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Daily Bridge Club

Cy's expeditious play

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Cy the Cynic is a believer in expediency.

"Ever try to solve Rubik's Cube?" I asked Cy, knowing that patience is no virtue of his.

"I had one of those," Cy said. "I dropped it in a bucket of red paint, and I had no problem with it."

Cy's dummy play is expedient if not accurate: He seizes on the first line he sees. At today's five hearts, Cy threw a club on dummy's ace of spades and expedited by drawing trumps and leading a diamond from dummy to his jack. West won and led a club. The Cynic lost a finesse to East's king and lost a second diamond to West later.

FIRST SPADE

Cy played without a plan. He must let West's king win the first spade, pitching a club, and win the next spade, pitching another club. He takes the ace of clubs, ruffs a club, leads a trump to dummy and ruffs the last club.

Cy then returns a trump to dummy and leads a diamond to his jack. When West wins, he must return a diamond, giving Cy a free finesse, or lead a black card, conceding a fatal ruff-sluff.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 9 ♡ K 10 9 5 2 ◇ 7 6 4 ♣ A Q 8. Your partner opens one club, you bid one heart and he rebids two clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: You must commit to game, and 3NT may be best. You must give your side a chance to get there, but you can't bid it yourself with weak diamonds. A raise to three clubs would be only invitational. Bid two spades, hoping partner will bid 2NT or three hearts next. Since he did not bid one spade at his second turn, he won't raise the spades.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 9
♡ K 10 9 5 2
◇ 7 6 4
♣ A Q 8

WEST
♠ K Q J 7 4
♡ 8
◇ K Q 8
♣ 7 6 3 2

EAST
♠ 10 8 6 5 3 2
♡ 7
◇ 5 3 2
♣ K J 10

SOUTH
♠ None
♡ A Q J 6 4 3
◇ A J 10 9
♣ 9 5 4

South	West	North	East
1♡	1♠	2♠	4♠
5♡	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♠ K

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"MONDAY ON SUNDAY" COMICS

The New York Times Crossword

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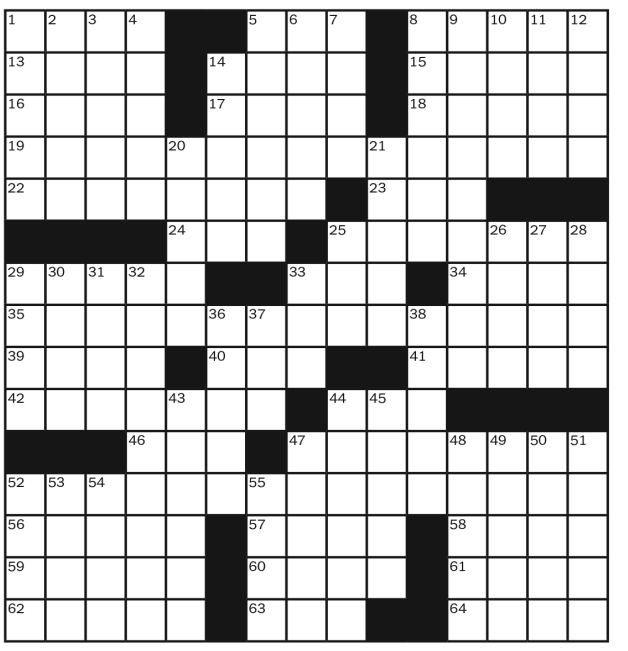
BLACK PUZZLEMAKERS' WEEK

Every daily crossword this week, Monday to Saturday, is made by an African-American contributor. Soleil Saint-Cyr is a high school senior in Moorestown, N.J. This is her New York Times debut. To read more about this puzzle, see nytimes.com/wordplay.



PUZZLE BY SOLEIL SAINT-CYR

ACROSS

1 Entry in a doctor's calendar: Abbr.
5 Thanksgiving vegetable
8 100, gradewise
13 Rage
14 "Early in life, I had learned that if you want something, you had better ___ some noise": Malcolm X
15 Take care of
16 Journey
17 Jessica of "Fantastic Four"
18 Reeves of "The Matrix"
19 One on the front lines during a crisis
22 Do a new production of, as a recording
23 Alternative to carpeting
24 "You bet!"
25 Became a millionaire, say
29 "It's ___ of the times"
33 Finish first in a race
34 Factory-inspecting org.
35 Crown wearer at a fall football game
39 Bullets and such
40 Since, informally
41 Turn topsy-turvy
42 Tight embrace
44 Advanced deg. for a writer or musician
46 Hair tamer
47 ___ Trench (deepest point on earth)
52 Unmanned Dept. of Defense aircraft
56 Rob
57 & 58 Collective consciousness ... or a hint to the ends of 19-, 35- and 52-Across
59 "Beats me!"
60 Qatari leader
61 Lake bordering Cleveland
62 Kick up ___ (be unruly)
63 Web portal with a butterfly logo
64 Bucks and does

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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

DOWN

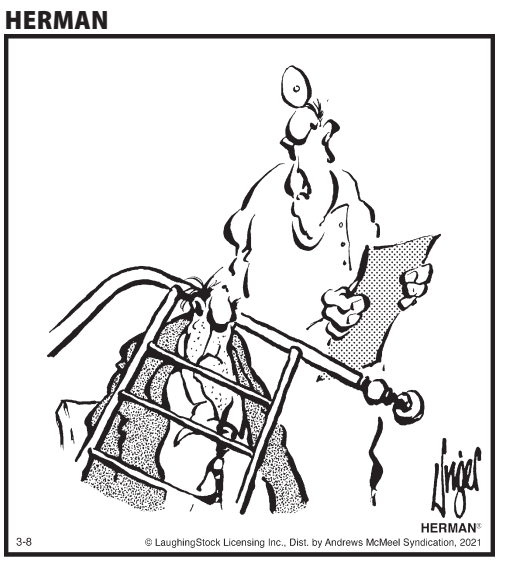
1 "... happily ever ___"
2 Prize money
3 Light beam splitter
4 Like a go-go-go personality
5 Certain New Haven collegians
6 "Allahu ___!" (Muslim cry)
7 Brunch, e.g.
8 Invite on a date
9 One's equals
10 Faucet problem
11 ___ Reader (magazine with the slogan "Cure ignorance")
12 Like lemons
14 Dull photo finish
20 "Bye Bye Bye" boy band
21 Incorrect
25 ___ and tonic
26 "Understood"
27 Fifth-most-common family name in China
28 Round of applause
29 "Moby-Dick" captain
30 A few
31 "___ Be" (2010 #1 hit by the Black Eyed Peas)
32 Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff, for two
33 Rapper ___ Khalifa
36 Circular windows
37 Popular gift shop purchase
38 Actor Dennis
43 Greetings
44 Singer Gaye
45 Cooking device in a fast-food restaurant
47 Injures
48 Ready for battle
49 Bête ___
50 "Little Orphan ___"
51 Passover observance
52 ___-certified organic
53 Double ___ Oreos
54 DoorDash list
55 Not us

BIZARRO

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IF ALL YOU GET ARE BILLS...WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET RID OF THE MAILBOX?"

HERMAN

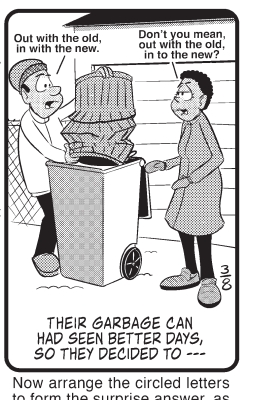


"You still having trouble sleeping?"

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

TSEPE
GDEAA
REVANT
PLUHLI



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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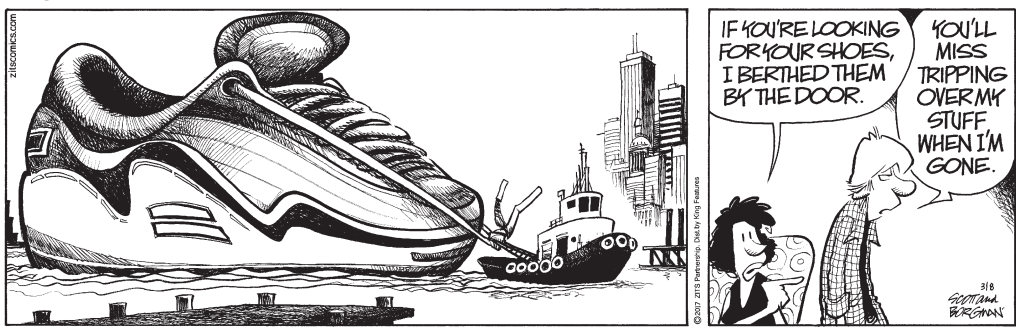
Print answer here: (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: LEGAL TEETH SMOOTH CAMPUS
Answer: To quickly sell last season's fashions, the boutique had a — "CLOTHES-OUT" SALE

CANDORVILLE

WUMO

ZITS



SUDOKU

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

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

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SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

SOLUTION:

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

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ACROSS

1 Pours to the brim
6 Fit together
10 __-à-porter: ready-to-wear
14 Cellphone bill statistic
15 Baseball's Moises
16 Resign, in chess
17 "Make yourself comfortable"
20 Editor's "Don't change that"
21 Lubricate
22 Start a journey
23 Sine __ non: essential
25 Quick bite
26 Personal connections
29 "Don't be a stranger!"
35 Maple tree fluid
36 Backless sofa
37 "Cheers" actress Perlman
38 Olympics venue
40 It tops a king
41 Riyadh resident
42 Pooh's Hundred __ Wood
43 Show gratitude to
45 Squealer
46 Regardless of how things go
49 Phoenix MLB team, on scoreboards
50 New Look designer
51 U.S. Presidents, so far
53 Deprived (of)
56 Broke bread
58 Machu Picchu builder
62 Where a puppy may learn the starts of 17-, 29- and 46-Across
65 Stretched tight
66 Capital of Peru
67 2000s "American Idol" judge Abdul
68 Syringe, briefly
69 Throwaway part of a cherry
70 Annual Tournament of __ Parade

DOWN

1 Commotion
2 "__ any wonder?"
3 Out past curfew
4 Pride parade letters
5 Caribbean, e.g.
6 Sushi roll type
7 Airline to Tel Aviv
8 Luke, to Darth
9 Big Apple river
10 Large amount
11 Chocolate-caramel candy brand
12 Jacob's twin
13 Modern message
18 Raccoon relative
19 Sabbath activity
24 Meat safety agcy.
25 Hr. when many workdays begin
26 Writer Asimov
27 DEA agent
28 Type of whale
30 Picture next to a username
31 Luxury vessel
32 "Star Trek" lieutenant
33 Fragrant wood
34 One side of Hispaniola
39 Had no choice
41 Breed of terrier
44 Monikers
47 Coffeehouse amenity
48 Tripadvisor listings
52 Mandarin greeting
53 "Ice cream or cake?" response, perhaps
54 Online auction venue
55 Enlist again
56 Highest point
57 "There's no 'I' in __"
59 Entre __: between us
60 Either of two "Unforgettable" singers
61 Wistful word
63 Tiny complaint
64 Bit of EMT expertise

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

H	A	L	T		E	R	I	S		B	A	T	H	S
I	D	I	O		M	O	N	T	S	E	R	R	A	T
J	A	M	B		B	O	D	Y	C	A	M	E	R	A
A	L	O	E		A	M	E	N	I	T	Y	K	I	T
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C	L	O	U	D	A	T	L	A	S		R	A	I	N
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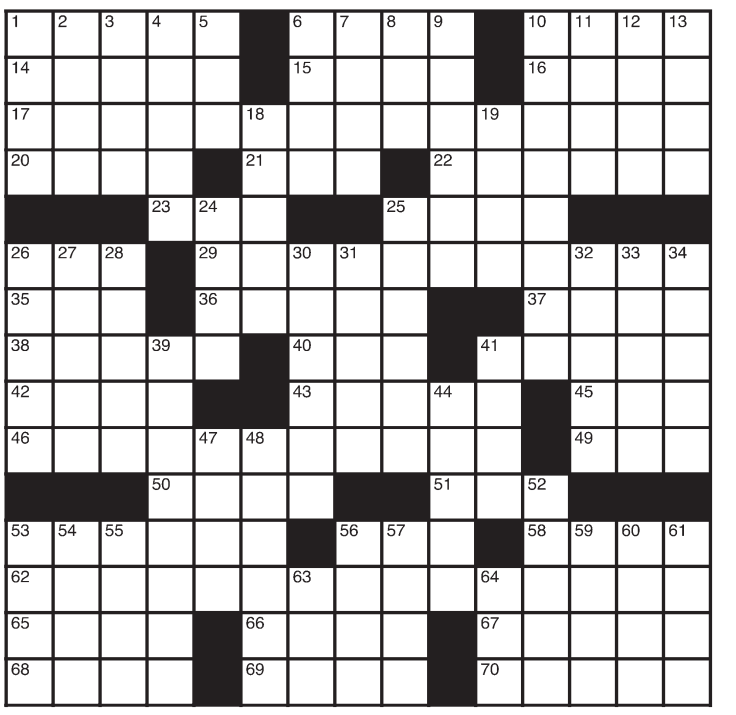

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