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**USA1 Final!! Congratulations to Team Morse... Good Luck in Sao Paolo!!**

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
1	Morse	221	59	43	37	32	29	21
2	Schwartz	165	17	3	48	31	36	30

**USA2 Semi-Final ... Congratulations to Team Lynch...**

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60
3	Lynch	104	32	43	12	17
4	Kasle	91	34	23	15	19

**In tomorrow's action it will be Lynch vs. Schwartz ... It will be exciting and fun ... Good luck to all!!**

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# Good Ol' Times



*"They never phone, they never visit, they never text message..."*


## From the USA2 Semi-Final ... Lynch vs. Kasle

A legend is an old man with a cane known for what he used to do. I'm still doing it.  
-- Miles Davis

Board 1    ♠ KJ7  
 Dealer: N    ♥ QT954  
 None Vul.    ♦ A3  
                  ♣ JT8

♠ 962                    ♠ AQT5  
 ♥ 3                        ♥ AJ  
 ♦ JT9862                ♦ K74  
 ♣ Q64                    ♣ AK75

                 ♠ 843  
                  ♥ K8762  
                  ♦ Q5  
                  ♣ 932



West	North	East	South
Sutherlin	Schermer	Gerstman	Chambers
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Chambers led a fifth best heart and even with every card right, it was impossible to come to nine tricks because of the lack of entries to dummy. Obviously a diamond game or part score ... or a spade game or part score would work better and actually have a chance to make.

Perhaps Sutherlin should have considered Stayman. If partner responded three diamonds or three spades, he could pass and go for the plus. Or, if partner bid three hearts, he could bid 3NT and be no worse off than he was bidding it in the auction as it occurred.

It seems sensible for expert pairs to employ methods that will allow them to play a minor suit part score after a 2NT opening.

### HEALTHY FOOD

A 85-year-old couple, having been married almost 60 years, die in a car crash. They had been in good health the last ten years, mainly due to the wife's neurotic interest in health food.

When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion, which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite and Jacuzzi. As they oohed and aahed, the old man asked Peter how much of this was going to cost.

"It's free," Peter replied, "Remember, this is Heaven." Next they went out back to see the championship golf course the home backed up to. They would have golfing privileges every day, and each week the course changed to a new one representing the great golf courses on Earth.

The old man asked, "What are the green fees?"

"This is heaven," St. Peter replied. "You play for free."

Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisine's of the world laid out.

"How much to eat?" asked the old man.

"Don't you understand yet?" St. Peter asked. "This is heaven. It's free!"

"Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods?" the old man asked timidly. "That's the best part...you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

The old man looked at his wife and said, "You and your darn bran muffins. I could have been here ten years ago!"

### **WHAT WAS THAT AGAIN?**

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me. I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

### **SENIOR MARRIAGE**

There were two elderly people living in a Florida mobile home park. He was a widower and she a widow. They had known one another for a number of years.

One evening there was a community supper in the big activity center. The two were at the same table, across from one another. As the meal went on, he made a few admiring glances at her and finally gathered his courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?"

After about six seconds of 'careful consideration,' she answered. "Yes. Yes, I will."

The meal ended and, with a few more pleasant exchanges, they went to their respective places. Next morning, he was troubled. "Did she say 'yes' or did she say 'no'?" He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. Not even a faint memory. With trepidation, he went to the telephone and called her. First, he explained that he didn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the lovely evening past.

As he gained a little more courage, he inquired, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'Yes' or did you say 'No'?"

He was delighted to hear her say, "Why, I said, 'Yes, yes I will' and I meant it with all my heart." Then she continued, "I am so glad that you called, because I couldn't remember who had asked me."

### **SENIOR MOMENTS**

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two elderly gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant, and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... the one that is red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes," the man said. He turned toward the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

### **GRAVITY**

At the beginning of my shift I placed a stethoscope on an elderly and slightly deaf female patient's anterior chest wall. "Big breaths," I instructed. "Yes, they used to be," remorseful the patient.

### **DEAD TED**

Two elderly women meet at the launderette after not seeing one another for some time. After inquiring about each other's health, one asked how the other's husband was doing.

"Oh! Ted died last week. He went out to the garden to dig up a cabbage for dinner, had a heart attack, and dropped down dead right there in the middle of the vegetable patch!"

"Oh dear! I'm so very sorry," replied her friend, "What did you do?"

"Opened a can of peas instead."

# From the USA2 Semi-Final

Board 12    ♠ AJ76  
 Dealer: W    ♥ J8  
 N/S Vul.    ♦ QT953  
                  ♣ 94

♠ 3                    ♠ KQ82  
 ♥ 97                ♥ AKQ4  
 ♦ AKJ864        ♦ 2  
 ♣ Q653            ♣ AKJT

♠ T954  
 ♥ T6532  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ 872

West	North	East	South
Sutherlin	Schermer	Gerstman	Chambers
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Dan Gerstman and John Sutherlin set up a potentially big swing by reaching six clubs with the East/West cards. In the other room, Drew Casen and John Onstott stopped in 3NT. Three no-trump made four.

The opening lead was the seven of diamonds. According to bridge legend Barry Crane... sevens and below are singletons!!

Since dummy's trumps are anemic and it appears that diamonds are not breaking given the lead... the best approach to the hand is for declarer to trump his heart and spade losers in dummy.

Accordingly, Gerstman won the diamond in dummy and led the spade three toward his hand. North rose with the ace and returned the five of diamonds. At the crossroads!! If trumps are 3-2, the hand is easy. Simply trump with the club ten; trump a spade in dummy; cash the ace and king of hearts and trump a heart with the queen of clubs... draw trumps and claim. If the seven of diamond is a singleton, this is the only hope. And if it's not, this line still works when trumps are 3-2.

Gerstman, apparently fearing the 4-1 trump split, decided to discard on the second round of diamonds. South ruffed and the slam failed one trick.

It is hard to believe that North would rise with the ace of spades and return a diamond into the diamond tenace unless his partner was ruffing... therefore, it appears that Gerstman's line was doomed from the start. It is often best for North to duck his ace in these situations, however, on this hand, declarer can still score one spade, two hearts, one diamond and eight clubs on a cross ruff line.

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Lair	Chambers	Berkowitz
Pass	Pass	1♥	Double
Pass	2♠	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Board 32    ♠ Q976  
 Dealer: W    ♥  
 E/W Vul.    ♦ QJ743  
                  ♣ Q632

♠ T85                    ♠ J2  
 ♥ T74                ♥ AKQ93  
 ♦ K85                ♦ T96  
 ♣ T874                ♣ J95

♠ AK43  
 ♥ J8652  
 ♦ A2  
 ♣ AK

Berkowitz and Lair could have been right. If LHO held three spades and three clubs, the hand could be made by ruffing the opening heart lead, running the queen of diamonds to the king, ruffing the heart return, leading a diamond to the ace, cashing the ace/king of clubs and ruffing a heart. Cash a diamond; cash the queen of spades, and lead a club... If LHO had three clubs and three spades this would work... of course we know this is unlikely since he's opened a heart and shown up with three diamonds... unless he opened a heart on a 3-4-3-3 in third seat.

Result: down one and 11 IMPs to Kasle when they disdained slam in the other room.

Board 58    ♠ AJT652  
 Dealer: E    ♥ 6  
 All Vul.     ♦ KT5  
               ♣ 432

♠ Q9            ♠ 873  
 ♥ AJ95        ♥ KQT82  
 ♦ 97432      ♦ Q86  
 ♣ J5            ♣ 87

♠ K4  
 ♥ 743  
 ♦ AJ  
 ♣ AKQT96



West	North	East	South
Lair	Kasle	Berkowitz	Smith
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Passell	Chambers	Sutherlin
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Kasle and Smith had an excellent auction to reach a difficult to bid slam in the best strain. Lair led a low club and there was little to the play. It was significantly better to be in clubs than spades at the six level. In spades you need to fine the trump queen. In clubs, you have the necessary keycards and can set up the spades to get your twelve tricks.

At the other table, Sutherlin and Passell gave themselves no chance to get to the club slam.

Board 57    ♠ A9872  
 Dealer: N    ♥ K82  
 E/W Vul.    ♦ 98763  
               ♣

♠ QT6            ♠ K5  
 ♥ Q3            ♥ 9764  
 ♦ K42           ♦ AQ  
 ♣ AK765        ♣ Q9832

♠ J43  
 ♥ AJT5  
 ♦ JT5  
 ♣ JT4



Both tables arrived in 3NT after North overcalled one spade and South raised to two. Berkowitz was declarer in the Open Room from East. Schermer was declarer in the Closed Room from West.

Passell led a diamond against Schermer. Schermer won in dummy and played a club to his ace. He led the six of spades toward the board hoping to score his ninth trick when Mike ducked. Mike was ready for this. He rose with the ace and smashed the king of hearts on the table... great play! He continued hearts to partner's ace, felling declarer's queen. Partner cashed his last two hearts and defeated that contract one trick.

Smith led the three of spades from South against Berkowitz. Kasle wasn't thinking far enough ahead. When Berkowitz played the ten from dummy, Kasle ducked and David scooped up a fast nine tricks: one spade, three diamonds, and five clubs... making three... and gaining 12 IMPs for the victorious Lynch squad.



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

**Sudoku**

### Morrie Meditates...

Well, it's down to the wire, boys and girls.

Congrats to Morse on the well played victory!! And good luck in Sao Paulo.

I've picked Lynch from the start and I'm not changing now.

You know what they say about Ekeblad and Granovetter... always a bridesmaid and never a bride... doomed to 2nd, they won't need to brush up on their Spanish just yet.

Oh crap! Gotta run... that darned prune juice gets me every time!

See you next year!!

Morrie

Answers to puzzle... no peeking!!

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