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Your Birthday

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019 Not everyone will have your best interests at heart this year. Choose your comrades carefully. Know that everyone has a price, including you, and that it's time to come to terms with what you want and how much it will cost. Change only what needs to be fixed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) --Problems at home can be solved with a little understanding. Listen to what others propose and consider where and how you fit into what needs to be done. Patience will pay off. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - You've got this. Stav focused and let your imagination, intelligence and experience help you gain ground and achieve what you set out to do. Romance is on the rise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Don't overreact. An emotional matter will be misleading. If you let your feelings consume you, it will lead to a mistake. Focus on your responsibilities, not on what others are

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doing. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Put your plans in motion. The changes you make will help you recognize what you want to do next. Trust and believe in your ability to make a difference

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Don't let change disrupt your day. Consider what's happening and who is masterminding the changes, and whether it's beneficial for you to take part. Protect your money, possessions and passwords

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - You'll have too many options. Take a serious look at what's available and choose whatever makes the most sense. You need to take the bull by the horns if you want to succeed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -Take an overall view of what's going on around you to avoid being taken for granted. If someone asks for too much, refuse them with no hard feel-

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're heading in the right direction. Change can be exciting if you oversee every step. Live in the moment and make

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the most of whatever comes your way. Romance is apparent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -Look for opportunities. Do your research and verify what's being offered. Don't expect everyone to be honest. Emotional tactics will be used to manipulate you. Proceed with caution.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Express your thoughts and check out new possibilities. Socializing will lead to exciting encounters that will spark your imagination. Personal gains, love and better health should

be priorities. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep busy and focus on finishing what you start. Someone will complain if you fall short on a promise. Don't let someone else's change disrupt your plans

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -Expand your knowledge. Listen, learn and experiment. Getting together with people who share your beliefs will encourage you to do some-thing that will improve your life. Romance is encouraged.

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SUIT COMBINATION THAT DECEPTIVE

Peter De Vries, who was a velist and editor, wrote, "The iverse is like a safe to which ere is a combination, but the mbination is locked up in the

felt a bit like that after ecking the right way to play club suit in today's deal. If u needed three tricks, what ould you do?

North might have opened the dding with two aces and one ng, but when he passed, and rtner opened one no-trump, used Stayman before nping to game. West, even though he knew

ir hearts were coming down

the dummy, had no reason to orry, given his strong sequence. As declarer, I could see 6 top cks: two spades, two hearts & 'o clubs. Two more winners were readily available from the

diamonds, but what about trick nine? The opening lead strongly suggested that the hearts were not splitting 3-3. So what about clubs?

If the six missing cards were splitting 3-3, everything would work. If East had four including an honor, there was no chance. But what if West had four? What would East's doubleton be? There were four possible low-doubletons, but six honordoubletons. So I cashed the club ace, crossed to the club king (happy to see the queen appear) and led a third round toward dummy's 10. Now I lost only two hearts, one diamond and one club.

I was feeling happy, but when I consulted the literature, I found that it is better to cash the king, then play low to dummy's 10 -- why?

I suppose this allows for West's having five clubs.