

What's On

contract bridge

By Steve Becker

The right time for action

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ K Q J 10 9
♥ 8 6
♦ K 8 3
♣ J 9 4

EAST
♠ 5
♥ 9 4
♦ Q J 10 9 5 4 2
♣ K Q 7

SOUTH
♠ A 3 2
♥ A K J 7 5 3
♦ 7
♣ A 10 3

The bidding:
South 1♥ West 1♠ North 2♥ East 3♦
4♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

Assume you reach four hearts on the bidding shown, and West leads the king of spades. How would you play the hand?

You seem to have four inescapable losers — two spades and two clubs. The only realistic chance is to find the opposing clubs divided 3-3, in which case dummy's fourth club can be established for a spade discard. The fly in the ointment is that if West gains the lead while you are trying to set up the long club, he will cash two spades to defeat you.

You must therefore assume not only that the clubs are divided 3-3, but that East has the K-Q-x (or K-Q-

J) as well as just the one spade he is marked with on the bidding. However, even if East has the K-Q-x of clubs, you will have to play very carefully, as the actual declarer discovered when he went down one.

He won the opening spade lead with the ace, cashed the A-K of trump and then played the ace of clubs. All would have been well had East routinely followed low, but instead he alertly dropped the queen of clubs under the ace. As a result, West eventually gained the lead with the jack, and the contract was kaput.

To neutralize the potential unblocking play by East, declarer should cross to dummy with a trump at trick two and lead a club toward his hand. If East plays low, South takes the ace and concedes two tricks to the K-Q.

If East instead splits his honors when the first club is led, declarer allows him to hold the trick. Assuming East returns a diamond, South wins in dummy and leads a second club toward the A-10. If East plays the king, declarer again lets him win, while if East follows low, declarer takes the ace and then concedes a club to the king. Dummy's remaining high trump later provides the entry to the established club.

By handling the clubs in this delicate fashion, South assures that West can never gain the lead, and the contract — with a hefty assist from Lady Luck — comes rolling home.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

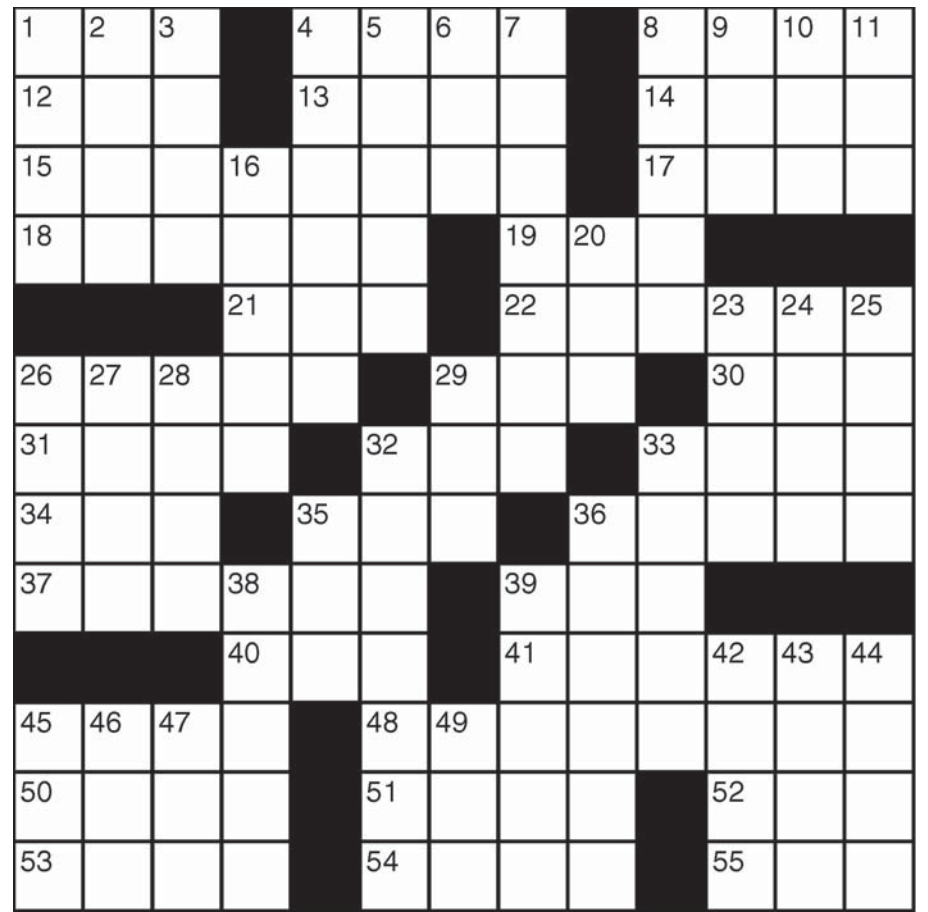


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sweater neckline is different. 2. Violin bow is missing. 3. Music stand is different. 4. Sleeve is longer. 5. Hamamuffs are different. 6. Finger is moved.

Eugene Sheffer Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Label
 - 4 N.Y. Phil-harmonic, for one
 - 8 Canyon sound
 - 12 Past
 - 13 Gilpin of "Frasier"
 - 14 Campus area
 - 15 Make the rounds at a ...
 - 17 Desire
 - 18 "Thank U, Next" singer
 - 19 Enjoy Vail
 - 21 Second-stringer
 - 22 Excellent
 - 26 Use a broom
 - 29 Bumped into
 - 30 Genetic letters
 - 31 Mad king of theater
 - 32 Standard
 - 33 Fall (over)
 - 34 Hosp. areas
 - 35 Present location?
- DOWN**
- 1 "Toodle-oo!"
 - 2 Petri dish
 - 3 Asian desert
 - 4 "Let me in!"
 - 5 Detox center
 - 6 —
 - 7 With-it sort
 - 8 Furnish with gear
 - 9 Mangy mutt
 - 10 Witch
 - 11 Poetic tribute

- 16 Surgical beam
- 20 Young fox
- 23 Sloth's home
- 24 "A Room of — Own"
- 25 Ashen
- 26 Leisurely
- 27 Existed
- 28 Right on the map
- 29 Upper limit
- 32 In vogue
- 33 Uniform color
- 35 Physique
- 36 Championships
- 38 Signified
- 39 Uses a phone
- 42 Apple tablet
- 43 Forbidden act
- 44 Lovers' quarrel
- 45 EMT's skill
- 46 Carte lead-in
- 47 Knock
- 49 Kitchen gadget brand

Solution time: 25 mins.



Yesterday's answer 9-6

CRYPTOQUIP

E F S M V E V G G W G V D R S Q
U S G Z N S Q X N V M D W Z G G D V
G J V U U Y Q Z M B Q Y D F F J Y Q,
U J X J Y B S R D R Y I I J Z M
R Q V T T Z I ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT COULD YOU CALL PEOPLE WHO VOTE "NO" ON SOMETHING IN A LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY? ANTI BODIES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals W

Word by Word

Know (إعرف) Erif
Know thyself.
Erif nafsak.

Numbers. إعرف نفسك.
8260 Eight thousand two hundred sixty
٨٢٦٠ Thamaniyat alaaaf wa meatan wa setoon



"MR. WILSON MIGHT NOT KNOW HOW IT IS... BUT HE SURE KNOWS HOW IT WAS."

Embassies

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Botswana Emb Website Launch: This is to announce that the Embassy of the Republic of Botswana is launching the website www.botswanagulf.com. The site has information on investment, trade, tourism and general issues.

Those interested to follow up on any issue can contact the Embassy at the following e-mail addresses:

- mplesetedi@gov.bw
- nmabutho@gov.bw

Nepal Embassy new location: The Embassy of Nepal is now moved to a new location in Jabriya Area, Block 8, Street 13, Building no 514, and the office hours for consular and visa works are 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. The new telephone and fax numbers are as follows: Tel. 25321603, 25321604 25321605; Fax 25321601, 25321628. Website: www.nepembku.org e-mail: info@nepembku.org.

Romanian citizen registration: Is kindly asking Romanians living in Kuwait to register or update contact information at our Embassy's e-mail : ambasa@kems.net

The registration helps the Embassy to contact the Romanian citizens and invite them to different functions and to assist them in case of any emergency.

Embassy of Georgia: The embassy of Georgia wishes to inform the general public of their telephone: 25352909; fax: 25354707; E-mail: kuwait.emb@mfa.gov.ge Address: Qurtoba, Block 2, Street 1, Avenue 3, Villa 6.

Dutch citizens registration: The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands welcomes Dutch citizens living in Kuwait to register with the embassy. This registration service is provided so that the embassy can contact and assist Dutch citizens in case of an emergency, such as a natural disaster or civil unrest, or inform Dutch citizens in case of a family emergency in the Netherlands. Registration forms are available online at www.mfa.nl/kwe.

Bangladesh Embassy data: The Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in Kuwait has taken up an initiative to update the database of Bangladesh nationals residing in the State of Kuwait. For inclusion in the database all the Bangladesh nationals are requested to collect the Registration Form from the Labour Wing of the Embassy. The forms can also be collected sending request to bdoct@kems.net e-mail address. The filled-in forms can also be submitted by hand, by email or by fax (number 2491-3204).

New US Visa app form launched: As part of continued effort to welcome qualified visitors to the United States, US Embassy Kuwait has launched a new, streamlined visa application. The new application, the DS-160, replaces and combines all previous forms. All non-immigrant visa applicants — including tourists, businessmen and women, those participating in training, students, exchange visitors, and temporary workers — will use this new form.

The new application minimally alters the application process for visa applicants. With the new form, applicants will have to upload a visa photograph, and submit the form via the Internet. The applicant will print just one confirmation sheet upon completion of the DS-160. The rest of the steps remain the same: applicants must pay the visa application fee at Burgan Bank, schedule an appointment, and appear at the Consular Section for an interview.

For additional information, please visit the US Embassy website — http://kuwait.usembassy.gov — as the site contains a complete list of visa application requirements, links to the new application and the online appointment system.

Japan Embassy new Tel No: The Embassy of Japan is located in Mishref, Block 7 A, Diplomatic Area, Plot 57. The new telephone number is 25309400 and fax 25309401.

The opening hours of the consular section has been extended by two hours from 8:00 to 16:00 hours.

The embassy has announced that it will be able to issue tourist and business visas to Japan for only two working days. Kuwaiti citizens can receive the visas in principle, in the afternoon one day after acceptance of the visa application.

The necessary documents have also been reviewed and simplified to promote tourism and investment in Japan. Further info on 25309400 or check the embassy website www.kw.emb.japan.go.jp/index.htm

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

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

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

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

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 12 Minutes
8 Seconds
Your Working
Time ___ Minutes
___ Seconds

			2			22
						11
		3				29
					8	25
3						19
20	26	12	26	12		

Yesterday's solution

						20
7	8	6	5			26
1	2	3	4			10
9	9	2	7			27
3	7	8	7			25
20	26	19	23	18		