

contract bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ K 10 9 7 4
♥ 9 4
♦ A Q 8 7 3
♣ 4

EAST
♠ J 8 6 5 2
♥ K
♦ J 9 5
♣ K 9 7 2

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ A Q 10 8 7 6 5 2
♦ K 4
♣ A J

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Dble
4 ♠ Pass Pass 5 ♥

Opening lead — seven of spades.

The United States won the 2017 open world bridge championship in Lyon, France, last summer, defeating a French team in the 128-board final by the slender margin of 2 IMPs, 278-276. The winning squad was comprised of Marty Fleisher, Joe Grue, Chip Martel, Brad Moss, Jacek Pszczola and Michael Rosenberg.

The deal shown occurred in the final set of 16 deals, and proved critical to the American victory. Both North-South pairs wound up in five hearts.

When Jean-Christophe Quantin of France became declarer after the auction shown, Moss led a spade, taken by Quantin with the ace. After cashing the heart ace at trick two and felling the king, Quantin had to decide how best to try to avoid losing two diamonds and a club.

Since West had opened the bidding and Grue's three-spade bid was ostensibly weak, he decided not to cross to the trump jack to take what would probably be a losing club finesse. Instead, he played the A-J of clubs. Moss trumped the jack and returned the king of spades, and after ruffing, Quantin tried leading a heart to the jack and a diamond to the king. When this lost, he was down one.

At the other table, the French West elected to lead his singleton club, in effect taking the club finesse for Martel, South. After that start, declarer could lose only two diamonds and so wound up making five hearts for a score of 450, which, added to the plus 50 at the other table, gave the U.S. a pickup of 11 IMPs on the board.

The outcome, of course, left the French to rue West's choice of lead at the second table, and Quantin's decision not to take the club finesse at the first table. A different choice at either table would have given the French the world title.

Tomorrow: Bridge is a logical game.

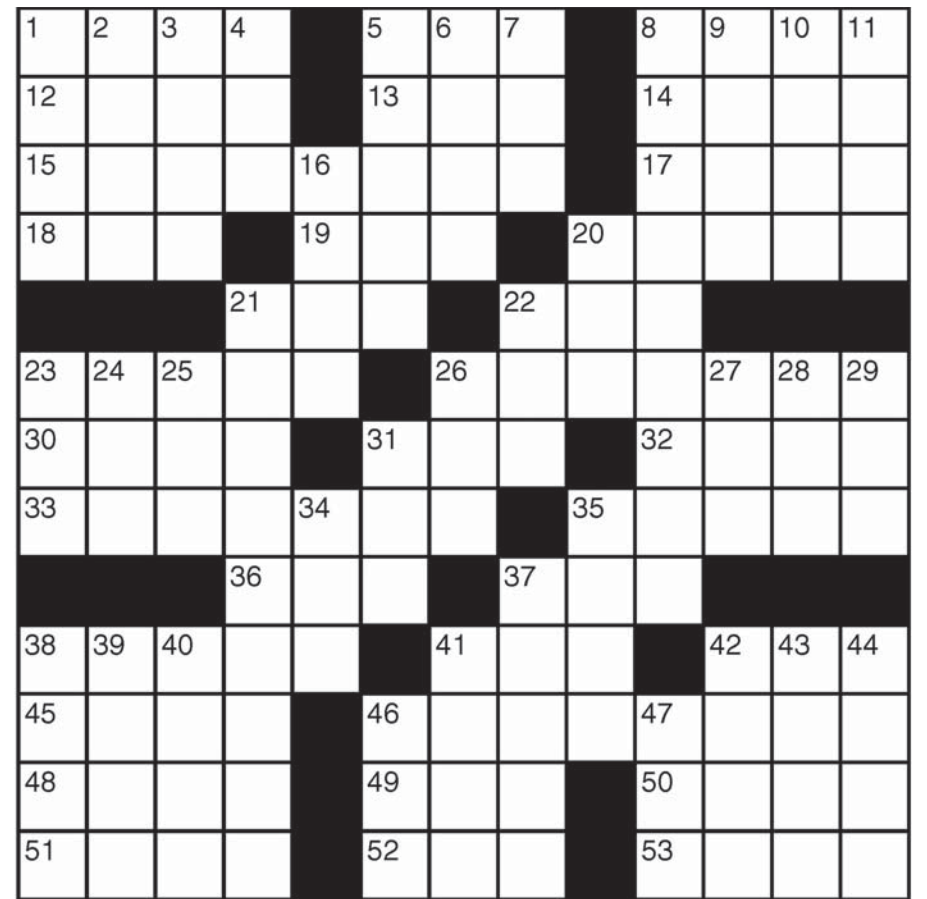


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Counter is longer. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Sign is lower. 4. Hat is tilted. 5. Button is added. 6. Pinky is moved.

Eugene Sheffer Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Raced
 - 5 "Quantico" network
 - 8 Airline to Tel Aviv
 - 12 Skin care brand
 - 13 Fish story
 - 14 Zilch
 - 15 Can't-miss
 - 17 Grouch
 - 18 Sound booster
 - 19 Started
 - 20 Closes with a bang
 - 21 Day light
 - 22 Spanish gold
 - 23 Bush
 - 26 Letter
 - 30 Anjou, for one
 - 31 Lass
 - 32 Second-hand
 - 33 Country south of Georgia
 - 35 Dorm alternatives
- DOWN**
- 1 Slugger Sammy
 - 2 Jack Horner's prize
 - 3 Lawman Wyatt
 - 4 Decorate Easter eggs
 - 5 Sci-fi visitor
 - 6 Audubon subject
 - 7 Bee follower
 - 8 Corral, for one
 - 9 Zhivago's love
 - 10 Leading man?
 - 11 "CSI" settings
 - 16 Err
 - 20 Soon-to-be grads
 - 21 "Of course!"
 - 22 Squeak stopper
 - 23 Resort
 - 24 That girl
 - 25 Zodiac animal
 - 26 Goat's cry
 - 27 "This — test"
 - 28 Dog doc
 - 29 Mag. staff
 - 31 Showbiz job
 - 34 Rebel Turner
 - 35 Greek cheese
 - 37 Meadow
 - 38 Radar dot
 - 39 Greek vowel
 - 40 Wide smile
 - 41 Inky stain
 - 42 Law of "The Holiday"
 - 43 Eye part
 - 44 Bloke
 - 46 Chum
 - 47 Weep
- Solution time: 22 mins.**
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For more information, please email: education@darmuseum.org.kw

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The TIES Center is the social and educational hub for English Speaking Muslims in Kuwait. For more information, please call 25231015 or e-mail info@tiescenter.net or visit www.tiescenter.net.

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

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| | | 6 | | | 9 | 4 | | 2 |
| 3 | 7 | | 5 | 6 | | | | 9 |
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Difficulty Level ★

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

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| 3 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 4 |
| 7 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
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| 6 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 2 |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 5 |
| 8 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| 5 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 9 |
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Challenger

By Louis Mauer

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| 12 | 16 | 20 | 28 | | 19 |

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 7 Minutes

19 Seconds

Your Working

Time ___ Minutes

___ Seconds

Yesterday's solution

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| | | | | | 7 |
| 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | | 10 |
| 3 | 9 | 1 | 3 | | 16 |
| 9 | 3 | 3 | 9 | | 24 |
| 1 | 8 | 5 | 2 | | 16 |
| 16 | 24 | 10 | 16 | | 17 |

4-17 CRYPTOQUIP

U T P F T W G E P K U W B Y P V J
T Z F I V J W F O N P T P E O T L B N L I
G P W E , L N P E L P Y P T P B W L O

"W J, K T P V P ' B K T P I V Z N."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINGER OF THE SONG "I AM WOMAN" WHO ALWAYS HAD FRESH, CUT-UP CANTALOUPE PREPARED: MELON READY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals H

Word by Word

Diamonds (ماس) Mas

Diamonds cut diamonds.
Al mas yaqtq al mas.

Numbers الماس يقطع الماس

7839 Seven thousand eight hundred thirty nine

٧٨٣٩ Sabat alaf wa thaman maaha wa tessah wa thalathoun



"How old was Mr. Wilson when he became a Grouch?"