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Puzzle 3 (week of April 17) – again answers are based on opening 1NT of 15-17 and 2/1 Bidding System.

K	K	6	6	6	W	N	E	S	2	2	2	A	A
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	P	P	1♥	P	♠	♠	♠	♣	♣
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	1♠				♠	♠	♠	♣	♣
K	K	9	9	9					♥	♥	♥	♥	♥
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥					♥	♥	♥	♥	♥
♠	♠	♦	♦	♦					♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
♠	♠	♦	♦	♦					♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
♠	♠	♣	♣	♣					♣	♣	♣	♣	♣
♠	♠	♣	♣	♣					♣	♣	♣	♣	♣

West and East each dropped a card.
Can you find the missing cards?

Extra Credit-What is East's next call and why?

Don't read on to page 2 if you don't know the answer yet!

Answer to Real Bridge Puzzle 3:

W's choices of dropped cards: ♠K, ♠6, ♦6

The dropped card must be a spade as they need 4 spades to respond to their partner. It can't be the ♠K as that would give them 13 points and they would not have passed originally. Therefore, the dropped card is the ♠6!

E's choices: ♠2, ♦2, ♣A

It cannot be a spade, as with 5 spades and 5 hearts they would have opened 1♠. It cannot be the ♣A, as that would give them 23 HCP and they would have opened 2♣. Therefore, the dropped card must be the ♦2.

Extra credit answer to the question, "What is East's next call?":

The answer I think most of us would arrive at is 4♠. Partner does not have opening count so this does not look like slam but partner does have at least 6 points so it means they should bid game.