Daily Bridge Club Focus on the field

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The incomparable investor Warren returns to three hearts. What d Buffett (who also happens to be an avid and capable bridge player) observed that games are won by players who focus on the field, not on the scoreboard.

Today's West led the seven of t clubs against six hearts, and South to must have been focused only on writing down plus 1,430 on his s scorecard. He took the ace of clubs and started the trumps. West won and led another club, East ruffed and South had to inscribe minus 100 instead.

ADVICE

South should have taken Buffett's advice. Since only a club ruff can defeat the slam, South must guard against it. He takes his ace of spades at Trick Two, cashes the ace of diamonds and ruffs his low diamond with the eight of trumps.

Declarer then discards his last club on the king of spades and leads a trump to his king. West wins and is helpless. If he leads another club, South and a spades another club, South can overruff when East ruffs and draw trumps. If West leads a third diamond, South can ruff with dummy's jack of trumps safely.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: \bigstar A \heartsuit K Q 10 9 7 ♦ A K Q J 6 ♣ 10 3. You open one heart, your partner bids one spade, you jump to three diamonds and he

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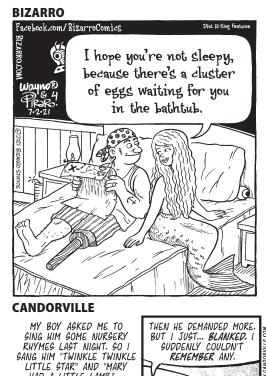
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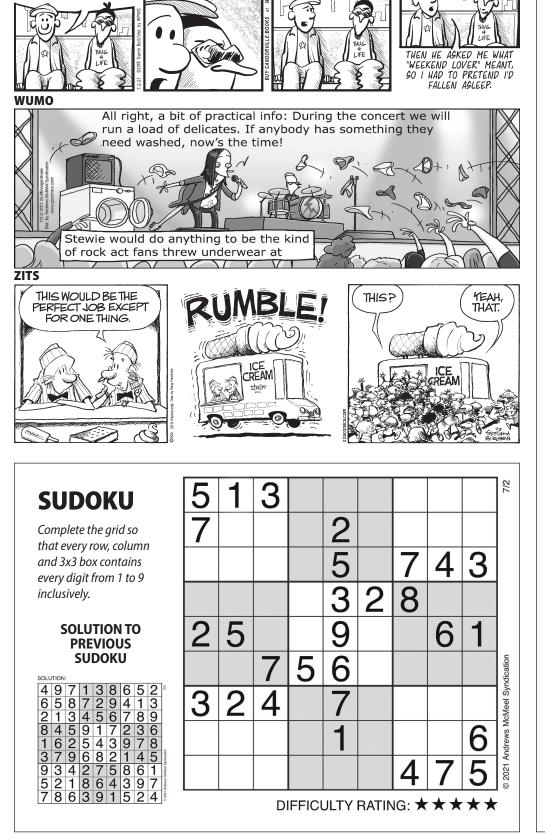
"And you say your bike was chained to it."

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 BRTIO TNGUS CENAYG POCONU TO THOSE HE CONQUERED, ALEXANDER III OF MACEDON WAS Now arrange the circled letters ©2021 Tribune Content Age All Rights Reserved. to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. Ans. here: (Answers tomorrow) OMEGA TABOO SOFTEN TRUDGE The lobsters that opened a restaurant on the ocean floor were — BOTTOM FEEDERS Jumbles: OMEGA Yesterday's Answer:

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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