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Daily Bridge Club

The long and short of it

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In the club lounge, Cy the Cynic was musing about this and that. “I read somewhere,” Cy told us, “that a man is a bit taller in the morning than at night.” “Don’t know about that,” Unlucky Louie sighed, “but I know I’m always short at the end of the month.” Louie loses consistently in our penny game — due to bad luck, he insists. When he was declarer at today’s four spades, he took the ace of hearts, drew trumps and led a club, finessing with dummy’s ten. East took the jack and returned a heart.

overall one spade, the next player bids two hearts and two passes follow. What do you say? **ANSWER:** Some players — quite reasonably — would have doubled one heart, intending to bid spades next. You certainly should not sell out to two hearts. Double. Your partner will bid a minor suit or belatedly support your spades. Rarely, he will pass for penalty. South dealer N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ J 9 8 6 2
♥ 10 6
♦ J 4
♣ A Q 10 6

WEST
♠ None
♥ K Q J 9 8 5
♦ A Q 7 3
♣ 7 3 2

EAST
♠ 7 4 3
♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ 6 5 2
♣ K J 9

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 5
♥ A
♦ K 10 9 8
♣ 8 5 4

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

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A K Q 10 5 ♥ A ♦ K 10 9 8 ♣ 8 5 4. The dealer, at your right, opens one heart. You

Opening lead — ♥ K

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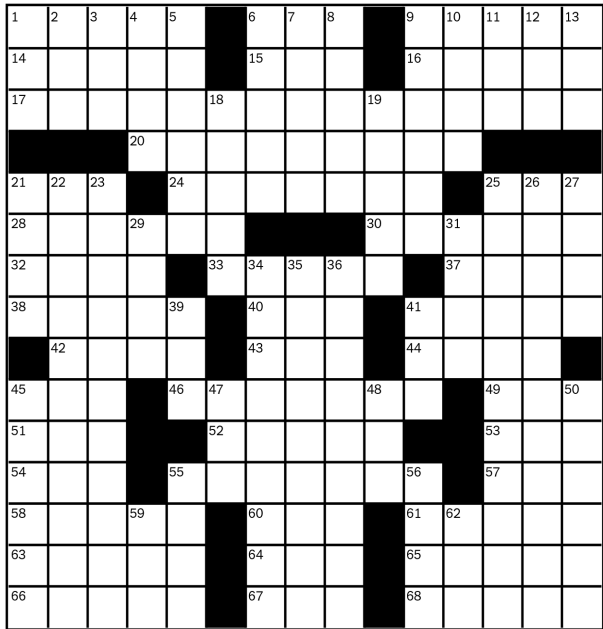
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Good or bad vacuum review?
6 Psych (up)
9 Provides a hideout for, maybe
14 “... but it seems like you hate the idea”
15 Round figure?
16 “Well, imagine that!”
17 One performing a palm print analysis
20 Some strays
21 Essence of a good roast
24 Ones playing cornhole, e.g.
25 Core assets?
28 Wedding speech opener
30 Sonny and Cher, for example
- 32 Trochee’s counterpart
33 Country bumpkins
37 Tots (up)
38 One of the pounds of a pound cake
40 Something used to improve one’s English?
41 Informal term of affection
42 Grain
43 Downed
44 ___ Car Series
45 Repeated Warhol subject
46 Tree in the etymology of “gin”
49 Leads, as a D&D campaign
51 “I’ll take that as ___”
52 Worries
53 Common scat syllable
- 54 Setting for the memorable cable car scene in “Moonraker”
55 First-aid item
57 TiVo, e.g.
58 Desktop array
60 Factory vessel
61 Singer Gorme
63 Setting of 2019’s “Parasite”
64 “...” equivalent
65 High number?
66 Together
67 ___ degree
68 In a lather, say



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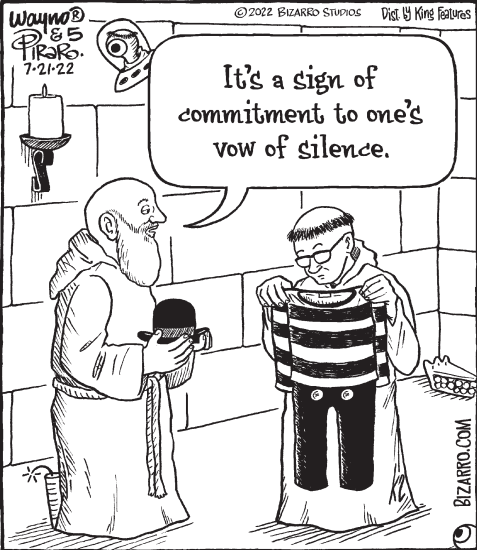
- 12 “Full Frontal With Samantha Bee”
13 Stand-up comic’s material
18 Clergy, metaphorically
19 Three fighters at the O.K. Corral
21 Thin, unhealthy-looking sort
22 Treats usually served in miniature cups
23 Pizzeria supplies
- 25 Eventgoers
26 “Booksmart” and “Dumb and Dumber,” e.g.
27 Uninspiring
29 Be up against
31 Hassle
34 “This is just ... too much”
35 Adorable sweethearts
36 Stand guard
39 “The Big Bang Theory” role
- 41 Cassis cocktail
45 Actress Tomei
47 College inits. on both the East and West Coasts
48 Bailout button
50 One way to be missed
55 Man is one
56 Florida has some
59 Sister
62 Solver of this puzzle

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PALS INCA SALAD
ELAN TEAS AROMA
NOMATTERHOWMUCH
STAIR PENH
LAPSE COOLTO
RFK YOU FERRIED
ERIC YORCA SATED
PUSH THE ENVELOPE
AT SEA DONE SUES
STICK TO ITS TET
TINKER PESOS
FISH HATCH
STILL STATIONARY
INDIA ASIA TRIP
STOCK TEEN ASTO

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DENNIS THE MENACE

