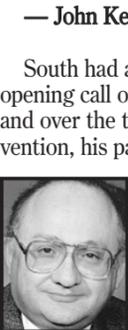


# Pulling off the dummy reversal

"Was it a vision or a waking dream? / Fled is that music: — Do I wake or sleep?"



**BOBBY WOLFF**  
The Aces on Bridge

South had a comfortable opening call of two clubs, and over the three-level intervention, his partner's pass showed values. (With a really weak hand, North would have doubled three clubs.) When the auction reverted to South, he decided to bid his hearts rather than double for take-out.

Now North's jump to five hearts asked South to bid slam with a club control. With only a second-round control and a minimum (in context), South might well have taken the low road, but the slam bonus was an irresistible lure — he let his good trumps persuade him to act.

West led a passive spade against six hearts, and South thought he could count 12 tricks. If trumps were going to behave, he had six trump tricks, two diamonds and four spades. Just in case it was not his lucky day, declarer needed to plan how to cope with a 4-0 trump break. The winning line took him a moment to find, but he spotted it eventually.

South won the spade in dummy, then led a low heart to his ace, discovering the bad trump split. He cashed both top diamonds and went to the spade king to ruff a diamond high, crossed back to the heart nine to ruff another diamond high, then went back to the heart 10 to draw the last trump, pitching a club from hand.

He could run the spades now and concede trick 13 to

the club ace — a perfect dummy reversal.

08-6-A

<b>NORTH</b>	♠ A K 5		
	♥ J 10 9 4		
	♦ J 10 3 2		
	♣ 10 9		
<b>WEST</b>	♠ 9 8 2		
	♥ —		
	♦ Q 9 8 6		
	♣ A Q J 8 6 5		
<b>EAST</b>	♠ 10 7 3		
	♥ 7 6 5 3		
	♦ 7 5 4		
	♣ 4 3 2		
<b>SOUTH</b>	♠ Q J 6 4		
	♥ A K Q 8 2		
	♦ A K		
	♣ K 7		

Vulnerable: North-South  
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♣	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All pass		

Opening lead: Spade nine

**BID WITH THE ACES**

08-6-B

South holds:

♠ A K 5
♥ J 10 9 4
♦ J 10 3 2
♣ 10 9

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
1♦	1♠	2♦	
2♠	3♦	3♥	Pass
?			

**ANSWER:** Despite the opponents' energetic bidding, you should be happy that you have some extras in high cards as well as decent shape to offer partner. Although the three-heart call may be your partner's only game-try, you should accept the offer by raising to four hearts and let partner go back to four spades if he wants to.

# Can Amanpour save Sunday mornings?

By Patrick Goldstein  
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Call me crazy, but I've never been able to shake the habit of watching the Sunday morning news shows, even though you can go weeks on end without ever seeing any real news. So, of course, I had to watch Christiane Amanpour's much-ballyhooed debut Sunday on ABC's "This Week," ever hopeful that the fearless globe-trotting foreign correspondent might breathe some new life into the ossified world of Washington news chatter.

If you watch these Sunday programs, you know that they're a lot like "Law and Order." The faces may change, but the format stays exactly the same. The format is as rigidly structured as a Jerry Bruckheimer action film, opening with a newsmaker interview or two, followed by a lengthy panel discussion, much in the way that, in a Bruckheimer film, a brief comic interlude is followed by a visual-effects studded action sequence.

In interviews promoting her arrival, Amanpour

acted as if she were going to shake things up, but judging from her debut, there was no such shaking going on. She started with what was billed as an "exclusive" interview with House speaker Nancy Pelosi — which was about as much an exclusive as a YouTube appearance by Justin Bieber — followed by another "exclusive" chat with Defense Secretary Robert Gates. Of course, these weren't really exclusives, since both Pelosi and Gates are on the Sunday morning shows all the time. Even worse, Amanpour didn't make any news. Part of the fun of watching these shows is seeing how pros like Pelosi and Gates adroitly fend off even the most blunt questions, never offering anything but the usual bromides and platitudes.

Amanpour didn't get a glove on either of 'em. In fact, she seemed so frustrated by their bland responses that she amped up the volume of her questions, becoming shrill and some-

what hectoring. The rest of the show was devoted to the usual round-table discussion, which had all the same insular Washington chatter that you can hear on every other show. You know you're not breaking any new ground when the big excitement is seeing the curmudgeonly George Will treat NYT columnist Paul Krugman with the same bemused condescension that Steve Carell gets from most of the attendees in "Dinner for Schmucks."

I'm still willing to cut Amanpour some slack, but if she really wants to reinvent the cobwebby news show format, which is even older than the three-camera situation comedy, she should get the hell out of Washington, as far away from all these tedious pseudo-newsmakers

as possible. Politicians make for horrible interviews, since they're even more obsessive on message than Hollywood stars at a movie junket. Christiane's never going to break through their media armor — they're too well trained in the art of deception. She should take the show to New York and London or Shanghai and the Silicon Valley.

Washington is a quagmire full of partisan hacks, who only make news when they squabble and snipe at each other. It's abundantly clear that the real news in the world is happening elsewhere. Amanpour should take the show out on the road and find it.

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# RED SKY: Trying to tap back into local talent

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music scene used to be a lot larger," he said. "There's a lot of good local talent, and that is the kind of people I try to bring in."

Kevin Weise, who plays in a local cover band, shared the same opinion and recognized Red Sky as a prime place to tap into those that crave live music but rely on the centrally located downtown area as their means for entertainment.

While playing at places such as Busters across town, Kevin said, he noticed people tapering off early in the night in search of what he assessed was somewhere within walking distance and preferably featuring a DJ and a dance floor. He said Red Sky's commitment to local, live artists is a well-received addition to a scene that needs all the support it can get.

Around midnight, Red Sky reaches its most crowded. The later it gets, the more people come, and the more explosive the stage.

During a guitar-heavy breakdown of one of Parallax's songs, a handful of its most devoted fans swim-dance and stomp to the music at the front of the stage. Where once there was no line, one has formed outside the building, people peering in as they hand out their IDs wondering what all the hub-bub is about. Parallax leaves, but not without a promise: another set is soon to follow.

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