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In the Matter of the Estate of Maureen Kay Phillips., Deceased. No. 2025-PR-000042

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CON-

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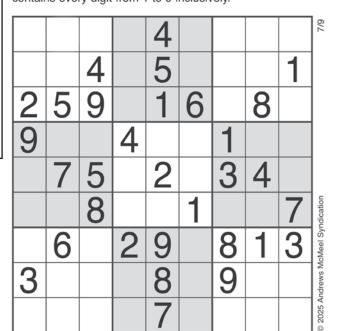
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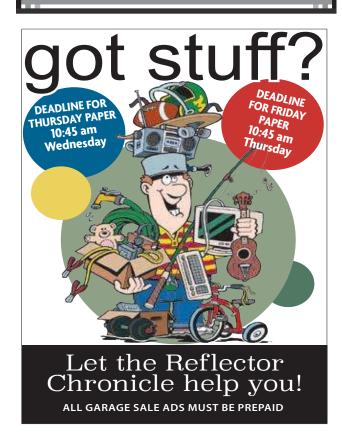
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In today's deal, against four spades, West starts with the heart queen: six, four, two. What should West lead at trick two?

After North opened one club and East overcalled one heart, South's one-spade response guaranteed at least a five-card suit, because with only four spades, he would have made a negative double. West applied maximum pressure with his jump to four hearts -- in a competitive auction, usually bid to the 10-trick level with a 10-card fit. Then North raised to four spades. This was a slight overbid. If West had passed, North would have rebid three spades. But

South ♠ KJ 10 8 7 **♥** 5 2 ♦ J96 ♣ K 8 7 Dealer: North Vulnerable: Both South West North East All pass 4 🏚 Opening lead: ♥ Q in competition you may bid

one level higher than you would have done in a noncompetitive sequence. Also, maybe both four hearts and four spades were making. West cannot be sure

where four defensive tricks

will come from. But unless East has the spade king, the defenders need three minorsuit tricks. Although not underwritten by Lloyd's of London, West's best shift is to the diamond queen. Here, South will win

with dummy's king and draw trumps, but when he turns to clubs, East takes a trick and returns a diamond through South's jack, which is trapped by West's A-10 tenace.

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