

What's On

contract bridge

By Steve Becker

Card-reading

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 7 3
♥ A Q 9 8
♦ Q J 5
♣ A K J

WEST
♠ K Q J 9 4
♥ K 7 6 3
♦ K 10
♣ 9 6

EAST
♠ 5
♥ 4 2
♦ 7 6 4 3 2
♣ Q 8 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A 8 6 2
♥ J 10 5
♦ A 9 8
♣ 10 4 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ Dble Pass 1 NT
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — king of spades.

It is usually not difficult to construct an approximate picture of the hand held by a defender who has entered the bidding. An attentive declarer simply brings this picture into focus and proceeds to take advantage of it.

Assume you're in three notrump and West, who opened the bidding, leads the king of spades, which you duck. West continues with the queen, East showing out, and you win with the ace. You lead the J-10-5 of hearts, winning all three finesses, and, after

cashing the ace, you are faced with the problem of how to score a ninth trick.

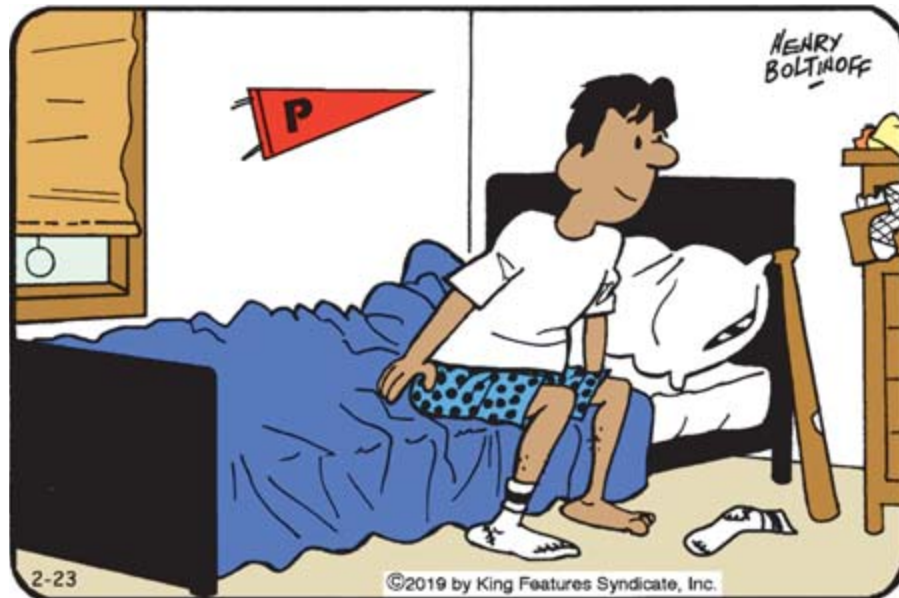
One way would be to attempt a diamond finesse against East; another would be to return to your hand with a diamond to take a club finesse. But before attempting either finesse, you should try to visualize West's hand. He is known to have started with the K-Q-J-9-x of spades and K-x-x-x of hearts, and — since he opened the bidding — he is also sure to have the king of diamonds or queen of clubs, or possibly both.

It is clear that neither finesse is particularly attractive. West may very well have the guarded king of diamonds, in which case you would go down if you finessed in that suit, and East could very well have the queen of clubs, in which case a club finesse would ultimately defeat you.

The proper method of play is to cash the A-K of clubs and, if the queen does not appear, exit from dummy with the ten of spades in an effort to endplay West. This play succeeds whenever West started with two or more diamonds, which is surely a juicier prospect than taking a finesse in either minor suit.

In the actual case, both the premise and the promise pay off because, after West cashes his spades, he is forced to lead a diamond from the king and hand you your ninth trick.

Tomorrow: West gets caught in a trap

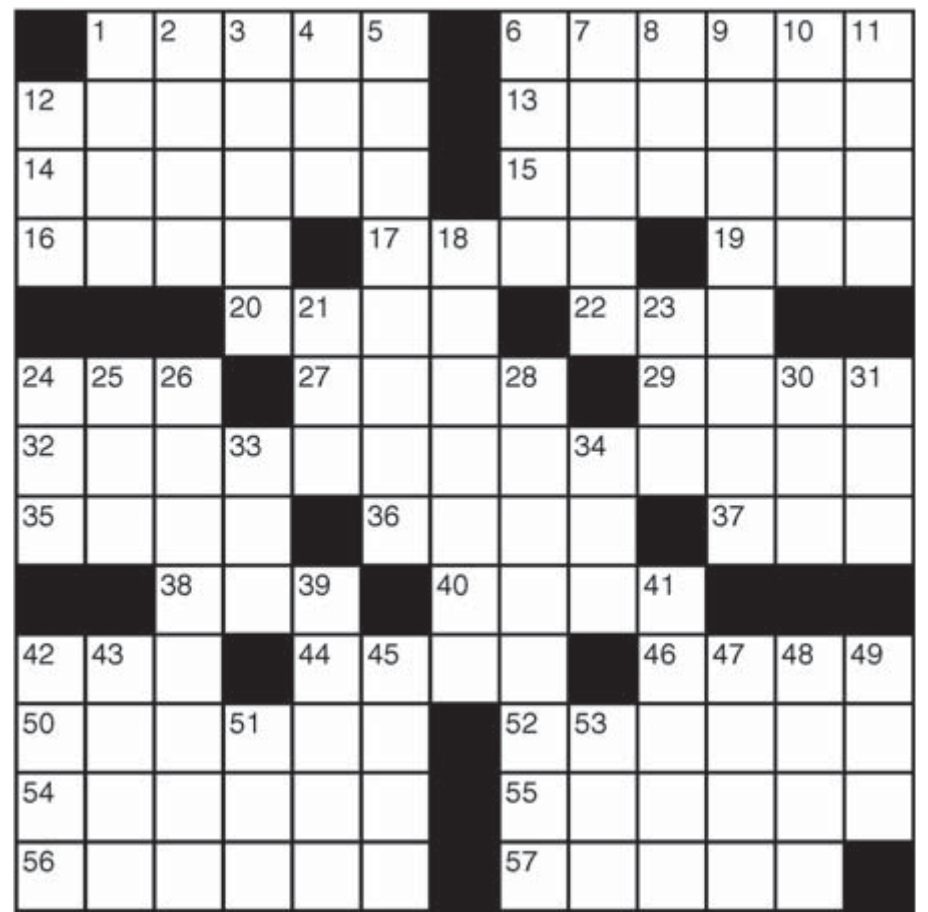


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pillow is different. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Headboard is taller. 4. Bat is shorter. 5. Bed is shorter. 6. Window shade is different.

Eugene Sheffer Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Paid (up)
 - 6 Tennis star Graf
 - 12 False
 - 13 Sounded content
 - 14 Warm, as leftovers
 - 15 Not certain
 - 16 Cruise stop
 - 17 Farm unit
 - 19 Garten of Food Network
 - 20 Austen novel
 - 22 Perched
 - 24 Recede
 - 27 Force
 - 29 Pleasing
 - 32 Symbolic first step toward getting hired
 - 35 Cab
 - 36 British noble
 - 37 Eggy quaff
 - 38 Existed
 - 40 Squabble
 - 42 Past
 - 44 Furnace fuel
- DOWN**
- 1 Grieg's "— Death"
 - 2 Actress Patricia
 - 3 Private pupil
 - 4 Sch. URL ender
 - 5 "Feel-good" brain chemical
 - 6 Incite
 - 7 Jukebox picks
 - 8 Hosp. areas
 - 9 Fulfillment
 - 10 Office plant
 - 11 Notion
 - 12 Greek consonant
 - 18 Bach's "Coffee —"
 - 21 1501, in Roman numerals
 - 23 More-over
 - 24 Newt
 - 25 Large snake
 - 26 Ornamental garden trees
 - 28 Best-selling Michael Jackson album
 - 30 Bill's partner
 - 31 Work unit
 - 33 Spanish aunt
 - 34 Sprite
 - 39 Potpourri output
 - 41 Swift
 - 42 Met melody
 - 43 Sticky substances
 - 45 Praiseful pieces
 - 47 Curved lines
 - 48 Presidential power
 - 49 TV spots
 - 51 Dead heat
 - 53 Epoch

Solution time: 26 mins.



Friday's answer 2-23

CRYPTOQUIP

W F E V B F N W N J B K Z V L K Q V K L
H K Q Z K H Z V E M Z O M L M K
Y Q Z D N Q X L F Y Z O Z H L M K
D Q . N D K Q Z O N O F V L K H L : N
J F W O N H L .

Friday's Cryptoquip: THE PLANET IN THAT SCI-FI FILM HAD A PALE BROWNISH-YELLOW ATMOSPHERE. IT WAS OCHER-WORLDLY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals T

Word by Word

Necessity (ضرورة) Dararah

Necessity has no law.
Al daroah la qanoon laha.

Numbers الضرورة لا قانون لها.

8101 Eight thousand one hundred and one

٨١٠١ Thamaniyat alaaaf wa maah wa wahed



"BUT HOW WILL I EVER LEARN TO FIX THINGS IF I DON'T BREAK THEM FIRST?"

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General

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Indian Embassy SPDC notice: Attention of all Indian associations/Indian schools in Kuwait is once again drawn to Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) which was introduced by Government of India in the academic year 2006-2007 with the objective to make higher education in India accessible to the children of overseas Indians and promote India as a centre for higher studies.

Under the scheme, 100 PIO/NRI students were awarded scholarship of up to US\$ 4,000 per annum for undergraduate courses in Engineering, Technology, Humanities, Liberal Arts, Commerce, Management, Journalism, Hotel Management, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and some other courses.

The scheme is open to NRIs/PIOs from over 40 countries (including Kuwait) having substantial Indian Diaspora population.

The Scheme was revamped and launched in July 2016. Under the revamped Scheme, number of scholarships has been enhanced from 100 to 150 with introduction of 50 scholarships for children of Indian workers employed in the Emigration Check Required (ECR) countries. The Scheme is now applicable to four categories of applicants:

- (i) Persons of Indian Origin
- (ii) Non-Resident Indians
- (iii) Children of Indian workers working in ECR countries (including Kuwait).
- (iv) Children of Indian workers in ECR countries - studying in India

The institutions that are covered under this Scheme are:

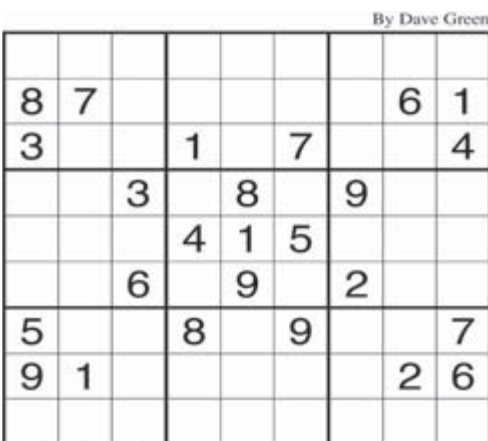
- (i) NITs, IITs, Schools of Planning and Architecture
- (ii) "A" Grade institutions accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and recognised by University Grants Commission (UGC).
- (iii) Other institutions covered under Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) scheme.

Income criteria will be applicable to all four categories. Applicants will seek scholarships after they obtain admission in the approved list of educational institutions.

Applications are required to be submitted online at SPDC portal - <http://spdcindia.gov.in/login/index.php>. Last date for submission of applications was extended till Oct 14, 2016. Nodal officer for SPDC is P. Bharadwaj, Deputy Secretary (OIA-II), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, Tel: 00-91-11-24197952, Email: dsoia2@mea.gov.in

Conceptis Sudoku

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



Answer to Friday's puzzle



Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Challenger

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
20 Seconds
Your Working
Time ___ Minutes
___ Seconds



Friday's solution



By Louis Morer