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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.

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.

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.

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 1♥ West 1♠ North 2♠ East 4♠
5♥ All Pass

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 9 ♥ K 10 9 5 2 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ A Q 8. Your partner opens

Opening lead — ♠ K ©2021 Tribune Content Agency, LLC

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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.

- 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

Grid of crossword answers: HOAGIE, DROID, ROCKETSCIENCE, etc.

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.

12x12 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-64.

PUZZLE BY SOLEIL SAINT-CYR

- 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

Comic strip: Strip poker was better when we had actual bodies and the game didn't end after the first hand.

DENNIS THE MENACE

Comic strip: "If all you get are bills... why don't you just get rid of the mailbox?"

HERMAN

Comic strip: "You still having trouble sleeping?"

JUMBLE

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

CANDORVILLE

Comic strip: "I'm excited for my great, great, great, great, great grand-kids."

WUMO

Comic strip: "I know we were all looking forward to world peace, but unfortunately we had to cancel it..."

ZITS

Comic strip: "If you're looking for your shoes, I berthed them by the door."

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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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:

Grid of crossword answers: HALT, ERIS, BATHS, etc.

SUDOKU

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

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 6, 9, 5, 8, 7, 5, 4, 6, 7, 2, 3, 8, 9, 4, 6, 7, 5, 7, 4, 5, 8, 3, 2, 9, 3, 5, 8, 1, 1, 6, 6, 7, 4, 3, 8, 4, 5, 6, 1, 2, 3, 7, 3, 4, 4, 8, 6, 8, 4, 5, 6, 1, 2, 3, 7, 3, 4, 4, 8, 6.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

9x9 grid showing the solution to the previous Sudoku puzzle.

13x13 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-70.

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