

What's On

contract bridge

By Steve Becker

A case for the defense

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ J 10 9 8
♥ Q 10 8 5
♦ A K
♣ 7 6 2

EAST
♠ 6 4 2
♥ K 6 2
♦ 9 4
♣ J 10 9 4 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q 3
♥ 9 7 4
♦ 6 5 2
♣ A K Q 8

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
1 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — jack of spades.

One trait that distinguishes the accomplished player from the run-of-the-mill player is that he won't give up when he appears licked. This applies just as much to a defender as a declarer. The governing principle is always to try to succeed, even when the outlook is gloomiest.

Consider this deal where West led the spade jack against three notrump, East playing the discouraging deuce and South the king. Declarer returned a diamond, taken by West with the king, and the outcome of the hand now hinged on West's next play. There was only one card in his hand

he could lead to defeat the contract, and West found it — the heart ten!

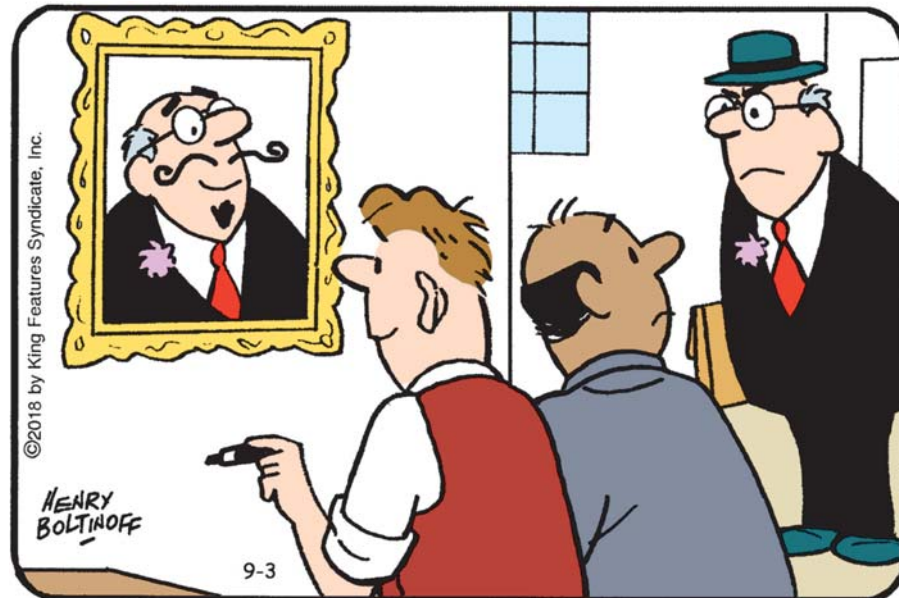
Once West returned the ten, declarer's goose was cooked. If South played dummy's ace, the defenders would subsequently score three hearts and two diamonds. If dummy played the jack instead, East would win with the king and return a heart to achieve the same result. And if dummy played the three, East would signal with the six and then play his king on the heart continuation. In all three cases, South was certain to go down one.

The winning defense was based on practical considerations. West realized he couldn't afford to "play safe" by returning the spade ten at trick three. Dummy's diamonds were much too threatening for West to simply stand pat with another spade lead.

His only realistic hope was to find East with the king of hearts, and he geared his defense to that one hope. Moreover, to cater to the possibility that South had the nine, it was necessary for West to lead the ten. If he had led the five instead, declarer would have played low from dummy and wound up with an overtrick.

Note that the lead of the queen by West at trick three would also have proven ineffective. Declarer wins with dummy's ace, returns a diamond and again cannot be stopped from scoring 10 tricks if he plays correctly.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

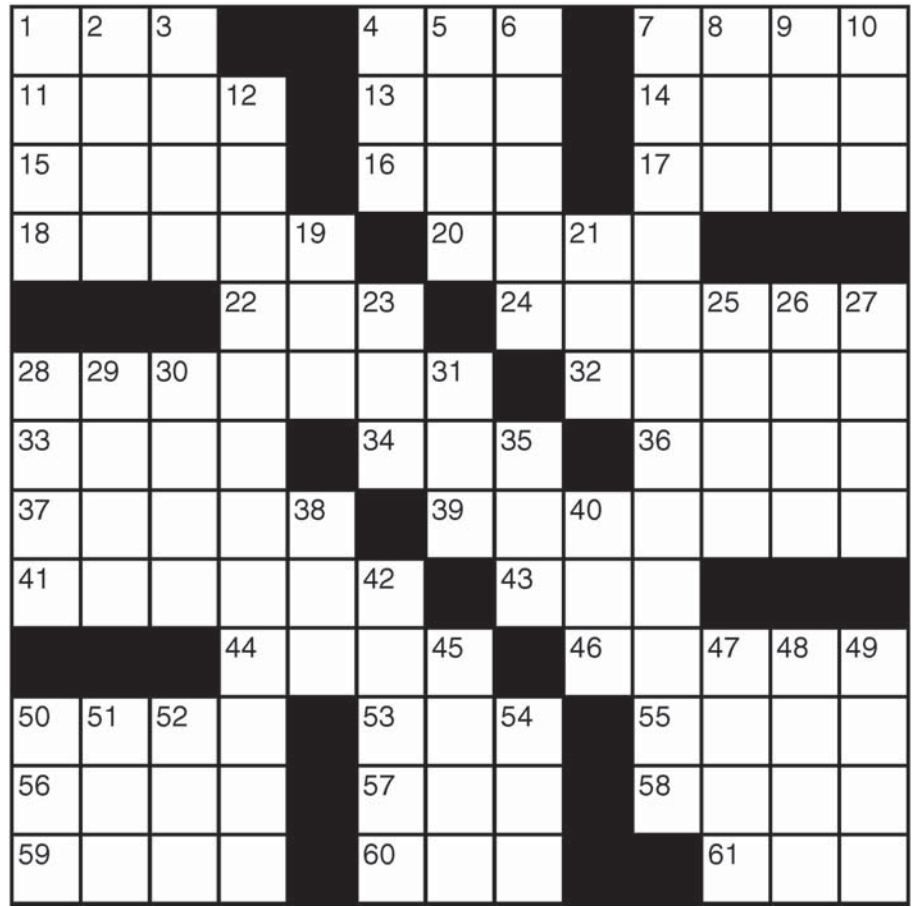


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Frame is moved. 2. Far is different. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. Mouth is open. 5. Wall is not as wide. 6. Boutonniere in picture is moved.

Eugene Sheffer Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Stately tree
 - 4 Apr. addressee
 - 7 Mani counterpart
 - 11 Hearing-impaired
 - 13 — au vin
 - 14 Pivot line
 - 15 Early Peruvian
 - 16 Debtor's letters
 - 17 Detail
 - 18 Moral principle
 - 20 "Death in Venice" author
 - 22 Sgt., e.g.
 - 24 Resentful
 - 28 Durable
 - 32 Higher than
 - 33 Six-sided state
 - 34 "Mangia!"
 - 36 Bar
 - 37 ... type
 - 39 With one's head held high
 - 41 Tacit
- DOWN**
- 2 Pre-Easter period
 - 3 Jet speed number
 - 4 Here, in Dijon
 - 5 Leeway
 - 6 Small pigeon
 - 7 Artist's tools
 - 8 Tel. number
 - 9 Conk out
 - 10 Doctrine
 - 12 Lacking courage
 - 19 201, in old Rome
 - 21 Actress Vardalos
 - 23 "A Chorus Line" song
 - 25 Frog's kin
 - 26 Satan's forte
 - 27 Depend (on)
 - 28 Hum-dinger
 - 29 — impasse
 - 30 Droops
 - 31 Mountain pass
 - 35 Capote nickname
 - 38 Estuary
 - 40 Select, with "for"
 - 42 Impetus
 - 45 Prior nights
 - 47 Slanted type (Abbr.)
 - 48 Scrapped mission
 - 49 Recognized
 - 50 Task
 - 51 Praise in verse
 - 52 Architect Maya
 - 54 Moment
- Solution time: 21 mins.**
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| S | A | G | E | S | | R | E | E | L | S | |
- Yesterday's answer 9-3

CRYPTOQUIP

F J V N P J W N V X K L J D W V F N V
I F M R P J I D X Z V F X D R P Q
Z X N M I F L R M N D R Z V
R L L J I X W X Z Z N Q X: "L J P K J P Q
W X W R ."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HOW DO YOU GRADUALLY PROVE TO SOMEBODY THAT YOU'RE A PRO AT SOLVING ENIGMAS? RIDDLE BY RIDDLE. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals H

Word by Word

Bad (مهمل) Mohmel
Bad workman quarrels his tools.
Al Ssanei al mohmel yatashajar mai adawateh.

Numbers الصانع المهمل يتشاجر مع أدواته.
7953 Seven thousand nine hundred fifty three
٧٩٥٣ Sabat alaf wa tesou maaha wa thalath wa khamsoun



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Latest

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Advisory for OCI card holders: All those having OCI Cards are required to carry both their OCI Card and passport to travel to India so that they do not face any difficulty in immigration clearance.

From October 2018, ICAO will accept only machine readable travel documents, hence, existing PIO Cards, which are handwritten will therefore, become invalid. Thus it will be necessary upon PIO Cardholders to obtain machine readable OCI Cards in lieu of existing hand written PIO Cards before October 2018 to avoid any inconvenience.

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-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.

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 schools and clubs. In June 2018, we plan to travel for camp and tournaments in the US. Contact Coach T 97128884 for information.

Invitation to Grand Mosque: The Visits Department is pleased to invite you to visit the Grand Mosque, which is one of Kuwait's most treasured religious and cultural landmarks to discover the beauty of Islamic arts and architecture. Free guided tours are available all year round on official working days between (9-11 am) and (5-7 pm), within a special tour program designed to cater to the needs of different age groups. The program is as follows:

Reception; Auditorium show; (according to age group); Touring the Mosque; Q & A; Art workshops; (according to age group — between 5 and 18 years old); Snack break; Distribution of the Grand Mosque publications and souvenirs; End of tour.

According to these age groups:
Age group: 5 to 9 years old: Morning: 60 visitors max; Evening: 20; 10 to 15 years: Morning: 100 visitors max; Evening: 45; 16 and above: Morning: 140 visitors max, Evening: 105;

Tour language: Arabic- English- French; Arabic (English upon prior request); Arabic- English- French (English upon prior request); Arabic (English upon prior request)

- Rules and Regulations:
- Please arrive in time for your visit.
- All visitors are kindly required to abide by the mosque's dress code. Male visitors should wear long pants. Shorts and sleeveless shirts are not allowed. Female visitors: should wear head cover and long loose clothing (available at the mosque).
- Foods and drinks are not allowed inside the prayer halls.
- For school visits, teachers are responsible for their students and are required to cooperate with the staff members of the Grand Mosque.
- Photography is allowed inside the Grand Mosque (please note that disrespectful poses are strictly prohibited).

If you would like to book a tour, please contact us:
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Email: gmvisits@gmail.com
Fax: 22473708

Conceptis Sudoku

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

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

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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 6 Minutes
9 Seconds
Your Working
Time ___ Minutes
___ Seconds

					14
	4				15
			5		16
5					16
				9	17
17	18	17	12	23	

Yesterday's solution

				5
2	1	3	1	7
4	2	1	1	8
3	2	2	2	9
1	1	1	1	4
10	6	7	5	7