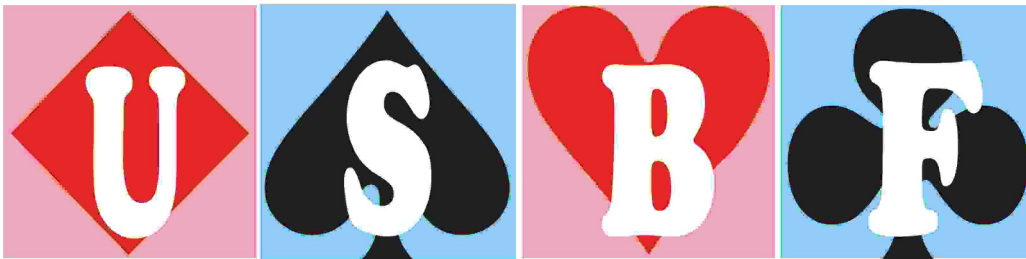




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# “Trials” and Tribulations—Pre-Bulletin

## Welcome from Bill Pollack



Hi Everyone!

Welcome to the United States Bridge Championships.

The Chicago area is a great venue for the tournament and we are gratified to have you here.

There are 23 teams in this year’s competition. We wish them all good luck. Not everyone can win, but everyone can have fun trying!

Our hospitality staff has worked hard to produce our usual great quality of service. Read through the Pre-Bulletin to learn more about what is being featured.

Our VuGraph organizers will provide you with the best possible online coverage. Look for the schedule on Bridge Base.

This issue of the Daily Bulletin is a full issue. Subsequent issues will be approximately four pages in an effort to cut costs. The “operational material” will not be repeated so refer to your pre-bulletin if you want to look up this information later in the week.

Have a great time while you’re here. There is much to do around the area for those of you who may have included your families in the excursion.

We will do whatever we can to make your visit a success. Here’s to a great USA1 to represent us in the 2011 Bermuda Bowl! May the best team win!

Bill Pollack, USBF President

### From the Editor:

**Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. Items like the team lists and schedules will not be reprinted in subsequent issues to make room for hands at a substantial savings to the organization. Thank you!!**

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**In Seeding Order**

"The whole world is in revolt. Soon there will be only five Kings left--the King of England, the King of Spades, The King of Clubs, the King of Hearts, and the King of Diamonds."  
*-King Farouk of Egypt*

<b>Nickell</b>	Bye to Rnd of 8	<b>Frank Nickell, Capt</b> <b>Robert Hamman</b> <b>Jeff Meckstroth</b>	<b>Ralph Katz</b> <b>Zia Mahmood</b> <b>Eric Rodwell</b>
<b>Diamond</b>	Bye to Rnd of 8	<b>John Diamond, Capt</b> <b>Eric Greco</b> <b>Brad Moss</b>	<b>Brian Platnick</b> <b>Geoff Hampson</b> <b>Fred Gitelman</b>
<b>Fleisher</b>	Bye to Rnd of 8	<b>Martin Fleisher, Capt</b> <b>Bobby Levin</b> <b>Chip Martel</b>	<b>Michael Kamil</b> <b>Steve Weinstein</b> <b>Lew Stansby</b>
<b>Meltzer</b>	Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>Rose Meltzer, Capt</b> <b>Alan Sontag</b> <b>Michael Rosenberg</b>	<b>Kyle Larsen</b> <b>David Berkowitz</b> <b>Mark Feldman</b>
<b>Robinson</b>	Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>Steve Robinson, Capt</b> <b>Kit Woolsey</b> <b>Adam Wildavsky</b>	<b>Peter Boyd</b> <b>Fred Stewart</b> <b>Doug Doub</b>
<b>Schwartz</b>		<b>Richard Schwartz, Capt</b> <b>Russell Ekeblad</b> <b>Drew Casen</b>	<b>Matthew Granovetter</b> <b>Ron Rubin</b> <b>Jim Krekorian</b>
<b>Welland</b>		<b>Roy Welland, Capt</b> <b>Steve Garner</b> <b>Ron Smith</b>	<b>Chris Willenken</b> <b>Howard Weinstein</b> <b>Billy Cohen</b>
<b>Jacobs</b>		<b>George Jacobs, Capt</b> <b>Chris Compton</b> <b>Marc Jacobus</b>	<b>Steve Beatty</b> <b>Bart Bramley</b> <b>Eddie Wold</b>
<b>Mahaffey</b>		<b>Jim Mahaffey, Capt</b> <b>Peter Weichsel</b> <b>Sam Lev</b>	<b>Mike Passell</b> <b>Michael Seamon</b> <b>Jacek Pszczola</b>
<b>Gordon</b>		<b>Mark Gordon, Capt</b> <b>Curtis Cheek</b> <b>John Hurd</b>	<b>Pratap Rajadhyaksha</b> <b>Joe Grue</b> <b>Joel Wooldridge</b>
<b>Milner</b>		<b>Reese Milner, Capt</b> <b>John Mohan</b> <b>Robert Blanchard</b>	<b>Gary Cohler</b> <b>Roger Bates</b> <b>Shane Blanchard</b>
<b>Rogoff</b>		<b>Bruce Rogoff, Capt</b> <b>Doug Simson</b> <b>Xiaodong Shi</b>	<b>Josh Parker</b> <b>Walter Johnson</b> <b>Jiang Gu</b>
<b>Deutsch</b>		<b>Seymon Deutsch, Capt</b> <b>Justin Lall</b> <b>Kevin Bathurst</b>	<b>John Kranyak</b> <b>Hemant Lall</b>
<b>Harris</b>		<b>Martin Harris, Capt</b> <b>Stephen Landen</b>	<b>Jacob Morgan</b> <b>Dan Gerstman</b>
<b>Chan</b>		<b>Lapt Chan, Capt</b> <b>Renee Mancuso</b>	<b>Christal Henner</b> <b>Sheri Winestock</b>
<b>Cohen</b>		<b>Mark Cohen, Capt</b> <b>Jeff Aker</b> <b>Greg DeFotis</b>	<b>Milt Rosenberg</b> <b>Brady Richter</b> <b>Harold Mouser</b>
<b>Miller</b>		<b>Jeffrey Miller, Capt</b> <b>Jeffrey Schuett</b> <b>David Yang</b>	<b>William Wickham</b> <b>Dick Bruno</b> <b>Greg Hinze</b>
<b>Demirev</b>		<b>Darina Demirev, Capt</b> <b>Will Engel</b> <b>Nik Demirev</b>	<b>Howard Liu</b> <b>Daniel Levin</b> <b>William Watson</b>
<b>Stauber</b>		<b>Allan Stauber, Capt</b> <b>Kerri Sanborn</b>	<b>Stephen Sanborn</b> <b>Lewis Finkel</b>
<b>Weinstein</b>		<b>Jonathan Weinstein, Capt</b> <b>Clement Jackson</b> <b>Bob Etter</b>	<b>Franco Baseggio</b> <b>Josh Sher</b> <b>Alex Kolesnik</b>
<b>Todd</b>		<b>Robert Todd, Capt</b> <b>Les Bart</b>	<b>McKenzie Myers</b> <b>Gloria Bart</b>
<b>Rosenfeld</b>		<b>Jason Rosenfeld, Capt</b> <b>Victor Chubukov</b>	<b>Drew Becker</b> <b>Eric Mayefsky</b>
<b>Zeller</b>		<b>Michael Zeller, Capt</b> <b>Matthew Meckstroth</b>	<b>Kelley Zeller</b> <b>Cameron Shunta</b>

## All About Kibitzing

### WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event. However, except in the Open Room during the Round Robin, you will be subject to the following regulations:

Kibitzers may enter the room **ONLY** at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed.

A kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next session.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament.

When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, no kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

### Screens

All of the USBC is played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see much, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

### USBF KIBITZING RULES

The USBF **General Conditions of Contest** contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

1. General Rules
  - a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
  - b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
2. In the Open Room:
  - a. If there is a live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room, kibitzers shall abide by the same rules as those applicable to the Closed Room.
  - b. If there is no live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room then kibitzers, media, and NPC's may enter and return until such time as any table from the closed room has finished the segment. Once any table in the Closed room has finished, no one may return to the Open room after leaving unless escorted while absent.
  - c. In either event, Open Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room and returning (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
3. In the Closed Room:
  - a. Kibitzers must enter the Closed Room before play commences. Kibitzers in the closed room are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Closed Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
  - b. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
  - c. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.

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## VuGraph Information

The 2010 USBC will be covered on BBO VuGraph starting with the Round of 16, in which we will probably cover 3 or 4 matches (there will be 5 matches in the Round of 16). The Round of 16 starts in the afternoon of Monday, June 21st. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play. To watch the VuGraph online, go to the **BBO website (www.bridgebase.com)** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "VuGraph" and choose which table to watch or download the BBO software to run BBO on your computer. If you choose the latter approach, after downloading, install the software on your computer, log on, follow the directions to become a BBO member and you'll be magically transported to the Lobby of the largest bridge club in the world. Click on the button labeled VUGRAPH THEATRE and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch. For cell phone logon, go to **www.bridgebase.com/mobile**.

There will usually be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working VuGraph Operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO VuGraph schedule site <http://www.bridgebase.com/vugraph/schedule.php>** )

10:00-12:10  
12:25-2:35  
3:45-5:55  
6:10-8:20

During the Semifinals and Finals, all of the teams will play the same boards, unless one or more matches gets sufficiently far behind that they have to start later than the other match, in which case, for security reasons, they will play different boards.

During the Rounds of 32, 16 & 8, each team will play a different set of boards.

After a session, you can review the VuGraph action on our Web VuGraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2010 USBC. Web VuGraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the VuGraph show.

You can usually find the hand records for VuGraph matches on the PSBRIDGE website at <http://psbridge.gotdns.com/bbo/allvug/>, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2010USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

## Pun for Fun ...

1. Energizer Bunny Arrested & Charged with Battery.
2. A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.
3. Practice safe eating -- always use condiments.
4. A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother.
5. Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
6. Marriage is the mourning after the knot before.
7. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
8. Corduroy pillows are making headlines.
9. Is a book on voyeurism a peeping tome?
10. Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
11. A successful diet is the triumph of mind over platter.
12. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
13. A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor.
14. Without geometry, life is pointless.
15. A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
16. When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
17. A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.
18. What's the definition of a will? (Come on, it's a dead giveaway!)
19. A backwards poet writes inverse.
20. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
21. If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
22. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
23. When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
24. The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
25. A grenade in a French kitchen results in Linoleum Blownapart.
26. A lot of money is tainted. It t'aint yours and it t'aint mine.
27. A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
28. He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
29. A short fortune-teller escaped from prison is a small medium-at-large.
30. Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
31. Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine .
32. An actress who saw her first strands of grey hair thought she'd dye.
33. Acupuncture is a jab well done.

## ROUND ROBIN INFORMATION

There are 18 teams entered in the Round Robin. They are divided into 2 divisions, the Bulls and the Bears after June 11, the final date for teams to make roster changes.

### Assigning Teams to Divisions

Teams will be separated into two divisions as follows:

The highest seeded team in the Round Robin will be assigned to the Bears.

The second highest seeded team in the Round Robin will be assigned to the Bulls.

The next four highest seeded teams in the Round Robin will be separated into two pairs, with team 3 and team 6 one pair and team 4 and team 5 the other.

These pairs will be randomly assigned to the Bears and the Bulls.

This method of dividing each group of 4 teams into two pairs and randomly assigning the pairs to either Bears or Bulls will be repeated for the rest of the teams in the Round Robin.

Bears	Bulls
1. Schwartz	11 Welland
2. Jacobs	12 Mahaffey
3. Milner	13 Gordon
4. Rogoff	14 Deutsch
5. Chan	15 Harris
6. Miller	16 Cohen
7. Demirev	17 Stauber
8. Weinstein	18 Todd
9. Zeller	19 Rosenfeld

Each division will play a complete Round Robin of 9 board matches on Friday, June 18th and Saturday, June 19th. The matches will be scored using the **USBF 9 Board Victory Point Scale** (see page 6). At the end of this Round Robin, the 3 teams in each division with the lowest number of Victory Points will be eliminated.

On Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, the 12 teams remaining in the Round Robin after stage 1 will play 6 more matches, with each surviving team playing each of the surviving teams from the other division. These matches will also be 9 boards long and scored using the USBF VP scale. Each team will carryover its full VPs from matches against the surviving teams in its division, and a percentage of the VPs from matches against teams that have been eliminated.

### How the carryover is to be calculated.

Carryover From First Stage of Round Robin

A. For matches between two teams that both continue to the second RR stage, there will be 100% carryover of VP scores.

B. Carryover from matches against the 3 non-qualifiers in each Division will be determined by a two-step process. The net result will be that the 6 Continuing Teams from Division A, as a group, will have exactly the same aggregate carryover (457.5 VPs) as the 6 Continuing Teams from Division B.

**First step:** if your team continues to RR2, we'll discount your score against each individual non-qualifier as follows:

(a) take that non-qualifier's total Winning Percent (its VPs/160); then

(b) double that Winning Percent ; and then

(c) multiply this second figure times your VP score against that team, to calculate your "Discounted Carryover Score."

(For example, suppose Grundy, a non-qualifier, scores 70 total VPs, for a 43.75% Winning Percent. If you beat Grundy by a score of 16 - 4 VPs, you'd get 87.5% (2 x 43.75%) of your 16 VPs against Grundy, so your Discounted Carryover Score from that match would be 14 VPs).

**Second step:** In each Division, the Continuing Teams collectively are entitled to a total of 157.5 carryover VPs from their matches vs. the non-qualifiers. To achieve that goal, we'll pro-rate their Discounted Carryover Scores vs. non-qualifiers, to ensure they sum to 157.5 (i.e., we'll multiply them by 157.5/X, where "X" is the aggregate of all their Discounted Carryover Scores).

(For example, for the Continuing Teams in Division A as a group, if their Discounted Carryover Scores vs. non-qualifiers sum to 210 VPs, each Continuing Team would get 75% (157.5 / 210) of its Discounted Carryover Scores vs. the non-qualifiers. In the Grundy example, you'd get 75% x 14 VPs, which yields a net carryover of 10.5 VPs from that match).

**Provided,** no VP score against any non-qualifier can end up counting for more than 100% of its original face value. If, in a rare case, it turns out the carryover formula would produce that result, scores against that non-qualifier will be factored down (pro-rated) to 100% of face value, while scores against the other two non-qualifiers will be factored up by a combined equal amount (so that total carryover from matches against all non-qualifiers still equals 157.5).

**NOTE:** Average carryover from the first stage to the second stage will be 76.25.

After the full Round Robin, the 8 teams with the highest VP totals will advance to the Round of 16, where they will be joined by the Meltzer & Robinson teams, who have byes to the Round of 16. The bracket for the KO stages of the USBC will be set before the Round of 16.

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**Setting the KO Bracket**

After the Round Robin, the teams will be assigned numbers that establish the bracket for all of the Knockout rounds. We're often asked how the assignment is done, so here is what will happen. First, the team seeding points will be adjusted by adding 8 seeding points to the totals for each of the first and second place finishers in the Round Robin, 4 to the 3rd place finisher and 2 to the 4th place finisher. Then the teams qualifying from the Round Robin will be ranked based on their current seeding point totals. The teams will then be assigned KO team numbers as follows, subject to one other adjustment - the team that scored the highest Victory Point total in the Round Robin has the right, after the assignments have been done, to request that it be "re-shuffled" with its original shuffle group.

- 1 Nickell
- 2 Diamond
- 3 Fleisher or Meltzer randomly assigned
- 4
- 5 Robinson or highest seeded team  
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 6
- 7 Second & third seeded teams  
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 8
- 9 Fourth, fifth, sixth & seventh seeded teams  
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13 Bye (loses to Fleisher in R16) & eighth ranked team  
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish)  
(numbers depend on 3-4 shuffle)
- 14
- 15-16 Byes (lose to Nickell & Diamond in Round of 16)

**USBF 9 Board VP Scale**

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	15	15	5	30	18.09	1.91
1	10.41	9.59	16	15.26	4.74	31	18.25	1.75
2	10.81	9.19	17	15.5	4.5	32	18.4	1.6
3	11.2	8.8	18	15.74	4.26	33	18.55	1.45
4	11.58	8.42	19	15.97	4.03	34	18.69	1.31
5	11.94	8.06	20	16.2	3.8	35	18.83	1.17
6	12.29	7.71	21	16.42	3.58	36	18.97	1.03
7	12.63	7.37	22	16.63	3.37	37	19.1	0.9
8	12.96	7.04	23	16.83	3.17	38	19.22	0.78
9	13.28	6.72	24	17.03	2.97	39	19.34	0.66
10	13.59	6.41	25	17.22	2.78	40	19.46	0.54
11	13.89	6.11	26	17.41	2.59	41	19.58	0.42
12	14.18	5.82	27	17.59	2.41	42	19.69	0.31
13	14.46	5.54	28	17.76	2.24	43	19.8	0.2
14	14.73	5.27	29	17.93	2.07	44	19.9	0.1
						45	20	0

**A Baseball Riddle...**

Three elderly ladies are excited about seeing their first baseball game.

They smuggle a bottle of Jack Daniels into the ball park. The game is really exciting and they are enjoying themselves immensely...mixing the Jack Daniel's with soft drinks.

Soon they realize that the bottle is almost gone and the game has a lot of innings to go.

Based on the given information, what inning is it and how many players are on base?

Answer: It's the bottom of the fifth, and the bags are loaded!

## Some Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure ...



### **American**

#### **Abruzzi Restaurant & Lounge**

9519 West Higgins Road • Rosemont, IL  
847-292-0183, 847-292-0182

Known for its famous Prime Rib and specialty pizzas, Abruzzi offers casual dining fare.

#### **Café Zalute**

9501 West Devon Avenue • Rosemont, IL  
847-685-0206

Experience Rosemont's newest nightclub and restaurant featuring fresh seafood, prime steaks, great ribs, chops, homemade Italian pasta and more. There is an extensive selection of over fifty fine wines, as well as delicious freshly made desserts. Daily lunch and dinner specials, an outdoor patio, wireless Internet access, Valet parking, carry out and catering are also offered. The lower level piano retro bar offers live entertainment Wed. - Sat. Café Zalute is open until 4:00 a.m.

#### **Gibsons Steakhouse**

5464 North River Road • Rosemont, IL  
847-928-9900

This "Meat Eater's Paradise" features generous portions of delicious meat and fresh fish.

#### **Morton's The Steakhouse**

9525 West Bryn Mawr Avenue • Rosemont, IL  
847-678-5155

People Magazine has said that the best steak in America is found at Morton's. The elegant, clublike setting, excellent service and exceptional food make this a truly memorable dining experience. Morton's specialties include perfectly grilled USDA prime aged beef, fresh fish and seafood.

#### **Pine Grove Restaurant**

6580 Mannheim Road • Rosemont, IL  
Located in the Best Western  
847-298-5110

Affordable family-style fare is served at this restaurant. It features fresh hot cooked breakfast entrees all day, as well as sandwiches, steaks, pasta, salads and much more. A full service bar.

#### **Rosewood Restaurant**

9421 West Higgins • Rosemont, IL  
847-696-9494

Enjoy American fine dining at this charming restaurant that specializes in USDA prime steaks and fresh seafood, that is flown in daily from around the world. Also featured on the menu are generously portioned prime rib cuts, great veal dishes, homemade pastas, wonderfully creative salads and sides, and daily house specials. Great desserts and a fine wine list, which includes the finest wines from California, Europe, and Australia, round out an unforgettable meal.

### **Brew Pubs**

#### **Ram Restaurant & Brewhouse**

9520 West Higgins Road • Rosemont, IL  
847-692-4426

Award winning microbrews, as well as great burgers, grilled chicken sandwiches, steaks, seafood, low carb and vegetarian items, and much more are featured at this restaurant. Diners can watch a sporting event on one of the many large televisions, or simply enjoy a cocktail.

### **Chinese**

#### **Panda Express**

7028 North Mannheim Road • Rosemont, IL

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## **Delis & Sandwich Shops**

### **Camille's Sidewalk Cafe**

9785 West Higgins Road • Rosemont, IL  
847-696-9767

For a healthy alternative to fast food, come to Camille's Sidewalk Cafe and enjoy freshly made sandwiches, wraps, paninis and desserts. Gourmet coffee and smoothies are also available, along with a breakfast menu.

### **Michael's On Main Cafe Riverway**

6133 Riverway • Rosemont, IL 60018  
847-384-9784 phone

Open from 6:30am - 2:30pm, Monday through Friday, Michael's on Main Cafe specializes in delicious and reasonably priced cuisine, including several house specialties.

## **Diners**

### **Pancakes Eggcetera**

9463 West Higgins Road • Rosemont, IL  
847-384-9944

Hearty, yet light fare awaits you at this kid-friendly diner.

## **Italian**

### **Carlucci**

6111 North River Road • Rosemont, IL  
847-518-0990

The open kitchen, wood burning oven, terracotta floors, and painted murals, combined with award-winning cuisine will transport you to Italy. A unique country Italian dining experience is offered, with fine Tuscan cooking featuring handmade pasta, and simmered sauces. Patrons are consistently entertained and delighted by Carlucci's.

### **Harry Caray's**

10233 West Higgins Road • Rosemont, IL  
Located at the O'Hare International Center  
847-699-1200

Holy Cow! Legendary baseball announcer Harry Caray lives on in this casual to fine dining restaurant with its mosaic floors, white-jacketed servers, white tablecloths and baseball sports museum. Enjoy award-winning classic Italian cuisine including the finest prime aged steaks, chops, chicken and more.

## **Locally Operated**

### **Augie's Doggies Ltd.**

9467 West Higgins Avenue • Rosemont, IL  
847-698-3647

A variety of menu items are offered at this restaurant, know for the best hotdogs in town.

### **Great Expoteria Restaurant, The**

9301 West Bryn Mawr Avenue • Rosemont, IL  
847-692-6415

Conveniently located close to the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center

## **Mexican & Southwestern**

### **Chili's**

7140 Mannheim Road • Rosemont, IL  
847-298-9031

Mouthwatering hamburgers and tantalizing chili are among the delicious menu items featured at Chili's. Other favorites include the Awesome Blossom, a fresh whole onion sliced to "blossom"; famous Baby Back Ribs; Margarita Grilled Chicken; and the Guiltless Grill, offering lower-fat, lower-calorie items.

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### **Chipotle**

7020 North Mannheim Road • Rosemont, IL  
847-299-9201

Only a few things are served at Chipotle's, but when simple ingredients are put together in creative, new ways, the result is food prepared exactly the way you want. Watch as a burrito, fajita burrito, burritobol, or taco is prepared, with only the best ingredients, to your specifications. The result will have you coming back again and again.

### **Loredo's Mexican Restaurant**

9797 West Higgins Road • Rosemont, IL  
847-685-0673

This restaurant will satisfy your craving for Mexican cuisine with its many delicious menu items.

### **Pizza**

#### **Giordano's**

9415 West Higgins Road • Rosemont, IL  
847-292-2600

Enjoy thin-crust pizza, sandwiches, salads, pastas and the quintessential stuffed pizza.

#### **Village Pizzeria**

9469 West Higgins Road • Rosemont, IL  
847-823-4156

A variety of pizza, Italian sandwiches and other casual fare is offered at this restaurant...

### **Specialty Foods**

#### **Cold Stone Creamery**

7080 Mannheim Road • Rosemont, IL  
847-824-6670

Because the world deserves better ice cream, Cold Stone Creamery uses the highest quality ingredients and prepares your custom creation on a frozen granite stone. Unique Cold Stone Original Creations, smoothies, cakes, shakes and more are offered.

### **Sports Bars & Pubs**

#### **Shoeless Joe's Sports Bar & Grille**

10290 West Higgins Road • Rosemont, IL  
847-296-5760

Chicagoland's premier sports bar, Shoeless Joe's features great burgers, ribs, steaks, chops, seafood, pizza, daily lunch and dinner specials, a late night food menu, 15 beers on tap, an extensive wine list, and a great selection of fine cigars. There are thirty TV monitors and four big screens broadcasting from 25 satellites, as well as pool, golden tee golf, and wireless Internet access throughout the restaurant, for patrons' enjoyment. On Wednesdays a live DJ is present, while on Saturdays you can dance until 4:00 a.m.

#### **Birthday Miracles...**

All of his life Len from Cape Breton had heard stories of an amazing family tradition. It seems that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 21st birthday. On that day, they'd walk across the lake to the boat club for their first legal drink.

So when Len's 21st birthday came around, he and his pal Corky took a boat out to the middle of the lake. Len stepped out of the boat and nearly drowned!

Corky just managed to pull him to safety. Furious and confused, Len went to see his grandmother. 'Grandma, it's my 21st birthday, so why can't I walk across the lake, like my father, his father, and his father before him?'

Granny looked Len straight in the eyes, and said, 'Because, you idiot, your father, grandfather and great grandfather was born in January, you were born in July.'

## Practice Makes Perfect ...

Board 8  
None Vul.  
Dealer: W

♠ JT94  
♥ KQ87  
♦ J3  
♣ Q87

♠ 62  
♥ JT96  
♦ 742  
♣ KJT3



♠ Q73  
♥ A532  
♦ T965  
♣ 94

♠ AK85  
♥ 4  
♦ AKQ8  
♣ A652

West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Bramley	Beatty	Compton
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣ (strong, art, for)
Pass	1NT (positive)	Pass	2♣ (staymanish)
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Double	Pass	Pass	Redouble
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

This hand is from a Jacobs' team June 3rd practice session on Bridge Base. Bramley earned his reputation as a great declarer with the expert card reading skill and fine technique he exhibited on this board.

Jacobs' double of four clubs showed a desire for a club lead, and Beatty dutifully led his nine of clubs. Bramley, quite reasonably fearing a five card holding in Jacobs' hand, rose with the ace, and cashed the ace and king of spades, leaving only the queen outstanding.

Four rounds of diamonds followed, declarer pitching his Queen-eight of clubs.

At the crossroads, Bramley led the four of hearts from dummy. Jacobs played the jack (the 9 might have been more difficult to read?) and Bramley had to place the spade queen and heart ace properly to make his contract.

Reading the position perfectly, Bramley DUCKED the heart!!

At the table, Jacobs continued with the heart ten and Bramley claimed his eleven tricks. Had Jacobs shifted to a club, Bramley would have simply ruffed and taken the ruffing finesse against Beatty's heart ace. He would cross-ruff till Beatty ruffed in and claim!

Contract making! Nice play Bart!

### Cooking With Cannibals...

Two cannibals meet one day. The first cannibal says, "You know, I just can't seem to get a tender missionary. I've baked 'em, I've roasted 'em, I've stewed 'em, I've barbequed 'em, I've even tried every sort of marinade. I just cannot seem to get them tender."

The second cannibal asks, "What kind of missionary do you use?" The other replied, "You know, the ones that hang out at that place at the bend of the river. They have those brown cloaks with a rope around the waist and their sort of bald on top with a funny ring of hair on their heads."

"Ah ha!" he replies. "No wonder.. those are friars!"

THURS, JUNE 17TH	10:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING ROOM 1100
ROUND ROBIN 1		
FRIDAY JUNE 18TH	10:00-11:20 11:35-12:55 1:10-2:30 2:30-4:00 4:00-5:20 5:35-6:55 7:10-8:30	BDS 1-9 BDS 10-18 BDS 19-27 1 HOUR 30 MINUTE BREAK BDS 28-36 BDS 37-45 BDS 46-54
SATURDAY JUNE 19TH	10:00-11:20 11:35-12:55 1:10-2:30 2:30-4:00	BOARDS 55-63 BDS 64-72 BDS 73-81 1 HOUR 30 MINUTE BREAK
ROUND ROBIN II		
SATURDAY JUNE 19TH	4:00-5:20 5:35-6:55 7:10-8:30	BOARDS 1-9 BOARDS 10-18 BOARDS 19-27
SUNDAY JUNE 20TH	10:00-11:20 11:35-2:20 2:20-3:45	BOARDS 28-36 BDS 37-45 & 46-54, CLUMPED 1 HOUR 25 MINUTE BREAK
ROUND OF 16		
SUNDAY JUNE 20TH	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1, BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2, BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY JUNE 21ST	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90

## Captains' Meeting:

There will be a Captains' meeting in the hospitality suite (room 1100) at 10 pm on Thursday. Play will start at 10 am on Friday. The Bears will play in the ballroom on the first floor of the hotel. The Bulls will play in individual rooms on the fifth floor of the hotel. The matches will be played one at a time except for the final two matches of the entire Round Robin on Sunday, which are clumped. Before each match, you will have to turn in your score from the prior match **and your lineup for the next match**. We will then give you an assignment slip. The numbers listed before your team name in the chart on page 5 are your numbers for the Round Robin - please use them to get your assignments and turn in your scores and lineups. The scores from each match will be posted as fast as I can type and we'll print the current standings as soon as possible and hang them someplace convenient on both floors.

QUARTERFINALS		
TUESDAY JUNE 22ND	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
	2:35 - 3:45	1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
WEDNESDAY JUNE 23RD	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
	2:35 - 3:45	1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
SEMI-FINALS		
THURSDAY JUNE 24TH	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
	2:35 - 3:45	1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
FRIDAY JUNE 25TH	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
	2:35 - 3:45	1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
FINALS		
SATURDAY JUNE 26TH	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
	2:35 - 3:45	1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SUNDAY JUNE 27TH	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
	2:35 - 3:45	1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

## Hospitality Information From Barbara Nudelman

The hospitality suite for the 2010 USBC is Suite 1100. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament.

Please join us for:

Breakfast each day from 8:30-10:00 am

Lunch will be served from 2:35-3:45 the first Sunday and thereafter (there will be no lunch served on the first Friday or Saturday). The hotel will have a buffet available on Friday, and if it gets enough participation, it will have one on Saturday too.

Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks at any other time, except from 4:00-5:30 each afternoon, when the suite will be closed for refreshing.

There is free internet available in the lobby with free printing. If you use the internet in your room there is a charge.

## Ze French Art Thief...

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre Museum.

After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings, and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, "Monsieur, zat is ze reason I stole ze paintings. I had no Monet to buy Degas to make ze Van Gogh."

We share this with you because we have nothing Toulouse!

## Eight Ever, Nine Never... Seven Sometimes!!

Board 3  
E/W Vul.  
Dealer: S

♠ QJ4  
♥ A9863  
♦ Q63  
♣ KQ

♠ KT8  
♥ Q  
♦ 8742  
♣ A9862



♠ A763  
♥ KJT2  
♦ AK  
♣ 753  
  
♠ 952  
♥ 754  
♦ JT95  
♣ JT4

West	North	East	South
Passell		Lynch	
			Pass
Pass	1♥	1NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

In an afternoon practice session on June 4th, Mike and Carolyn teamed up with two Turks to play against an all Turkish team.

The opening lead at both tables was the diamond jack. Carolyn made 3NT by successfully attacking her seven card spade fit, while at the other table, declarer chose to play on clubs!

Carolyn won the opening diamond in hand and immediately led a small heart to dummy's queen. North won his ace and cleared the diamond. Carolyn won and played two rounds of hearts followed by a small spade to the ten. North won his spade jack and continued diamonds. South cashed his diamonds and exited a low club.

At this point, the defense ran out of steam. Carolyn won the club and cashed the king/ace of spades. When the suit broke 3-3, she claimed nine tricks and went on to the next hand.

At the other table, the Turkish declarer also won the first diamond. He, too, led a small heart to dummy's queen... At his table, however, North ducked! Thinking perhaps that South was 4-2-5-2, declarer chose to play on his eight card club fit. Backing up his thinking with his play, he led a small club off dummy toward his hand. North won the club and cleared the diamond. Now it was too late for the offense.

When declarer knocked out the heart ace, North continued diamonds. South cashed his diamonds and exited a club. No matter what declarer did, the defense would come to two black tricks, one heart and two diamonds.

Nice play, Carolyn!

### A Few Suggestions of Things to Do in Town when you're Sitting Out!!

**June 25—July 4th: 30th Annual Taste of Chicago Location:** Grant Park

Chicago's tremendous array of culinary delights are located in one place at the ten-day lakefront festival where food choices range from ethnic to exotic to Chicago specialties.

**June 22-27th:** White Sox in town... games at 7:10, 7:10 and 1:05 against Atlanta the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Games against the crosstown rival Cubs the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:05, 6:10, and 1:05.

**June 23: Shoreline Lake & Architecture Fireworks Cruises, Location:** Navy Pier-Chicago

For information including tickets in advance: call 312-222-9328.

Shoreline Sightseeing Architecture/Fireworks Cruise

Enjoy a dramatic nighttime Chicago River Architecture Cruise led by an experienced, entertaining Shoreline docent and viewing more than 40 landmarks. Then watch a spectacular Navy Pier Fireworks display from Shoreline's Ogden Pier dock. Boats depart 8:30 pm.

**June 26: Chicago Arabesque 2010, Location:** Daley Plaza 50 W. Washington

Experience the culture, heritage, food, music, dance and open-air shopping of the Arab World right in downtown Chicago. Henna handpainting, calligraphy, folk dance, children's activities and live music all with Middle Eastern flavor for three days only.

**June 19 & 26: The Chicago Theatre Marquee Tour, Location:** Chicago Theatre 175 N. State St.

The tour encompasses historical and architectural highlights of the building, including the grand lobby areas, majestic auditorium and backstage space (when possible) where performers through the years, have left their autographs on the walls of dressing rooms and corridors. Guides will share with you the stories of the visionaries who opened The Chicago Theatre, whose influence on popular entertainment in Chicago is still recognized today. Tours also include the photo exhibit in The Chicago Theatre's lower lobby, "Chicago: Three Centuries of Theatres."

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# Sudoku

Fill each empty cell so that every row, every column and every box contains all the letters from A to Z!!

Parking in the hotel lot is \$18 for 8+ hours; \$12 for 8 or less hours; BUT there is a free parking garage behind the hotel. It can be accessed from the hotel driveway or off of Zemke Road which is just South of the hotel. To park for free, push the speaker button and explain that you are a guest of the hotel. You will be allowed to enter and park. To leave the garage, simply push the exit button at the gate.

## My Dad Can Beat Up Your Dad...

Two small boys, not yet old enough to be in school, were overheard talking at the zoo one day.

"My name is Billy. What's yours?" asked the first boy.

"Tommy," replied the second.

"My Daddy's an accountant. What does your Daddy do for a living?" asked Billy.

Tommy replied, "My Daddy's a lawyer."

"Honest?" asked Billy.

"No, just the regular kind," replied Tommy.

## Kiddush tomorrow night:

Matt Granovetter will hold a Kiddush following the game tomorrow (Friday) night. There is a sign outside the playing area with detailed information on when and where. Everyone is welcome. We would be delighted to have you join us in this celebration of the Sabbath.

# Solution to today's Sudoku

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**IDIOT SIGHTING:** My husband and I had to have the garage door repaired. The Sears repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a "large" enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one Sears made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower. He shook his head and said, "Lady, you need a 1/4 horsepower." I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4. He said, "NO, it's not. Four is larger than two." We haven't used Sears repair since.

**IDIOT SIGHTING:** I live in a semi rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road. The reason: "Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore."

**IDIOTS IN FOOD SERVICE:** My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for "minimal lettuce." He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

**IDIOT SIGHTING:** I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" To which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" He smiled knowingly and nodded, "That's why we ask."

**IDIOT SIGHTING:** The stoplight on the corner buzzes when its safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged coworker of mine. She asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?!"

**IDIOT SIGHTING:** At a good-bye luncheon for an old and dear coworker: She was leaving the company due to "downsizing." Our manager commented cheerfully, "This is fun. We should do this more often."

**IDIOT SIGHTING:** I work with an individual who plugged her power strip back into itself, and for the sake of her own life, couldn't understand why her system would not turn on.

**IDIOT SIGHTING:** When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealer-ship to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the drivers side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "Its open!" His reply, "I know - I already got that side."

#### **Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder... This is how it develops:**

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide my car needs washing. As I start toward the garage, I notice that there is mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mailbox earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox, when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my checkbook off the table, and see that there is only 1 check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. I see that the Coke is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold. As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need to be watered.

I set the Coke down on the counter, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I will be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers. I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do. At the end of the day:

the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter, the flowers don't have enough water, there is still only 1 check in my check book, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.

## Jack is Back ... Howie Doing (OK for now?) Joins Trials Staff!

Holding on to prognosticators is tougher than holding on to money these days! Pablo had his green sheet but not his green card and couldn't get through Arizona Immigration. Limey Jack is back after his winter hiatus joined by ex-investment broker, Howie Doing... (not so great if you're here doing this!) Jack and Howie will bring us their early picks in case en-yone here wants to get in on the early odds and knows a bookie who's still working.

Welcome back Jack!

Meet Howie: Howie was a big broker on Wall Street. Now he's simply broker. He claims market prediction was his game... he wasn't much good at predicting markets... we'll see how good he is at predicting games.

### Howie here:

Picking the winner is elemental... and Nickell is an element. Diamond is a stone's throw away and could surprise us, but stoning the Nickell squad would be a mistake. The only way to even the playing field is to eat a pickle against Katz and Nickell ... (Ed. Note: don't give up this job to be a poet, Howie!) and still, cats have nine lives!

Schwartz is the round robin darling ... a RR is a like a relay race and no one has more experience with relays than Ekeblad and Rubin!

Things may be well and good for Roy, but they'd improve if Billy would change his name to Wesson... then he and Smith would have a better shot.

The limo king will ride high into the stretch with the addition of Jacobus and Wold. Marc my words!

If it's long shots you're seeking, I'd recommend Harris, Cohen and Miller. Call it home field advantage!

I'm less en"chan"ted with Chan playing with three Broads on his lapt!

While Meltzer looks good, only on average will her team finish on time. There's no reward for Sontag's speed ... and there are certain slow play penalties in Flash's future!

This year's Trials is more of a family affair than usual... husbands, wives, fathers, sons, and even son-in-laws...congrats on the recent nuptials, Curtis!

Till we get underway... I remain... Howie Doing ... (fine so far?)

Anyone know where I can get a good corned beef sandwich with a big Kosher dill on the cheap??? (sorry Ralph!)

### Limey Jack here:

Once again I will be giving you Colonials the benefit of my years of wisdom, though it may be a case of dropping pearls before swine. While you blokes will put on a jolly good show, it will be the Union Jack which is finally raised in Glory.

But we will bestow all that didgeroo whilst we give you our unvarnished view of the Yanks' Trials

To be sure there are some mighty Gods entered in this fine event, but the bigger you are the harder you fall; just ask Mahaffey. There seem to be some Chuffs which have been granted byes. Presumably they made larger donations. We will get to their demise in good time.

For now, Limey Jack will deal only with those teams actually doing battle. While I will do this now from the comfort of hearth, later on I will actually journey to the Colonies to watch the Gladiators straight on.

Of the top timbre, I expect Mahaffey and Welland to wonder why they wasted a trip inland. The other top seeds will survive.

While there is a Meckstroth in the field, watch for him to be "Lapt" by Chan who in turn will be "Brunolized" by Miller. Watch for (2) four handed teams, each with a distaff, to make it into the next day's activities. It will be an honour to see my old friend's favorite partner lead her team out of the gloaming.

Remember, if Limey Jack says it is so, run to the punter. (Ed. Note: a punter is a bookmaker)

### Quotes for the Day:

"The future will be better tomorrow." -Dan Quayle

"Reality is nothing but a collective hunch." -Jane Wagner

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." -Aristotle

"The trouble with jogging is that the ice falls out of your glass." -Martin Mull

"Cynically speaking, one could say that it is true to life to be cynical about it." -Paul Tillich