

What's On

contract bridge

By Steve Becker

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General

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AWL registration: If you would like to join the American Women's League (AWL), please call 99039723 or 94067999 or email: kuwait-awl@yahoo.com. All American women and wives of Americans are welcomed.

Ugandans register with UIK: Are you a Ugandan living and working in Kuwait? Would you like to get in touch with other Ugandans in Kuwait both socially and professionally? Then please get in touch with us. We would like to invite you to register with the Ugandans in Kuwait (UIK) association, an informal organization of Ugandans living and working in Kuwait. The purpose of this exercise is to get together as Ugandans and to consider taking the first steps to establishing a more formal organisation. This association is voluntary. It is designed to create a forum for Ugandans in Kuwait to foster a sense of community, to communicate more effectively with each other and to encourage Ugandans out here to work together. We are also planning a celebration to mark 50 years of Ugandan's Independence this year. If you have any questions regarding this association or if you are interested in registering, then please send us an email at ugandansinkuwait@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you soon.

Free drum music classes: Free professional drum music classes are available at Salmiya for all age groups from beginners to advanced by a well experienced drum teacher. For more details: 94974295.

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

Islamic classes in French: The Enlightenment into Islam is offering Islamic Classes in French for ladies. Timings 4:30 to 7 pm. Every Wednesday. Please register at the office (Women's Section), 2nd floor. For more information please contact us. Telephone 25362684, 99789954, 99507076, 97743327. Fax 25342573 (attention — Enlightenment into Islam)

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Diamonds, and North leads the king of clubs. How would you play the hand?

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

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades, and North leads the ace of hearts. How would you play the hand?

WEST	EAST
♠ A Q J 8 7 5 4 3	♠ K 10 9 2
♥ —	♥ K
♦ 8 3	♦ A Q J 10
♣ K 8 6	♣ 7 5 4 2

1. The slam is a sure thing regardless of how the cards are divided. Ruff the club, draw trumps, then play the ace and another spade. If North follows low, finesse the ten, thus assuring the contract whether the ten wins or loses. If North produces the jack or queen instead, you win with the king and again can be sure of losing only one spade trick whether South follows or not.

If North shows out on the first or second spade lead, the slam remains certain even though there seems to be two spade losers. After cashing both top spades, you next play the A-Q-5 of hearts.

First, let's suppose South shows out on the second or third round of

hearts. In that case, you take the king and return the ten, discarding a spade from dummy. North wins with the jack, but whatever he returns, you discard dummy's last spade as you ruff in your hand. All you lose is a heart trick.

Now let's say South follows low when you lead dummy's third heart. This time you finesse the ten. If it wins, you have 12 tricks; if it loses, you also have 12 tricks, because North must return a club, which you ruff in your hand after discarding a spade from dummy. You then cash the heart king, discarding dummy's last spade to make the slam.

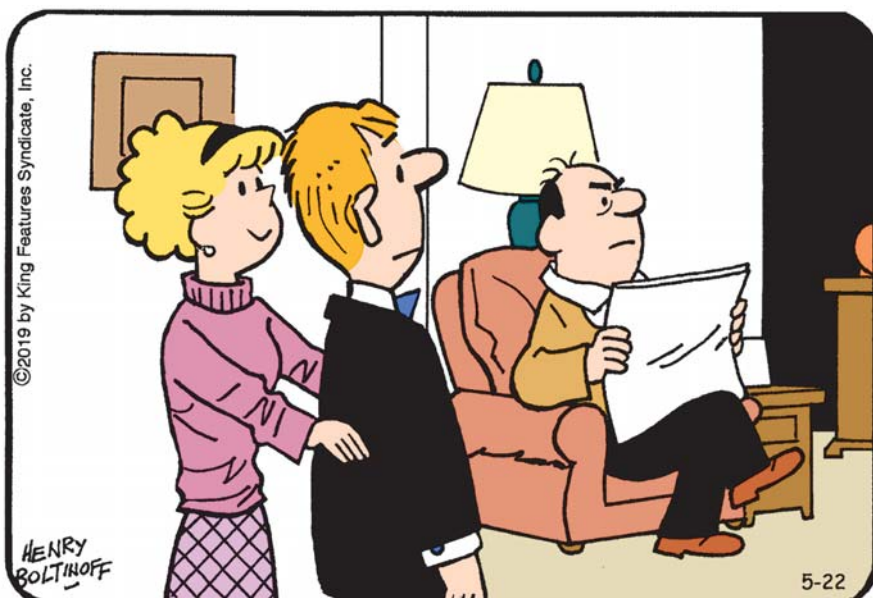
2. The only danger is that South has the king of diamonds and North the ace of clubs. In that case, if you ruff the heart, cash a trump and take a diamond finesse, you could go down one with a club return from South.

To guard against this, the best play is to discard a diamond on the ace of hearts! This ensures the contract against any lie of the cards.

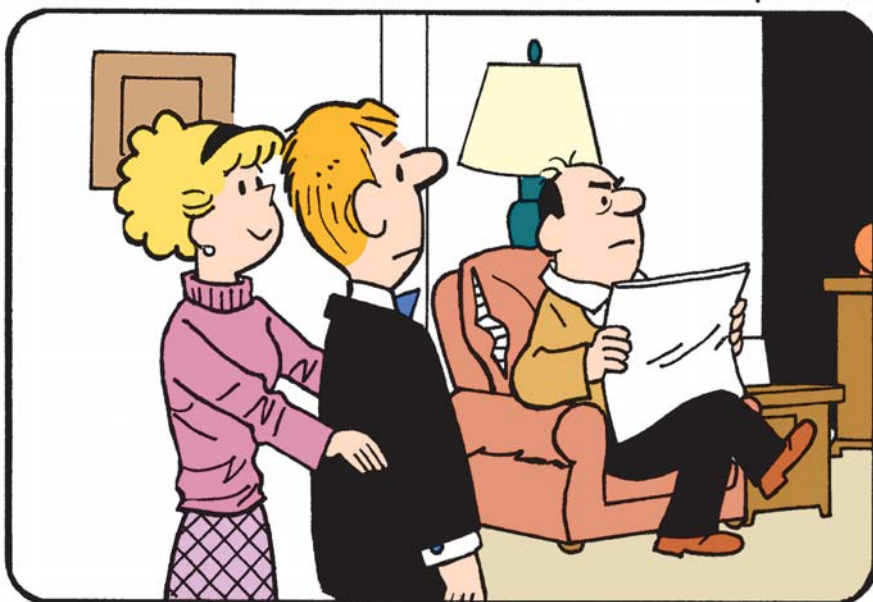
Let's say North shifts to a trump at trick two. You win and play the A-Q of diamonds. If South produces the king, you ruff and have 11 tricks. If South follows low, you discard a club, assuring 10 tricks even if North wins the trick with the king.

The diamond discard at trick one allows you to take a diamond finesse that can lose only to North, the non-dangerous opponent.

Tomorrow: All's well that ends well.



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Pillow is different. 4. End table is wider. 5. Lamp is taller. 6. Ear is different.

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

Challenger

By Louis MURER

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.

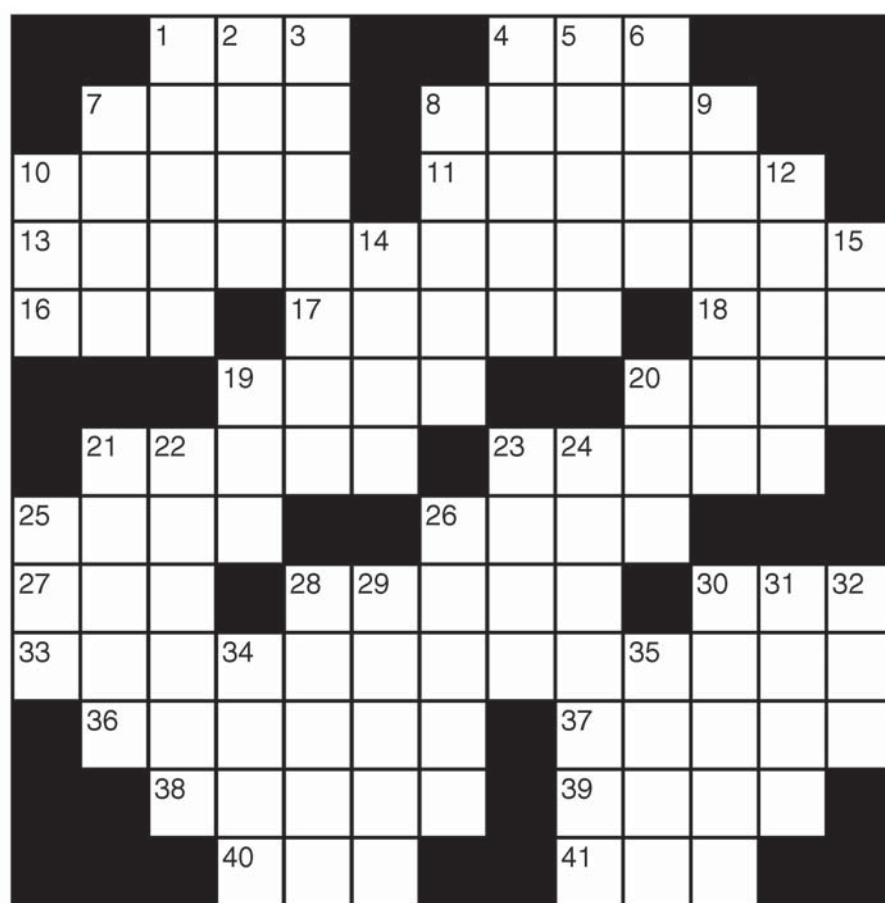
Today's Challenge
Time 4 Minutes
0 Seconds
Your Working Time ___ Minutes
___ Seconds

				6	30
					33
		9			33
9					33
				6	19
30	30	30	28	28	

Yesterday's solution

					14
1	1	9	1		12
1	3	3	1		8
1	2	4	1		8
8	8	4	8		28
11	14	20	11	16	

Eugene Sheffer Crossword



ACROSS	26 Rescue	41 PX	14 Zilch
1 Soft shoe, for short	27 Rap's Dr. —	patrons	15 Decade parts (Abbr.)
4 Massachusetts cape	30 Sheepish remark	DOWN	19 Cushion
7 San —, Italy	33 Satisfying conclusion	1 Thaws	20 Bedazzle
8 Nasser's successor	36 "Burnt" crayon color	2 Skip	21 Ganges garments
10 Dutch bloom	37 Peace	3 Cockpit colleague	22 Bakery pan
11 Scents	38 Con-sumerist	4 "— diem!"	23 Cathedral area
13 In a good position	Ralph	5 Stinks	24 Vespers time
16 Reply (Abbr.)	39 Roman emperor	6 Title for Judi Dench	25 Adobe file format
17 Theater boxes	40 Snake's sound	7 Wreck	26 Tea sweetener
18 Corn spike		8 Drooping	28 Looks after
19 Shetland, for one		9 Spuds	29 Queen — lace
20 Story lines		10 Airport screening org.	30 Coffin stands
21 Sudden onrush		12 Actor Keach	31 — Domini
23 Informative			32 Bio stat
25 Picked up the tab			34 Afternoon affairs
			35 Zwei follower

Solution time: 23 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 5-22

5-22 CRYPTOQUIP

M Q Y M E K G T Y R J A H V V
B S V H X S L A K K B K L D M K R S
O L Y N G S R M D X S L J O Y D M .
M Q S J S X S R B K K X S L R H N Q M
E Q H T T H R N .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHY WAS THE PLAIN VEGGIE SALAD IN A PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE STATE? BECAUSE IT WAS UNDRESSED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals T

Word by Word

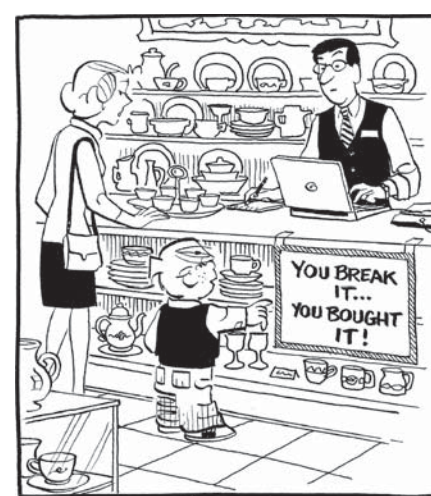
Well (خير) **Khair**

All's well that ends well.
Kul al omoor khair etha entahat al khair.

Numbers كل الأمور خيرا إذا انتهت على خير.

8176 Eight thousand one hundred seventy six

٨١٧٦ Thamaniyat alaaaf wa maah wa setah wa saboun



"THAT'S PROBABLY THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN SELL ANY OF THIS STUFF."