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BRIDGE

NORTH 5-23-90
 ♠ K Q 5 4
 ♥ Q 8 2
 ♦ 8 5 2
 ♣ A 10 5

WEST
 ♠ A 10 3 2
 ♥ J 10 9 6
 ♦ 4
 ♣ J 6 4 3

EAST
 ♠ 9 8
 ♥ K 7 4 3
 ♦ K Q J 10 6
 ♣ 9 8

SOUTH
 ♠ J 7 6
 ♥ A 5
 ♦ A 9 7 3
 ♣ K Q 7 2

Vulnerable: Neither
 Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
3 NT	All pass	1 ♠	1 ♦

Opening lead: ♥ J

Your Birthday

May 24, 1990

Old interests will be discarded in deference to new ones in the year ahead. This will greatly enhance your possibilities for success, because you won't be burdened down with the unworkables.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Projects or ventures which you either initiate or personally control have better than usual chances for success today. Focus on your own concepts rather than on those of associates. 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.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might find yourself in the middle of a hotly contested, competitive development. Don't fret, because your abilities to strategize will be better than your opponent's.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Involvements with close friends will have an uplifting affect on your outlook today. They might even be able to encourage you to undertake something you've been afraid to tackle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You possess the assertiveness and necessary know-how to achieve your objectives today. What makes success probable will be your ability to fuse these attributes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Plans you are presently formulating are sound and capable of producing desirable results. The important thing is to tie them into action as early as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your instincts for uncovering hidden information others would like to hide from you is rather remarkable today. Friends will realize nothing can be gained by playing coy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might reverse your position today regarding a decision you took a lot of time working through, because you will see alternatives you previously overlooked.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Much can be accomplished today, provided you devote your efforts and energies to practical assignments. This could be one of those days when you won't have any down time for frivolous pursuits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Everything you do today will be stamped with your personal imprint owing to your unique and innovative touch. Associates will recognize your handiwork.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're now in a cycle where several things on which you've been working can be finalized to your satisfaction. Finish what you've begun before starting anything new.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your greatest attribute today is your ability to communicate effectively. You should be able to talk your way to success with any issue or promotion you choose.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Knowledge you've recently acquired can be utilized to your advantage at this time to feather your nest materially. Find ways to turn your thoughts into profit.

Paying attention

By James Jacoby

This deal should cause even the best of us to do some soul-searching about our attentiveness at the table. After East's logical diamond overcall of North's very minimum one-club opening, South jumped to three no-trump. Although this was bull-in-a-china-shop bidding, an attempt at more sophistication would have resulted in the same final contract.

West led the heart jack and declarer played low from dummy, winning the ace. Declarer led a spade to dummy's king and a spade back to his jack, noting the fall of East's 8-9 as West won the ace. West continued the heart nine, and declarer played low from dummy. (It was quite plausible that East might have started with only three hearts to the king.) West carried on with the heart 10, East winning his king and cashing his seven as South threw diamonds. Next came the diamond king to South's ace. By this time declarer, having read East for five diamonds and four hearts, knew he would have to do some nimble stepping to take the rest. So he led the seven of spades. When West played low, declarer ducked in dummy and then played a club to dummy's 10. (If East had only two clubs, it was odds-on that the jack would be with West.) When that won the trick, declarer had the rest.

Well-played, but do you remember the opening remark about attentiveness? If West covers the spade seven with the 10, declarer has to win the trick in dummy. He is then in the wrong hand and can no longer play the clubs to take all four 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 Pharos Books

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WINTHROP® by Dick Cavalli

Panel 1: I'VE DECIDED I'M NOT GOING TO BE A BILLY ANYMORE.

Panel 2: FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO BE AN INTIMIDATOR.

Panel 3: IT HAS A CLASSIER RING TO IT.

PHIPPS™ by Joseph Farris

Panel 1: A man in a suit and hat walks.

Panel 2: A man in a suit and hat walks with a woman.

Panel 3: A man in a suit and hat walks.

EEK & MEEK® by Howie Schneider

Panel 1: WHERE'S YOUR FRIEND MEEK THESE DAYS?

Panel 2: HE DOESN'T GO OUT MUCH ANYMORE.

Panel 3: HE DEVELOPED A HEIMLICH MANEUVER FOR THE LONELY...

Panel 4: AND THEY BANNED HIM FROM SINGLES BARS

ARLO & JANIS® by Jimmy Johnson

Panel 1: IT'S NOT FAIR!! IT'S NOT FAIR!! IT'S NOT FAIR!!

Panel 2: SCHOOL WAS SUPPOSED TO END TODAY, BUT WE HAVE TO GO TILL WEDNESDAY!

Panel 3: WHAT WAS IT YOU SAID IN JANUARY? OH, YES...

Panel 4: YOU SAID, "I HOPE IT SNOWS FOR TWO WEEKS!"

FRANK & ERNEST® by Bob Thaves

Panel 1: IF THAT PIANO PLAYER PLAYS "MY DOG HAS FLEAS" ONE MORE TIME THERE'S GOING TO BE TROUBLE!

Panel 2: (Piano player playing)

BORN LOSER® by Art and Chip Sansom

Panel 1: THIS IS CERTAINLY A PRETTY DESK!

Panel 2: THANK YOU, IT'S A SHERATON.

Panel 3: YOU SONOFAGUN!

Panel 4: I BEG YOUR PARDON? I'VE HEARD OF TAKING TOWELS AND SOAP, BUT HOW'D YOU GET THIS OUT OF THE HOTEL?

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: X equals G.

H U Y P T T F A V R ' Z
 Q Y Y T Z S P Z H S P D Y
 F Y Z X U P N O Y A Z S Y
 Y N N Y R K Y V Q
 K H R Y W P .
 (V N K P U G H R R Y U)
 P M H U P M L U V N P G P .

SOLUTION: "I really don't feel that I have yet grasped the essence of cinema." - (Oscar winner) Akira Kurosawa.