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

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4	A	9		
(2 K	10	95	2
<	>7	64		
•	A	Q 8	3	

EAST WEST **∧** K Q J 7 4 **↑** 1086532 ♦KQ8 ♦532 ♣ K J 10 **47632**

> SOUTH **♦** None $\triangledown\,A\,Q\,J\,6\,4\,3$ **♦ A J 10 9 4**954

South West North East All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ K

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DENNIS THE MENACE

SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

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The New York Times Crossword

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.

production of,

millionaire, say

it's __ of the times"

inspecting org.

33 Finish first in a

23 Alternative to

carpeting

24 "You bet!"

25 Became a

29 "It's

race

34 Factory

game

40 Since,

39 Bullets and such

informally

41 Turn topsy-

turvy

H|O|A|G|I|E| D|R|O|I|D

ROCKETSCIENCE

YOUHATETOSEEIT

S A Y N O G R A D D O N E

CLAD COATES FEN

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

CASING KITTYCAT

A L I G R O D E C E D E S

MOREPOWERTOYOU

X A C T D U S T S A D O

O O S C O N C E K N I T

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

22 Do a new

ACROSS

- 1 Entry in a doctor's calendar: Abbr.
- 5 Thanksgiving vegetable
- 8 100, gradewise 13 Rage
- 14 "Early in life, 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

- 42 Tight embrace 44 Advanced deg. as a recording
 - musician
 - Trench
 - 52 Unmanned
- 56 Rob 35 Crown wearer at a fall football
 - 59 "Beats me!"

 - 62 Kick up unruly)
 - Web portal with a butterfly logo

64 Bucks and does

- 1 "... happily ever
- 4 Like a go-go-go personality 5 Certain
- 6 "Allahu
- (Muslim cry) 7 Brunch, e.g.
- C L E A T P A S T E D

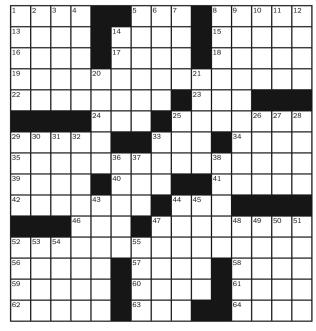
- for a writer or 46 Hair tamer
- (deepest point on earth)
- Dept. of Defense aircraft
- 57 & 58 Collective consciousness or a hint to the ends of 19-, 35- and
- 19-, 35- ar 52-Across
- 60 Qatari leader
- 61 Lake bordering Cleveland

DOWN

- 2 Prize money 3 Light beam splitter
- New Haven collegians

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PUZZLE BY SOLEIL SAINT-CYR

finish

21 Incorrect

20 "Bye Bye Bye"

25 ___ and tonic

26 "Understood"

common family name in China

27 Fifth-most-

boy band

- 8 Invite on a date 28 Round of applause
- 9 One's equals 29 "Moby-Dick"
- 10 Faucet problem captain Reader 30 A few "___Be" (2010 #1 hit by the Black Eyed 31 with the slogan "Cure
- ignorance") Peas) 12 Like lemons 32 Raphael Warnock and 14 Dull photo
 - Jon Ossoff, for two
 - 33 Rapper Khalifa
 - 36 Circular
 - windows
 - 37 Popular gift
 - shop purchase
 - 43 Greetings

TSEPE

GDEAA

- 53 Double Oreos
- 38 Actor Dennis
- 54 DoorDash list

56 Highest point 57 "There's no 1

between us

"Unforgettable"

60 Either of two

singers

64 Bit of EMT

|M|O|N|T|S|E|R|R|A|T

BODYCAMERA

AMENITYKIT

IOTACANOE

INSERT

M E M E T D P A S S

|N|T|E

RAIN

TMEN

YOGA

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Α

COSSET NOOGIE

TSENG CHIC SUDS

UNLEASHMECCANS

SPA

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

BENHURPEET

CAFFEMOCHA

CLOUDATLAS

CLEMENTINE

expertise

61 Wistful word

63 Tiny complaint

in _

59 Entre

55 Not us

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

44 Singer Gaye

47 Injures

49 Bête

45 Cooking device in a fast-food restaurant

48 Ready for battle

50 "Little Orphan

51 Passover observance

___-certified organic

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GRAND-KIDG.

WUMO



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THEM TO STUFF THAT IMAGINE IF WE COULD WATCH VIDEO OF LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS.







I know we were all looking forward to world peace, but unfortunately we had to cancel it, because we found out exactly how many people are employed in the weapons industry, and that is something our economy just can't handle. It's regrettable, but hey, we're gonna have a lot of fun anyway, right!?







SUDOKU

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

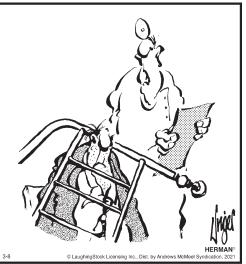
SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

SOLL	ITION	:						
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

6 2 7	9	8	9	4	5		7	8 5	3/8
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

HERMAN



"You still having trouble sleeping?"

REVANT **PLUHLI** HAD SEEN BETTER DAYS, SO THEY DECIDED TO ---Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. Print answer here: (Answers tomorrow) SMOOTH Saturday's To quickly sell last season's fashions, the boutique had a — "CLOTHES-OUT" SALE

ACROSS

- 1 Pours to the
- 6 Fit together
- 10 __-à-porter: readv-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
- Wood 43 Show gratitude to
- 46 Regardless of
- 49 Phoenix MLB
- 53 Deprived (of)
- 58 Machu Picchu builder
- and 46-Across 65 Stretched tight
- "American Idol" judge Abdul
- 70 Annual

55 Enlist again

- 11 Chocolate-
- 19 Sabbath activity
- 26 Writer Asimov

- 42 Pooh's Hundred
- how things go
- 50 New Look
- so far
- 62 Where a puppy
- 68 Syringe, briefly

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

cake?" response,

perhaps

venue

J A M B

ALLOE

GALS

P A S E O

SPOTAD

54 Online auction

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- 39 Had no choice 41 Breed of terrier
- 47 Coffeehouse amenity
- 8 Luke. to Darth

- 32 "Star Trek" lieutenant
- 45 Squealer
- team, on

- 69 Throwaway part

- DOWN
- 1 Commotion
- 4 Pride parade
- 6 Sushi roll type 7 Airline to Tel Aviv
- 10 Large amount

- 27 DEA agent

- Hispaniola
- scoreboards
- 56 Broke bread
- 66 Capital of Peru 67 2000s

- 3 Out past curfew
 - 48 Tripadvisor listings 52 Mandarin greeting 53 "Ice cream or
- 9 Big Apple river
- caramel candy
- 12 Jacob's twin 13 Modern message
- 24 Meat safety agcy.
- 28 Type of whale
- 31 Luxury vessel
- designer 51 U.S. Presidents,
- may learn the starts of 17-, 29-
- - of a cherry Tournament of _ Parade

- letters 5 Caribbean, e.g.
- brand
- 18 Raccoon relative
- 25 Hr. when many workdays begin
- 30 Picture next to a username
- 33 Fragrant wood 34 One side of
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