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Daily Bridge Club

Whom do you trust

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Cy the Cynic says you shouldn't trust staircases; they're always up to something. An expert declarer is capable of creating illusions.

Today's North doubled West's three-heart preempt for takeout, and South leaped indelicately to a slam that had the slight flaw of missing the A-K of trumps. No doubt he should have bid more discreetly. When West led the jack of hearts, South took the ace. He could have led a club to dummy to return the queen of trumps, hoping East would cover with K-2.

Instead, South tried a different ruse. He led a club to dummy, threw a diamond on the king of hearts and continued with the queen.

heart, you bid one spade and he tries INT. What do you say?

ANSWER: A bid of two hearts is enough. Since you would not bid a third time with a minimum hand, you promise extra strength and game interest. Your partner can take it from there. With Q 9 8 6, K 7 5, K Q 10 5, A 4, you would pass; you could not know a contract of two hearts would be superior to INT.

West dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ Q 9 8 6
♥ K Q 6
♦ K Q 10 5 2
♣ A

DISCARD

It looked to East as if South lacked the ace of diamonds and wanted to pitch his low diamonds before he led trumps. So East ruffed the third heart with his deuce. Declarer overruffed and led a trump, and a loud crash ensued as the A-K fell together. Making six.

East may have suspected that South was up to something. Should East have been fooled?

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ Q 9 8 6 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ K Q 10 5 2 ♣ A. You open one diamond, your partner responds one

WEST
♥ K
♠ J 10 9 8 7 5 4
♦ 9
♣ 10 8 7 4

EAST
♠ A 2
♥ 3 2
♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ J 6 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ J 10 7 5 4 3
♥ A
♦ A J 8
♣ K Q 9

West 3♥ North Dbl East Pass South 6♣

Opening lead — ♥ J

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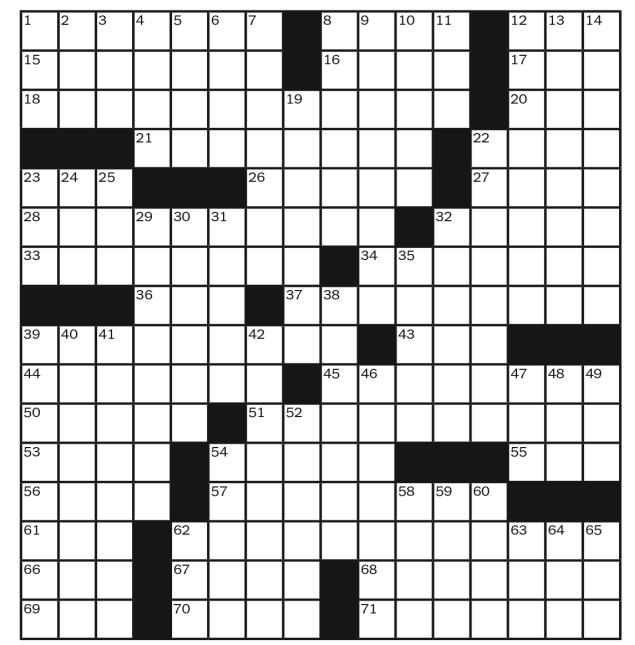
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0101

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pirates
 - 8 Part of N.A.A.C.P.: Abbr.
 - 12 "____ ricol!" ("Delicious!": Sp.)
 - 15 Start of a haughty declaration
 - 16 Do a vet's job on
 - 17 German conjunction
 - 18 Like some mushrooms
 - 20 Prefix with -graph
 - 21 You might get a kick out of this at a restaurant
 - 22 Parts of the body that are slightly larger in the evening than morning
 - 23 Résumé asset, in brief
 - 26 Animal known to "juggle" rocks
 - 27 Chokes, say
 - 28 Did a hook spin or knee swing
 - 32 "It's true!"
 - 33 Backdrop for the Compromise of 1850
 - 34 "I don't care either way"
 - 36 Test with a Social Studies sect.
 - 37 A fifth
 - 39 Fast-fashion retailer
 - 43 Outdoor apparel chain
 - 44 Title heroine of a James Joyce story
 - 45 Modern marketplace
 - 50 Party hearty
 - 51 Passé
 - 53 Opposite of petit
 - 54 Work on software
 - 55 Need for protein synthesis
 - 56 Things shortened at bitly.com
 - 57 Some instant breakfast packets
 - 61 Complete a lap?
 - 62 Star student's goal
 - 66 Emotive verse
 - 67 Isn't oblivious
 - 68 Isn't oblivious
 - 69 Patriarch Stark of "Game of Thrones"
 - 70 ____ Park Corner (London tube station)
 - 71 Basic dance move
- DOWN**
- 1 In
 - 2 Cases to consider
 - 3 Delight
 - 4 Principal
 - 5 Small Pacific salmon
 - 6 Metaphor for a tricky problem
 - 7 TV sets?
 - 8 Hard to fool
 - 9 Enlivened
 - 10 Screen ____
 - 11 12/31
 - 12 Onetime Bravo series or its Netflix reboot
 - 13 Term for a censored dissident in "1984"
 - 14 Censors, say
 - 19 Inescapable bind
 - 22 Unrestrained violence
 - 23 Dashboard abbr.
 - 24 Appropriately named ghost in Nintendo games
 - 25 More than most



PUZZLE BY MILO BECKMAN

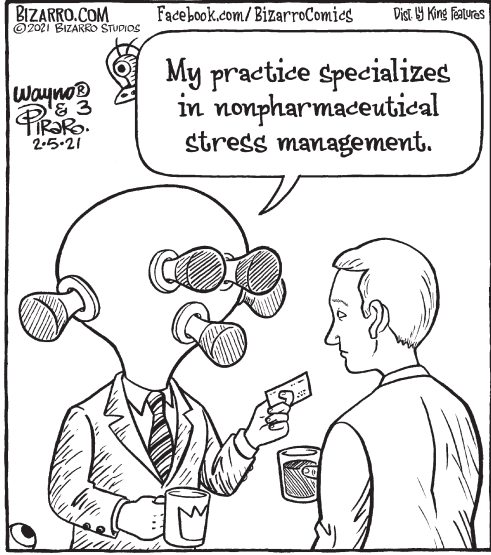
- 29 Without borders
- 30 Movie villain with a signature pinky gesture
- 31 Pulitzer-winning poet W. H. ____
- 32 Still
- 35 Cops' targets
- 38 First graduates of the new millennium, informally
- 39 Missouri setting of 2014 civil rights protests
- 40 Countermand
- 41 Refused to accept the status quo, say
- 42 Made more waterproof, maybe
- 46 Crowning event?
- 47 Poetic contraction
- 48 Took off
- 49 Timeline division
- 52 Thickheaded
- 54 Only one of the Seven Dwarfs without a beard
- 58 Say frankly
- 59 Best Supporting Actor winner for "Dallas Buyers Club"
- 60 Honorifics that can be repeated to indicate higher status
- 62 Traditional source of fertilizer
- 63 Do one's part?
- 64 "Hadn't thought of it like that"
- 65 Special gift, for short

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



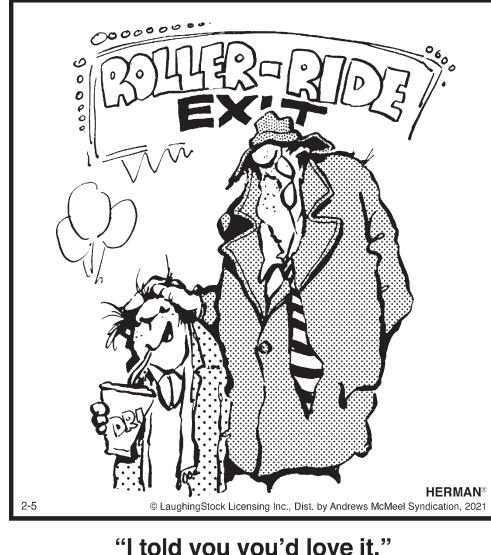
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

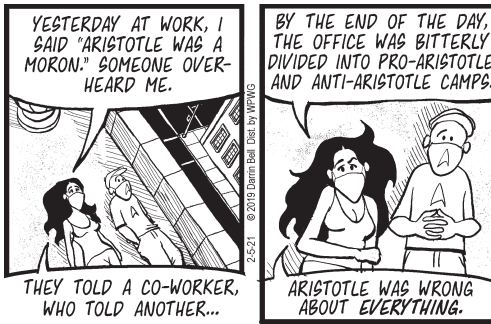
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Yesterday's Jumbles: YOUNG CHUNK ORIGIN FINALE
Answer: The best view of Mount Rushmore is when it's — FACING YOU

CANDORVILLE



HE THOUGHT MEN WERE SUPERIOR TO WOMEN AND MASTERS WERE SUPERIOR TO SLAVES. HE WAS WRONG ABOUT PHYSICS, ABOUT CHEMISTRY, ABOUT BIOLOGY, ABOUT PSYCHOLOGY, ABOUT ASTRONOMY, AND ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE.



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 3.0 and 4.0, briefly
 - 5 "The Fall" guy?
 - 10 AOL rival
 - 13 James' evil golfing opponent, in a 1964 film
 - 15 Up to one's neck
 - 16 Subj. of a "delayed" notice
 - 17 Kitty Hawk?
 - 19 Monk's title
 - 20 Asset for a musician
 - 21 One with all the answers?
 - 22 Englishman Charles' ripped-up early essay attempts?
 - 27 Tight gp.
 - 31 Some voting machine parts
 - 32 Arcade plumber
 - 34 2010s White House name
 - 35 1860s White House name
 - 38 Good insurance risk?
 - 41 "Didn't I tell you?"
 - 42 U.S. laundry soap since 1918
 - 43 Mound stats
 - 44 It might be a bust
 - 46 Where Ford gets an F
 - 47 Pre-Christmas affair?
 - 52 Forgets the lyrics, maybe
 - 53 Evil laugh
 - 58 59-Down need
 - 59 Winning, in sports slang ... and what each of four puzzle answers is doing?
 - 63 Bit of online mirth
 - 64 Bury
 - 65 Goopy goody
 - 66 Poetic conjunction
 - 67 Shoot for the stars
 - 68 Corrosive chemicals
 - 4 Take the offer
 - 5 Three-time Best Director of the 1930s
 - 6 Spiked punch?
 - 7 Kid's cry
 - 8 Neil Armstrong alma mater
 - 9 ____-crab soup
 - 10 Smart regarding marketing
 - 11 Picnic spoiler
 - 12 Desert along Africa's southwest coast
 - 14 Mull (over)
 - 18 Sailing moniker
 - 21 Shooting option, briefly
 - 23 School meetings
 - 24 "That '70s Show" role
 - 25 The "Tristia" poet
 - 26 Quake causes
 - 27 Autobahn autos
 - 28 One may be taken for a ride
 - 29 Shopper's lure
 - 30 Quote qualifier
 - 33 Gumbo pods
 - 34 Screen lists
 - 36 Fliers with combs
 - 37 Source of "clan" and "slogan"
 - 39 Miller option
 - 40 Evan : Welsh :: ____ : Scottish
 - 45 Pranks, in a way, informally
 - 47 More than a high roller, in casino lingo
 - 48 Buzz
 - 49 Cyberchatting
 - 50 Have mastery over
 - 51 Badgers
 - 54 Webmaster's code
 - 55 Call from a bridge
 - 56 "____ goes!"
 - 57 Floors
 - 59 Part of a band tour
 - 60 "The Realistic Joneses" playwright Will
 - 61 Slow boat
 - 62 TNT component?
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**
- ASHE MESA MALIA
TEEN ALOT ICESUP
FARGONORTHDAKOTA
FERN BAIL SLEW
ILS ECLECTIC DUN
NOW MORE THAN EVER
COHORTS TELE
AROD
ETTU GET LOST
SOMEONE ONCE SAID
FAR TURNUPON DTS
IDES RIOT ETES
FILLINGUPWITHGAS
ASSURE GUAM AGFA
MERRY HTTP ISEE
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SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

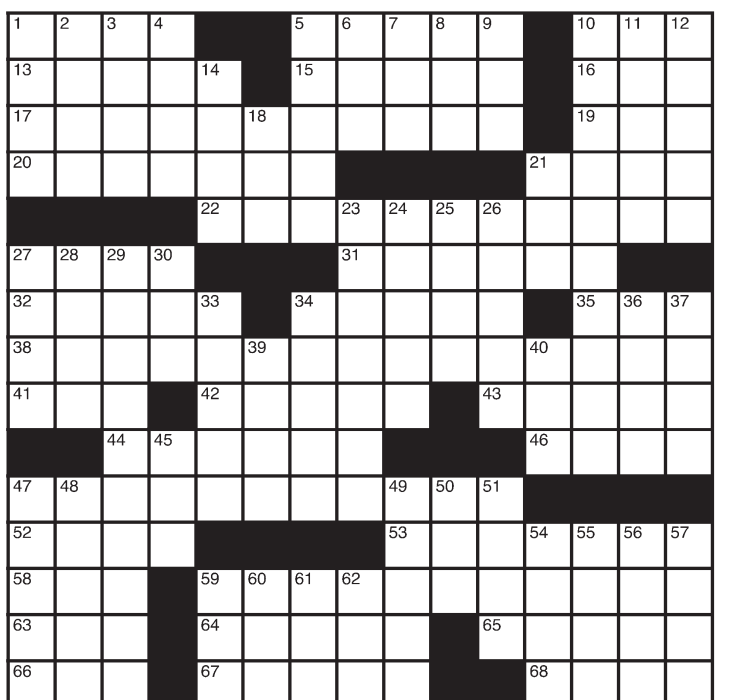
SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

SOLUTION:

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

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	2			5				6
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	6		1	4				7

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