

# What's On

## contract bridge

By Steve Becker

### Just another day at the office

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 5 3  
♥ A 9 3 2  
♦ Q 7 5 3  
♣ A J

**WEST**  
♠ K 2  
♥ 10  
♦ 10 8 4 2  
♣ K Q 10 9 7 5

**EAST**  
♠ J 10 9 8 6 4  
♥ J 6  
♦ J 6  
♣ 8 6 3

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

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ 2♣ 3♣ Pass  
4♥ Pass 4NT Pass  
5♦ Pass 5NT Pass  
6♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.  
Some players may believe that most of the “fancier” plays in bridge — squeezes, coups and endplays — never really happen in real life, and that they’re concocted merely to keep the likes of yours truly in at least a modest state of employment. But such deals actually do occur, as witness this example from a national pairs championship.

The deal is typical of the type of endplay hand that is seen in newspaper columns every day. And as if to prove that the players in the contest

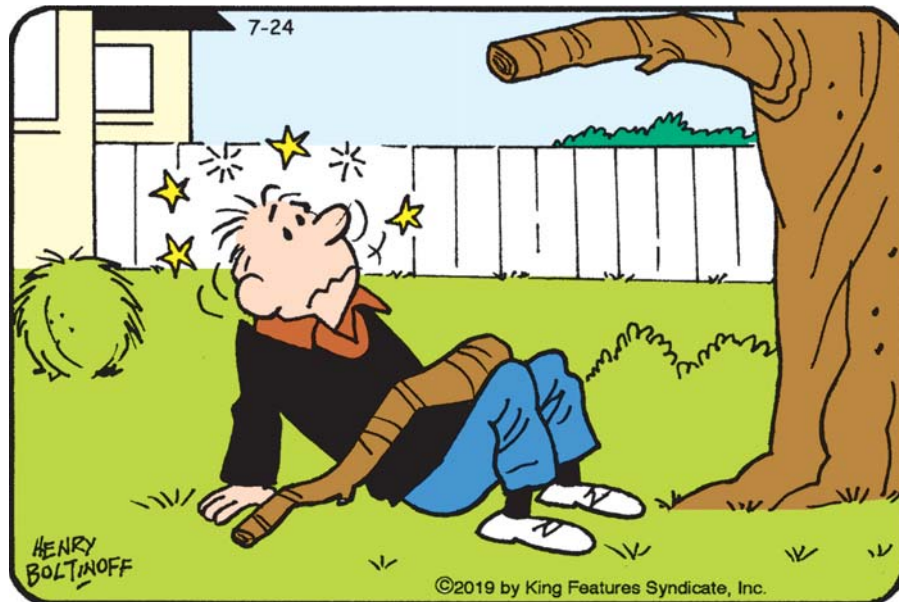
had been doing their homework, bidding and making the slam via an endplay yielded only a slightly above-average result in the scoring, indicating that nearly all the declarers found the winning line of play.

The auction shown was a common one. After West’s overall, North cuebid clubs to show a good hand with heart support, and South leapt to four hearts to indicate better than a minimum opening. When South, in response to Blackwood, turned up with one ace but only two kings, North settled for a small slam.

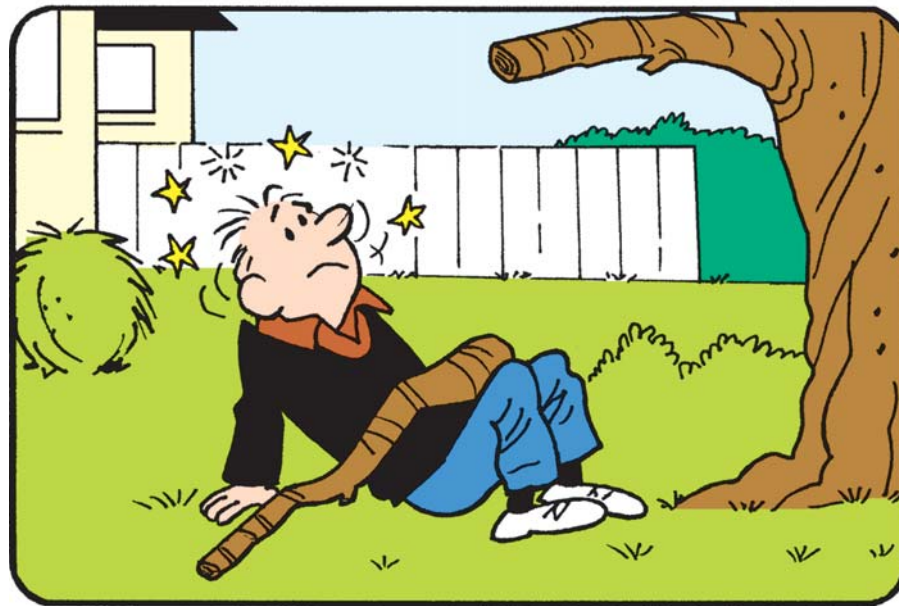
Declarer won West’s club king with the ace, drew trump in two rounds and tested diamonds. Had the suit divided 3-3, South would have discarded his club loser on dummy’s fourth diamond to make the slam. Indeed, declarer would then have run all his trumps in an attempt to make seven on a squeeze if West had the king of spades as well as the club queen.

But when East failed to follow to the third diamond, declarer fell back on the alternative plan of endplaying West. Dummy’s fourth diamond was ruffed to deprive West of a safe exit card, and a club was led, forcing West to win the jack with the queen. West then had no choice but to lead a spade from the king or yield a ruff-and-discard by returning a club, and the slam was home — just like in the newspaper.

Tomorrow: Tug of War

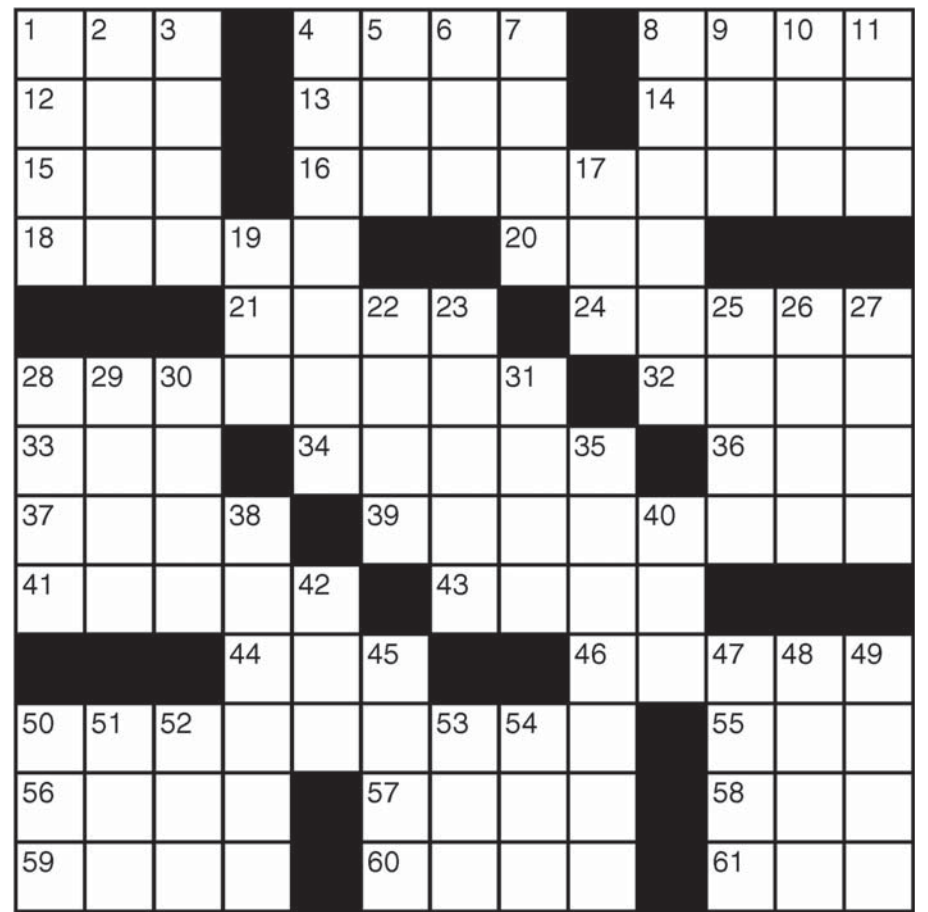


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree limb is longer. 2. Bush is larger. 3. Foot is not as wide. 4. Tree trunk is different. 5. Mouth is different. 6. Fence is moved. 7. Foot is not as wide.

## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



**ACROSS**  
1 Nile reptile  
4 Tree home  
8 Rams fans?  
12 Mauna —  
13 Notion span  
14 Calendar span  
15 Yale grad  
16 Misleading recommendations  
18 Pink hue  
20 Sushi choice  
21 Arizona city  
24 Man of morals?  
28 Massachusetts  
32 Melody cheer  
33 Flamenco  
34 Handled  
36 Kingston Trio hit  
37 Peregrinate  
39 ...  
41 Allen or Frome  
7-24

**DOWN**  
1 Mr. Guinness  
2 Without help  
3 Twosome  
4 Corn kernels  
5 College URL  
6 Religious sch.  
7 Hit with a stun gun  
8 Shoelace hole  
9 Teeny  
10 Listener  
11 Soon-to-be grads  
17 Earl Grey, e.g.  
19 Mornings (Abbr.)  
22 Swedish auto  
23 Fighting style  
25 Wrestling  
26 Aware of  
27 Bell sound  
28 Drill  
29 Oodles  
30 “Amen!”  
31 French 101 verb  
35 Fish-eating hawks  
38 Like Zorro or Batman  
40 As well  
42 Refusals  
45 School support orgs.  
47 Peddle  
48 Author Hunter  
49 Sitar music  
50 Purse  
51 Yoko from Tokyo  
52 — roll (winning)  
53 Discoverer’s call  
54 Squabble

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

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

**Yesterday’s answer 7-24**  
**CRYPTOQUIP**  
M A I T O Z O C P G Q O E G S C O  
W P Z A W T L G Z T O M L E S V C J O C  
N Z A W A Z R O R I A Q M P Q V  
R S Z W O I A R : P C ’ R O Q S N J P T T  
E A A C T A .  
**Yesterday’s Cryptoquip:** WHAT WOULD YOU CALL BELIEF IN A MAGICAL ABILITY TO DETERMINE THE ORIGINS OF THINGS? SOURCERY.  
Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: E equals B

## click General

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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: dsaoia2@mea.gov.in

**Sastra Prathibha Contest:** Science International Forum (SIF) Kuwait in association with UNIMONI Kuwait announced the commencement of registration for the 6th edition of the Sastra Prathibha Contest (VVM Vidyarthi Vidyarthi Manthan). Sastra Prathibha Contest (VVM Vidyarthi Vidyarthi Manthan) is a pan India and GCC Science Talent Hunt initiative by VIBHA in association with NCERT, HRD Ministry (Government of India) and the Department of Science and Technology (Government of India).

Sastra Prathibha Contest 2019-20 will be a two level contest. First level written examination will take place on Nov 7, 2019. A one-day science camp (Level II) will be organized on Jan 10, 2020 for the selected students from Level I contest, where the Sastra Prathibha title winners for the year 2019-20 will be selected. Winners of Sastra Prathibha Title will get the opportunity to visit prestigious research laboratories in India and also get the opportunity for personal interaction with top scientists in India.

Students from class 4 to class 10 are eligible to register under the categories Sub junior (Class 4, 5), Junior (Class 6, 7, 8) and Senior (Class 9, 10). Registrations for the same will be strictly through schools. Once the registration process is over, a Question Bank following the prescribed syllabus will be provided to the students. SPC will be a 80 question, one hour exam. 30 questions will appear from the question bank, 30 from existing syllabus, 10 analytical and 10 will be general questions. Those interested are requested to contact the science department HOD of respective schools.

SPC is the biggest and most prestigious contest of its kind in Kuwait, with the participation of more than 4500 students from the Indian schools in Kuwait.

Registration forms are available at the science department / SPC coordinator of the respective schools. Registration closed on May 15, 2019. For further updates on SPC Season VI, please follow [www.facebook.com/sifkuwait](http://www.facebook.com/sifkuwait), or email at [info@sifkuwait.com](mailto:info@sifkuwait.com)

**Islamic and Arabic courses:** Islamic and Arabic courses are being offered at the Enlightenment into Islam Center starting from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Registrations can be done at the main office — Women’s Committee in Qurtoba.  
For more information contact: 24322684, 25362693, 97743327 and 25362681.

## Sports

**Chess Round Robin Challenge:** Registrations are open for chess coaching and the Annual Round Robin Challenger Series. Send your name, Civil ID No., mobile number, age, rating to [saviosgomes@gmail.com](mailto:saviosgomes@gmail.com) with CCR in the e-mail subject. No entry fee.

**Kwt-Brits football supporters:** A new football supporters website for British expats living and working in Kuwait has been set up by an Everton supporter, Trevor Powell. The Kuwait Brits Football Supporters Association (KBFS) site aims to provide contact information for supporters of each others’ whereabouts and also in the future hopes to organise social events such as quizzes and even five-a-side matches on a home international teams basis. We need expats to register their support and hence we can then start to cast around for a suitable meeting venue. The site can be accessed at [www.kbfsa.co.uk](http://www.kbfsa.co.uk).

**Arnis/Eskrima training:** Eskrimador-Kuwait a member of Cacoy Doce Pares World Federation now opens a new batch of training. Learn the Philippine national sports, which is Arnis/Eskrima with the authentic style and techniques. Training schedule will be every Friday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm @ Kaifan Sports Complex-Karate Gym. Text or call #50292148-Herms.

**Free IFRA coaching classes:** Indian Football Referees Association (IFRA) will be starting free refresher/coaching classes for existing referees, new recruits, those aspiring to be referees and even those who would like to learn about the laws of the game at IEAS – Salmiya (Don Bosco).

Classes will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm every Friday.  
Those interested may call 99519439 or get in touch with any IFRA member for registration.

## 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

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

Answer to yesterday’s puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

## Challenger

By Louis MURER

				19
	3			10
				11
		4		12
7				19
10	18	14	10	10

### 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 5 Minutes  
39 Seconds  
Your Working Time \_\_\_ Minutes \_\_\_ Seconds

Yesterday’s solution

				8
4	1	1	1	7
6	8	3	8	25
5	2	9	9	25
2	7	9	9	27
17	18	22	27	30

## Word by Word

**Every (كل) Kull**  
Every man is the architect of his own fortune.  
Kul emrein yassnai qadaraho benefseh.

**Numbers كل امرئ يصنع قدره بنفسه.**  
**8225** Eight thousand two hundred twenty five  
**٨٢٢٥** Thamaniyat alaaf wa meatanwa khamsa wa eshroon



“I COULD USE A CUP OF GOOD CHEER... BUT YOU BETTER MAKE MR. WILSON A DOUBLE.”