

# “Trials” and Tribulations

## From Last Year's Trials...

Board 19	♠	AJ63			
Dealer: S	♥	KJ			
E/W Vul.	♦	K98			
	♣	T864			
	♠	8		♠	QT95
	♥	AT874		♥	9653
	♦	Q7532		♦	4
	♣	95		♣	AKQ7
	♠	K742			
	♥	Q2			
	♦	AJT6			
	♣	J32			



Grant Baze will be missed. He was an outstanding bridge player and a colorful personality. Here is a hand from last year's USBC that Baze played with Gary Cohler against Nickell.

Baze, North, opened one club in third seat. Cohler responded one spade and neither, Rodwell, West, nor Meckstroth, East could find a call.

Cohler couldn't quite take seven tricks and went quietly down one.

At the other table, Mahaffey, West opened a weak two in his five card heart suit after Freeman's pass. Seamon, East, jumped to the vulnerable heart game, and this ended the auction.

Nickell led a club and Mahaffey took his AKQ in dummy to pitch a spade. He ducked a diamond to North who tried to cash his spade ace without success. Mahaffey ruffed and went into a quick crossruff to collect ten tricks. A well-earned 11 IMPs to Baze and his teammates.

### From the Editor:

Hands from today's set will be difficult to include in the bulletins since there is no VuGraph. If you or your opponents make a good bid or play, please contact me either voice at 847-509-0311 or by email at stansubeck@prodigy.net. It will make tomorrow's newsletter more interesting for all of us!!

If I am not home when you call, please leave a message and I will receive it. I can return your call in the evening if you leave a phone number. We will not stay for the entire Sox game!!

Last year you were all wonderfully supportive and I am counting on you again! Thanks in advance.

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**"If it weren't for Philo T. Farnsworth, inventor of television, we'd still be eating frozen radio dinners."  
- Johnny Carson**

<b>Nickell</b>	Bye to SemiFinals	<b>Frank Nickell, Capt Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth</b>	<b>Richard Freeman Zia Mahmood Eric Rodwell</b>
<b>Welland</b>	Bye to Rnd of 8	<b>Roy Welland, Capt Steve Garner Billy Cohen</b>	<b>Chris Willenken Howard Weinstein Ron Smith</b>
<b>Jacobs</b>	Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>George Jacobs, Capt Bobby Levin Joe Grue</b>	<b>Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Curtis Cheek</b>
<b>Diamond</b>	Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Fred Gitelman</b>	<b>Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Brad Moss</b>
<b>Strul</b>	Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>Aubrey Strul, Capt David Berkowitz Chip Martel</b>	<b>Michael Becker Larry Cohen Lew Stansby</b>
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<b>Robinson</b>		<b>Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Adam Wildavsky</b>	<b>Peter Boyd Fred Stewart Doug Doub</b>
<b>Lall</b>		<b>Hemant Lall, Capt Justin Lall Seymon Deutsch</b>	<b>Nikolay Demirev Kevin Bathurst John Kranyak</b>
<b>Rogoff</b>		<b>Bruce Rogoff, Capt Doug Simson Glenn Milgrim</b>	<b>Josh Parker Walter Johnson Jeff Aker</b>
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## 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 USWBC 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.

<b>Sprung</b>	<b>Danny Sprung, Capt</b> <b>Abraham Pineles</b> <b>Michael Massimilla</b>	<b>Hal Mouser</b> <b>Alex Allen</b> <b>Louis Glasthal</b>
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<b>Yates</b>	<b>David Yates, Capt</b> <b>Michael McNamara</b>	<b>Daniel Wolkowitz</b> <b>Sylwia Mcnamara</b>

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## VuGraph Information

The 2009 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 32. In the Rounds of 32 and 16 we will be covering 1, 2 or 3 of the matches being played. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play.

To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** 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 EXPLORE BRIDGE and then on the button labeled VUGRAPH THEATRE and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch.

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, some of whom may prefer not to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are New York times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

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

During the Quarterfinals, 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 matches, in which case, for security reasons, they will play different boards.

During the Rounds of 32 & 16, all of the teams shown on Vugraph will play the same boards in the first and third segments each day. In the second and fourth segments, those matches that start on time will play the same 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 2009 USBC.

Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

# USBF 7 Board VP Scale

## Important Message:

The Crowne Plaza Hotel will pick up anyone arriving at the White Plains train station daily if you call upon arrival at the station. The number for the front desk is: **1-914-682-0050**.

We want to accommodate the players in any way we can.

In the words of Alfred Hitchcock: "**The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder.**"

**Remember: Bridge, too, is a timed event!**

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	14	15.22	4.78	28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53	15	15.51	4.49	29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08	16	15.78	4.22	30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65	17	16.04	3.96	31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23	18	16.29	3.71	32	19	1
5	12.18	7.82	19	16.53	3.47	33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43	20	16.76	3.24	34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06	21	16.99	3.01	35	19.43	0.57
8	13.3	6.7	22	17.21	2.79	36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35	23	17.42	2.58	37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01	24	17.62	2.38	38	19.8	0.2
11	14.32	5.68	25	17.82	2.18	39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37	26	18.01	1.99	40	20	0
13	14.93	5.07	27	18.19	1.81			

## Hospitality Information

The hospitality suite for the 2009 USBC is in **Rooms 1206 & 1208** in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are always welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join us for:

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

**Lunch on Friday from 2:45-4:15**

**Lunch on Saturday from 1:35-3:30**

**Lunch, for the rest of the tournament, from 2:35-3:45**

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

Joan and Barbara are looking forward to seeing you there!

## Signs You're from New York

You say "the city" and expect everyone to know that this means Manhattan.

You secretly envy cabbies for their driving skill.

You have never been to the Statue of Liberty or the Empire State Building.

You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park at 3:30 on the Friday before a long weekend, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.

The homeless are invisible.

The subway makes sense.

The subway should never be called anything prissy, like the Metro.

You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multilingual.

You've considered stabbing someone just for saying "The Big Apple".

You go to a hockey game for the fighting. In the stands. To participate.

Your favorite movie has DeNiro in it.

You consider eye contact an act of overt aggression.

You call an 8' x 10' plot of patchy grass a yard.

You complain about having to mow it.

You are a skee-ball juggernaut.

You consider Westchester "Upstate".

You cried the day Ed Koch took over for Judge Wapner.

## Round Robin Divisions ...

The DICs have randomly assigned pairs of teams to the two Round Robin brackets as follows. The numbers listed are the numbers that will be used for the Round Robin not the teams' original seed numbers or the numbers the qualifying teams will have for the Round of 32 Knockout.

### METS

1. COHLER
2. SCHWARTZ
3. WEED
4. LEWIS
5. ROGOFF
6. OZDIL
7. BLANCHARD
8. KAHN
9. MCKELLAR
10. NUSSBAUM
11. MECKSTROTH

### YANKEES

21. MELTZER
22. FLEISHER
23. BEATTY
24. ROBINSON
25. LALL
26. COLE
27. IVATURY
28. SAXE
29. SPRUNG
30. MCLAUGHLIN
31. YATES

## Setting the Bracket for the KO

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 6 seeding points to the totals for each of the two team that won their Round Robin divisions and 2.25 seeding points to the totals for each of the two second place teams.

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.

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|----------|---|
| 1        | Nickell   |
| 2        | Welland   |
| 3/4      | Diamond or Jacobs randomly assigned   |
| 5/6      | Strul or Highest Ranked Team from Round Robin, randomly assigned  |
| 7        | Second ranked team from Round Robin   |
| 8-9      | Bye (lose to Nickell in Quarterfinal)   |
| 10/11/12 | Third, Fourth & Fifth ranked teams from Round Robin, randomly assigned  |
| 13/14    | Sixth & Seventh ranked teams from the Round Robin, randomly assigned  |
| 15-18    | Bye (lose to Nickell & Welland in Round of 16)  |
| 19/20    | Eighth & Ninth ranked teams from the Round Robin, randomly assigned   |
| 21/22/23 | Tenth, Eleventh & Twelfth ranked teams from the Round Robin, randomly assigned  |
| 24-25    | Bye (lose to 8 & 9 in Round of 32)  |
| 26/27/28 | One of these is the Bye team that loses to Strul in the Round of 32. The other 2 are the 13th & 14th teams from the Round Robin, randomly assigned. |
| 29-32    | Byes (lose to teams 1-4 in Round of 32)   |

**Remember: Absolutely no Electronic Devices are Allowed in the Playing Area**

THURS. JUNE 4TH	10:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
<b>ROUND ROBIN 1</b>		
FRIDAY JUNE 5TH	10:00 - 12:15 12:30 - 2:45 4:15 - 6:30 6:45 - 9:00	BDS 1-7 & 8-14 CLUMPED BDS 15-21 & 22-28 CLUMPED BDS 29-35 & 36-42 CLUMPED BDS 43-49 & 50-56 CLUMPED
SATURDAY JUNE 6TH	10:00 - 11:05 11:20 - 1:35	BOARDS 57-63 BDS 64-70 & 71-77 CLUMPED
<b>ROUND OF 32</b>		
SATURDAY JUNE 6TH	3:30 - 5:40 5:55 - 8:05	SEGMENT 1, BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2, BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
<b>ROUND OF 16</b>		
SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1, BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2, BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY JUNE 8TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
<b>QUARTERFINALS</b>		
MONDAY JUNE 8TH	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
TUESDAY JUNE 9TH	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
<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>		
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
THURSDAY JUNE 11TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<b>FINALS</b>		
FRIDAY JUNE 12TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SATURDAY JUNE 13TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

**USA1**  
**Schedule of Events**

SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	3:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
ROUND OF 128 ROUND ROBIN (7 LOSING TEAMS FROM USA 1 R32)		
SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	3:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 7:20	BOARDS 1-9 & 10-18, CLUMPED BOARDS 19-27
MONDAY JUNE 8TH	10:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 3:45	BOARDS 28-36 & 37-45, CLUMPED BOARDS 46-54 & 55-63, CLUMPED
ROUND OF 64 ( 5 USA1 R16 LOSERS + 5 TEAMS FROM R128)		
MONDAY JUNE 8TH		EVENING OFF TO REGROUP, PARTY OR PREPARE
TUESDAY JUNE 9TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
ROUND OF 32 (3 USA1 R8 LOSERS + 5 USA2 R64 WINNERS)		
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
ROUND OF 16 (4 ROUND OF 32 WINNERS)		
THURSDAY JUNE 11TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
QUARTER-FINALS		
FRIDAY JUNE 12TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SEMI-FINALS		
SATURDAY JUNE 13TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 15 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SUNDAY JUNE 14TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
FINALS (USA1 LOSING FINALIST VS USA2 SEMI WINNER)		
SUNDAY JUNE 14TH	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY JUNE 15TH	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


USA2  
Schedule of Events



## Sprung to Life in the Final of the Women's...

Board 84  
 Dealer: W  
 All Vul.  
 ♠ 965  
 ♥ Q652  
 ♦ KQ  
 ♣ A987

♠ K42  
 ♥ AK9  
 ♦ A87653  
 ♣ 3



♠ QT8  
 ♥ JT8  
 ♦ JT9  
 ♣ KQT5

♠ AJ73  
 ♥ 743  
 ♦ 42  
 ♣ J642

JoAnn Sprung was originally scheduled to play with her husband, Danny, in the USBC. She jumped the gun and qualified as USA2 in the Women's last week.

JoAnn and her partner, Connie Goldberg, did well to bid the vulnerable game... and even better to make it.

West	North	East	South
Goldberg	Glasson	Sprung	Berkowitz
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

The opening lead was the deuce of clubs. North won her ace and continued clubs. JoAnn took her king and, following Zia's rule, she led the jack of diamonds out of her hand, and when South did not cover, she rose with the ace felling the queen. She conceded the diamond king and claimed nine tricks.

At the other table, Sue Weinstein, sitting West, evaluated her hand much differently. Sue opened one diamond; Cheri responded one no-trump and Sue rebid two diamonds. Like Sprung, Cheri raised diamonds to three, but Sue did not think her fourteen was good enough with a singleton club to bid more. Three diamonds made three for a 10 IMP gain to Sprung's team (Mancuso).


Same suspects... Same round... Another very different result!

West	North	East	South
Goldberg	Glasson	Sprung	Berkowitz
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Weinstein	Wittes	Bjerkan	Quinn
	Pass	1♣	1♣
Double	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Board 85  
 Dealer: N  
 N/S Vul.  
 ♠ 3  
 ♥ KJ853  
 ♦ QT9  
 ♣ J962

♠ KT95  
 ♥ Q976  
 ♦ A83  
 ♣ T7



♠ A86  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ K654  
 ♣ AK854

♠ QJ742  
 ♥ AT4  
 ♦ J72  
 ♣ Q3

Sprung made two when she received a low spade lead from South, allowing her to score her spade eight.

Weinstein went light three tricks when she received a low spade lead from North, giving her nothing.

Sprung's team was strong throughout the final. They showed great stamina and fortitude, and deserved the win. Warning to Mouser: While you will fill her shoes easily, be aware: You will be compared to JoAnn throughout the event ... Play well!!

Last night's baseball game was great! Both teams played very well with first one team, then the other in the lead. While both teams had many hits during the game, there were five that were particularly spectacular and which allowed their team to score runs. Oddly, each star hitter played a different defensive position, and each drove in runs with a different hit. Determine the full name of each batter, the defensive position each played, the total number of hits each had for the night (from 3 to 5), and what type of hit each got that allowed their team to score runs.

1. Dan, whose last name wasn't Kelly, didn't play center field. Mr. Payne, who didn't play first base, didn't get five hits for the night. Mr. Kelly was the catcher, but he didn't hit a home run.
2. The two players that got four hits were the player that hit the grand slam and Mr. Brass.
3. Rich White didn't hit a triple. Cody's last name wasn't Elliot. Dan hit a single.
4. The shortstop got five hits for the night but didn't hit the home run. The center field player hit a triple.
5. Mark, whose last name wasn't Elliot, played second base. Bill, whose last name wasn't Kelly, didn't hit a home run.
6. The player whose position was at first base hit a double, but he didn't get four hits for the night. Bill, who wasn't the shortstop, didn't get three hits.

# Mets vs. Yankees?

	Brass	Eliot	Kelley	Payne	White	Catcher	Center Field	First Base	Second Base	Shortstop	3	3	4	4	5	Single	Double	Triple	Home run	Grand Slam
Bill																				
Dan																				
Cindy																				
Mark																				
Rich																				
Single																				
Double																				
Triple																				
Home run																				
Grand Slam																				
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Catcher																				
Center Field																				
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Shortstop																				

Answers to Puzzle ... no Peeking!!

Rich	White	1st	3	Dbl
Mark	Payne	2nd	3	HR
Cody	Kelly	C	4	G.S.
Dan	Eliot	SS	5	Single
Bill	Brass	CF	4	Triple
First	Last	Position	Hits	Scoring

# Please Don't Feed the Supermodels and Other Letterman-isms from New York Times

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SOCIAL historians, seeking clues to the mindset of an age, have been known to scrutinize court and marriage records, myths and fairy tales and even humor. With the city's image cleaner now, the question had been raised: has that cranky and bilious institution known as the New York Joke mellowed?

Not really, according to an examination of jokes produced upon our request by David Letterman's monologue writers. There is little mercy therein, proving that asking a comedy writer to surrender a wicked touch is like taking the sword from a samurai.

In New York humor, even Christmas trees are fair game!

These were written by Michael Sperr:

When a guy in New York says he's coming out of the closet, he's just leaving his apartment.

Coming out of the closet is a costly decision in New York City -- most of the closets are rent-controlled.

Earlier this year, a New York City doormen's strike was averted at the last minute. I guess the doormen realized that going on strike would actually be more work than they're doing now.

The murder rate in New York City is at a 30-year low. And with rates this low, anyone can afford a murder.

The murder rate in New York City is at a 30-year low. Looks like the kids are skipping target practice.

The only thing that brings New York City politicians together is an arraignment.

The New York City police will start fining subway riders \$50 for taking up two seats. Not surprisingly, today I saw Rush Limbaugh hailing a cab.

People in New York are taking the new anti-noise laws very seriously. Earlier today, I saw a gang member getting his gun fitted for a silencer.

Complaints against the New York City police are down 21 percent. And Mayor Rudy Giuliani is crediting his new program called "There's No Use Complaining."

Other cities' sports teams get record crowds. New York City's sports teams get crowds with records.

Giving Neil O'Donnell a \$25 million contract ties the Pentagon record for most money wasted on a jet.

The rain really spoiled the New York City Marathon. It started out as a world-class test of endurance. By the end, it was just another wet T-shirt contest.

You can tell when it's Thanksgiving weekend in New York City because all the pigeons start to look nervous.

Here's the best part about buying a Christmas tree in New York City. If the needles fall off, the city has a needles exchange program.

Here's how you can tell if you have an authentic New York City Christmas tree: the needles come with syringes.

I can tell it's New Year's Eve here in New York City, because when I was picking up my dry cleaning today, I saw Dick Clark getting his face pressed.

You can see supermodels all over New York City during Fashion Week. But you have to look closely, because some of them are turned sideways.

If you're visiting New York City for Fashion Week, remember, please, please don't feed the supermodels.

This year, a British race car driver broke the sound barrier. That's amazing. Here in New York, most cabdrivers are still struggling with the language barrier.

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La Guardia Airport is so busy during the holiday season, there's a 20-minute holding pattern just for crashing.

These were written by Mike Barrie and Jim Mulholland:

Earlier today, Ruth Messinger met with her transition team to help ease her from obscurity to oblivion.

Success in baseball can be fleeting. You're here one day, you're gone the next. I was just discussing this with my gardener, Hideki Irabu.

This is Fashion Week in New York City. I did something embarrassing. Earlier today, I walked into the Fashion Cafe and accidentally hung up my coat on Kate Moss.

Yesterday they held the annual New York City Marathon. It's the only marathon where the starting gun gets return fire.

New York City students will now be required to study a foreign language. Good. It's about time they learned English.

These were written by Gabe Abelson:

In his victory speech, Mayor Giuliani vowed to "drive drugs from New York City." Then Robert Downey Jr. said he'd be there to unload the car.

After almost 100 years, Woolworth's has closed its doors. I'm very upset. Where else am I going to be able to make one stop and pick up a cheeseburger, socks and a parakeet?

They're closing 400 Woolworth stores. Four hundred Woolworth stores! That's almost \$50 worth of merchandise.

Manhattan will soon have more than one area code. That's funny, because I thought New York City already had more than one area code -- you know, 212 and 911.

Broadway shows will soon charge \$100 and up for tickets. It's getting so bad, I understand the play "Rent" is going cop.

Mayor Giuliani has announced that the city will spend \$8 million to get rid of the rats. Wow. That's almost what John Gotti spent.

The hookers in Times Square are offering their "Lion King Special": For an extra twenty bucks, they'll tell you you're the King of the Jungle.

Seventy years ago today, New York City's Holland Tunnel was opened to traffic. And just this afternoon, those first six cars made it through into New Jersey.

Murphy Brown made television history by smoking marijuana. I'm not sure this was such a good idea. Already, the drug dealers in Central Park are advertising their "Murphy Brownies."

The City Council has introduced legislation that will allow ads on the hoods of taxis. Until now, the only things we've seen on the hoods of cabs were pedestrians.

Yesterday they held the annual New York City Marathon. Runners start at the Verrazano, winding their way through Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx before finishing in Central Park. Coincidentally, that's the same way most cabdrivers get you in from Newark Airport.

Spring training has begun for the New York Yankees. Earlier today, pitchers and catchers reported. And next week, I believe, it's addicts and felons.

In an effort to crack down on noise pollution, the City Council will now impose steep fines on loud car alarms, jackhammers and stereos. So remember: If you're going to shoot someone, please use a silencer.

For the first time in the history of the Miss America Pageant, contestants will be allowed to wear two-piece bathing suits. Miss New York will be wearing her two pieces: a .44 and a .357.

The New York Jets are in first place in their division. Coincidentally, the temperature in hell is 32 degrees.

Folks will do anything to see "The Lion King." Last night, a large rat tried to pass as a cast member and sneak in the stage door.