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Daily Bridge Club

Versatile technique

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The “loser-on-loser” play (my topic this week) is a versatile technique in declarer’s arsenal, useful in suit establishment, avoidance or — as in today’s deal — executing an end play.

Against four hearts, West led the ten of spades: queen, king, four. East continued with the ace and jack, and declarer ruffed high and drew trumps.

South could have led a diamond toward dummy’s queen next, but he judged that East, who had bid strongly, held the king. So South took the A-K of clubs, ruffed his last club in dummy, led dummy’s last spade — and discarded a diamond.

LAST DIAMOND

East was stuck. If he led a diamond, South would let it ride to the queen. If East led a spade, South would discard his last low diamond as dummy ruffed. Making four.

Note that South took care to cover West’s ten of spades at Trick One. If he carelessly plays low from dummy, East will signal with his lowest spade, and West can break up the loser-on-loser end play by shifting to the ten of diamonds.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 9 4 ♥ A Q 10 9 3
♦ A 5 2 ♣ A K 6. You are the dealer. South in today’s deal opened one

heart with this hand. Do you agree with that call?

ANSWER: I do. Many players would be willing to suppress the five-card major suit and open INT (15 to 17 points), but this hand is worth more than 17. It has primary values and a heart suit with strong intermediates. If partner responds one spade to your one heart, you can jump to 2NT next.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH

♠ Q 6 3 2
♥ K J 5 4
♦ Q 4 3
♣ 8 4

WEST

♠ 10 5
♥ 8 7
♦ 10 9 8 6
♣ J 9 5 3 2

EAST

♠ A K J 8 7
♥ 6 2
♦ K J 7
♣ Q 10 7

SOUTH

♠ 9 4
♥ A Q 10 9 3
♦ A 5 2
♣ A K 6

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

Opening lead — ♠ 10

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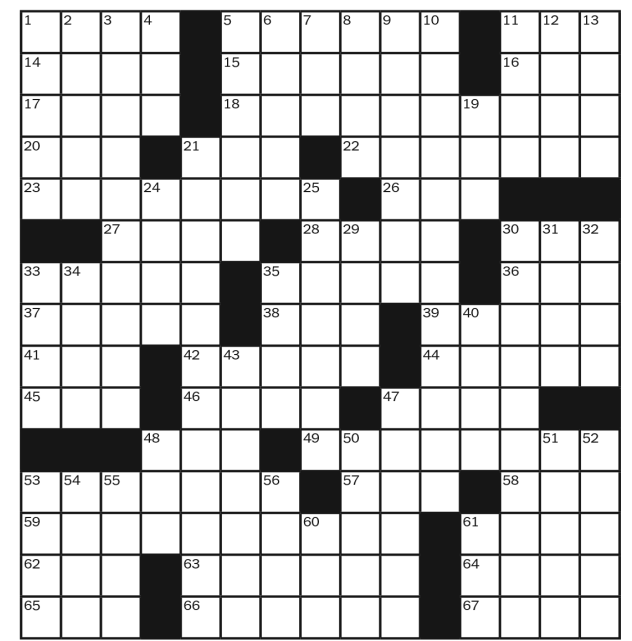
- 1 Place to crash
- 5 Letter-shaped building girders
- 11 One might say “Recalculating” after a wrong turn
- 14 Candy sold in pairs
- 15 Capital of Oman
- 16 Harper ____, “To Kill a Mockingbird” novelist
- 17 About, on a memo
- 18 2012 Grammy winner for “Channel Orange”
- 20 Born: Fr.
- 21 Recycling receptacle
- 22 Most spooky
- 23 Became old enough for
- 26 Twitter thumbs-up, informally
- 27 Tender spot

- 28 Promote, as a product
- 30 Tina of Pixar’s “Soul”
- 33 Theme park with the ride Soarin’ Around the World
- 35 Carolyn ____, pen name on “Nancy Drew” books
- 36 Wall St. debut
- 37 Not go well together
- 38 Dew Drop ____, (historic New Orleans nightclub)
- 39 Bit of mint
- 41 Join a call, with “on”
- 42 Division of Dante’s “Inferno”
- 44 Joe of “GoodFellas”
- 45 Have to pay
- 46 Gymnast Korbout
- 47 Stand-up comic Kevin
- 48 Where the Blues Brothers debuted, for short

- 49 Separator of Ukraine and Turkey
- 53 Exclaimed
- 57 The “A” of I.P.A.
- 58 Enemy in “Mulan”
- 59 Networks that deliver electricity
- 61 Gossip, informally
- 62 Orangutan or gorilla
- 63 Prophet
- 64 Vehicles in some tabloid photos
- 65 Half of a Chinese symbol for dualism
- 66 Casual ... or a hint to the answers to the five starred clues
- 67 Online craft fair, of sorts

DOWN

- 1 Injury from a jellyfish
- 2 Sports team bigwig
- 3 *Steps taken in an emergency?
- 4 Log splitter
- 5 “Don’t worry about me”
- 6 Like toast left too long in the toaster
- 7 That: Sp.
- 8 Teen’s facial woe
- 9 Tease, with “of”
- 10 *What closets and attics provide
- 11 Great delight
- 12 They’re often served mushy in England
- 13 Email folder



PUZZLE BY KEVIN PATTERSON

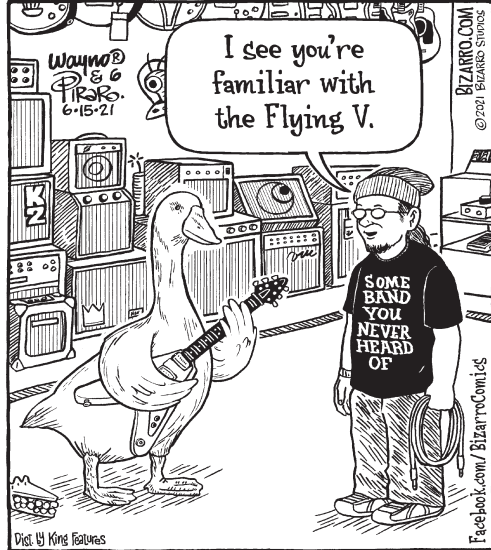
- 19 Western ____ (college course, informally)
- 21 *The pill, e.g.
- 24 Tries to win over
- 25 *Running bill at a bar
- 29 “The Tonight Show” host before and after O’Brien
- 30 *Nine to five, at a factory
- 31 “Lawrence of Arabia,” for one
- 32 One who studies asanas and pranayama
- 33 Reverberating sound
- 34 Prepare a field for seeding
- 35 Checker that makes it to the other side of the board
- 40 Free snacks in the break room, e.g.
- 43 Quickly, in music
- 47 One-named singer with the 2019 #1 hit “Without Me”
- 48 Take to court
- 50 Implement in a soup tureen
- 51 French bread?
- 52 Anxious
- 53 Neuter, as a pet
- 54 Arizona tribe
- 55 Actor Wilson
- 56 Frequent result between two chess grandmasters
- 60 “Disgusting!”
- 61 Expected

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



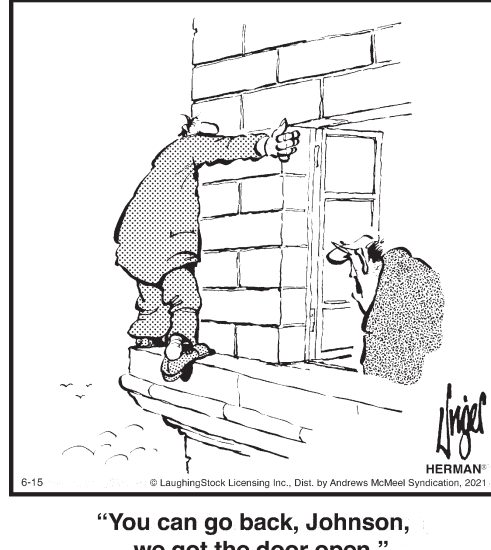
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

VEOMI
CUVOH
CANBEO
SOCOEH

THESE ARE WORDS YOU'VE HEARD BEFORE. I SEE. THAT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA. I SAY I GET SOME NEW ONES?

THE HORSE ASKED FOR NEW HORSESHOES BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT WOULD

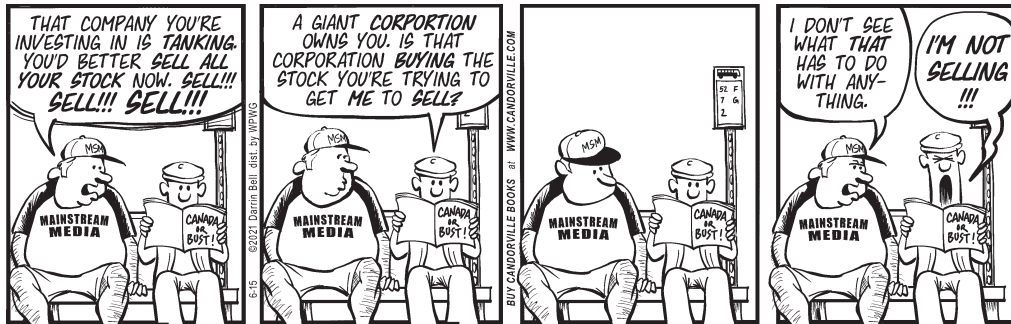
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FENCE SKIMP FILLET ACCORD
Answer: The stitching between the panels didn't look quite right and — “SEAMED” OFF

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



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- ACROSS
- 1 Golf contemporary of Jack and Gary
- 7 Diner order, briefly
- 10 Hullabaloo
- 13 Omelet maker's tool
- 14 Slangy “Agreed”
- 15 Soda container
- 16 One who locks up
- 18 Drive-__: outdoor movies
- 19 Important time
- 20 Try to attract
- 21 Chop finely
- 23 Phrase used at a remembrance service
- 27 Lampoons
- 30 Legal degs.
- 31 Chimp kin
- 32 Can. neighbor
- 33 Org. that issues drug recalls
- 36 Resort website section that includes a pool and fitness center
- 41 N. or S. state
- 42 Gershwin brother
- 43 Vermouth name
- 44 Inventor Rubik
- 46 Adriatic country
- 48 Area to reclaim misplaced stuff
- 52 Indian, for one
- 53 Archery skill
- 54 Lacking color
- 57 Had some lunch, say
- 58 Existential passion
- 63 “The Simpsons” neighbor Flanders
- 64 Elevator name
- 65 Places to perch
- 66 Pig’s digs
- 67 Spider’s trap
- 68 “Who cares?”

- 6 Nod off
- 7 Actress Arthur
- 8 Loo
- 9 Generic crime syndicate
- 10 Killing it on the test
- 11 Word after break or belly
- 12 First occurrence
- 14 “That’s painful!”
- 17 Homesites
- 22 Treasury Dept. org.
- 23 Dryer trap fuzz
- 24 Cogito-sum link
- 25 In addition
- 26 Eggy Spanish dessert
- 27 Word after “Going twice”
- 28 “Carmen” solo
- 29 Chore
- 32 Thurman in films
- 33 One of two bumped in friendship
- 34 __ Amaz, Jr., coverchild on the first TV Guide
- 35 Europe neighbor
- 37 Fictional rafter Huck

- 38 J.Lo’s ex-partner
- 39 Pressing need?
- 40 Garden critter
- 44 Info at SFO
- 45 Needed to reorder
- 46 Bob or beehive
- 47 Grapevine transmissions
- 48 Sources of student interest?

- 49 Eightsome
- 50 Somewhat disreputable
- 51 Dieter’s concern
- 54 Coin-in-a-fountain thought
- 55 Mennen lotion
- 56 Bird’s home
- 59 Colorado native
- 60 Bro or sis
- 61 Milne hopper
- 62 __-impact aerobics

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

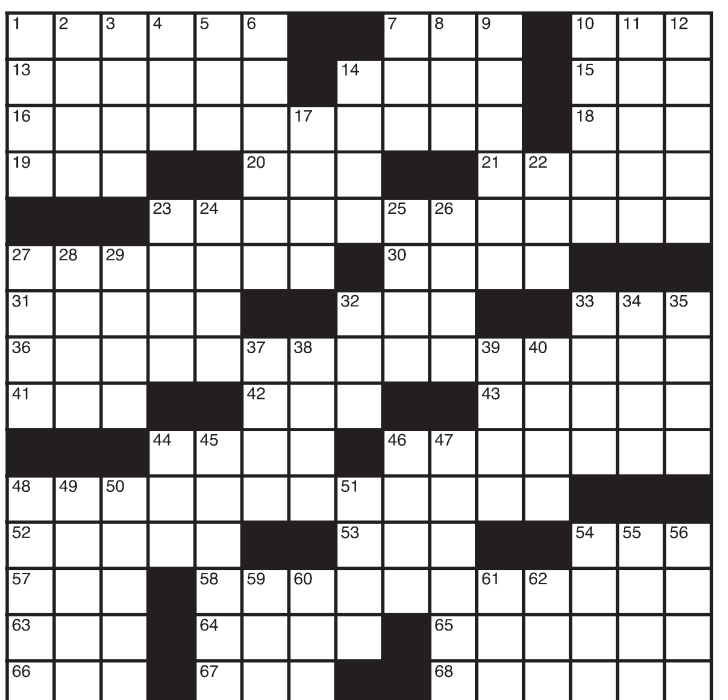
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3	9	1	7	5	8	4	2	6
5	4	7	6	3	2	1	8	9
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1	7	9	3	8	6	2	4	5
8	5	2	4	9	1	3	6	7

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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- DOWN
- 1 Proficient
- 2 Stern, at sea
- 3 Mars rover org.
- 4 '20s-'40s slugger Mel
- 5 “__ It Be”: Beatles



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