

What's On

contract bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ AKQ954
♥ 84
♦ K4
♣ 1073

WEST
♠ J10
♥ AKJ1053
♦ J873
♣ 9

EAST
♠ 72
♥ 62
♦ 652
♣ AKQ852

SOUTH
♠ 863
♥ Q97
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ J64

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT 2♥
2 ♣ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT Dble

Opening lead — king of hearts.
This deal was played in the semi-final round of the Vanderbilt Teams back in 1942. Four prominent New York players participated in the extraordinary goings-on.

Simon Rossant, holding the East hand, took no initial action over Ralph Hirschberg's opening one-spade bid. Jack Shore made a perfectly normal one-notrump response, and Joe Low then bid two hearts.

After North rebid his spades, Rossant passed again, whereupon South, paying undue homage to his

partner's voluntary rebid, said two notrump. Hirschberg raised Shore to three notrump, and Rossant finally came out of his shell long enough to say the word "double."

Low led the king of hearts and then, taking note of his partner's discouraging duce, shifted smartly to the nine of clubs. This was greeted with enthusiastic approval by Rossant, who proceeded to take six club tricks in a row.

The six-of-hearts return by East then trapped Shore's Q-9, and Low cashed five heart tricks. By the time the dust settled, there was only one trick left for declarer to take, and he finished down eight 2,300 points!

Considering that the most East-West could have made on the hand was two hearts with 100 honors, and that the North-South limit was two spades, this was a mammoth catastrophe. Whether North or South should be assessed the major portion of the blame is left to the tender mercies of the reader.

When the match was finally over, and before they had a chance to compare scores, one of Shore's teammates asked him how he and Hirschberg had fared on the set of deals they had just played.

Said Shore: "We had a very good game except for one hand!"

P.S. The Hirschberg-Shore team did not win the match.

Tomorrow: A necessary assumption.

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Drinking problem?: Friends of Bill W. are available to help. Totally confidential. Email: rohsecretary@gmail.com

Narcotics Anonymous: NA can help with addiction problems. Totally confidential: 94087800 English/Arabic.

Cancer online support group: If you are a Cancer patient or family member fighting with this deadly disease, come join our online support group. Best way of dealing with this disease is providing support and share our experience with each other. There are lot of things which even doctors can't tell so be member of this website and start sharing your experiences which may help others. October is recognized as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). The primary purpose is to promote self examination and screening mammography as the most effective way to save lives by detecting breast cancer at early stage. For more information visit: http://fightingwithcancer.webs.com/

Latest

BPP elects new office bearers: The Bharatiya Pravasi Parishad (BPP) Kuwait declared its new office bearers. The new office bearers were officially introduced in a meeting of all members presided by Advocate A.K. Sumod at Amrita Hall in Abbasiya.

Rajashakaran (Patron), Advocate A.K. Sumod (President), Binoy Sebastian (Vice-President), Narayanan Othayoth (General Secretary), V. Vijayaraghavan (Organizing Secretary), Ajikum Alapuram (Joint General Secretary), Surendran (Treasurer), Ramesh Pillai (Joint Treasurer), Krishnakumar (Art and Cultural), Rajesh Thiruvonam (Welfare), Jinesh (Programme), Raj Bhandary (Diverse Languages), Sujith Sureshan (Media), Vinayan T.R. (Membership), T.G. Venugopal (Embassy matters), Ajaykumar (Employment), along with executive members Hari Balarampuram, Jayakrishna Kurup and Dileep Nambiar are the newly elected office bearers.

The President, Organising Secretary, Vice-President and Seva Darshan General Secretary Praveen addressed the gathering. While Aji Alapuram welcomed the gathering Surendran delivered the vote of thanks.

March 6

TIES Center lecture: TIES Center will hold another session of our series about some prophets and messengers of Allah (SWT) this Thursday, March 8, at 7:00 pm.

In this class, we will discuss Ayyoub's complete recovery, expound how Allah (SWT) restored his family to him, according to various opinions, and discuss some of Ayyoub's virtues that qualified him for Allah's mercy.

We will also state why Ayyoub (AS) vowed to flog his wife despite her dedicated help and support, then examine Allah's instruction to him regarding that matter.

Finally, we will explore the issue of oaths and vows, citing various types of vows based on respective fatwas (Islamic rulings), and deduce other lessons of paramount significance in our lives.

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

March 9

STECI youths union anniversary: St Thomas Evangelical Church of India (STECI), Kuwait parish youths union is conducting their annual meeting on Friday, March 9, 2018 at South Tent (NECK) at 6:30 pm. Youth Union choir leads the choral session and youngsters will assist the parish Vicar Rev Saji Abraham in the worship service. The youth union members will be presenting their various talents during the occasion which includes solo performance, group songs, devotional speeches, skit etc. thereafter the presentation of annual report for the year 2017-18 by Youth Union Secretary Abey Eapen.

Prizes will be distributed to the winners of the yearlong mega event "Bible Quiz" conducted by the Youth Union during the meeting.

Rev Saji Abraham (President), Sijumon Abraham (Vice-President), Saju K. Abraham (Program Co-Ordinator) and Abey Eapen (Secretary) are coordinating to make the function a great success.

All parishioners are cordially invited to bless and to be blessed.

General

Q8BBall Season 13: Q8BBall is beginning our 13th season with Boys U13 (ages 10-13) and U17 (ages 14-17). We train three times a week and play regular games throughout the year with

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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

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

Difficulty Level *

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Fence rail is added. 4. Thumb is moved. 5. Leaves are moved. 6. Tree trunk is different.

Challenger

By Louis MURER

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.

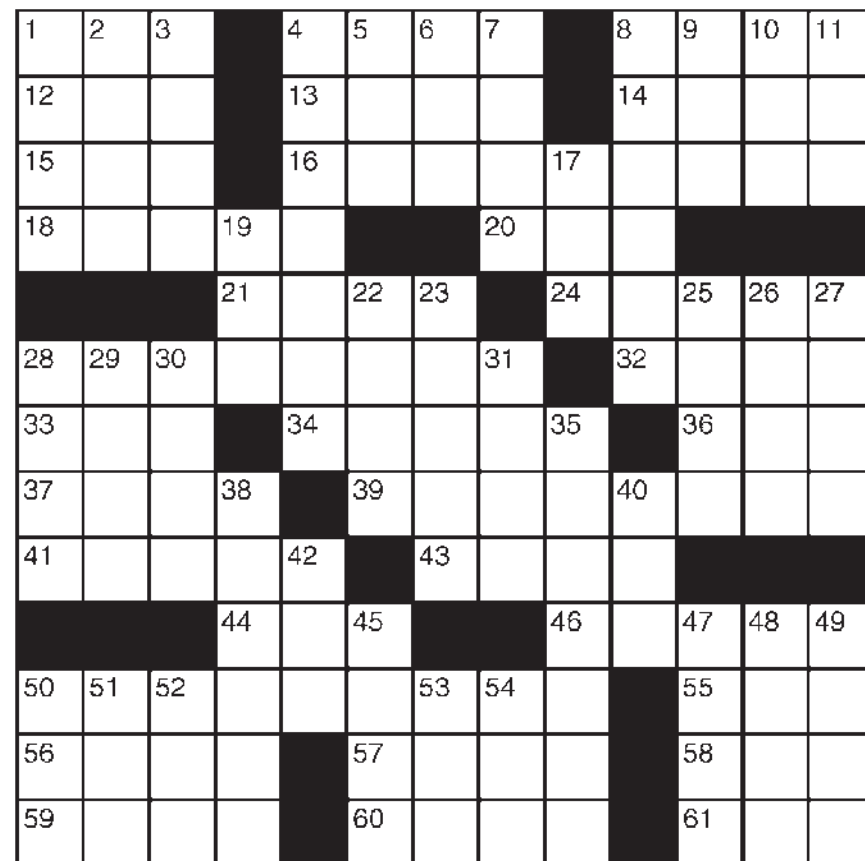
Today's Challenge
Time 1 Minutes
21 Seconds
Your Working
Time ___ Minutes
___ Seconds

		7				8
2						19
						5
	3					15
					4	17
5	17	21	13	12		

Yesterday's solution

9	1	3	2	15	20
3	4	9	9	25	
5	1	3	2	11	
8	6	1	2	17	
25	12	16	15	18	

Eugene Sheffer Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Zing
- 4 Uppity one
- 8 U2 lead singer
- 12 High card
- 13 Ringlet
- 14 "Frozen" snowman
- 15 Samovar
- 16 Fancy burger ingredient
- 18 Moon-related
- 20 Tease
- 21 Sir's counterpart
- 24 Roly-poly
- 28 Youngster on base
- 32 Canal of song
- 33 Corp. boss
- 34 Begets
- 36 Econ. statistic
- 37 Harangue
- 39 George Eliot novel
- 41 Cyber-messages

- 43 "Who —?"
- 44 Soccer's Hamm
- 46 Midday meal
- 50 Ephemeral
- 55 "Caught ya!"
- 56 "Got it"
- 57 "Star Wars" princess
- 58 Actor McKellen
- 59 Entryway
- 60 Tend
- 61 Cover

- 2 Beige
- 3 Ivy League team
- 4 Egyptian amulets
- 5 Convent manager
- 6 Assoc.
- 7 Fuzzy image
- 8 Infielder's flub
- 9 Flamenco cheer
- 10 Scot's refusal
- 11 Not on
- 17 Use a straw
- 19 "Little Women" woman
- 22 Operatic solo
- 23 — Gras

- 25 Desire
- 26 Behave
- 27 Le Pew of cartoons
- 28 Farm unit
- 29 500 sheets
- 30 "— Lisa"
- 31 Afternoon affairs
- 35 Greet with a grin
- 38 Lumberjack's call
- 40 A/C stat
- 42 Actress Lucy
- 45 Competent
- 47 Hammer's target
- 48 Spiced tea
- 49 Poker holding
- 50 Succor
- 51 Equi-
- 52 Old Olds-mobile
- 53 Nap site
- 54 Half of CIV

DOWN

- 1 One of the Fab Four

Solution time: 23 mins.

T	A	P	E	S	E	R	F	Q	U	O
A	L	E	C	A	M	O	I	U	S	A
D	A	C	H	S	H	U	N	D	E	E
E	L	D	E	R	A	L	A	N		
R	U	E	S	D	O	B	E	R	M	A
I	S	M	S	A	V	O	R	A	L	E
C	H	O	W	C	H	O	W	B	R	E
C	A	R	L	H	A	Y	E	S		
B	U	R	S	A	T	E	E	D		
A	T	A	G	R	E	Y	H	O	U	N
T	A	C	G	O	R	E	F	R	A	U
S	H	Y	Y	E	N	S	F	L	E	D

Yesterday's answer 3-7

3-7

CRYPTOQUIP

B' O O W N X Y L L Y B K F V Y L V U A ,
G L B Y X B E H O U A Q F B ' I I
V K B E H U N W D L T N L T T F F
U E V X L D F T L K Y X F Q L L G Y .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: EACH YEAR, A BUNCH OF THE COMMUNITY'S GOOD FISHERS AND TAILORS COMPETE IN A SPOOLING BEE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals M

Word by Word

- House (بيت) Bait**
- A man's house is his castle.
Bait al marei qassaroh.
- Numbers بيت المرء قصره.**
- 7804** Seven thousand eight hundred four
- ٧٨٠٤** Sabat alaf wa thaman maaha wa arbaah



"MY DAD SAID YOU'VE GOT A CHIP ON YOUR SHOULDER. I JUST WANTED TO SEE IF IT'S A CHOCOLATE CHIP!"