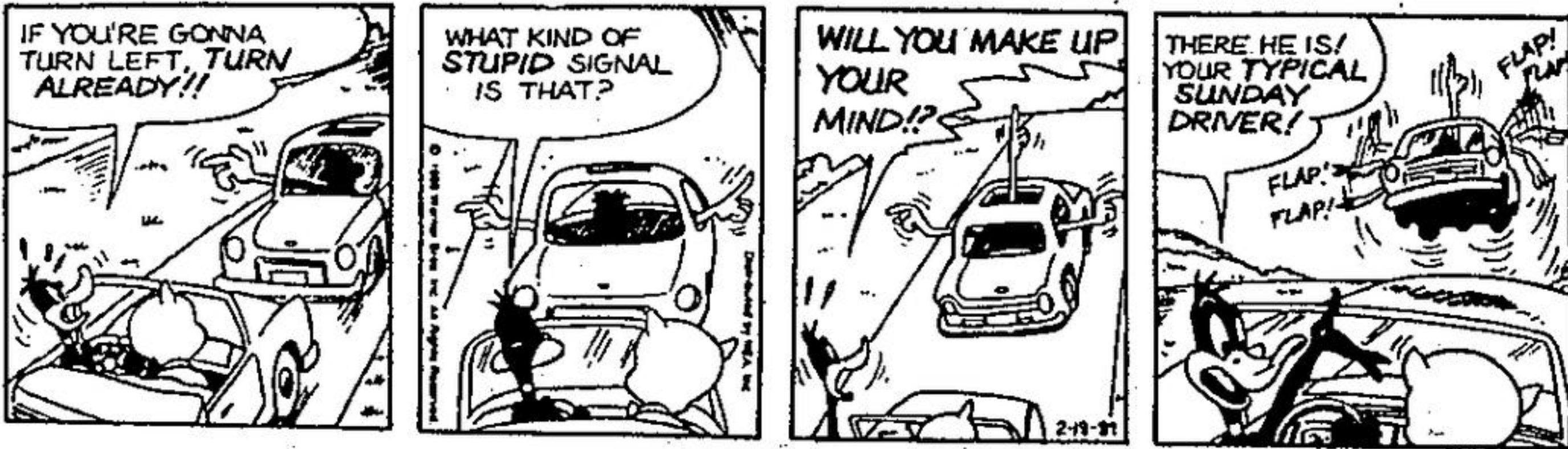


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Your Birthday

Feb. 16, 1989

Two projects that have been slow in developing could begin to yield the types of results for which you've been hoping in the year ahead. Instead of quitting, this is the time to redouble your efforts. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** This can be a very productive day for you, provided you are well organized and methodical. If you attempt to do things in a piecemeal fashion, you won't be happy with the results. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 81428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Try to avoid a group of acquaintances today that make you feel more like an outsider than a member. You need them far less than they need you. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Try not to aggravate loved ones today by demanding too much of them. A few kind words will be more effective than a barrage of harsh directives. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** When making critical evaluations today let your logic override your emotions and feelings. If you think with your ego instead of your head, your judgments are apt to be erroneous. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Play your hunches today in situations that could be meaningful to you in material way. Your instincts are well tuned and they could help you spot advantages that your observations overlook. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Others aren't likely to be too cooperative with you today if they sense you are inclined to be too self-serving. This condition can be reversed, however, if you are motivated to share. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Don't brood about a wrong you feel was recently done to you by another. If you can't shake it, bring it out into the open today so that it can be resolved collectively. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Conditions could be a trifle testy today where your social involvements are concerned. Try to ignore minor infractions that displease you, so that small waves don't grow into a tidal force. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** There are indications today that you might be a bit too competitive for your own good. Subdue inclinations to challenge others over matters where a victory could be meaningless. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** If you don't have something nice to say about others today, it's best you keep your opinions to yourself, especially when talking to a person you know from experience who'll repeat everything you'll say. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** An investment that was reasonably successful for someone you know might not work out as well for you. Before you take the plunge, it's best to get more expert advice. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Even though you may be convinced your ideas are better than your mate's today, it's best to be flexible. You could be on the right track, but your conceptions may also have some flaws.

NORTH 2-15-89			
♦ Q J 10 5			
♦ 8 7			
♦ Q 6 4 3			
♦ A Q 4			
WEST		EAST	
♦ 7 3		♦ 9 8	
♦ Q J 9 2		♦ K 6 5 4 3	
♦ J 7 5		♦ K 9 8 2	
♦ J 10 9 7		♦ 3 2	
SOUTH			
♦ A K 6 4 2			
♦ A 10			
♦ A 10			
♦ K 8 6 5			
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: South			
West	North	East	South
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	6 ♦
Opening lead: ♥ Q			

Getting a line on a missing king

By James Jacoby

The standard lead from Q-J-10 or Q-J-9 or even Q-J-x is the queen. That information can help the defenders to do the right thing, but it can also help the declarer to make the right deductions in the play of the hand.

In today's deal South drove to slam after partner had made a limit jump raise, showing 10-12 points in support of spades. West led the queen of hearts. Declarer won, drew two rounds of trumps and then played the club suit, hoping that it would divide 3-3. If clubs did split, declarer could pitch a heart from dummy and ruff his losing heart. When they did not split, he had no recourse but to ruff out the last club and then get off lead with a heart. West won the jack of hearts and led a low diamond. What is declarer's proper play at this point?

One thing is certain. If the king of diamonds were in the West hand, East would certainly have won the king of hearts so that he could safely lead a diamond. The fact that East did allow his partner to win the jack of hearts means he must have the diamond king. He may also have the jack, which means declarer is just plain out of luck, but declarer's correct play is low from dummy in the hope that West was forced to lead away from the jack of diamonds.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: *F equals E.*

' P ' B H T Q N P C J F T E Q R G T D Z T
O T Q D Z T X P G D S S J S S U . P
Z Q D T H S C U S C O Z T C P D ' G C S D
X Q P C P C J . - J X S R E Z S B Q X K .

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SOLUTION: "I'm leaving because the weather is too good." - Groucho Marx. Hate London when it's not raining.