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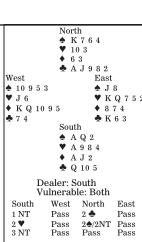
HOW DOES **RESPONDER FIND 4-4** SPADES?

This week we are looking at the Stayman convention, whose primary job is to try to find a 4-4 major-suit fit after opener immediately shows a balanced hand.

When the opening bid is one no-trump and responder bids two clubs, it asks opener to show a four-card major. If opener has two of them, he rebids two hearts. Then, what does the responder do when he has four spades and fewer than four hearts?

If he has game-invitational strength, it depends upon system. If one notrump - two no-trump is natural, showing about nine points and inviting game, then responder continues with two no-trump. Since he used Stayman, he must have a four-card major, and since he has not raised hearts, he must hold four spades. But if one no-trump - two notrump is not natural, perhaps a transfer to diamonds, responder rebids two spades.

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Opening lead: ♦ K mum, he signs off in three no-trump.

After West leads the diamond king, what should South do?

Declarer has six top tricks and at least three more can come from the clubs. However, if East has the club king, there is a risk the opponents will collect four diamond tricks to defeat you. The answer? Duck the first trick. If West leads another diamond, it gives you two diamond tricks. If West shifts, you win in hand and run the club 10 (or

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Council passed Ordinance No. 772. The ordinance authorizes the consumption, and possession of alcoholic liquor at a specified location on the public right-ofway, generally described as the intersection of Main Street and Poplar Street, and approves the closure of said area for the Solomon Festival Street Dance. The ordinance also authorizes the consumption, possession, and sale of alcoholic liquor in the City Park on July 18 and July 19, 2025 for the event. A complete copy of the orwww.solomon-ks.com or in the office of the City Clerk, 116 W. Main, in Solomon, Kansas, free of charge. This summary is certified by the City's legal counsel.



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IN THE DISTRICT

COURT OF DICKINSON

COUNTY, KANSAS

On June 11, 2025, the City In the Matter of the Name Change of Merlene Talley DK-2025-CV000063 **NOTICE OF HEARING** YOU ARE HEREBY NO-TIFIED that the above-captioned case has been scheduled for Petition on June 26th, 2025 at 9:00 AM. This matter is to be heard in the District Court of Dickinson County, Kansas.

changed to Merlene Kay Cooksey because I want my name to match my birth certificate. I am no longer mardinance is available online at ried and want my documents to reflect this. This Petition is not made for the purpose of avoiding any debts, obligations or legal process nor is it made for the purpose of misleading or defrauding any person. The requested name change will

> My best interests are served by the requested change in name.

person.

not result in prejudice to any

I ask the Court to set this matter for hearing and order service by publication, registered mail or certified mail, or, if appropriate, waive any requirements for

sue an order changing my tioner name from Merlene Kay Talley to Merlene Kay Cooksey and for such other SUBMITTED BY: relief as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances. I affirm under penalty of

perjury that all statements in Name are accurate to best of my knowledge.

Merlene Kay Talley

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June 17th, 2025. Ordinance No.773 Summary

On June 11, 2025, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 773_. The ordinance amends Sections 7-303 and 7-304 of the City Code of the City of Solomon, Kansas pertaining to the discharge and sale of fireworks within the City of Solomon, Kansas. A complete copy of the ordinance is available online at www.solomonks.com or in the office of the City Clerk, 116 W. Main, in Solomon, Kansas, free of charge. This summary is certified by the City's legal

(First published in the Abilene Reflector-Chronicle, Tuesday, June 3, 2025) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE of

ANTHONY FAULKNER, Deceased. Case No. DK-2025-PR-000035

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CON-CERNED:

You are hereby notified that on May 27th, 2025, a Petition for Probate of Will and I desire to have my name Issuance of Letters Testamentary, under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, was filed in this court by Tracey Ann Deutscher, an heir, devisee and legatee and as named alternate Executrix in the "Last Will and Testament of Anthony Faulkner", deceased.

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.

I further ask the Court to is- Tracey Ann Deutscher, Peti-

ROYER & ROYER CHARTERED Robert H. Royer, Jr. #08799 101 1/2 N.W. Third Street, this Petition for Change of P.O. Box 413 Abilene, Kansas 67410 (785) 263-1370

Fax# (785) 263-1371 Attorneys for Petitioner royerlaw@sbcglobal.net

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