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ASTROGRAPH

Your
Birthday

WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 5, 2026

By *Eugenia Last*

Happy Birthday: You have way too much going for you to let your emotions step in and ruin your chance for happiness. You may not relish change, but with the right influence around you and the willpower to build a life that offers peace of mind and less stress, the outcome will be better than you imagined.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Refuse to let a sensitive situation explode. Listen, take your time to respond and refuse to let anyone bait you into a discussion that will lead to tension or personal or financial loss.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Pay attention in order to avoid getting into impossible situations. Take a moment and learn from experiences that you wish you could go back and change. Rely on your memory.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Enjoy what life has to offer. Don't labor over what you cannot change, but embrace what delights and excites you. You owe it to yourself to appreciate who you are and what you have to offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Set high standards and refuse to buy into someone else's lifestyle. Emotions will be difficult to disguise, so keep your distance from people you don't trust. Play your cards close to your chest and maintain control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't go overboard when it comes to your livelihood and professional affiliates. By directing your attention to pastimes and people you enjoy hanging out with, you will enrich your life and spark ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Lessons learned will be your saving grace. Use your intelligence and foresight to guide you when dealing with those who don't share your beliefs. Entitlement can lead to trouble.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Embrace change and do your best to fulfill your dreams, hopes and wishes. Your strength lies in your ability to make your own opportunities and to see them to completion.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be careful not to make a snap decision you regret. Look at the specs and figure out what's doable. Use your experience and intelligence to navigate your way forward. Don't be fooled by someone's charm.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Trust your instincts, not what others tell you to do. Change begins with you, not someone else invading your thought process and dictating the outcome. It's up to you to pay attention to detail.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Being disciplined and sticking to rules, regulations and what's in your best interest will take precedence over someone using pressure to push you in a direction that's better for them than you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Formulate a plan, research and put your heart and soul into improving your lifestyle. Refuse to let outside influences cost you or lead you in the wrong direction. Focus on doing what's best for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Money and emotions will lead to trouble. Don't buy into something you cannot afford. Avoid joint ventures or trying to keep up with someone. Life and friendships aren't races.

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BRIDGE

North08-04-26

♠ A 5 2
♥ J 9 8
♦ K Q J 10
♣ 6 5 3

West

♠ K Q J 10 9
♥ 6 3
♦ 7 6 4
♣ Q 8 2

East

♠ 8 3
♥ 10 7 5 4 2
♦ 9 8 3
♣ A 10 9

South

♠ 7 6 4
♥ A K Q
♦ A 5 2
♣ K J 7 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

SouthWestNorthEast

1 NTPass3 NTAll pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026
By *Phillip Alder*
TO PLAY ONE SUIT,
LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER

Jason Fried, the founder and CEO of Basecamp (formerly known as 37signals), said, "Make decisions when you have a lot of information to make the decision. Not when you have to guess about what the decision is going to be or use data that doesn't exist yet."

We are looking at the Rule of Seven, which tells a no-trump declarer how long to hold up his only stopper in the suit that the opponents have led. In today's deal, North and South have six spades. Subtracting six from seven tells South to hold up his spade ace at trick one, but to take the second trick. However, is that the right play here?

When you open in no-trump, do not worry — too much! — about an unstopped suit. Here, if South opens one club and West passes (let us assume), North

would respond one diamond. What would South do next? He would have no accurate rebid.

South starts with eight top tricks: one spade, three hearts and four diamonds. He needs one club trick to get home. But should he lead low to his jack or to his king? He does not have enough data to answer the question.

South needs to know how the spade suit is splitting. So he should hold up twice and take the third round. Here, declarer learns that West started with five spades. If West also holds the club ace, the contract cannot be made -- South will lose one club and four spades. So declarer must play a club to his king, hoping for the best.

If it transpires that West has only four spades, South will have to guess the clubs. Wish him good luck -- unless you are East or West.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“DLWBNQM DH CDYR, CASW IYNXPB
KM TDV NB YMSUNGNXP WASW WAM
BLX NB BANXNXP. NW BDLXQB S
UNWWUM WYNWM, ILW NW ’B XDW.”
— TDX IDX TDJN

Previous Solution: “That’s the nature of the work, to truly embody and be different people ... people thought I was being myself.” — Cynthia Erivo

TODAY’S CLUE: *H equals V*

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Executor:
Carl R. Martin
203 Geesey Road
Indiana, PA 15701

Executor:
John W. Martin
209 Geesey Road
Indiana, PA 15701

7/28,8/4,8/11

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The Armstrong-Indiana-Clari-on Drug and Alcohol Commis-sion Board of Directors will meet at the Shelocta Office located at 10829 US Route 422, Shelocta, PA on Tues-day, August 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The public is welcome to attend all meetings. Reason-able accommodations will be made to accommodate those with disabilities. Please notify the Commission by close of business on Friday, August 14, 2026, at 724-354-2746 if accommodations will be needed.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Punch
4 Jumble
8 Fret
12 Totality
13 Spoken
14 “Daddy Day —”
15 “Nice to meet —!”
16 Press
17 Reddish-brown
18 Prophets
20 Fills with joy
22 Coach
23 Layover
24 Hazelnut
27 Eagle’s nest
31 Bother
32 Horse’s foot
34 Stat. in baseball
35 Author — Tolstoy
36 Go for the —
37 — excellence
38 Big spoon
40 Things to consume

43 Merit
45 Luau fare
46 “— the Ides of March”
49 Unskilled writers
52 Designer — Cassini
53 — salmon
56 Singer — DiFranco
57 Stead
58 Soon
59 Weight measure
60 Miami- — County
61 Bishop of Rome
62 Female sheep

DOWN

1 Birds
2 Sunscreen ingredient
3 Aristocrat (2 wds.)
4 Puddinglike dessert
5 Blunder
6 Droop
7 Winter weather

8 Scratch
9 Tense
10 Irish Gaelic
11 Moistens
19 Massage
21 Bread unit
23 Pilfered
24 Tumble
25 Notion
26 Between pi and sigma
28 Make a copy
29 “Dies —”
30 Corn spikes
33 Unmatched
36 Wheel with teeth

39 “A — of Their Own”
41 Apple mobile device
42 Snake
44 Summarize
46 Fearless
47 “Essays of —”
48 Garden invader
50 Recognize
51 — qua non
54 Artist Yoko —
55 A —, skip and a jump

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