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# Comic Outlook

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**NORTH** 6-24-89  
 ♠ A Q 7 4  
 ♥ 6 2  
 ♦ 7 6 2  
 ♣ J 7 4 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ 6 3  
 ♥ Q 10 8 7  
 ♦ A K 10 3  
 ♣ Q 8 5

**EAST**  
 ♠ K  
 ♥ A 9 4 3  
 ♦ J 9 8 5 4  
 ♣ 9 6 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ J 10 9 8 5 2  
 ♥ K J 5  
 ♦ Q  
 ♣ A K 10

Vulnerable: Both  
 Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
3♦	All pass	2♦	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Romantic prospects look extremely encouraging in the year ahead for unattached Cancers who are celebrating their birthday today. Several romances are likely, although marriage may not be in the offing this year.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Think before you speak today or else you might unintentionally say something that could upset a sensitive friend. Once your remark is aired, it will be difficult to retract or amend. Cancer, 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.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Be willing to share equally in a joint venture today, because your behavior will inspire your counterpart to do likewise and both will then come out winners.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You'll be more comfortable today with companions who are a trifle reserved and gentle. Aggressive or erratic types could make you feel very uneasy and you won't enjoy your time together.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Things will go smoothly for you today, provided you do everything in accordance with your highest ideals and standards. If you are lax about expressing these qualities, disappointments are likely.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Your personality will be endowed with extra pizzazz today, but your commercial aptitudes might not be too nifty. Be cautious in situations that have financial expenditures.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** A delicate balance must be maintained in family relationships today or else there is a possibility that friction will move in and shove harmony out.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Do not take the kindness or generosity of others for granted today. If you fail to reciprocate or acknowledge their gestures, they might not be around the next time you need them.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Be careful how you behave today if you are involved with someone who is less fortunate materially than you are. Don't make this person feel that worth is based upon wealth.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Others will find you even more appealing than usual today, particularly members of the opposite gender. Don't be surprised if this causes one of your peers to be a trifle jealous.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Do not totally ignore your hunches today, but, by the same token monitor them carefully so that they don't impulsively impel you to do something that's not too bright.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You can have a good time today without it costing you an arm and a leg. Your extravagance will be influenced by the company you keep and if pals are big spenders, you're apt to follow suit.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** It's admirable to want to be independent and maintain your own identification, but don't go to exorbitant links today to prove your point.

## A checklist of questions

By James Jacoby

When it comes to card-guessing, ask yourself three important questions. First, how many tricks do you need to make? Second, have the opponents done any bidding that will help you to locate cards, remembering that their failure to bid may also be revealing? Third, can you play the hand so that losing a trick to a specific card will guarantee the favorable location of another key card? If all of this has your head spinning, perhaps the application of these principles to a particular deal will help.

After three passes, South opened one spade and the bidding quietly proceeded to the three-level while the opponents remained silent. West led K-A of diamonds. Declarer ruffed the second round and led the jack of spades for a finesse. East won the king and returned a low heart. Declarer erred by playing the jack. West won the queen, returned a heart to his partner's ace, and later took the setting trick with the queen of clubs.

Declarer should never have guessed wrong when East led a low heart. Instead he should have quickly risen with the heart king. Why? If West happens to hold the ace of hearts to go with his A-K of diamonds, it is impossible for him to hold the club queen. (With ace of hearts, A-K of diamonds and queen of clubs, West would surely have opened the bidding as dealer.) Even though South might then lose a spade, two hearts and a diamond, the club finesse would be guaranteed, and the contract would make.

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. © 1989, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

## 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: J equals D.

OP THWDT EQV  
 ZBFV KHVUQP THOV  
 EQV KQVUUP  
 CVEGP - TH CVEGP  
 B NEW CEQJZP  
 NEQQP UCVO -  
 IHCW ZVV CHHFVQ.

SOLUTION: "My songs are like poetry. Some are pretty heavy — so heavy I can hardly carry them." — John Lee Hooker.