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In the year ahead you could be rather successful in areas where you may have experienced failures in the past. These successes will teach you it always pays to keep on trying.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make the most of your opportunities today, even though they may be relatively small ones. Remember, it was from the little acorn that the mighty oak tree grew. 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.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be logical and realistic where your self-interests are concerned today. If you let your heart rule your head, a crafty individual might take advantage of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be careful today that your cash outlays don't exceed your intake. You'd be better off now if you would think of salting away your surpluses instead of blowing them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Although friends will treat you in an attentive manner today, it's best you do not request favors from them for things you can easily do for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A failure to keep your goals in focus at all times today could cause you to lose your incentive and slack off when you should be going full steam ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) There is a possibility today you might read more into a situation than was intended if a member of the opposite gender is a bit more friendly toward you than usual.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take care of your duties and responsibilities first today before shifting your attention to more frivolous activities. It will be hard to catch up if you fall behind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your decisions today are likely to be brilliantly evaluated and they could be very constructive. However, they won't count for much if you don't do anything about them. Get moving.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Usually when you undertake a project you have the tenacity to see it through to its conclusion, but today you might be tempted to sattle for the uncompleted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) When dealing with youngsters today, you're not apt to get your message across if you pamper them too much. Be gentle and kind, but also be firm when necessary.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might have a tendency today to add more frills to your handiwork than may be needed. Don't let your artistic zeal exceed your good taste.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Enterprises or speculative ventures could be very appealing to you today. Don't lower your discipline to the degree to where you might take an unsound risk.

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A departure from fourth-best

By James Jacoby

In standard bridge one leads fourth best from suits that are not trump, even in the middle of a deal, though of course it's common sense to lead high from a bad suit just to prevent partner from thinking you hold a significant honor. But there can be other reasons for departing from the norm.

When South reached three no-trump, West selected the jack of spades for opening lead. South ducked in dummy, and East won the king. Many defenders would now switch to a low club, but notice the poor result. Declarer would duck, and West would win the jack. If West continued with another club, it would be into the A-Q, and declarer would have time to play to the spade ace and take a diamond finesse. He would then make three diamond tricks, three spades, two clubs and a heart. If West won the club jack and switched to a heart, declarer would take dummy's ace and finesse in diamonds. Now West might lead another heart, but that would set up the ninth trick for declarer in that suit.

Unfortunately for declarer, East was Mike Lawrence. Having recently written a book on card combinations, including problems for the defender, Mike made the killing play of the 10 of clubs. If declarer put in the queen, West would win the king and continue with the jack. If declarer played low, East would hold the lead and continue with a second club through the A-Q. Going up with the ace would not help either, since South would have to try for an extra heart trick eventually, and East would win the king and lead through the queen of clubs.

Yes, I know there are many club holdings in which this play won't help the defense. But in most of those cases three no-trump is going to play well in any event.

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.

NORTH 5-10-89			
♦ A 9 8 4			
♥ A Q 5			
♠ J 10 6 3			
♣ 9 5			
WEST	EAST		
♦ J 10 3	♥ K 7 2		
♥ 9 8 3 2	♠ K 10 6		
♦ K 8	♣ 7 5 4		
♠ K J 8 4	♦ 10 7 3 2		
SOUTH			
♦ Q 6 5			
♥ J 7 4			
♦ A Q 9 2			
♠ A Q 6			
Vulnerable: North-South			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass
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: S equals M.

Y K I A A X I R K Z X K
M Z F K C Q Z X Z H
K C U E F K Z X K
S P M L H F Z E C K H L
H Z X K F M . . . U E W
U K A I
F H W X K L H E W I E A U .

SOLUTION: "We all have the strength to endure the mixture of others." — Duc de la Rochefoucauld.