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**BRIDGE**



**JAMES JACOBY**



**Your Birthday**

June 17, 1989

You could do exceptionally well for yourself financially in the year ahead through involvements in creative projects. There's a market for your talents so put your imagination to good uses.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If there is a matter of importance you'd like to negotiate with another it will probably work out better for both parties if it is done today instead of tomorrow. Gemini, 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 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Responsibilities and duties should be attended to at this time as soon as they arise. If you let things go, there's a chance you might not get around to them for quite awhile.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your popularity with your peers will be at a high point today, because you'll just automatically say the right things and behave in ways others will find appealing, especially members of the opposite sex.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Conditions that contribute to your material well being should firm up a bit more today. However, what transpires might not be noticeable until next week.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** It's best not to neglect any matters today that require some form of communications. When you open up channels, either written or spoken, you might get some good news in return.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Something you've been wanting looks like it's going to be coming your way shortly and it's not going to be done in a manner that is any way near as complicated as you envision.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Today you are likely to have more independence and freedom of mobility than you may experience tomorrow. If there is something you want to do, free from restriction, schedule it for now.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Keep in touch with events today, but don't try to lead them or force issues. You'll be much more effective if you stay in the background where you are available for advice and suggestions.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Don't let people who cannot match your optimism and hope dilute your expectations. It's what you think that counts.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Today you are likely to fare better than most in situations where competition is a pronounced element. Be self-assured and do not discount your possibilities.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Today's events could unravel in ways that might test your faith in yourself and beliefs. Fortunately, if these decisions are required, you'll not be found lacking in either area.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Today you might be called upon to sort out some complications for a person you're very fond of. What you do will be greatly appreciated, because this individual couldn't handle it unaided.

<b>NORTH</b> 6-14-89			
♦ K J 10 5			
♥ A J 5 4			
♦ 4			
♠ A 7 5 2			
<b>WEST</b>			
♦ 8 7 3			
♥ 10			
♠ A K 9 8 7 5 2			
♦ 10 3			
<b>EAST</b>			
♦ A 4 2			
♥ K Q 9 8 7			
♦ Q 3			
♠ 9 8 4			
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♦ Q 9 6			
♥ 6 3 2			
♦ J 10 6			
♠ K Q J 6			
Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South			
South Pass 4♦	West 3♦	North Dbl.	East Pass
Opening lead: ♦ K			

**Violating principles**

A fundamental principle of bridge play is to use high cards judiciously. You use aces to capture picture cards so that your side's intermediate cards will reach winning rank. And surely, with a K-Q located behind an opponent's ace, you prefer to take two tricks. Jerry Graham of Palm Springs, California, found the right circumstance for violating this principle in a recent tournament.

North had minimum opening-bid values when West pre-empted with three diamonds, but his classic shape with four-card support for any suit partner might bid persuaded him to make a takeout double. South bid only four clubs, taking the underbid because he disliked his 4-3-3-3 shape.

After winning the king of diamonds, West played his singleton 10 of hearts. Winning the heart ace would lose the contract right away, since East surely held the spade ace along with the K-Q in hearts, so declarer gave the defenders a chance to make a mistake. He played low from dummy. Jerry Graham was now on the spot. It goes against any bridge player's grain to waste a heart honor needlessly, but Jerry realized that the best chance for the defense might rest with that heart 10 being a singleton. So he overtook his partner's 10 with the queen and led back the heart king (suit preference, showing the ace of spades). West ruffed and led a spade to East's ace, and another heart ruff set the contract two tricks.

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 Pharus Books. © 1989, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

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**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 U.

N M A R C Y J F T J  
 M Y J X U E T G M I  
 K L M V L U F F . T I N M A  
 G M , N M A Q T E E Z U  
 Z E M Q Y J M  
 K T U R U F . - X U Y L N  
 P C T F U L .

SOLUTION: "You can't sit on the lid of a progress. If you do, you will be blown to pieces." - Henry Kaiser.