

## contract bridge

By Steve Becker

### A case of eavesdropping

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q  
♥ K 10 8 2  
♦ J 8 4 3  
♣ A Q 10 6

**WEST**  
♠ A K J 10 9 7 4 2  
♥ 9 5  
♦ 9  
♣ 8 3

**EAST**  
♠ 6 3  
♥ A 7 4  
♦ Q 10 6  
♣ J 9 7 5 2

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

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♦ 4♠ 5♦

Opening lead — king of spades.

Generally speaking, when a player makes a bid, or a series of bids, his primary purpose is to portray to his partner as nearly as possible the type of hand he has.

In doing so, however, he cannot avoid revealing the very same information to the opposition. After all, the opponents also have ears and every right to listen in on what is basically intended as a private conversation.

As a result, both sides are frequently able to take advantage of the knowledge they pick up from the adverse bidding. In the present case,

South knows a great deal about West's hand from his four-spade bid, and he can utilize this knowledge to help him make the contract.

Let's say West leads the king of spades and shifts to a club. Since South must lose a heart in any case, his sole concern at this point is to avoid losing a trump trick.

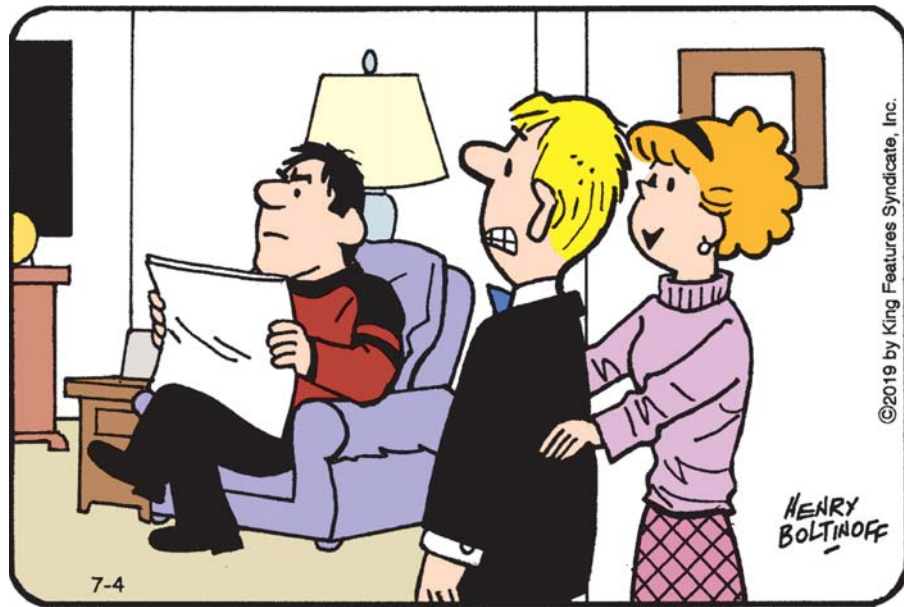
If he plays normally — that is, if he cashes the A-K of diamonds — he makes the contract if the diamonds are divided 2-2 or either player has the singleton queen. However, with West known to have seven or eight spades, the odds are greatly against his having two diamonds. Indeed, West is far more likely to have one diamond than two.

South should therefore base his play in the trump suit on this assumption and should reason that, if West has a singleton, there is twice as good a chance it is the ten or nine rather than the queen. Accordingly, he should win West's club return at trick two with dummy's queen and lead the jack of diamonds, planning to finesse if East follows low.

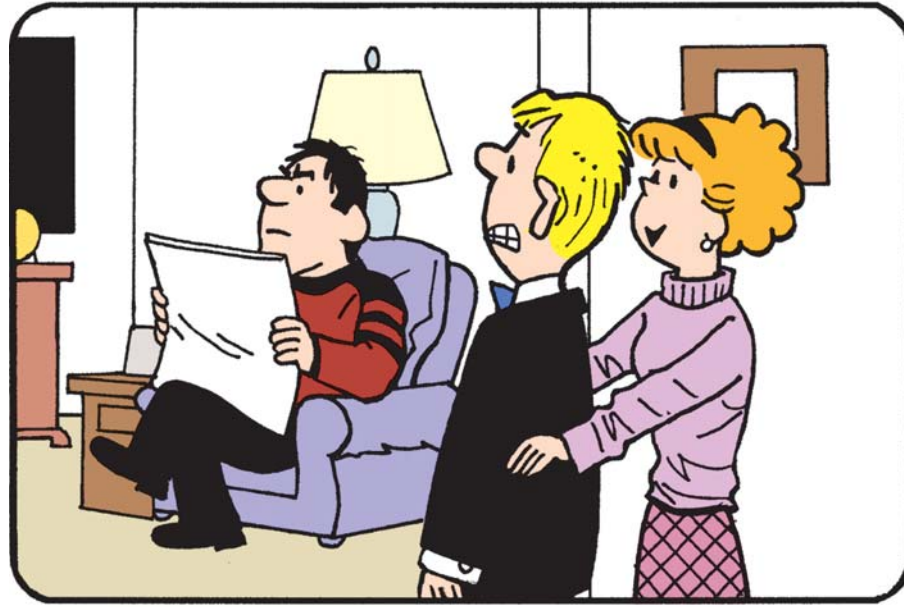
If East covers the jack with the queen and West produces the ten or nine, South should cross to the ace of clubs and finesse against East for the missing key card.

In the actual deal, this method of play succeeds, and South loses only a spade and a heart.

Tomorrow: Diabolical duplicity.



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Stripes on sleeve are different. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Jacket sleeve is longer. 4. Bottom of end table is different. 5. Nose is smaller. 6. Newspaper is larger.

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### General

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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

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

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★

## Challenger

By Louis Morier

			1		12
				1	13
		1			13
				1	13
1					4
15	9	9	10	11	

### 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  
10 Seconds  
Your Working  
Time \_\_ Minutes  
\_\_ Seconds

Yesterday's solution

9	1	9	1	20
7	8	5	8	28
9	9	7	9	34
5	3	2	1	11
30	21	23	19	25

## Eugene Sheffer Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12				13				14			
15				16				17			
18				19			20	21			
			22					23			
24	25	26			27	28	29		30	31	
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42	43			44		45			46	47	48
49				50	51			52			
53				54				55			
56				57				58			

### ACROSS

- 1 "Believe" singer
- 5 Deli meat
- 8 Aspiring atty.'s exam
- 12 Wander
- 13 Altar
- 14 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 15 Raw materials
- 16 Scary cry
- 17 Equipment
- 18 Italian sandwich
- 20 Least common
- 22 "Mayday!"
- 23 Gym unit
- 24 ... ingredient
- 27 Forensics facility
- 32 Epoch
- 33 Former Mideast org.
- 34 — standstill
- 35 Diagnostic procedures
- 38 With skill

### DOWN

- 1 Field
- 2 Circle dance
- 3 Squared
- 4 Defy
- 5 Tropical flower
- 6 Fuss
- 7 Heath
- 8 Stowe villain
- 9 Where
- 10 "Sad to say ..."
- 11 Like lemons
- 19 "Forget it!"

### Solution time: 24 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 7-4

7-4

### CRYPTOQUIP

W M O O X F U X W W I U S J W C  
F M S I O F M Q S L M S ' B Y I U X H J W C  
I A I W W M O O X F I O H X W S L Y Q

H X W S L: M O I U I B B J A I B S O M J S.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF TWO PEOPLE ARE PLANNING A CONSPIRACY WHILE GOLFING, ARE THEY ON A COLLUSION COURSE?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals W

### Word by Word

Tales (قصص) Qessass

Dead men tell no tales.  
Al mawta la yarwoon al qessass.

Numbers المونى لا يروون القصص.

8208 Eight thousand two hundred eight

٨٢٠٨ Thamaniyat alaaaf wa meatan wa thamaniya



“I KNOW YOU SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH MATCHES... BUT HOW ELSE WERE FIREWORKS INVENTED?”