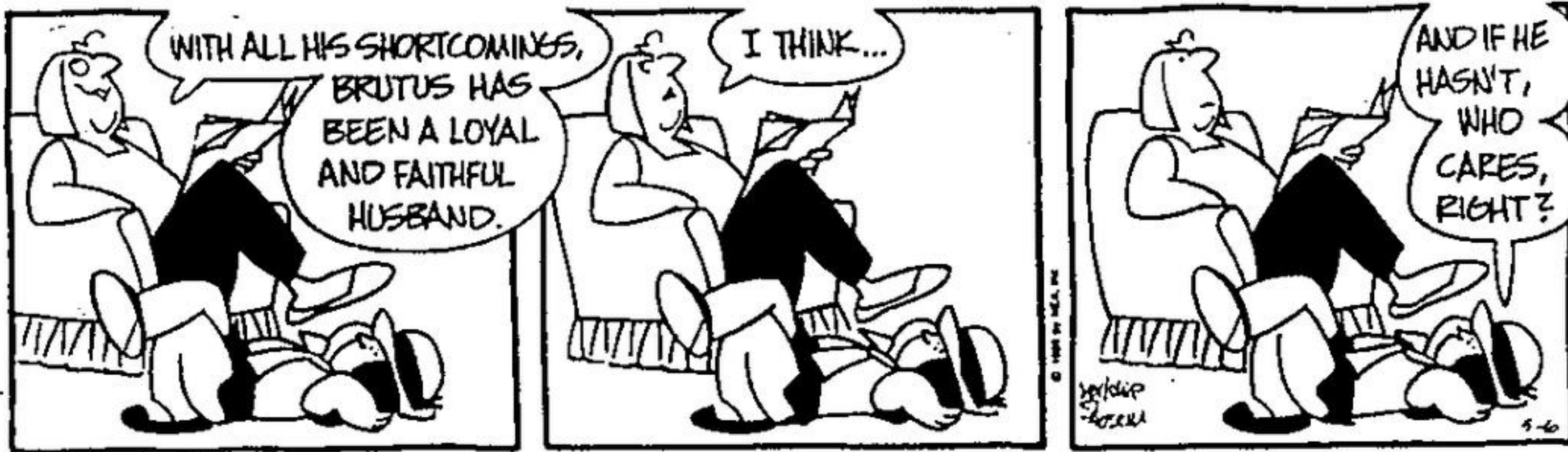
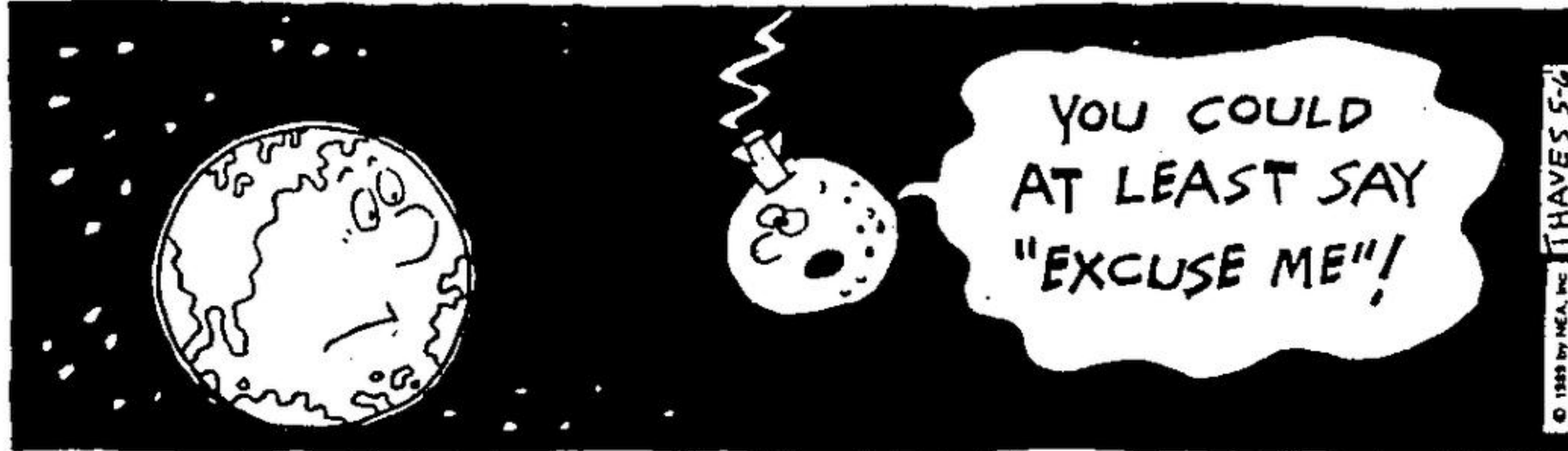


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Your Birthday



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ASTRO-GRAPH

A friend of long standing who is either older than you in age or experience will prove to be an ally of enormous importance in the year ahead. This person will be a key factor in furthering your personal ambitions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you are alert today, you should be able to spot opportunities others may overlook, because they'll not recognize their potential as you will. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Protect the interests of people for whom you feel responsible today. No one is likely to try any shenanigans if they know you're the one who is minding the store.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take time to check the newspapers or any of your other reliable sources today if you have a need for something special for your household. You're likely to find what you want at an affordable price.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to keep your schedule as flexible as possible today so that you can make alterations in your plans if something more appealing suddenly comes up. Spur-of-the-moment happenings should be fun.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be a good listener today, especially when talking to people whose career or work parallels yours. Some of the ideas that have proven to be successful for them could be applicable in your case.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Meet your challenges head-on today and you're likely to find they're not nearly as difficult as your vivid imagination has led you to believe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Companions will look out for your needs today, but only up to a certain point. It's best you rely on your own capabilities instead of leaning on others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Out of the goodness of your heart you may do something for another today without expecting anything in return. However, owing to unique circumstances, you might be the one who profits the most.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might have some frustrations to contend with today, but don't let this disturb you, because the clouds should all have silver linings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Enterprises to which you devote your personal touch should work out rather successfully today. However, be sure to let your peers have a say as well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) There's a possibility you might not have as much control as you'd like over your involvements today. Keep cool and everything will work out splendidly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Friends may be talking behind your back today and it's too bad you can't eavesdrop. The comments they're likely to make would give your ego a big boost.

BRIDGE



JAMES JACOBY

NORTH 4-13-89			
♦ A K 4 2			
♥ A K 7 4			
♠ A 7 3			
♣ A K			
WEST	EAST		
♦ 9 5	♦ Q J 5 3	♥ 10 8 2	
♦ Q J 10 8 4 2	♦ K 9 6	♠ 9 8 6	
♦ J 7 4 2			
SOUTH			
♦ 10 9 8 7 6			
♥ Q 6 3			
♠ 5			
♣ Q 10 5 3			
Vulnerable: North-South			
Dealer: North			
West	North	East	South
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead: ♦ Q			

It's not as bad as it looks

By James Jacoby

If you fear that when partner opens three no-trump, he may have seven winners in a solid minor suit and scattered stoppers in the other suits, it's good to have a specific agreement as to what the bid means. South assumed North held a balanced 24-25 high-card points and hoped he would be playing in at least a 5-3 spade fit when he bid four spades. The raise to five spades guaranteed four-card support, maximum points and controls in all the suits. So it was a decent gamble for South to bid six.

After dummy's diamond ace won, the play of the ace of spades told declarer that slam would require careful play and some fortunate distribution in the off-suits. Declarer ruffed a diamond, played dummy's A-K of clubs and ruffed another diamond. Next a club was ruffed in dummy. So far, so good, since East had to follow to all suits led. Declarer now played out the Q-K-A of hearts, ending in dummy. Once again, East had to follow three times. The stage was now set. When declarer led dummy's fourth heart, East was pinned. If he ruffed in with a spade honor, South would shed a club and East would be endplayed, forced to lead from the honor-small in trumps. If he failed to ruff with a high honor, declarer would simply have 12 tricks.

Lesson: A bad trump split does not always spell defeat. Careful play can still result in an end position favorable to declarer, if he keeps his wits about him.

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. © 1989, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN

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: I equals K.

Z W H D H O Y E A E

A K Y D I A K Z X H H B

D Z Z N A K Z O A H

A Z R R A K Z O A K G A

A K Z T G B Z X H H B

X Z A Z B N B S W I Z B

SOLUTION: "Economists think the poor need them to tell them that they are poor." — Peter Drucker.