

PANMEN MUST LEARN TO OBEY RULES

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THE EDITOR: It seems to be part of the annual ritual of the steelband movement in Trinidad and Tobago to bring shame and disgrace upon itself by bickering and fussing over the few crumbs that are offered it as Panorama prizes.

Every year without fail we can expect to witness the tantrums of bad losers who feel that theirs is the right to a place among the semi-finalists. Indeed members of some bands feel that their name is such that they just can not be left out and they refuse to accept that their selection among the semi-finalists is (and should be) a function of how well they perform.

Many of the members of some of these big bands miss entire practice sessions through their own fault and are poorly prepared on preliminaries day, yet expect the judges to select their band among the semi-finalists on the basis of the past performances of the band. On the other hand, some of the smaller and relatively unknown bands work extra hard to prepare themselves for the big day and indeed surpass their better known rivals in skill, dexterity and arrangement.

The annual pampering of these childish steelbandmen by the judges must stop if judges and judging are to mean anything. In future judges must be firm and let the panmen know that their

decisions are final. Heads of bands, will be provided with a list of the names of the bands, points scored under the different headings and an aggregate of points.

No protests against judg-

ing should be entertained and judges should not be available for interview by panmen.

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IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY. . . March 14.

While you look forward to brighter and more peaceful days you must create within your thoughts an indelible picture of your wants and must open your heart to allow gifts to flow in. Not indeed an unhappy March but somewhat variable, for as the little tricks of tensions disappear gradually, you will enjoy some successes as you re-enter your old favourite environment.

What you have missed immediately before your birthday will be returned two-fold but in a different light. Fortune for you tempts, sometimes dodging but eventually come headlong in rapid spurts from surprising directions. You must mark this angle of good luck come June, with a gift to the Godfather of it all. In banishing the sensitive side to your nature, you will be creating a much needed outlet for your emotional feelings. There are signs of a pledge of some sort to be entered into or some deep satisfaction through friends which brings happiness.

An outstanding gift on which you must capitalise, is the art of improving or implementing with success the plans of others. Your judgment is extremely good, but you must be careful about going to extremes in sharing advice. What enhances your personality and makes you the ideal friend is your method of allowing your right hand to know what your left hand is doing.

YOUR BEST DAYS OF ANY WEEK. . . Mondays and Thursdays.

YOUR BEST DATES OF ANY MONTH. . . 5, 6, 8, 11, 18, 27.

YOUR BEST MONTHS. . . May, June, July and September.

YOUR LUCK NUMBERS. . . one, six and nine.