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**Daily Bridge Club**

**Cy's second sight**

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"Do you believe in love at first sight?" I asked Cy the Cynic. Cy is my club's resident authority on romance. He dates at least three women every week.

"I used to," Cy said. "And then?"

"I took a second look." In a team match, both Souths landed at four spades on a chunky 4-3 fit. West led the king and a low heart. At one table, declarer tried to maintain trump control: He discarded a diamond at Trick Two and his last low diamond when East led a third heart.

**EIGHT TRICKS**

South won the trump shift and led a second trump. He would have been safe if trumps had split 4-2 or 3-3, but as it was, he took only eight tricks.

Cy was South at the other table, and when the defense led and continued hearts, Cy took a second look. He ruffed, cashed the A-K of clubs, ruffed a club in dummy, came to his ace of diamonds, ruffed a club in dummy, ruffed a heart and ruffed a club. He still had two high trumps in his hand for 10 tricks.

West should have led a trump at the second trick.

**DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠ A Q 10 9 ♥ 2 ♦ A 7 3 ♣ A K 5 4 3. You open one club, and your partner bids one

spade. What do you say?  
**ANSWER:** Your hand is worth at least 20 points in support of spades. A raise to four spades would suggest balanced pattern. Many players would try four hearts, a "splinter" bid to show a big spade fit, heart shortness and slam interest. An option is to manufacture a strength-showing "reverse" to two diamonds, then support the spades.

South dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ K J 8  
♥ 8 7 6  
♦ 10 6 5 4 2  
♣ Q J

**WEST**  
♠ 2  
♥ K Q 10 5 4  
♦ K Q 8  
♣ 9 8 7 2

**EAST**  
♠ 7 6 5 4 3  
♥ A J 9 3  
♦ J 9  
♣ 10 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q 10 9  
♥ 2  
♦ A 7 3  
♣ A K 5 4 3

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Dbl	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ K

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**The New York Times Crossword**

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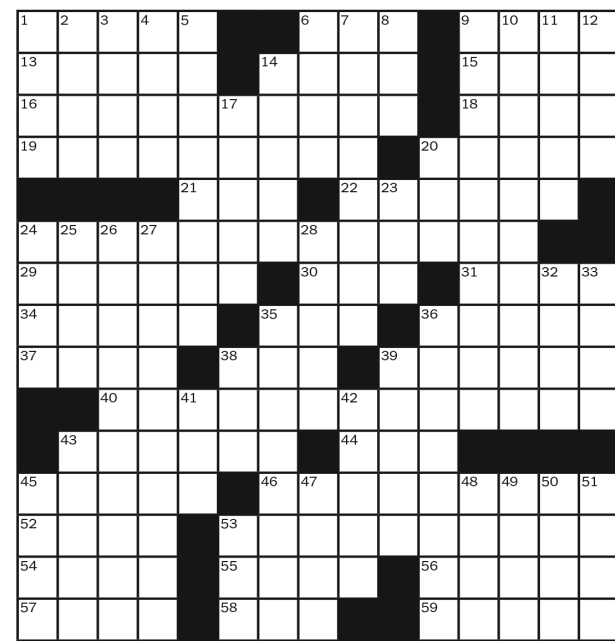
**ACROSS**

- 1 \_\_\_ others
- 6 Supermarket chain inits.
- 9 Shortly, for short
- 13 Part of a fireplace set
- 14 Onetime court figure
- 15 Lacking vivacity
- 16 Classic British rock group
- 18 Vivacity
- 19 Pioneering reggae artist whose name is an exclamation
- 20 Response to an air offensive?
- 21 Alternative to mushrooms
- 22 Confused
- 24 Still has feelings (for)
- 29 Singer Grande
- 30 Thanksgiving dinner preference

- 31 \_\_\_ Ren of "Star Wars"
- 34 Imparts
- 35 Part of H.R.H.
- 36 1000 in the military
- 37 Wise guys?
- 38 Be sociable
- 39 Heavenly halo
- 40 Fruity dessert with a rum-flavored sauce
- 43 Prime
- 44 Word that may or may not be a contraction
- 45 Chihuahua is a Mexican one
- 46 Attire for some traditional dancing
- 52 "Me neither"
- 53 "Bloom County" character whose vocabulary consists mostly of "Thbbft!" and "Ack!"

**DOWN**

- 1 Feature of Notre-Dame supported by flying buttresses
- 2 Speck
- 3 "Enough! I get it!"
- 4 "99 Luftballons" singer
- 5 1984 comedy horror film that contributed to the creation of the PG-13 rating
- 6 Discoveries of Michael Faraday
- 7 Type-A type
- 8 Blond in a bar?
- 9 Spot removers
- 10 "Hmm ... all right, I'm in!"
- 11 Common character in "The Far Side"
- 12 Make a splash
- 14 Longstanding disputes
- 17 Old Testament prophet
- 20 Chill response



PUZZLE BY ROBYN WEINTRAUB

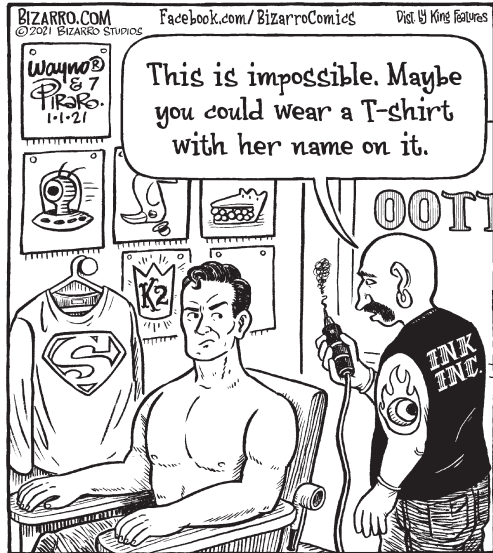
- 23 Apt ticker symbol for Harley-Davidson
- 24 Zero on the Beaufort scale
- 25 Sphere
- 26 Page seen in a wedding album
- 27 Michelin offering
- 28 Echo responder
- 32 Part of a track
- 33 Midwest colleague of Representative Ocasio-Cortez
- 35 Comment that pretends to be subtle, but isn't
- 36 Structure near a bed?
- 38 Pasta in a cheesy dish, informally
- 39 Harpist's home key
- 41 Hillary Clinton \_\_\_ Rodham
- 42 Perches for houseplants
- 43 Pilot's place
- 45 Blanket that won't keep you warm?
- 47 Big cosmetics chain
- 48 It's a numbers game
- 49 Cake topper
- 50 Hindu deity of virtue
- 51 Equivalent of "cya" in a text
- 53 [Just like that!]

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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**



**BIZARRO**



**DENNIS THE MENACE**



**HERMAN**



**JUMBLE**

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

FUFLF  
NIHOR  
MGADEA  
SNTIGR

THE SUN CREATES ERUPTIONS OF MAGNETIC ENERGY WITH EASE BECAUSE THE SUN ---

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

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**CANDORVILLE**



**WUMO**



**ZITS**



**SUDOKU**

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

**SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU**

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

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**ACROSS**

- 1 Tammany Hall caricaturist
- 5 Nursery buy
- 10 Trade jobs
- 14 Accurate
- 15 Discontinue
- 16 100 centavos
- 17 Zeus' nickname for his relentlessly tenacious wife?
- 19 Rowing exercise targets
- 20 Gunk
- 21 "Ciao \_\_\_": long-running cooking show
- 23 Ginnie \_\_\_: investments
- 24 Feasts
- 26 "What else do you expect from the god of the Underworld?"
- 31 1970s first family
- 32 Partner, often
- 33 At the moment
- 34 Major employer
- 35 Feast where the Haggadah is read
- 36 Penny-farthing, for one
- 37 Vow avowal
- 38 Milky stones
- 39 What "x" may mean
- 40 Allows Persephone's mother to compete in a marathon?
- 43 Windblown siit
- 44 Purges
- 45 Honda model
- 48 Keaton role in "The Founder"
- 49 Uneven do
- 50 How Spanish fighters refer to the Greek god of war?
- 56 Prefix for an assistant
- 57 \_\_\_ All: car care brand
- 58 2000 candidate
- 59 Tip-to-tip measure
- 60 Fills to the gills
- 61 Microsoft browser

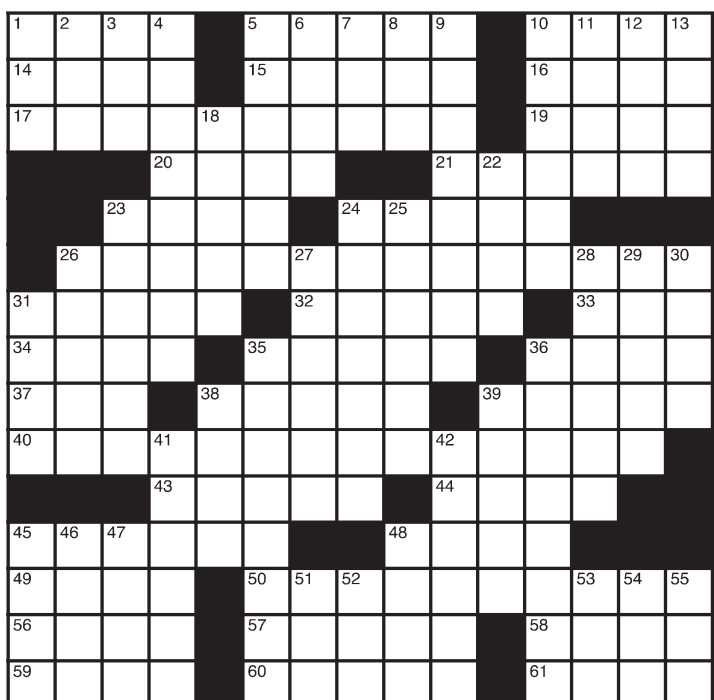
- 3 Big \_\_\_
- 4 Ceylon gunpowder container
- 5 Go downhill fast
- 6 Obey
- 7 "Way cool, dude!"
- 8 GI entertainers
- 9 One who has all the luck?
- 10 Amount of vermouth in a dry martini
- 11 Ring out
- 12 Piedmont wine region
- 13 "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" detective Diaz
- 18 Beech and peach
- 22 Something shed
- 23 Burrowing rodent
- 24 Marginal drawings
- 25 Use money to make money
- 26 Multitude
- 27 Sparkles
- 28 Bad blood
- 29 T-Rex on a Monopoly board
- 30 Sources of Roquefort

- 31 Fall flat
- 35 Fighter's training apparatus
- 36 1996 Robin Williams comedy, with "The"
- 38 Gas leak tip-off
- 39 Small combos
- 41 L'Oréal's "Because We're Worth It," e.g.
- 42 Bloopers
- 45 Nile serpents
- 46 Dry and crack
- 47 Delevingne of "Suicide Squad"
- 48 Macramé basic
- 51 Business card letters
- 52 Bird on Australian coins
- 53 Towel holder
- 54 Indoor rower, for short
- 55 Go out with

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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

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**DOWN**

- 1 \_\_\_ degree
- 2 We may precede it, but I can't