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Daily Bridge Club

Ed’s good catch

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Cy the Cynic was filling out some sort of application (not for a job, to be sure), and one question was, “Have you ever been in jail?”

Cy answered no. The next question was “Why?”

And the Cynic wrote, “Never been caught.”

Cy got caught in today’s deal from a penny game. He was South and played at four spades after a “transfer” auction. West led the queen of clubs, and Cy took the ace and let the jack of trumps ride.

EXPERT

Alas for Cy, East was Ed, our club expert. He won with the ACE of trumps and led the ace and five of diamonds. Fearing a ruff if he played low — and seeing 10 easy tricks — Cy took his king and led a second trump to dummy’s ten. He was aghast when Ed produced the queen ... and the queen of diamonds.

If Ed wins the first trump with the queen, Cy will surely make game. If Ed switches to the ace and a low diamond, Cy can succeed by finessing, or by taking the king and finessing with the jack of hearts to get a pitch for dummy’s third diamond.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A Q 6 ♥ Q 9 7 5 ♦ A Q 5 ♣ 10 3 2. Your partner deals and opens one club, you bid one heart

ANSWER: Your partner has minimum opening values and will often have four-card heart support, but he may have raised with three-card support and a hand that looks good for suit play. Bid 3NT. If partner has four cards in hearts and unbalanced pattern, he can insist on playing at hearts.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH

♠ K 10 9 8 7 5
♥ 8 4
♦ J 10 8
♣ K 4

EAST

♠ A Q 6
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ A Q 5
♣ 10 3 2

SOUTH

♠ J 4
♥ A K J 3
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ A 6 5

South 1 NT
2 ♠
4 ♠

West Pass
Pass
All Pass

North 2 ♥
3 ♠

East Pass
Pass

Opening lead — ♣ Q

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ACROSS

1 Plate appearance

6 Short break?

11 Director Brooks

14 Some Kiwis

16 Love, in Livorno

17 Fútbol cheer

18 Doth choose a comedy routine?

20 Routing word

21 Author of the “Letter From Birmingham Jail,” in brief

22 Two-way

23 Memoirs and profiles, informally

24 Citizenry doth work hard?

29 Upstage, say

32 Fastball, in slang

33 Watery

34 Locale for drawers in the study?

37 Subject of many a funny TikTok

38 Once-popular activity hath no more fans?

41 Golf variable

42 They may be close to reception

44 Post-boomer cohort

45 Title 6-year-old of 1950s children’s literature

46 Schuss with a chute

49 Doth apply graffiti?

52 Goes out

53 Grains in some milk

54 Rim

57 ___ Simbel (Lake Nasser landmark)

58 Runway walker hath megatalent?

63 Record

64 Be on the hunt

65 Blown

66 A and B, in D.C.

67 Whammies

68 Some boards

DOWN

1 Day and night?

2 Follow closely

3 Strong German brew

4 Months-long couples retreat?

5 Busy

6 Frankie of the Four Seasons

7 “___ the only one?”

8 Fool

9 “___ we good?”

10 OK

11 Things cast for films

12 “Middlemarch” novelist

13 Setter fetter

15 Well-used pencils

19 Robust

23 “Yecch!”

24 It may burst your bubble

25 Rock with four Emmys

26 Mal de ___

27 Hop kiln

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ESC CRAGS ASPER
SAL MEDIA BORAX
PHOTOBOMB SNOTS
RAVEN MLB ALF
IRES TWEET STORM
TARTARE WHINER
POSH ANGST
COMPUTER CRASH
ARNIE YOLK
BUSMAP TOSTADA
EMAIL BLAST ARAB
PFC SIR CREMA
FLAKE TECHBOOMS
DEREK UNDUE LEE
ASIDE PACER ADD

PUZZLE BY BRUCE HAIGHT

28 Rash sensation

29 Chisel

30 Elaine ____, labor secretary under George W. Bush

31 They may leave a lengthy paper trail

34 Job in the TV biz

35 Sound heard “here” and “there” on Old MacDonald’s farm

36 L.P.G.A. star Thompson

38 Ice ___

39 Somewhat

40 Small amount in a recipe

43 Fraternal order

44 Boyle’s law subject

46 Jack of 1950s TV

47 Character ___

48 Bail out

49 “Square” things

50 Monastery figure

51 Relaxes

54 Horne with a sultry voice

55 Thingy

56 Many pros

58 NASCAR stat

59 Deposit of a sort

60 Publish private info about online, in modern lingo

61 Sheepish one?

62 Breakfast cereal with little balls

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BIZARRO

Every time I come home from gathering twigs, it’s filled with more of these things.

Wounded Bird
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DENNIS THE MENACE

“GET UP, DENNIS. THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM.”

“I’D RATHER SLEEP IN AND HAVE PANCAKES.”

HERMAN

“I’m not sending you to prison for attempted robbery. I’m going to give you a second chance.”

JUMBLE

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

FLYLIL

SVIAT

SUWEIN

RFETRE

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

Problem solved! Look what I found in the Jumble!

These matches were damp. They didn’t work.

USING A LIGHTER INSTEAD OF MATCHES WAS A MORE ---

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

Yesterday’s Jumbles: GAVEL CREEK GRITTY AZALEA
Answer: Avoiding capture was tough for King Kong because he was — LARGE AT LARGE

CANDORVILLE

WE MUST DO SOMETHING WHILE WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE, ROSENCRANTZ.

BUT OUR FINAL CHANCE IS AN APERTURE, LIKELY TO SHUT FOREVER, PERHAPS BY THE TIME YOU’VE HEARD THIS VERY SENTENCE.

OH WELL, MIGHT AS WELL DO NOTHING, NOW.

YOU RAN OUT THE CLOCK!!!

WUMO

Even more prayers from children wanting a PlayStation 5 ...

Forget it! I couldn’t even get one for myself!

ZITS

HECTOR, WHAT DOES THIS SAY?

IT SAYS...

...ESTOY INTERESADO EN TOMAR LECCIONES CON USTED. ¿QUÉ TAL ESTE MIÉRCOLES?

I WAS HOPING YOU’D TRANSLATE IT INTO OHIOAN.

OH, 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

SOLUTION:

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

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Monastery figure

6 Move quickly, as clouds

10 Speak up?

14 Jazz singer Vaughan known as “The Divine One”

15 Despise

16 Lingerie trim

17 Speak from a lectern

18 “C’est la vie”

19 Bronze, Iron, et al.

20 “Fried fare traditionally wrapped in newspaper

23 “Allow me”

24 Pal

28 Rx

31 “Missing nothing

34 Colorful South Asian garments

35 Veer off course, as a rocket

36 ___ Dhabi

37 “With 40-Across, defenders of the Holy Grail

40 See 37-Across

43 Golf hole meas.

44 “Bingo!”

46 Straight up

47 “Monkeys, e.g.

50 Pfizer rival

51 Lightens up

52 Grocery cart unit

54 “Do it now!,” and what can be said about the answers to the starred clues

61 ___ carotene

64 Travel aimlessly

65 Clamor

66 Depleted Asian lake

67 Journey

68 Familiar “Who’s there?” reply

69 Jokes

70 ___ cracker

71 Like dry mud on cleats

DOWN

1 Starting from

2 Italian port on the Adriatic

3 Garments with hooks

4 Part of a swearing-in ceremony

5 Community with barn raisings

6 Suitable for hosta

7 Turn to stone

8 Four Corners state

9 Javier’s “Being the Ricardos” role

10 Flat panel TV type

11 Ride (on)

12 Card worth four points in evaluating a bridge hand

13 “Bingo!”

21 Snooze

22 Cooking spray

25 Slanted, as some writing

26 “Retreat!!”

27 Sky blue

28 Oh of “Killing Eve”

29 Urgent event

30 Fix badly?

32 Tell (on)

33 Be in debt

34 Zoom alternative

38 Tit for ___

39 ___ shed

41 “Super heroes must eat oats” for the Great Lakes, e.g.

42 ___ favor

45 “Let me repeat ...”

48 Bronze, iron, et al.

49 Fire pit residue

50 Chaps

53 Super Bowl LV city

55 The “A” in many degrees

56 Fatty tuna, at a sushi bar

57 Personnel list

58 Spine component

59 “Twilight” vampire Cullen

60 Wetlands plant

61 Sack

62 “It’s the end of an ___

63 Label

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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