

HERE'S THE WORLD WAR I FLYING ACE DOWN BEHIND ENEMY LINES...

I CAN ALWAYS TELL WHEN I'M NEAR THE ENEMY...

GET OUT OF THE WAY, YOU STUPID BEAGLE!

THEY'RE NOT AS POLITE...

IT'S SPRING

SORRY YOU HAD TO SEE THAT

MY MOM IS SUCH A SERIAL SCHEDULER.

SHE KNOWS EVERY ASSIGNMENT, APPOINTMENT AND DUE DATE IN MY LIFE, AND THAT'S NOT EVEN THE WORST PART!

WHAT'S THE WORST PART?

THE POST-IT NOTE IS STILL HER WEAPON OF CHOICE.

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO PARK THERE? WHERE DID THAT WAGON COME FROM?

MAYBE IT'S FROM A PARALLEL PARKING UNIVERSE?

GALLERY

I COULD SWEAR SOMEONE JUST TOLD ME TO BUNDLE UP WARM AND GET HOME EARLY.

HMM...

WHAT IS IT, DR. HARRIS?

YOU HAVE ACUTE GINGIVITIS, MRS. PICKLES.

THANK YOU!

THE SUN IS SHINING, BIRDS ARE SINGING, ALL'S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD!

BUT IT'S ABOUT TO GO ALL WRONG

MOM, GUESS WHAT HAMMIE DID.

ZOE, DON'T TATTLE ON YOUR BROTHER.

HE SPILLED PAINT IN THE GARAGE.

ZOE! WHAT? I WAS JUST THINKING OUT LOUD!

SHEESH! WHAT A WEEK IT'S BEEN AT WORK!

BUT IT'S ONLY MONDAY!

YOU'RE TELLIN' ME!

I'M HAVIN' TROUBLE SEEIN' UP CLOSE, MAW !! DOC SEZ I MAY NEED GLASSES !!

AIN'T NO MONEY IN TH' BUDGET FER THAT, PAW !!

YOU'RE GONNA HAFTA GIT BACK IN THAR AN' CHEAT HARDER !!

TWEET TWEET CHIRP CHIRP

CAW CAW

IT'S A SPRING SYMPHONY.

BUNCHA OFF-KEY BIRDS.

HAS "TWO KIDS IN A TRENCH COAT" EVER ACTUALLY WORKED?

MAYBE NOT FOR THE AMATEURS YOU'RE USED TO DEALING WITH, BUT WE'RE PROS!

AND I STILL SPOTTED YOU.

OKAY, BUT ONLY 'CAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO FIND MY WIG AND—

YOU KNOW WHAT?

GREAT. I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY.

HONEY, WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO START SPRING CLEANING?

HOW ABOUT IN JULY?

THAT'S IN THE SUMMER, DEAR, NOT THE SPRING

SPRING, SUMMER, TOMATO, TOMAHTO

THEY KNOW ABOUT THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER, APRIL... THEY KNOW ABOUT EVERYTHING!

YOU PROMISED NOT TO TELL I YOU SAID "CROSS MY HEART, AN' HOPE TO DIE" THAT YOU WOULDN'T TELL—

BUT, YOU DID!!

I DIDN'T!!

YES, YOU DID!!

BUT—I WAITED THREE DAYS!!!

"LEROY'S A CASUALTY OF THE 'CUPCAKE WARS.'"

It's the same as the electric one, only you have to wiggle it yourself.

THAT'S YOUR SECRET TO HAPPINESS IN LIFE? ISOLATING YOURSELF ON A REMOTE MOUNTAINTOP?

ACTUALLY, THAT SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD RIGHT ABOUT NOW...

BRIDGE® BY STEVE BECKER

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K J 8 6 4 3
 ♥ Q 2
 ♦ 10
 ♣ Q 9 7 3

WEST
 ♠ 10
 ♥ 5 4 3
 ♦ A K 9 7 6 5 4
 ♣ 5 4

EAST
 ♠ —
 ♥ A K 9 8 7
 ♦ Q 8 3
 ♣ A K 8 6 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A Q 9 7 5 2
 ♥ J 10 6
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ J 10

The bidding:
 East 1♥ South 1♠ West 2♦ North 4♠
 5 NT Pass 7♦ 7♠

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

What happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object? There's no good answer to this philosophical question, but, interestingly, there are times when a similar situation arises in bridge.

Consider this deal played in the 1977 U.S. Grand National Team Championship. It occurred in the final round of the event, when only two teams of an original entry of 8,000 remained in the contest. It was a remarkable hand in many ways. Probably the most striking feature was that the bidding was identical at both tables!

In each case, East opened one heart. South overcalled one spade, and West bid two diamonds. At both tables, North jumped to four spades (pre-emptive), whereupon both Easts bid five notrump. This was the Grand Slam Force, agreeing on diamonds as the trump suit and directing West to bid seven diamonds if he had two of the top three honors in that suit.

Both Souths passed, and both Wests duly bid seven diamonds. The grand slam in diamonds (worth 2,140 points) would undoubtedly have been made, but at each table, North, showing complete faith in the opponents' bidding, sacrificed at seven spades. This was doubled and went down five — 1,400 points — at both tables. So in the end, the deal was a total washout!

Eventually, a team from Texas triumphed over one from Washington, D.C., by the smallest margin possible. The final score in the 64-deal match was 100 International Match Points to 99, an extremely low score for that number of deals. Indeed, the bridge played by both teams in the match, as illustrated by the deal shown, was magnificent.

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
 By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

GTNSU
 LBICM
 HHSATR
 RYAMED

Wow! You are on fire today!

All that practice is paying off.

THE FIRST LETTER OF THE ALPHABET WON THE MATCH AFTER BRINGING ---

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

Print your answer here: ○○○○ - ○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: RUMOR JEWEL BUTTON FACTOR
 Answer: The ancient Greek deli used the abacus at its — MEAT COUNTER