

What's On

contract bridge

By Steve Becker

Taking control

North dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 7 3

♥ K 2

♦ K Q 9 5

♣ 10 6 3

WEST
♠ 6

♥ J 9 7 3

♦ 8 6 4 2

♣ Q J 9 5

EAST
♠ 9 4 2

♥ 10 8 6 5 4

♦ A

♣ A K 7 4

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 8 5

♥ A Q

♦ J 10 7 3

♣ 8 2

The bidding:

North East South West

1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

2♠ Pass 4♣

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

There are hands where one defender is in a much better position than his partner to see the best chance to defeat the contract. In these cases, the player with the better perspective should take over, if possible, and direct the defense for his side.

For example, take this deal where West led the queen of clubs against four spades. East signaled with the seven and won the next club with the

king. But when East then tried to cash his ace, South ruffed, drew trumps and conceded the ace of diamonds to make the contract.

East was entirely at fault for allowing four spades to be made. He merely went through the motions of defending, basing his hopes entirely on the possibility that South had three clubs instead of two.

A much better plan would have been to make use of the knowledge that West's queen-of-clubs lead indicated he also had the jack. With that in mind, East should have overtaken the queen with the king, cashed the ace of diamonds and then returned a low club to West's jack.

This sequence of plays by East would have made it clear that he had been dealt the singleton ace of diamonds, and would have made it easy for West to return a diamond at trick four to defeat the contract.

It is true that many players holding the East hand would mechanically play the seven of clubs at trick one, giving no thought whatever to the primary objective of every good defender: to defeat the contract. Over the long haul, such players would almost surely find themselves on the short end of the score.

Sunday: Picture bidding



Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Flag is missing. 3. Man is thinner. 4. Roof support post is moved. 5. Tie is different. 6. Horse picture is reversed.

Eugene Sheffer Crossword

A crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares.

ACROSS

- 1 Mac rivals
- 4 Thick chunk
- 8 Barak of ...
- 12 Decay
- 13 Diamond Head locale
- 14 NBA's Archibald
- 15 Salary parity championed by NOW
- 17 "The Good Earth" heroine
- 18 Wilma's hubby
- 19 Easy, as a job
- 20 Some jobs
- 22 Urban haze
- 24 Elevator name
- 25 Old communication device
- 29 "— you serious?"
- 30 Pleasantly warm

DOWN

- 31 Victory sign
- 32 Bonus for a job well done
- 34 Navy commando
- 35 Group of two
- 36 Cheerful
- 37 Tennis star Becker
- 40 Tub session
- 41 "Peek—!"
- 42 Worker's compensation
- 46 Lean to one side
- 47 Saxophone range

31 Victory sign

- 48 Caviar women
- 50 Adolescent
- 51 Poached breakfast

11 Say it isn't so

- 16 — and crafts
- 19 Mimic
- 20 Rich soil
- 21 French 101 verb
- 22 Leafy lunch
- 23 "Goodness!"
- 25 Mama's mate
- 26 "Psst!"
- 27 Close
- 28 Slithery
- 30 A/C measures
- 33 Knuckleheads
- 34 Eve's third son
- 36 Georgia city
- 37 Cave creatures
- 38 Last writes?
- 39 Actor's quest
- 40 Memory unit
- 42 Bit of butter
- 43 ... order
- 44 Gear-wheel tooth
- 45 ... barrel

Solution time: 25 mins.

A crossword puzzle solution grid with filled-in letters.

Yesterday's answer 7-19

CRYPTOQUIP

Cryptoquip puzzle text: PUXICYO AXZGPGTI KEU KTZ WTAUXZ WUY VGLGIV ULNYMO FYTATCGP YNIFGCGUIZ UW ZUIVZ: ETA AO KOINCCN. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN OKLAHOMA RESIDENTS MAKE HUMOROUS MISTAKES IN SPEECH, WOULD PEOPLE CALL THOSE SOONERISMS? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals C

Word by Word

Sometimes (أحياناً) Ahyanan
Even Homer sometimes nods.
Hata Homeros yokhtei ahyanan.

Numbers حتى هوميروس يخطي وأحياناً.

8221 Eight thousand two hundred twenty one

٨٢٢١ Thamaniyat alaaaf wa meatanwa wahed wa esh-roon



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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

A 9x9 Conceptis Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

A 9x9 grid showing the solution to the previous Sudoku puzzle.

Difficulty Level ★

Challenger

By Louis Mores

A grid for a logic puzzle with numbers and arrows indicating relationships between cells.

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 6 Seconds
Your Working Time ___ Minutes ___ Seconds

The solution grid for the logic puzzle, with numbers filled in the cells.

Difficulty Level ★