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

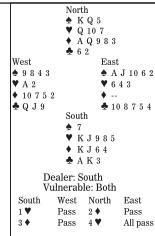
Some bridge players are guilty of listening without hearing -- to the auction. Every bid and most passes supply some information for the attentive player.

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 gamegoing 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



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.)

Opening lead: ??

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 con-

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ESTATE of ANTHONY FAULKNER,

Deceased. Case No. DK-2025-PR-000035

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CON-CERNED:

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 strued and the Estate be asexhibit their demands signed to the persons en-(4) months from the date of the allowances requested for the first publication of this attorney fees and expenses notice, as provided by law, are reasonable and should be 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 Executor of the Estate of Leforever barred.

Tracey Ann Deutscher, Petitioner

SUBMITTED BY:

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

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and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be conallowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner from further liability.

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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

NOTICE OF HEARING

Deceased

GERALDINE CRISWELL,

THE STATE OF KANSAS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CON-CERNED:

You are hereby notified that You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in a petition has been filed in this Court by Ronald D. this Court by Dawna Taylor, Blodgett, duly appointed, duly appointed, qualified qualified and acting Execut- and acting Executor of the or of the Estate of Leona Estate of Geraldine Criswell, Blodgett, deceased, praying deceased, praying Petition-Petitioner's acts be ap- er's acts be approved; acproved; account be settled count be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; against the estate within four titled thereto; the Court find 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 fibe finally discharged as the nally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Gerona Blodgett, deceased, and aldine Criswell, deceased, the Petitioner be released and the Petitioner be released from further liability. You are required to file your You are required to file your written defenses thereto on written defenses thereto on or before the <u>23rd</u> day of or before the 23rd day of <u>June</u>, <u>2025</u>, at 9:00 a.m. in June, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock the District Court, in Abi- a.m. in the District Court, in Abilene, Dickinson County, ROYER & ROYER Kansas, at which time and Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be ment and decree will be entered in due course upon entered in due course upon the petition.

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