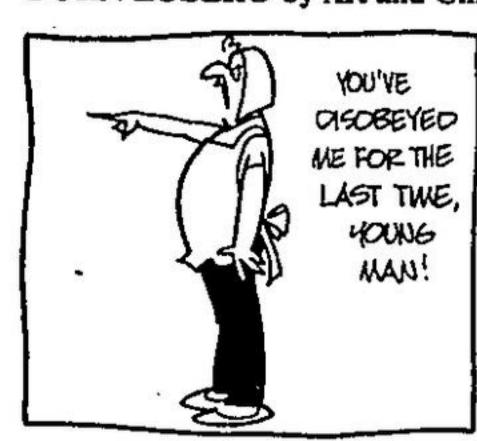
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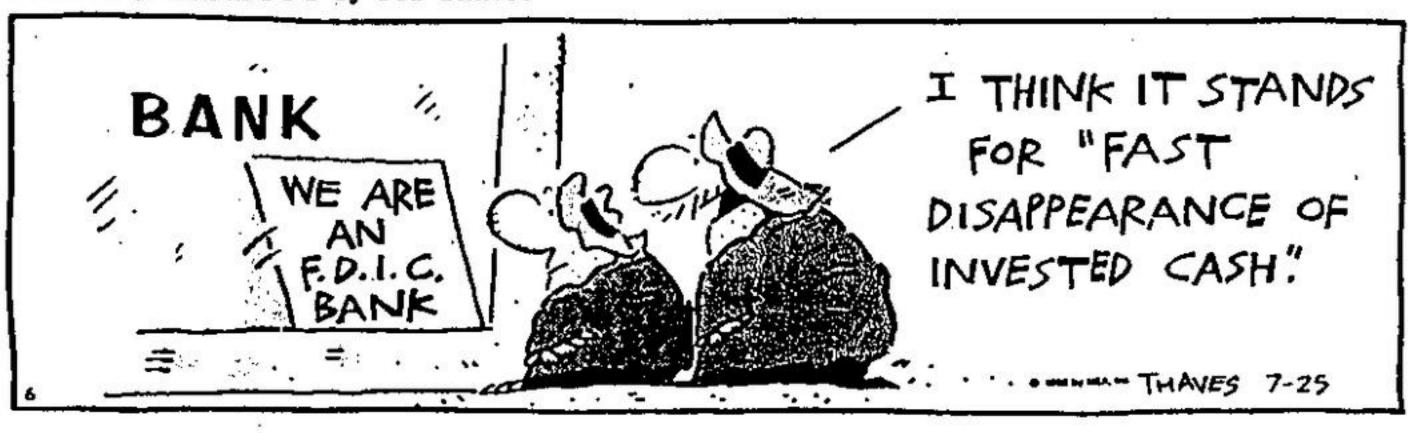
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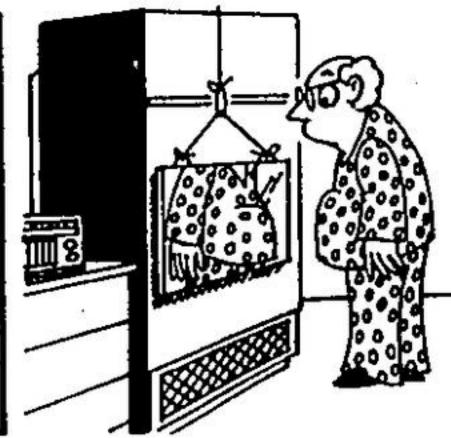






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Business arrangements constructed around conventional practices and methods could turn out fortunate for you in the year ahead. If you depart from the norm, you might risk failure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Social involvements should prove to be fun today, provided you're involved with people with whom you're already friendly. You're not apt to be as comfortable mingling with a strange crowd. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Let events run their courses today, especially those that pertain to your work or career. If you try to make on-the-spot adjustments, it could set you back a few steps.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not make snap judgments today either favorable or unfavorable regarding new people you meet. There is a possibility you could be wrong in either instance. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Joint involvements that don't cost you any money could turn out to be worthwhile today, but if you're asked to dip into your wallet for a collective endeavor, put it under the magnifying glass. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Reci-

procity is of extreme importance in your relationships with others where you're concerned today. If somebody does you a favor, reciprocate promptly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This can be profitable day for you, provided you follow a sound agenda. Matters which are meaningful to you monetarily are the ones that should be given top priority.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're likely to have much more fun today paling around with one or two special friends instead of hanging out the whole gang. Select your companions wisely, then go and enjoy yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The comments of an acquaintance should not be allowed to influence your opinion of someone you like. You're in a much better position to make a judgment than the outsider is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be yourself today and avoid all affectations of speech and demeanor. Putting on airs to create a new image will produce a person who doesn't measure up to the real you.

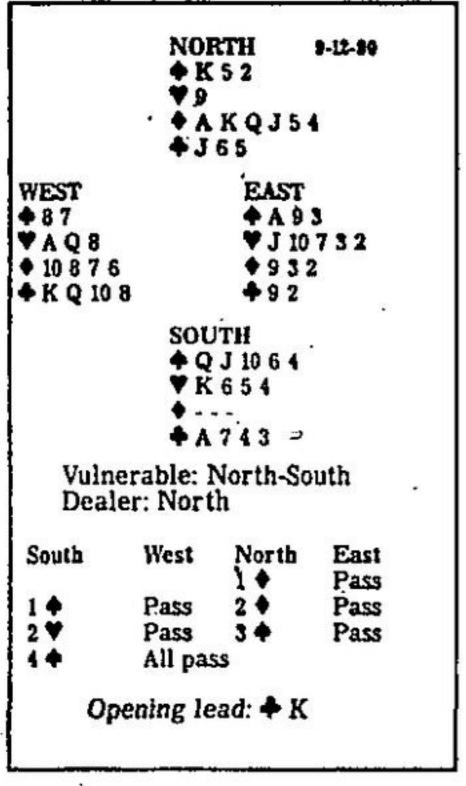
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you are presently involved in something that has been proceeding in a profitable direction this is not the time to make changes merely for change sake. Adjustments could prove negative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Left to your own devices things should work out rather well for you today, but you are not apt to perform equally as effective if you have to abide by the dictums established by another.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not toss in the towel today if your initial efforts do not produce the types of results you desire. Instead of quitting, regroup your forces and go for victory on the second try.

JAME

BRIDGE



Seismograph pays off

By James Jacoby

The place for bridge players to be early in May was Atlantic City, where the Showboat Hotel was the site of the \$200,000 Omar Sharif Individual Tournament. The scoring emphasized total points, so bidding and making games and slams was worth a healthy premium. Of course, just as important was setting the opponents in whatever they bid. That's bridge.

Most declarers reached four spades in today's deal. After the king of clubs lead, if declarer won the ace, he was quickly set, since he could not reach dummy to play diamonds before the ugly defenders came on play with another club and a club ruff. A few declarers found the play of smoothly ducking the opening lead. If West foolishly led a second low club, dummy's jack took the trick, and two rounds of diamonds were quickly played for club discards. That resulted in declarer making 10 tricks.

Defender Sam Lev, detecting a slight tremor from declarer before he played low on the king of clubs, found a way to handle the chance that South might be concealing the club ace. He continued with the queen of clubs at trick two. Declarer could win the ace, but he was not in dummy and could not prevent West from coming on lead with a heart to give East a club ruff to set four spades.

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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