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**Daily Bridge Club**

**Risky undertaking**

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In a money game at my club, East was John Underwood, known as "The Undertaker" because he tries to beat every contract by four tricks — and as a result he often doesn't beat them at all.

John was East. West led the queen of hearts against four spades, and the defense took three hearts. John then led a trump. Since he had dummy's diamond suit well stopped, he saw no danger. South won in dummy and led the jack of clubs, as if about to take a finesse ... and John played low!

**SQUEEZED**

When South's king won, he ran all his trumps. With two tricks left, he had the queen of clubs and a diamond, and dummy had the A-Q of diamonds. John was squeezed. He discarded his ace of clubs, hoping West had the queen, and South claimed the last two tricks.

"I saw it and don't believe it," West sighed.

If John had bared his king of diamonds at the end, South would have led to the ace. He could infer that John had the king, otherwise even John might have taken his ace of clubs earlier.

**DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠ 10 7 6 ♥ A 8 3  
♦ K 10 9 2 ♣ A 9 6. Your partner

opens one heart. The next player passes. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** In "Standard" methods, respond two diamonds. If partner rebids two hearts, raise to three. In today's "two-over-one" style, in which a new-suit response at the two level would force to game, you must respond 1NT, which in that style is treated as forcing. "Two-over-one" is a dominant style; it has advantages and drawbacks.

West dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**

♠ A Q 2  
♥ K 9 2  
♦ A Q 8 6 5  
♣ J 3

**WEST**

♠ None  
♥ Q J 10 4  
♦ J 7 3  
♣ 10 8 7 5 4 2

**EAST**

♠ 10 7 6  
♥ A 8 3  
♦ K 10 9 2  
♣ A 9 6

**SOUTH**

♠ K J 9 8 5 4 3  
♥ 7 6 5  
♦ 4  
♣ K Q

West Pass North 1 NT East Pass South 4 ♠  
All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ Q

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**SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?**

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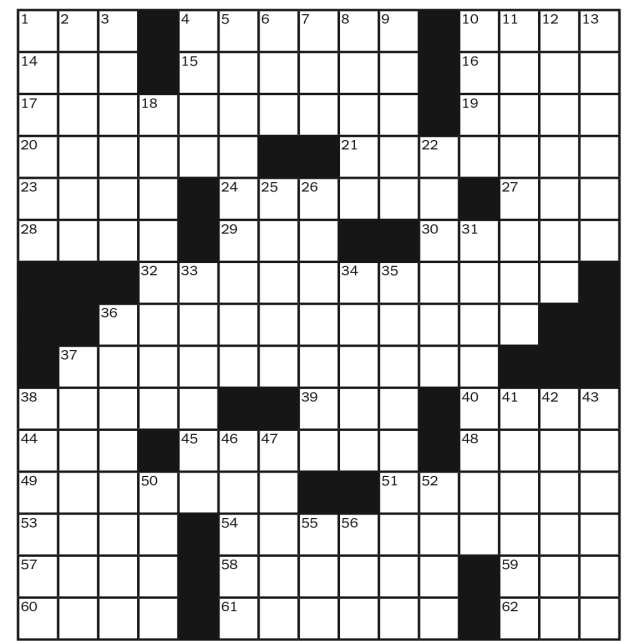
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Toward the tiller
- 4 It might be laid down if broken
- 10 It carries an added tax in Philadelphia and San Francisco
- 14 End of the White House's domain
- 15 1996 book on grammar whose title "corrects" a melodramatic cry
- 16 Classic Camaro
- 17 Frozen food brand famously lampooned by comedian Jim Gaffigan
- 19 To avoid the risk that
- 20 In a new way
- 21 One who takes it all back?
- 23 Dove in a bathtub, say
- 24 Complaint after a tough workout
- 27 Brief confirmation
- 28 Tops and blocks, e.g.
- 29 Cartoon bartender
- 30 "I've been thinkin'..."
- 32 First person to garner 80 Grammy nominations
- 36 Switch to the other side
- 37 Motorcyclist's wear
- 38 \_\_\_ Aramco, world's most profitable company
- 39 Self-help guru Ferriss
- 40 Illegal accessing, of a sort
- 44 "\_\_\_ noticed!"
- 45 Hip-hop's Hussle or comedy's Russell
- 48 One with a solo in Brahms's Symphony No. 1
- 49 Prix fixe

**DOWN**

- 1 Shocked
- 2 "Little bunny" of a nursery rhyme
- 3 Light, foldable table
- 4 Low pair
- 5 Nom de guerre roughly translating to "bringer of light"
- 6 Sound from a chicken?
- 7 Be flat
- 8 2017 A.L. M.V.P. Jose Altuve, for one
- 9 Knowing better
- 10 Isolate so as to hinder cooperation and communication in business
- 11 One getting the lead out, say
- 12 Back-to-back: Fr.
- 13 End of a sales pitch
- 18 Court entertainers
- 22 Drug sometimes used for a vision quest
- 25 Slash preceder
- 26 Hard things to carry alone
- 31 Opening on a trunk
- 33 Bearish
- 34 Meryl Streep or Lupita Nyong'o, collegiately
- 35 Singer who lent his name to a brand of breakfast sausages
- 36 "Word!"
- 37 Primitive sorts
- 38 Emphatic agreement in Latin America
- 41 Lit
- 42 Onetime host for ABC News, NBC News and CBS News
- 43 Carefully followed
- 46 Not on good terms
- 47 Completely remove
- 50 Common campus health diagnosis
- 52 Resistance figures
- 55 \_\_\_ Krieger, U.S. women's soccer star
- 56 Chill out



PUZZLE BY PETER WENTZ

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**



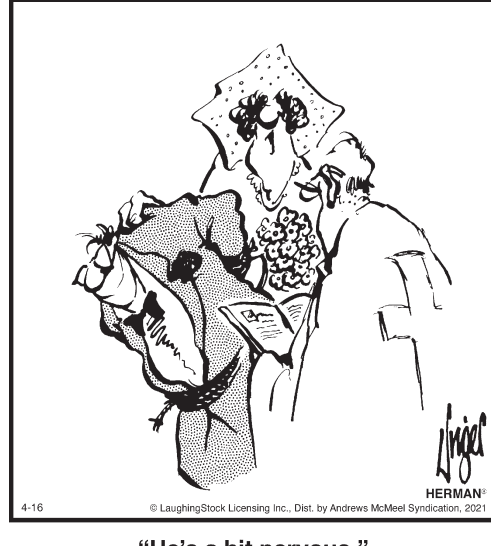
**BIZARRO**



**DENNIS THE MENACE**



**HERMAN**



**JUMBLE**

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

HEWIG  
DEUSE  
ETMIDU  
ROLDAL

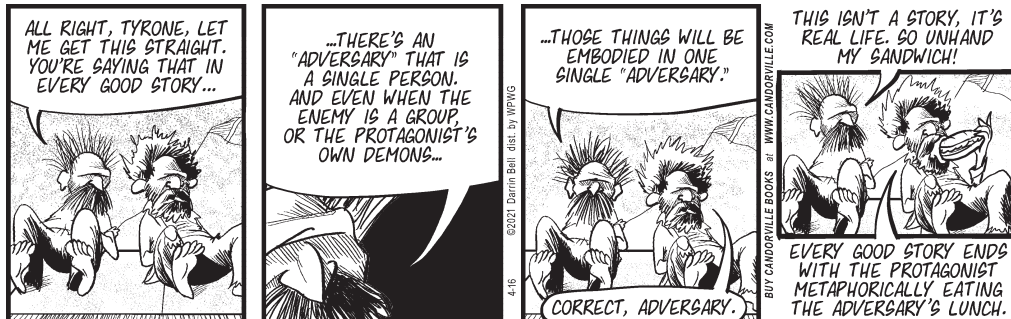
THE POKER PLAYER GOT THE CARD HE NEEDED FOR A ROYAL FLUSH, WHICH ...

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

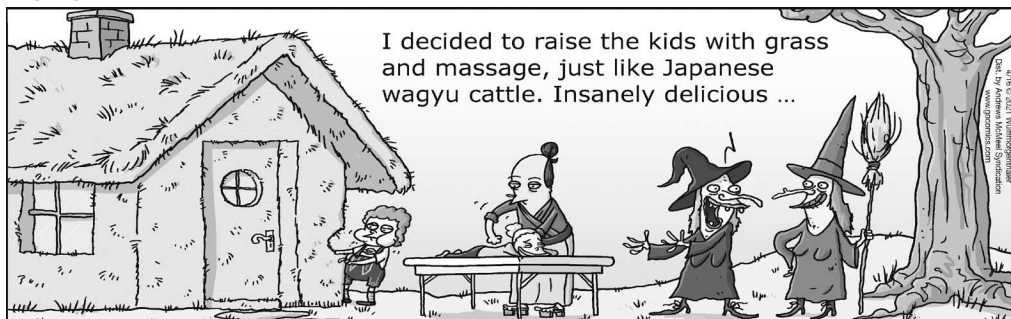
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DAILY STAND SETTLE RANCID  
Answer: His old fishing pole was no longer usable, so he — CAST IT ASIDE

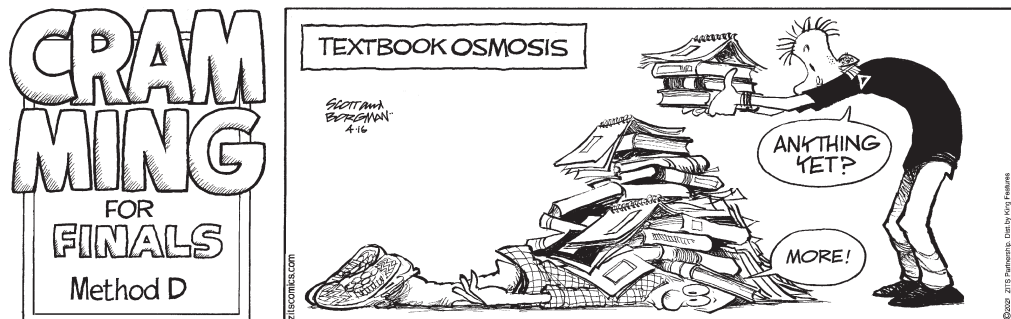
**CANDORVILLE**



**WUMO**



**ZITS**



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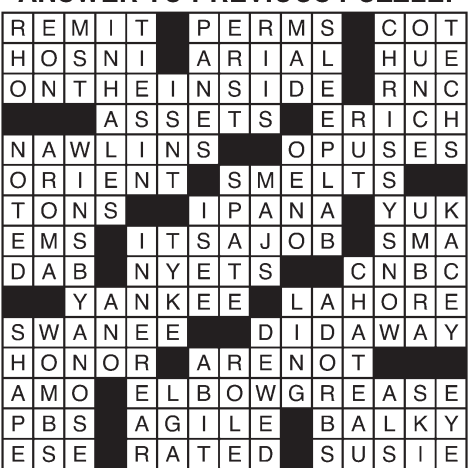
**ACROSS**

- 1 Annie Lennox, e.g.
- 5 Phishing, say
- 9 Start of many a "Jeopardy!" answer
- 12 College fund-raising targets
- 14 Flag bearer
- 15 Crack from the wind, perhaps
- 16 Cycling route for Broom Hilda?
- 18 Instrument featured in "Waltz of the Flowers"
- 19 Old DJ's array
- 20 Taper off
- 21 One-up
- 22 Bread grain
- 23 Romantic locales for Miss Piggy?
- 25 Maker of a fine cheddar?
- 27 Result of a missed deadline, maybe
- 28 Eye affliction
- 29 Sheer linen fabric
- 31 Pre-1991 map letters
- 32 Place to harvest your deepest secrets?
- 36 Part of a Braille character
- 39 Like many dad jokes
- 40 Italian wine hub
- 44 Logically flawed
- 46 Hit, as the gas
- 48 Equipment for identifying genuine island wreaths?
- 51 Dungeons & Dragons genre, briefly
- 52 Hungarian mathematician Paul
- 53 Frodo's home, with "the"
- 54 Wine statistic
- 55 Baskerville Hall setting
- 56 Sign of deceit, and a phonetic hint to four puzzle answers
- 58 Beast of burden
- 59 Massage deeply
- 60 Workout output
- 61 Beast of burden
- 62 Needs to settle
- 63 Drops the ball

**DOWN**

- 1 Snooze loudly
- 2 Some website images
- 3 Linger longer than, as a welcome
- 4 Film buff's choice
- 5 Jack in a rhyme
- 6 Kinkajou cousin
- 7 Sci-fi subject
- 8 First name of two Spice Girls
- 9 Hypotheticals
- 10 Monster Angus Thickburger seller
- 11 Adversary
- 13 Protect from light
- 15 Certain jumper's need
- 17 Way up the slope
- 21 KitchenAid competitor
- 24 Apple variety
- 26 Rocker Nugent
- 29 Convention center attraction
- 30 Olive \_\_\_
- 33 British \_\_\_
- 34 Fighting
- 35 Astronaut Jemison
- 36 Word from the Greek for "two assumptions"
- 37 Oppressive
- 38 Tube tops?
- 41 Device that delivers a coat
- 42 Fifth, often, for a manual transmission
- 43 Downs
- 45 Cherish
- 46 Type
- 47 Part of a full house, maybe
- 49 Easter Island's country
- 50 Little disputes
- 56 Box office sign
- 57 Female in a field

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**



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**SUDOKU**

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

**SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU**

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	
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