♣ 10 8 6 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 10 8 5 2  
♥ 8 3  
♦ A K 6  
♣ K Q

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

If you toss a coin in the air, it is even money it will come down heads. If you toss two coins, however, it is 3-to-1 that they will not both come down heads. With three coins, the odds become 7-to-1.

Although it is not essential for a competent bridge player to be able to compute various probabilities precisely, it is nevertheless helpful in many hands to be generally familiar with the fundamental principles of chance.

Bridge is, after all, a game of probabilities, and the player who consistently adheres to the percent-

ages will come out well ahead in the long run.

Consider this deal where South was in four spades. He won the diamond lead and led a spade to the jack, losing to the ace. East returned a diamond to declarer's king. After drawing another round of trumps, South led a heart to the queen, losing to the king. He then lost a diamond and a club to go down one.

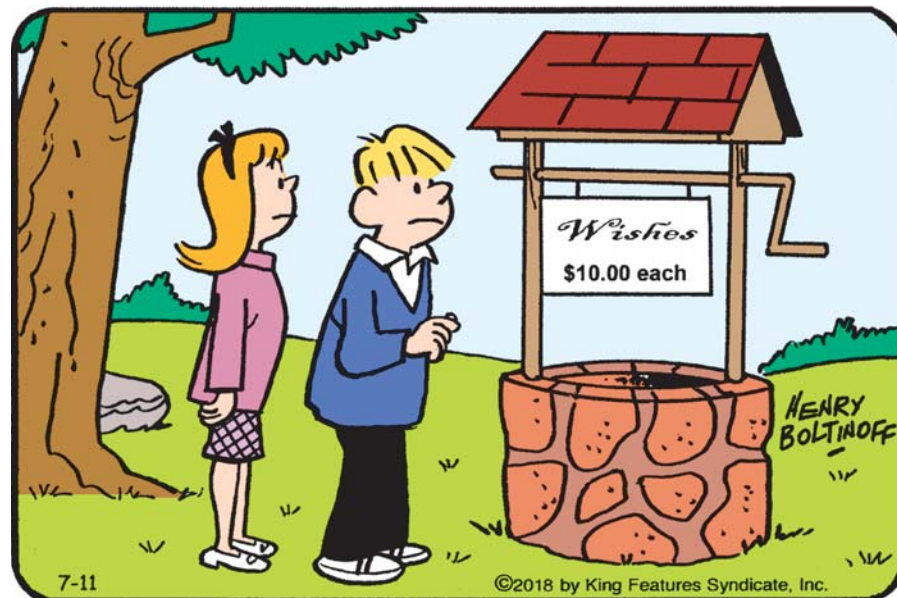
Declarer erred by staking the outcome strictly on a simple heart finesse. In effect, he gave himself only a 50 percent chance to make the contract, since it was even money whether East or West had the king of hearts.

But he would have had a 3-to-1 chance in his favor if he had taken the queen-of-hearts finesse at trick two, instead of later on. If it won, 10 tricks would have been assured.

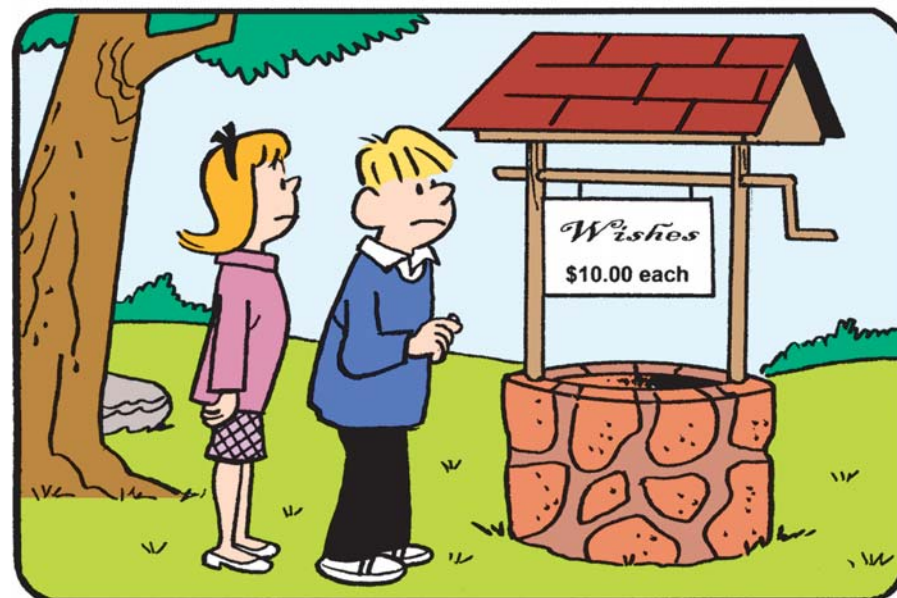
Suppose, however, the queen lost to the king, as in the actual deal. South could then win the diamond return, lead another heart to dummy and finesse the ten. If West held the jack, the finesse would succeed, and South could then dispose of his diamond loser on the ace of hearts to make the contract.

By adopting this method of play, declarer gives himself two chances to get home safely instead of just one. He combines two even-money shots, which, as in the case of the coins, make him a 3-to-1 favorite.

Tomorrow: Searching beneath the surface.

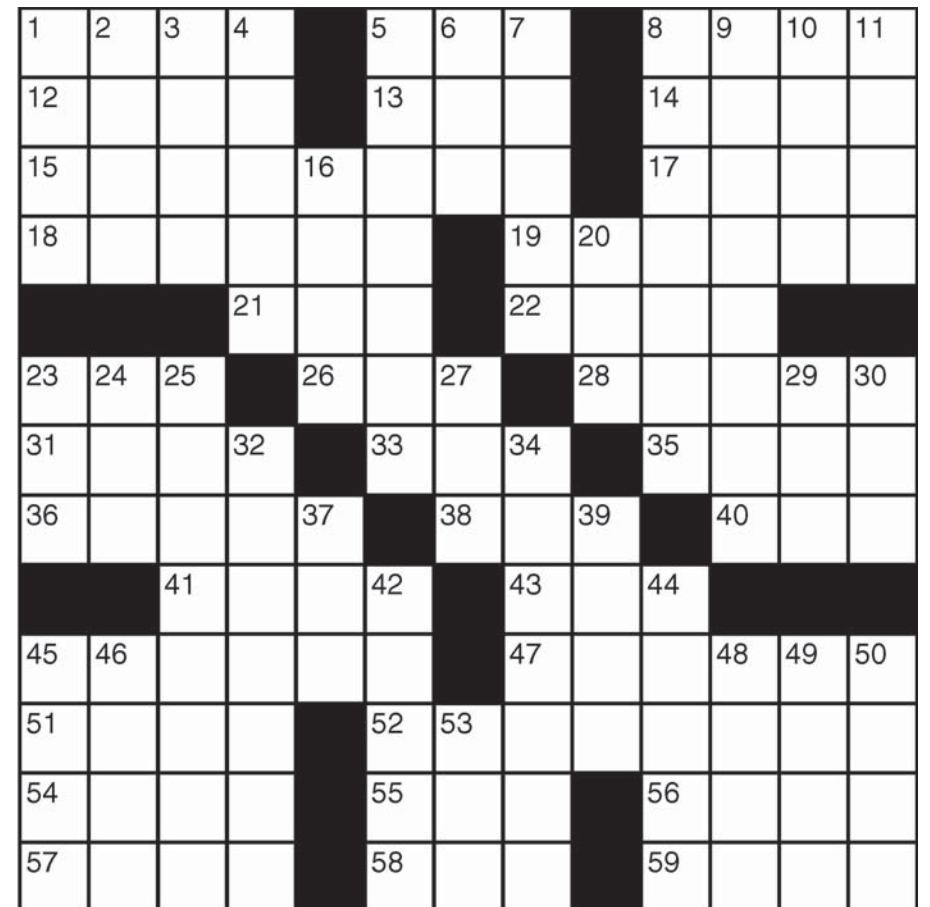


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Handle is different. 2. Shoes are different. 3. Necklace is different. 4. Roof is wider. 5. Hair is shorter. 6. Tree trunk is thinner.

## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



#### ACROSS

- 1 Had on
- 5 Map lines (Abbr.)
- 8 Roundish do
- 12 Apple tablet
- 13 Bottle top
- 14 Nile queen, familiarly
- 15 Harmonic design system
- 17 Hurry
- 18 Amount consumed
- 19 Tops of waves
- 21 Brink
- 22 "You bet!"
- 23 "Bow-wow!"
- 26 "Family Guy" daughter
- 28 Ecstasy's opposite
- 31 Ringlet
- 33 Game official
- 35 French 101 verb
- 36 Trusty horse
- 38 Darjeeling, e.g.

- 40 Potential syrup
- 41 "Zounds!"
- 43 Designer Claiborne
- 45 Dwell
- 47 Figures of speech
- 51 Rival rival
- 52 Ultimate authority
- 54 Profit
- 55 Metal source
- 56 Goatee's spot
- 57 Curry and Landers
- 58 Petrol
- 59 Robust

- 2 Frank
- 3 Harangue
- 4 Mystery writer's award
- 5 Certain plotter
- 6 Greek cross
- 7 Piquant
- 8 Farm measure
- 9 Pre-winter injections
- 10 Take five
- 11 Reactions to fireworks
- 16 Nonfat milk
- 20 Irish actor Stephen
- 23 Rm. coolers
- 24 Boring routine
- 25 "Wheel of Fortune" bonus
- 27 Retrieve
- 29 Gun lobby
- 30 "Uh-huh"
- 32 Multi-tudes
- 34 Leopards and cougars
- 37 June honoree
- 39 Verdi opera
- 42 Clear up the wind-shield
- 44 Nada
- 45 Sitarist's music
- 46 Panache
- 48 Job-safety org.
- 49 Postal delivery
- 50 "Auld Lang —"
- 53 401(k) alternative

#### DOWN

- 1 Laptop connection

Solution time: 23 mins.

N	A	G	S	S	P	Y	A	B	B	A	
E	R	I	N	W	O	E	F	L	A	G	
A	F	F	L	U	E	N	T	F	E	T	A
R	S	T	F	L	Y	S	E	W	E	R	
			A	O	L	T	I	C			
T	I	F	F	S	J	U	S	T	I	C	E
R	O	O	F	S	O	X	I	R	A	N	
A	N	X	I	E	T	Y	T	O	K	Y	O
			D	A	Y	S	I	N			
R	A	B	A	T	A	O	K	Z	A	P	
O	L	A	V	A	F	F	I	N	I	T	Y
T	O	N	I	I	R	A	E	T	A	L	
S	T	A	T	D	O	S	W	I	N	E	

Yesterday's answer 7-11

#### 7-11

#### CRYPTOQUIP

MRKH MZOCG ZSY QKCC HRY

QKVYYV ZW AOJCGJSB AVJGBY

FOEEZVH FHVOQHOFVYF?

EVZWYFFJZSKC HVYFHCJSB.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: UPON ENCOUNTERING A GROUP OF IGUANAS THAT HAD ALL DOZED OFF, I CRIED "SLEEPING LIZARDS!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals L

#### Word by Word

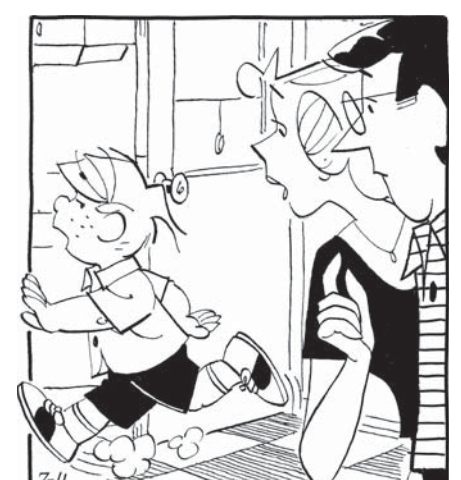
Blind (عمى) Ama

None are so blind as those who will not see. Laisa ahad ashad ama men olaeka al theena la yoreedon an yobssero.

Numbers ليس أحد أشد عمى من أولئك الذين لا يريدون أن يبصروا.

7910 Seven thousand nine hundred ten

٧٩١٠ Sabat alaf wa tesou maaha wa ashra



"JOEY'S PARTY WAS A LOT OF FUN...UNTIL THE NEIGHBORS CALLED THE POLICE!"

#### 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

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

Difficulty Level ★★

#### Answer to yesterday's puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★

#### Challenger

By Louis Manker

		1					9
							9
					1		7
				1			6
1							9
6	7	9	9	9	7		

#### 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 4 Minutes

19 Seconds

Your Working

Time \_\_\_ Minutes

\_\_\_ Seconds

#### Yesterday's solution

6	9	9	9	33
8	9	7	6	30
5	5	9	1	20
3	4	7	1	15
22	27	32	17	25