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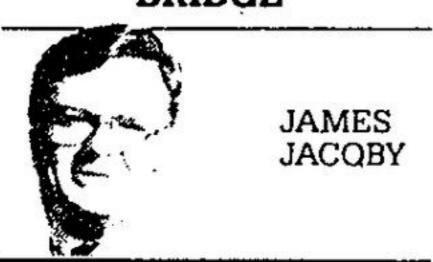


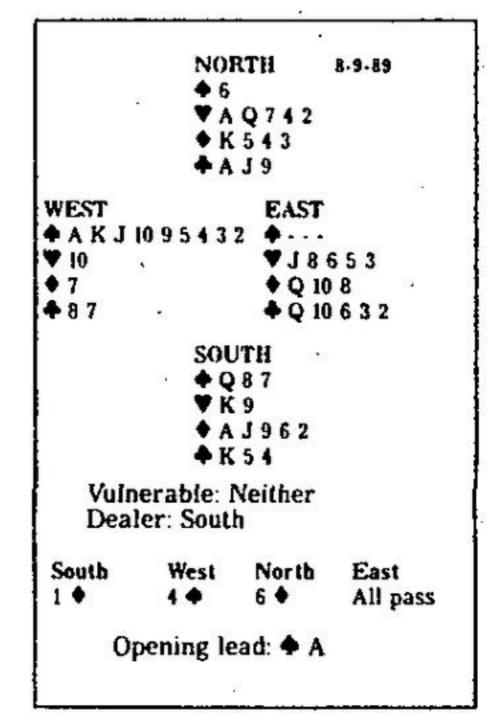




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BRIDGE





Shooting the works

By James Jacoby

Has anyone noticed how a high-level pre-emptive bid by an opponent will goad a player into bidding even more than he normally might have? That's what happened here. When West jumped to four spades. North was deprived of normal'bidding methods for investigating slam possibilities. The solution was simple - just bid the slam in diamonds and hope for the best.

West led the ace of spades and continued with another spade. There was nothing to do but ruff with dummy's king of diamonds. What next?

A low diamond was played from dummy, and East followed with the eight. Since West began with nine spades, it was likely that he held only one diamond. It was too far-fetched that the singleton was the queen, and as to the remaining cards (the 10 and seven), it now looked more likely that the 10 was with East. So declarer guessed the right play by putting in the nine of diamonds. A club to dummy's ace let declarer play another diamond to pick up East's Q-10. Declarer now cashed the king of clubs and the king of hearts. West, known to have started with nine spades and one diamond, followed to two clubs and to one heart. and had nothing left but spades. As South ran the remaining diamonds, East was squeezed, forced to give up his guard in hearts or to throw away his high club.

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. (C) 1989, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Blue moon

Have you ever wondered what a "blue moon" is? When there are two full moons in a month, the second one is called a blue moon. It is a rare occurrence, explains The Kids' World Almanac.

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ASTRO-GRAPH





Aug. 10, 1989

In the year ahead you may become involved in several enterprises where' you'll feel compelled to put all your chips down at once and play to win. If you rely on your efforts and talents, and not chance, you should do well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Profitable returns can be generated at this time from innovative ideas you conceive today. What you'll envision won't be pipe dreams, so put them to practical uses. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Assist a friend who will be socially unsure today. Your poise and enthusiasm will give your pal the needed confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct, 23) Something might occur today that you may find extremely annoying. Bring it out in the open so that it can be cleared up quickly, instead of hiding it and letting it smolder.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A clever friend could be instrumental today in helping you find a way to accomplish something you've been unable to do. Your pal won't mind. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your

greatest opportunities are likely to

come today in financial or career areas. or perhaps through something you'll do that will bring them collectively into CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A frustrating condition is about to change. As

of today you'll be better able to come to grips with it and reduce it to a manageable size. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It could prove unwise to let more time lapse regarding a side venture you've been

is required to get it moving, give it serious consideration. PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) An acquaintance with whom you'll become more involved at this time should not be hastily judged. If this person is given half a chance you could end up being

holding in abeyance. If a calculated risk

friends. ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your Imagination will be keen today and generate numerous ideas. Although they're apt to be of equal value, you'll still have to be selective so you don't attempt more than you can handle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might need a slight change of pace today. Try o plan something light and fun with friends for this evening that is mentally stimulating, yet physically fulfilling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Ways can be found today to make adjustments around a situation that cannot be completely changed to your liking. These alterations might not be optimum, but they will make things better than

before. CANCER (June 21-July 22) If a social arrangement you're involved in gets a bit out of hand today, step in and take charge. Since you'll be able to see ways to rectify the matter, it'll make you the natural leader.

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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: K equals S.

- BSBHDGVEBH. RBYYD.

happy." - Merv Griffin. uck. I'm not self-analytical, I'm emotionally secure and SOLUTION: "I don't care what makes me