

DeYoung: No matter how much players are paid, baseball entertains

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 have benefited if the union had disbanded. I am sure few people believe Jordan and Ewing need more money.

Alonzo Mourning was recently in the news because the poor guy had to leave Charlotte because they were not being fair to him. They only offered him \$10 million a season, and he thinks he is worth \$13 million. I somehow doubt that extra \$3 million will make a big difference in his life.

I am sure that for Zo, it represents respect. When a player believes that he is one of the best in the league, he wants to be paid a lot of money. I can understand that.

But the guy begged to be traded from a team that had so much potential with players

like Larry Johnson and Mugsy Bogues to a team like the Miami Heat, a team that had no big names and few hopes of being a championship team in the next millennium. If I were Zo, I would rather have a big World Championship ring than an extra \$3 million a year.

Back to baseball. Back to those rotten and greedy major leaguers. Back to people who went on strike because they did not like the salary cap the owners were trying to implement.

Of course the players didn't like it. Why should they?

The only thing that would change if baseball had a salary cap would be that the fans' money would go to the owners, not to the players — the ones who actually play the game and provide the entertainment. The

owners wouldn't lower ticket prices because they claim they are losing money and that they have to have salary caps in order to not go bankrupt. But owners who really want to win find a way to get around the cap — just look at Jerry Jones and the Dallas Cowboys.

Do you really think they had an extra \$35 million sitting around, waiting for someone to give it to? And then Deion Sanders just happened to come along?

Jones rearranged salaries and used bonuses to lure Sanders to Dallas. Even if major league baseball did get a salary cap, it wouldn't mean less money for the players, it would only mean more tricks for general managers and owners to perform.

If money and salaries are

such a concern to owners, then they should all just sell their teams.

Hey, I've got a couple hundred dollars, won't that buy me the San Diego Padres?

There are so many players who simply love to play the game. Ryne Sandberg is coming back to baseball after a year and a half off, not because he needs money but because he missed the game. Cal Ripken has played every game for over thirteen years and I don't think it's because he's being paid by the hour.

The bottom line is that professional sports, including baseball, are part of the entertainment industry. People go to the games and watch them on television because it is fun.

These men are paid to go out and perform eight months out of

the year. I don't see anyone putting "striking fan" signs on seats at the movie theaters where Jim Carrey's latest movie is playing, even though he got paid somewhere around \$20 million for working on it for six weeks.

True, baseball doesn't start up again for another five months. And true, they still do not have a contract with the league.

But don't let the cynics make you think that the players are all money-hungry jerks, because they are not. And even if they are, it doesn't matter because baseball will always be baseball, no matter how much the players are being paid.

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 (March 21 to April 19)
 Timing is everything for you, ensuring that everything you wish falls properly into place. Some make plans for a future trip. Business breakthroughs are exciting.

TAURUS
 (April 20 to May 20)
 It's best to expect the unexpected in terms of business developments. What transpires, though, is in your favor. In the evening, romance is a plus.

GEMINI
 (May 21 to June 20)
 Assert yourself and take a hands-on approach on the job. Something new and exciting takes place, causing you to explore a new area of study. Friends are particularly helpful.

CANCER
 (June 21 to July 22)
 You are personality-plus in business, and much success can be achieved. That new person you meet will prove to be influential.

LEO
 (July 23 to Aug. 22)
 You're making new career plans that look good for future gains. However, don't ignore what's currently on your schedule. Spend the evening catching up with loved ones.

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
 The key to getting what you aspire for is self-discipline and determination. You've been a bit lackadaisical of late and need to take steps to correct that. Jealousy doesn't become you in love.

LIBRA
 (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
 Stop putting off that project you've been dreading. Sometimes, you just have to plunge right in, and now is the time. As a result, business and financial gains are achieved.

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
 You need to break out of your shell a bit and socialize more. If you do, you realize that others are really on your side and are willing to pitch in on certain projects.

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
 You can make new friends if on the road. Singles can turn this into a romantic opportunity. A problem at home reaches a happy resolution this weekend.

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
 Keep your ears open for important financial news that will come your way. Finally, you can see the light at the end of the tunnel where work is concerned.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
 Don't be afraid to call in a favor and take advantage of an influential friend. Travel plans are favored for both business and pleasure.

PISCES
 (Feb. 19 to March 20)
 It seems people are willing to just throw money at you. However, those so-called deals being offered by certain credit card companies should be scrutinized carefully.

YOU BORN TODAY are extroverted, totally uninhibited, and completely comfortable when in the spotlight. It seems no matter where you are or what you do, you are the center of attention. Some underestimate you and take this boisterous personality as a sign that you're not bright. However, your intelligence surpasses most people you'll meet. While show business is heavily favored for you, just about any field in which you get involved proves successful because of your dynamism.

Birthdate of: McLean Stevenson, actor; Rosemary DeCamp, actress; Brian Keith, actor.

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