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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE of BRUCE LEON TAYLOR, Deceased. Case No. DK-2025-PR-000027

You are hereby notified that on April 16th, 2025. A Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary, under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, was been filed in this court by Joan Taylor as named alternate Executrix in the Last Will and Testament of Bruce Leon Taylor, deceased, dated November 12, 2008, requesting that the instrument attached thereto be admitted to probate and record as the Last Will and Testament of the decedent and that Letters Testamentary, under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, be issued to her as Executrix, to serve without bond. You are further advised that under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, the court need not supervise administration of the estate, and no notice of any action of the Executrix, or other proceedings in the administration of the estate will be given, except for notice of final settlement of the

decedent's estate. You are further advised if written objection to simplified administration are filed with the court, the court may order that supervised administration ensue. You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before May 22nd, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. in the District Court, in Abilene, Dickinson County Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition. All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonable ascertainable, thirty (30) days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Joan Taylor, Petitioner

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BRIDGE by PHILLIP ALDER

DON'T TELL OPPONENT HOW TO SUCCEED

Surrealist painter Salvador Dali said, "I do not paint a portrait to look like the subject; rather does the person grow to look like his portrait."

At the bridge table, some bids paint a perfect picture of a player's hand. But if an opponent then becomes the declarer, he has been given a road map for playing the contract.

In this deal, South was in five diamonds. What did he do after West led the spade king: ace, seven, four?

West's two-diamond overcall was a Michaels Cue-Bid, promising at least 5-5 in the majors. After East jumped to four hearts, South, unsure who could make what, sensibly rebid five diamonds. Then East, eyeing the vulnerability, passed. (Five hearts doubled should go down two, minus 500.)

South had three losers (two spades and one club) and only 10 winners (one spade, seven diamonds and two clubs). But he had a huge advantage, knowing that East had started with a singleton spade and could not reach his partner's hand.

North		East	
♠ A 6 5 2	♠ 7	♠ A 6 5 2	♠ 7
♥ 8 7 4	♥ K Q 9 3 2	♥ 8 7 4	♥ K Q 9 3 2
♦ Q 9 8	♦ 7 4	♦ Q 9 8	♦ 7 4
♣ 10 6 3	♣ Q J 9 8 4	♣ 10 6 3	♣ Q J 9 8 4

Dealer: South Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	2 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

At trick two, declarer started a partial elimination and endplay by ruffing a heart in his hand. He returned to dummy with a trump to the eight, ruffed a heart high, played a diamond to the nine, and ruffed the last heart. Then South cashed his top clubs and played a third club.

East won but had no answer. Whether he led a heart or a club, South would sluff a spade loser from his hand and ruff on the board. Declarer would take one spade, eight diamonds and two clubs.

I am not saying West's two-diamond overcall was wrong, but be aware of the risk.

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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

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