

DO YOU THINK "TRUFFLES" IS A FUNNY NAME?
NO, I THINK IT'S KIND OF CUTE.

MY GRANDFATHER LIKES ME... HE SAYS I AM AS RARE AS A TRUFFLE... SO HE CALLS ME "TRUFFLES"

WELL, MY NAME IS LINUS AND THIS IS SNOOPY... HE'S SORT OF AN UNUSUAL DOG...

CAN HE DO TRICKS?
SEE THIS COIN? NOW WATCH CAREFULLY...

DONK!
OH, NO! A BIRD HIT THE PICTURE WINDOW!
POOR LITTLE FELLA

I'LL GO HAVE A LOOK AT HIM

DO WE HAVE AN EXTENSION CORD?
PUT THE BLENDER BACK

I'M HERE TO PICK UP THE VW VAN.
LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK.

DID YOU FIX IT?
WELL, IT'S RUNNING BETTER, BUT WE HAD TO ADD SOMETHING TO THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT.

A "DO NOT RESUSCITATE" ORDER?
IT'S THE BEST THING FOR BOTH OF YOU.

SO, WHAT'S NEXT FOR US, HAGAR?
WE'RE GOING TO RAID THE SCOTS!

DO YOU WANT ME TO DISTRACT THE BARKEEP?

EAT YOUR VEGETABLES
GET TO BED EARLY
DRESS WARMLY
BE PROMPT
DRINK PLENTY OF LIQUIDS.

IT'S AN ADVICE COLUMN.

ARE YOU OKAY, DAD? YOU LOOK TIRED.

TIRED? I'M POOPED! I JUST SPENT EIGHT HOURS SHOPPING WITH OPAL.

DAD, YOU WERE ONLY GONE FOR AN HOUR.

YEAH, BUT SHOPPING HOURS ARE LONGER.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
I'M EXERCISING MY RIGHTS

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LOOSENING UP MY LEFT

MOM, I HAVE TO GO.
THE TOILETS ARE OVER THERE.

THOSE PORTABLE THINGS?
THAT'S RIGHT.

I THINK I'LL JUST SIT HERE TILL I EXPLODE.
COME ON, I'LL GO FIRST.

I THINK OF OUR OFFICE AS A TOOLBOX, AND EACH EMPLOYEE IS A DIFFERENT TOOL WITH A UNIQUE FUNCTION.

I THINK OF MYSELF AS A SWISS ARMY KNIFE - A JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES, WHAT WOULD YOU BE, CHIEF?

THE HAMMER, OF COURSE!

HE WON'T LET US BUILD OUR TREEHOUSE THAR !!

HE HEARD ME SAY IT'S A DOGWOOD, SO NOW HE THINKS IT'S HIS !!

GRRR !!

I'LL HAVE ANOTHER CUP.

YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING A LOT OF TEA LATELY.

I GAVE UP WINE FOR LENT.

SALES ARE DOWN 100% BECAUSE YOU FIRED THE ENTIRE SALES TEAM TO REDUCE EXPENSES.

HIRE THEM ALL BACK.

THEN OUR EXPENSES WILL BE TOO HIGH.

I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOUR NEGATIVITY.

BEG YOUR PARDON, SIR, WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE ANY LOOSE SINGLES FOR A STRANGER IN NEED?
YOU'RE A PRETTY SHARP-DRESSED MAN TO BE ASKING FOR A HANDOUT

I APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING NOTE OF MY ATTIRE

PRESENTATION IS EVERYTHING!

I WON'T BELIEVE IT, LAWRENCE. IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO BE GAY! DO YOU THINK I HAVEN'T TRIED TO BE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE?!

WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
LIKE WHAT?

MAN, I CAN'T EVEN LOOK AT YOU WITHOUT THINKING... YOU'RE MY FRIEND MIKE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FRIENDS AND LOVERS !!

... AND RIGHT NOW... I REALLY NEED A FRIEND.

ANGUS! THOSE AREN'T BAGPIPES, YOU OLD FOOL!

"I think it has a childproof cap."

"I KNOW THE DAY LEROY STOPPED EXERCISING... IT'S ON HIS BIRTH CERTIFICATE."

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

FYATF

YSZET

ZPLUEZ

BAFULI

My followers will love this.
Looks just like you.

I follow you!

THE SELFIE TAKEN BY THE SMALL TEDDY BEAR CAME OUT ---

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRIME ICING POCKET VOLUME
Answer: The couple that bought a mountaintop cabin and a condo in a high-rise were — LIVING IT UP

BRIDGE® BY PHILLIP ADLER

In yesterday's column, a defender had to make an unusual play to avoid sacrificing a trick in a suit. In today's deal, a defender has to break another of the canons of bridge: third hand high. This time, though, it isn't to avoid losing a trick in the suit. It is to determine the layout of the suit so that he knows how to defend.

Nowadays everyone opens one no-trump with South's hand, immediately showing its nature and strength. Stayman then uncovered the spade fit.

West led the heart three: seven, king, ace. Declarer ran the spade queen to East's king. What next?

East thought along these lines: "We must win three more tricks. It looks like we have a heart trick, so we will need either two diamonds or one in each minor. Let me just get our heart trick by cashing the jack. Then I can switch to a diamond."

However, as you can see, this plan didn't work out too well. Declarer won with the heart queen, drew trumps and cashed the clubs, discarding a diamond loser.

True, East was a little unlucky. However, he had a chance to find out who held the heart queen. As West wasn't going to underlead the heart ace, East should have made the discovery play of the heart jack at trick one.

When South won with the queen, East would have known to shift to diamonds at trick three. Then, as long as he selected the jack or nine to stop declarer from ducking the first round to West, the defenders would have collected three diamond tricks to go with the spade king.

North 03-29-22
 ♠ A J 6 4
 ♥ 9 7
 ♦ 6 5 2
 ♣ K Q J 4

West
 ♠ 7 5
 ♥ 10 8 4 3 2
 ♦ A Q 10 8
 ♣ 9 8

East
 ♠ K 3
 ♥ K J 6 5
 ♦ J 9 3
 ♣ 10 7 5 2

South
 ♠ Q 10 9 8 2
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ K 7 4
 ♣ A 6 3

Dealer: South
 Vulnerable: Neither

South 1NT
 2♣

West Pass
 Pass

North 2♠
 4♣

East Pass
 All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 3