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Your Birthday

May 10, 1969

New paths could open for you in the year ahead that might make it possible to fulfill a secret ambition. Your target will be aesthetic, rather than materialistic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions look favorable for you today where your financial or material interests are concerned. You should be able to add to your resources or holdings. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91426, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Charm, wit and thoughtfulness are tools that you will be able to skillfully use today to win others over to your way of thinking and doing things.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you've been hesitant about requesting a favor from a friend who can help you with something rather confidential, it's time to revise your thinking. Your pal can be trusted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Companions will have an enormous effect upon your outlook and attitude today, so try to involve yourself with upbeat people. Don't wait for them to find you, go find them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you are likely to be one who is able to keep your head when all about you are losing theirs. You'll see the folly of making a big fuss over nothing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Use gentle measures on people with whom you'll be involved today either socially or businesswise. They will be far more effective than issuing forceful directives.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could be in for a pleasant surprise today when someone you thought never noticed you makes a grand gesture showing actually that this person thinks highly of you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You will function much more effectively in business situations today if you can be objective rather than emotional. Stand back a bit and analyze things logically.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Strive to be agreeable in relations with your mate today. One way to keep peace in the household is not to override vetoes on financial matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Early in the day there is a possibility that you might take yourself a trifle too seriously. However, these inclinations should pass in the afternoon and you'll be all fun and games.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) An associate in your present field of endeavor might be instrumental today in generating something beneficial for you where your career is concerned.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone who likes you may be cooking up some special plans in which you'll figure prominently. You should hear about them soon.

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Lost opportunities

Soon after bridge theorists proposed two clubs as a strong artificial opening bid, two no-trump was abandoned as the negative response. When responder uses two diamonds as negative or temporizing, opener can show either a powerful distributional hand or a balanced no-trump type. Today we see a further refinement of this system.

North-South were playing that responder's second bid of three clubs was a "second negative," showing a worthless hand. By their agreement, after such a bid, South could play below game if he rebid his long suit. Of course three diamonds, a second natural suit bid by South, was still forcing. When North preferred to three spades, South should have bid three no-trump, which would have made an easy nine tricks with the lead of the jack of clubs. Four spades should still have been successful, but declarer got careless.

At trick two, he played a low diamond, intending to ruff his last diamond if the suit didn't split. But East overtook West's singleton jack of diamonds and continued the suit. South lost his ace of diamonds to a ruff from West. So the defenders took two diamond tricks plus a ruff and the ace of hearts to set the contract. The game would be made if declarer played ace and a diamond right away, since dummy's spade eight could be used to ruff a diamond.

The best bet for the defense would be a trump lead. Declarer might now be deprived of his diamond ruff in dummy, and also be forced to lead away from his A-Q of clubs at the finish.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1969, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

NORTH 5-2-83			
♠ 8 4 2			
♥ 7 6 5 2			
♦ 7 4 2			
♣ 7 3 2			
WEST		EAST	
♠ 7 6 5	♥ 9 3	♠ 9 3	♥ 10 8 4
♥ A J 9 3	♦ J	♦ K Q 10 8 6	♠ K 5 4
♦ J	♣ J 10 9 8 6		
SOUTH			
♠ A K Q J 10	♥ K Q		
♦ A 9 5 3	♣ A Q		
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: South			
West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
*artificial, showing worthless hand			
Opening lead: ♠ J			

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: A equals C.

' P K N J ' X W P I D
J P H U X T V X A U D R . P
X U P J I J P H U X P R
B N M K P J J D M , S D K
V J K E V X A U P J H
U N A I D Q H V T D R .
P Y V J W D J K W .

SOLUTION: "I don't like night matches. I think night is for dinner, bed and watching hockey games." — Ivan Lendl.