

# What's On

## contract bridge

By Steve Becker

### Double indemnity

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ A 7  
♥ 8 4 2  
♦ A Q 10 9 5  
♣ 6 4 3

**EAST**

♠ J 8 6 3  
♥ Q 7 6 5 3  
♦ K J  
♣ 10 2

**SOUTH**

♠ K 10  
♥ A J 9  
♦ 8 7 3 2  
♣ A K Q 8

The bidding:

East South West North  
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — four of spades.

**Declarer's primary task** in most deals is to try to make the contract and not to concern himself with overtricks. While overtricks have some value in the scoring, they are of minor importance when a game or a slam is at stake.

**This basic principle** gave birth many years ago to a vast family of plays known as safety plays. One characteristic feature of many safety plays is the willingness to lose a trick unnecessarily in order to increase the overall chance of fulfilling the contract. Today's hand provides an

example of this type.

**Declarer's best chance** of making three notrump lies in developing the diamonds without losing two tricks in the suit. If he loses two diamond tricks before the suit becomes established, he will also lose at least three spades and so go down.

**The safest way** of broaching the diamonds is to win the opening spade lead with the king and play a diamond to the ace. As it happens, East's jack falls, and making the contract then becomes routine.

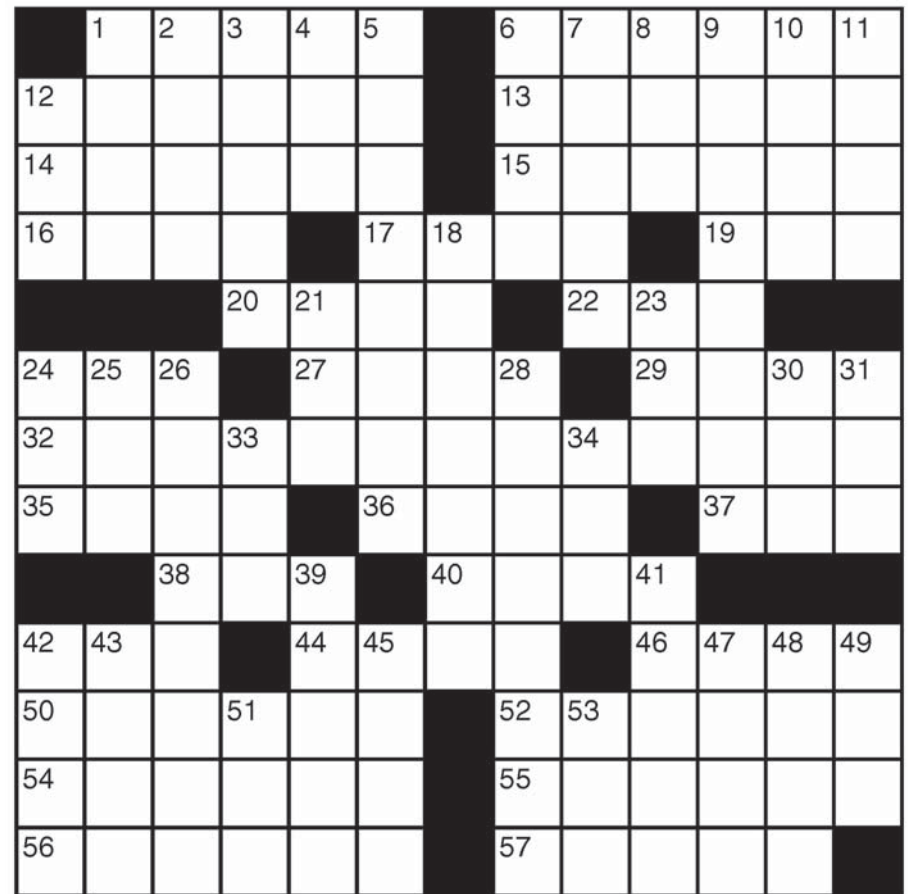
**Now let's suppose** that instead of playing a diamond to the ace, South leads a diamond to the queen at trick two. East wins and returns a spade to the ace. Declarer then crosses to his hand with a club and leads another diamond.

**West follows low**, and South is faced with a very difficult guess. He must decide whether East was originally dealt the K-J doubleton of diamonds or the singleton king. He may, of course, guess correctly, but as often as not he will misguess.

**However**, the guess is one that declarer has carelessly created for himself. The ace play on the first round of diamonds spares him the need to guess and guarantees the contract unless East has K-J-x or K-J-x-x in the suit. The queen play carries no such guarantee.

**Tomorrow:** Diabolical defense.

## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Shred
  - 6 Tyke
  - 12 Alaskan capital
  - 13 Actress Lansbury
  - 14 Soak up
  - 15 Packed in a box, as oranges
  - 16 Boxer Spinks
  - 17 Like dried mud
  - 19 Mac alternatives
  - 20 Round Table titles
  - 22 First lady?
  - 24 Expected
  - 27 Facts and figures
  - 29 Congers
  - 32 Elvis Presley hit song
  - 35 Spiked club
  - 36 Mando- lin's kin
  - 37 UFO crew
  - 38 Billboards
- DOWN**
- 1 Hayseed
  - 2 Not many words
  - 3 Drudges
  - 4 Eg. and Syr., once
  - 5 ...
  - 6 Big truck maker
  - 7 ...
  - 8 Links org.
  - 9 Personal bugaboo
  - 10 Power co. supply
  - 11 Tiny amounts
  - 12 Tokyo-based carrier
  - 18 Amaze
  - 21 Altar promise
  - 23 Victory sign
  - 24 Poorly lit
  - 25 Actress Hagen
  - 26 Fugitives
  - 28 Creative flair
  - 30 Allow
  - 31 Soon-to-be grads
  - 33 Homer's neighbor
  - 34 Profit
  - 39 Beauty parlor
  - 41 Diving gear
  - 42 Miles away
  - 43 Withered
  - 45 Neither fem. nor masc.
  - 47 Skip
  - 48 Frying needs
  - 49 Em halves
  - 51 "See ya!"
  - 53 Caviar
- Solution time: 26 mins.**
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T | E | A | B | E | A | D | B | E | A | T |
| O | A | R | R | A | R | E | L | O | L | A |
| F | R | E | D | E | R | I | C | U | N | I |
| U | N | S | E | A | T | O | E | R |   |   |
|   |   |   | U | S | H |   | R | U | B | R |
| E | J | E | C | T | F | U | R | E | V | A |
| P | U | R | E | D | A | M | O | N | E | S |
| I | D | A | P | E | N | B | L | E | S | S |
| C | I | T | R | I | C | P | O | I |   |   |
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### General

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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](mailto:dsoia2@mea.gov.in)

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is moved. 2. Cap is different. 3. Ear is smaller. 4. Apron is different. 5. Collar is different. 6. Mouth is different.

## Concepts 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

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

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★

## Challenger

By Louis Morer

				15
	8			20
			7	10
5				16
				30
			9	28
20	18	25	13	28

### 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

36 Seconds

Your Working

Time \_\_\_ Minutes

\_\_\_ Seconds

Yesterday's solution

				9
1	6	1	1	9
6	6	1	6	19
1	6	1	1	9
1	1	6	1	9
9	19	9	9	9

## 5-18 CRYPTOQUIP

X G Q A M X F J R Z B R S H N X P P  
S R D X L B X F J H N R P X F L A P F ,  
O C H B O A M P S B C H B D I A U X S R  
Q A M O X B C ? S X R B H I Q G X U R I .  
**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** WE ONLY ANSWER  
QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO WISPY, HIGH-  
ALTITUDE CLOUDS. CIRRUS INQUIRIES ONLY.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals N

## Word by Word

**Absence (بعد) Boud**

Absence makes the heart grow fonder.  
Al boud yazeed al qalb woloan.

**Numbers البعد يزيد القلب ولوعا**

**8173** Eight thousand one hundred seventy three

**٨١٧٣** Thamaniyat alaaaf wa ma'ah wa thalath wa saboun



"WHOEVER DID THIS SHOULDN'T BE WASTIN' ALL THEIR TALENT DRAWIN' IN THE SAND!"