# Graciousness marks their play

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no wonder that a binding match would happen, and now on the near eve of their 50th wedding an-niversary, they have much to re-flect upon with joy and to contem-

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Of course, there were some pressures all young married couples have to manage. But those moments were tempered by the timely arrival of Jeffrey, Michael and Shells, who have slaways been the pride of their mother's and dad's eye.

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The hearth in Southfield has perpetually remained a warm home for the London family and agathering place for many friendly people of all ages. Naturally, the family has been extended, and today it includes four full-fledged grandchildren who, as our forefathers have taught us, are the strength of our future and the insurance of good things to come.

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But none of the history of the wondrous London family would appear here if it weren't for the

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fact that Annette and Loon are two of the duplicate world's most gracious players. It all got started at the time they were currying each other's favor, shortly after the 50-years ago big war.

In the years since, bridge has been a meinestey of their meny diversions. As Annette says, "We play for the enjoyment, the rewards of attainment and the meny fine people we've contended against. Certainly, our old friends Linds and Roy Helfman, who now live in Las Vegas, were two, but we will always fondly remember Martha Hooberman's Roy. They were a delight and pleasure at the table."

Both Annette and Leon are life masters, a plateau of excellence they achieved some years ago. They were soldom seen at our daytime games, which seemed atrange because for those of our age that is the popular time to play.

I ested Leon why, "Well, I'm still trying to make a name for myself as a CPA, and I'll tell you a sceret about Annotte. Sho spends a great deal of time with her 25-year toy — sculpturing, and that has gained for her recognition and a tremendous sense of accomplishment. Then, we still go cruising, and just for the fun of finding new places, we do a lot of sightseeing. That limits our play to three or four evening games a month so we're getting a little rusty."

If rust can be an embellishment, here's an example of their techniques.

A word about the Londons' splendid bidding. After passing, Leon's queue bid of spades said, "Partner, I have a fine hand in support of hearts." Aggressive Annette, realizing there may be more than game, showed some kind of excellent club holding on her way to a 10-trick contract. Leon did likewise in diamonds. That was enough for declarer to investigate partner's aces. Six diamonds said, "Partner, I have a unable void and one other ace."

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West got of to a victous, the contract of the transparent of the said continuing the hearts and the spade trick (4), the crucial club play from dummy, Belleving the opening bidder to hold the king, she finessed the nine, won by west

isck, who got out with his diamond jack and won by dummy's king.

Again, a small club, and the moment of terminality was at hand when she played her queen over East's 10. But that accomplishment wear't the end. She still needed the out clubs three'd here to use dummy's fourth for the losing diamond pitch. Annette found that so, and with it went Lom's enthusiastic eulogy for a hand well bid and played.

## Alzheimer's forum to assist caregivers

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keynote speaker Jitka Zgola, oc-cupational therspist and speaker, who will discuss aspects of the book "Doing Things," an activi-ties guide for caregivers of pa-tients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

Sterling Heights reisdent and Alzheimer's patient Tim Brennan will discuss his personal struggle with Alzheimer's disease and the challenges and emotional needs of patients and their families.

Patricia Pfautz, director of Al-zheimer's FamilyCare, a free ser-vice to help families adheren-physical, emotional and inancial challenges of caring for Al-zheimer's patients, will provide an overview of the program.

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# Dad had to pay for 800 calls

Q. I just paid my father's telephone bill and did I get a shock. There were charges for several of the 800 numbers he called. I thought they were all oil free. Dad was calling these thon, which is about the only thing that interest him now, and he was charged for the calls. Other people should be warned.

A. According to the Michigan Public Service Commission, some 800 numbers are not free. While most 800 numbers are toll free, some older adult services, sportia information lines and directory assistance numbers are charging for the calls. The commission, while attempting to stop these deceptive practices, suggests the following:

28 When you place an 800 number call, listen for an explanation of charges. If you find there are charges, hang up, You will not be charged.

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If, at the beginning of your 800 call, you are asked to punch in a personal identification number, you will probably be charged for the call. Some companies will assign an identification number will assign an identification number you at the beginning of the call.

You should check your telephone bill carefully each menth to make certain that the 800 numbers you are calling are, in fact, toll free. You then will have to cide whether or not to call these numbers again and if the charges are worth the information received.

Q. My aunt and uncle are in a nursing home in South Caroli-na. All of their family lives here. We want to bring them to Michigan, but there is no way that they could get here by car, nor could any of us care for them on the trip up. Have you any suggestion on how to get them here?

A. There are several ways of transporting older, frail people from one state to another. First, there are ambulance companies that will drive to whatever destination you designate, but they might not be such a good idea on a long trip and it is costly. Another or suggestion is to look into an air ambulance. This, too, will be costly but quicker. Both land and air ambulances are listed in the

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Yellow Pages of your telephone directory. A third idea, and it depends on the condition of your aunt and uncle, is to contact a commercial sirline and investigate its policies. If it can accommodate your relatives, you could hire a nursing assistant to fly here would, of course, have to pay that air fare and any other expenses the nursing personnel could incur.

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The South Carolina nursing home should be able to help you make the accommodations you

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