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Lady Luck will be trying very hard in the year ahead to help you bring improvements into your life style. However, you won't have a completely free ride, there is much you must do for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A financial opportunity might develop for you at this time that will give you a chance to add to your earnings. You may need this to help placate your present extravagant urges. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Fortunately, you may have Lady Luck looking out for you today in areas where you'll have rather pronounced shortcomings. Her endowments should keep you on the plus side of the column.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You'll substantially reduce the effectiveness of your plans if you try to implement them piecemeal today. In order to succeed, uniform effort is a must.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Financial aspects are trending in your favor today and if you apply yourself properly, profitable results are possible. Don't waste any opportunities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something fortuitous might develop for you today, but it's best not to discuss it with others. A resentful onlooker may try to interfere.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your feelings might be wounded today when you learn of something another said behind your back. You can disarm this person's sneaky offensive by responding with kindness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Conditions are a trifle uncertain today and just when you feel you're out on the limb alone, someone may do something nice for you that will revive your faith in the human race.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Although frustrating conditions and self-doubts may nibble at you today, you'll handle a large issue that is personally important to you remarkably effectively. Keep your eye on the prize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) People performing special tasks or assignments for you today must be given encouragement as well as clear-cut instructions. An absence of either could cause problems.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's not likely you'll do too much about an advantageous development offered you today, because you might get involved prematurely with an ineffective ally. Be careful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you're negotiating an agreement with another today, be certain you have all the facts at your disposal and, just to be safe, double check those already in your inventory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually you have rather good powers of concentration, but today your mind might not be on your work. Try to get a competent helpmate to serve as back-up.

BRIDGE

A choice of discards

By James Jacoby

Competing in tournament pairs games brings out lunatic tendencies. Favorable vulnerability in particular seems to incite speculative fervor in the bidding. Here South in third position rushed to open with a weak two-bid in spades on a poor five-card suit. When West bid three no-trump, North foolishly sacrificed at four spades, hoping that South could somehow scramble for seven tricks, a good save against the makable no-trump game. In such cases, precise defense is absolutely necessary to exact the maximum punishment.

West led the king of diamonds. Not wanting to commit the defense, West played a second high diamond. That turned out to be a serious mistake, because it gave East a chance to discard, and poor East had chosen just this time to put on his dunce cap. East threw the eight of clubs. Declarer ruffed and played a club. East took the ace and returned a spade to South's king and West's ace. West returned the spade jack. Declarer won the queen, played the club queen and ruffed a club.

Now all of South's remaining clubs were winners. Declarer ruffed a diamond back to his hand and played on the good club tricks. The defenders could now take only six tricks, and South had gotten almost a top result for his minus 500, virtually all the other East-West pairs scoring 600 or more for their vulnerable game. If East had thrown a heart instead of a club, the defenders would have had a top result.

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