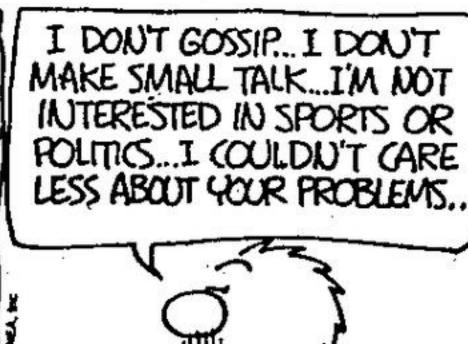
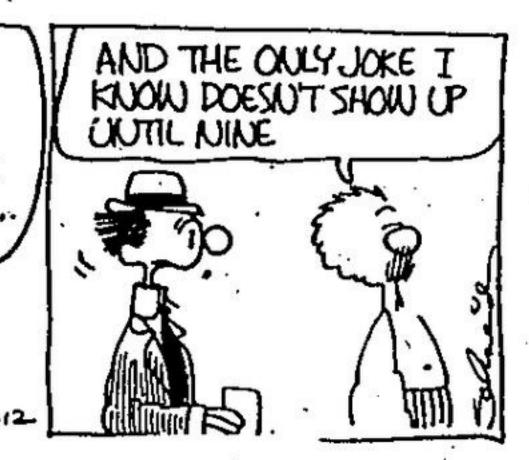


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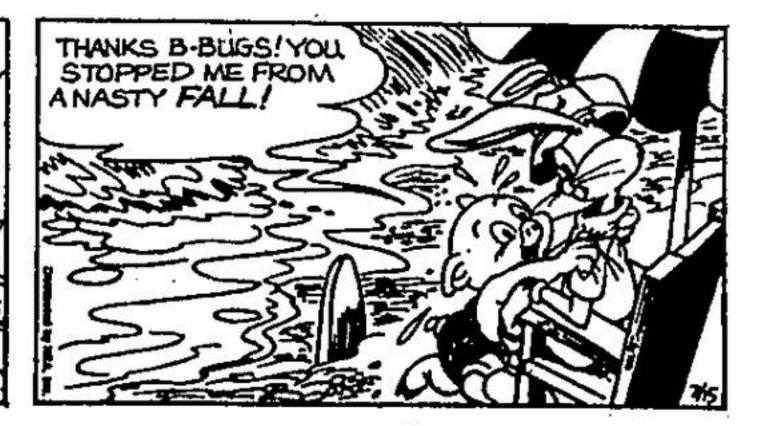




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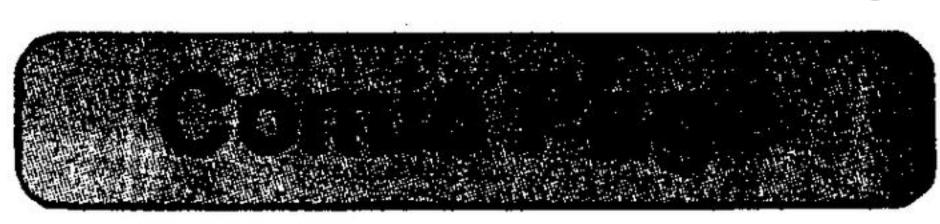


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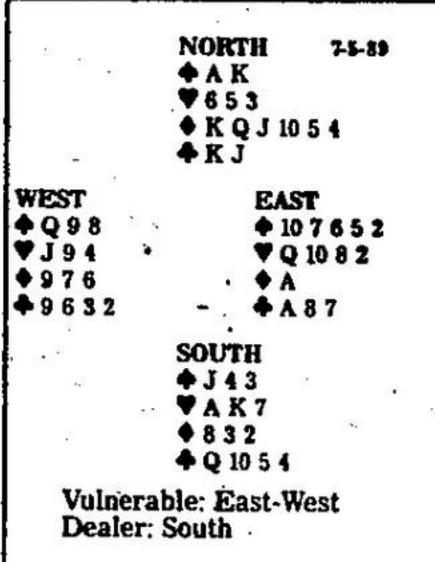








## The bidding guides the lead



West	North	East
Pass	1 •	Pass
Pass	3 ♦	Pass
Pass	3 NT	All pass
	Pass Pass	Pass 1 ♦ Pass 3 ♦

#### Opening lead: 4 2



Oh, if we could only rub a lamp and have a genie materialize to tell us the right opening lead! Even though there's no genie handy at the table, listening to the bidding can be a great substitute. In today's deal there is no lead that defeats the game, but the uninspired club lead allowed declarer to take more tricks than most other tournament competitors.

**JAMES** 

**JACOBY** 

When South responded with one notrump, which in North-South's methods denied holding a four-card major, North jumped to three diamonds. Now three hearts could not be a suit so was interpreted as showing good stoppers in that major. Since North had a double spade stopper, he felt quite comfortable in now bidding three notrump. When West led a club, there was nothing to the hand but to knock out the diamond ace and take 11 tricks.

Even though a heart is the best lead, our choice based on the bidding would be a spade. Although East was not able to overcall at the one-level, he still might hold five spades to a high honor, plus an outside entry. (No one would rush to overcall vulnerable with a broken suit and meager high cards.) A spade lead will hold the contract to 10 tricks, unless West decides to make the daring play of unblocking the queen of spades in the hope that East holds the jack. Then it's back to 11 tricks, the same score that resulted from a club lead.

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. © 1949, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

# Your **Birthday**

### **ASTRO-GRAPH**



In the year ahead there is a possibility that something rather profitable could result from a venture that starts out as a hobby or sideline. You may have a secret partner in this enterprise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You should do rather well in your commercial affairs today, especially if you conduct your business along traditional lines using methods that you know from experience always work effectively. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mall \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A disgruntled associate might attempt to throw a roadblock into your efforts today. Don't let this upset you, because you'll have no trouble finding an equally effective alternative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This may be a day when the emphasis will be placed on unexpected developments. Be ready to move swiftly If an opportunity pops up from out of the blue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your ingenuity could be a shade more luminous today than your companion's. Everyone is likely to fare better if you use your bright ideas Instead of theirs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Continue to keep your focus on goals that have promising potential. Lady Luck is still your staunchest supporter in these вгеаз.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your greatest gains today are likely to come from a partnership arrangement. It involves a person who has been rather lucky for you previously.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Seil imaginatively today if there is something you are trying to promote for a personal profit. However, by the same token, don't depart from the facts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) When It comes to working out an agreement today, you should be able to strike an advantageous bargain, provided you don't get careless and overlook the obvious. PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Strive to be materially aware today without being selfish or grabby. If you let events run their course, there's a chance you could reap rewards in two areas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In managing matters today that require good social judgment, you're not apt to miss a trick. However, this enviable talent might not extend to your financial affairs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You could be luckler than usual today where your worldly and material interests are concerned. Chance may play a big role in tilting advantageous trends in your favor.

GEMUNI (May 21-June 20) Let the pronouncements of gloomy companions fall on deaf ears today. Tune them out and tune in on the pitch of your more positive pals.

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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: F equals P.

more than ten words." -- George Ade. important than when he receives a telegram containing