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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

	9		4	3	7			6
		7	6			9		5
3			5	9				
2	5	4	1	6				8
			3		4			
7				8	5	4	6	9
				4	6			3
8		6			1	2		
9			7	2	3		8	

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BRIDGE by PHILLIP ALDER

LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THEIR BIDS

Robert Bresson, a French film director, said, “Cinema, radio, television, magazines are a school of inattention: People look without seeing, listen without hearing.”

Some bridge players are guilty of listening without hearing -- to the auction. Every bid and most passes supply some information for the attentive player.

In today’s deal, look at only the West hand and the auction. What would you lead against four hearts?

The auction followed a normal path. North’s jump to four hearts showed game-going values with three-card heart support. South was close to a slam-try (imagine North’s having ace-third of spades), but chose to pass.

If you use two-over-one game-forcing, North would rebid three hearts. Then the auction might continue four clubs -- four diamonds (both control-bids) -- four hearts - pass.

Yes, here five diamonds makes, but do not make a habit of playing in five of a minor when four of a major is a favorite to succeed. (A

North

♠ K Q 5
♥ Q 10 7
♦ A Q 9 8 3
♣ 6 2

West

♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ A 2
♦ 10 7 5 2
♣ Q J 9

East

♠ A J 10 6 2
♥ 6 4 3
♦ --
♣ 10 8 7 5 4

South

♥ 7
♠ K J 9 8 5
♦ K J 6 4
♣ A K 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South

1♥ Pass
3♦

West

Pass
Pass

North

2♦
4♥

East

Pass
All pass


Opening lead: ??

defender having ace-fourth of hearts and being able to give his partner a heart ruff in five diamonds is much more likely than a 4-0 diamond break and a defender gaining two diamond ruffs in four hearts.)

West should lead a diamond. Since diamonds have been bid and supported, it is highly likely that East is void of the suit. After East ruffs, he will probably shift to a club. South wins with his ace (West signaling with the queen to deny the king) and plays a trump, but West grabs the trick and gives his partner a second diamond ruff. Then East cashes the spade ace to defeat the contract.

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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 CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on May 27th, 2025, a Petition for Probate of Will and 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.

Tracey Ann Deutscher, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Case No. DK-2024-PR-000055 LEONA BLODGETT, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Ronald D. Blodgett, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Leona Blodgett, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorney fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Leona Blodgett, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 23rd day of June, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

RONALD D. BLODGETT, Executor

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Case No. DK-2024-PR-000022 GERALDINE CRISWELL, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Dawna Taylor, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Geraldine Criswell, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorney fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Geraldine Criswell, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 23rd day of June, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, in Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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