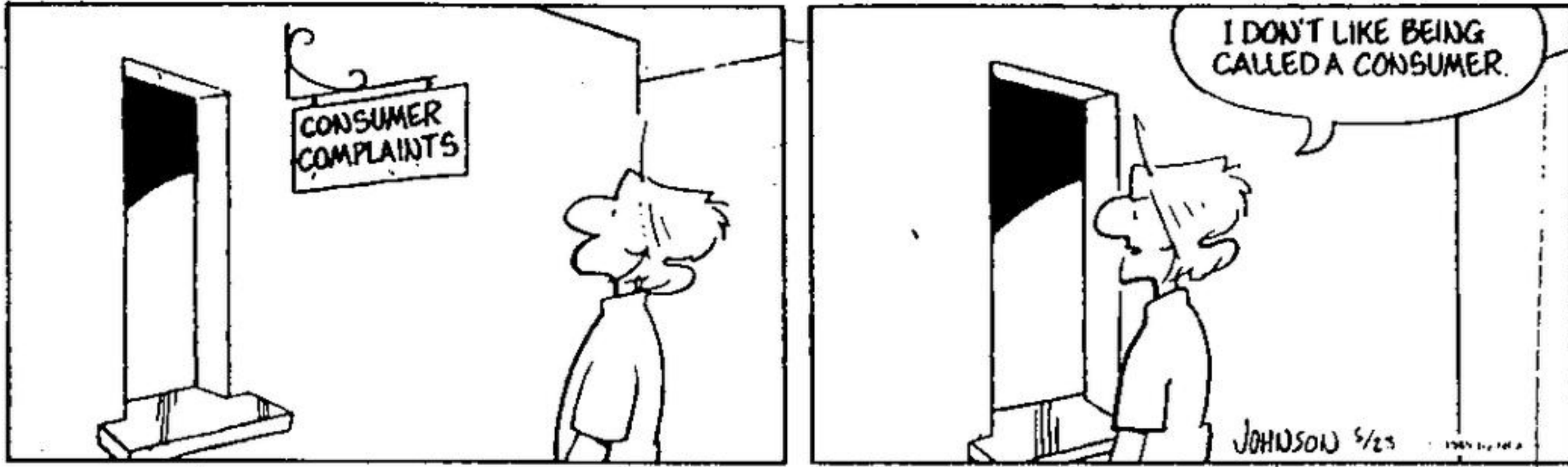
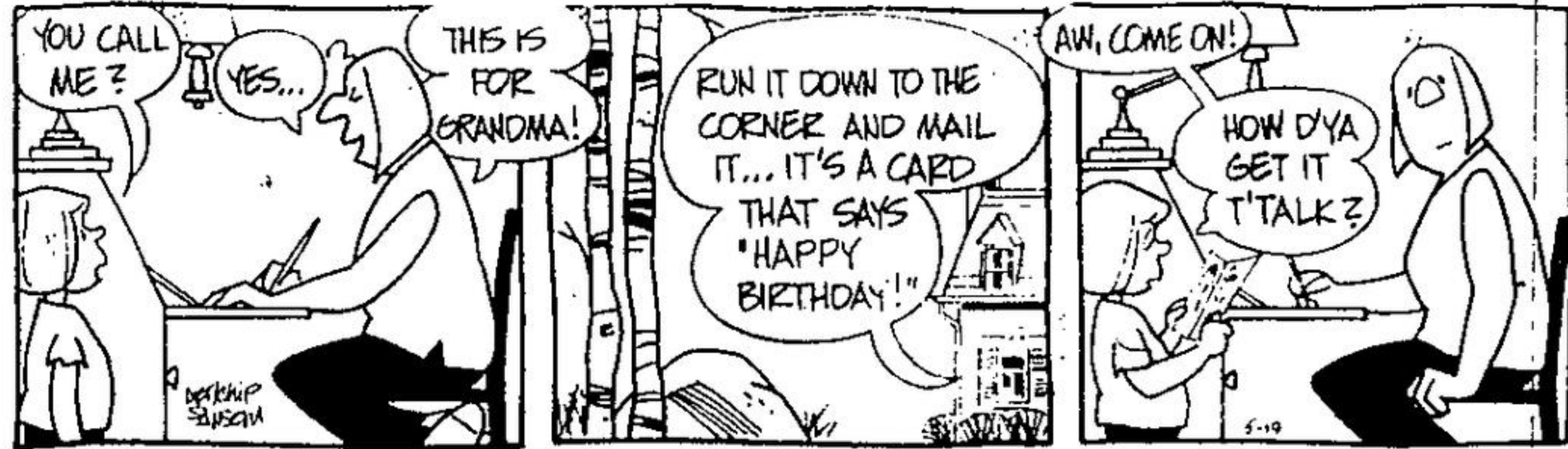


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## Your Birthday

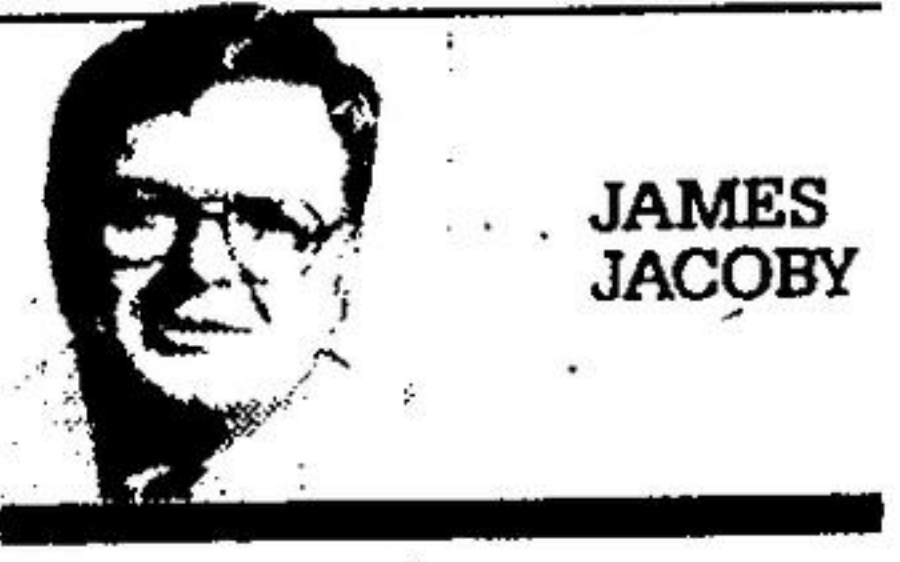
## Making headlines

### ASTRO-GRAPH

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JAMES JACOBY

Shared enterprises represent a promising area for you in the year ahead, especially if you're involved in ventures where you have gained a lot of practical experience.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your strong suit again today is any joint venture situation where you share something in common with others. This area has profitable potential. Gemini, 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.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** A partnership arrangement should work out well for you today, provided your ally is able to do things which you can't. It's the other person's turn to make the difference.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You are likely to be in more of an industrious mood today than a gregarious one. Doing something productive will give you a bigger charge than frivolously wasting time.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Business and pleasure can make a compatible mix today if they are blended in proper proportion. Be responsible and serious when necessary, but also be a free spirit when the work is over.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** There's a possibility you may be a bit of a sluggish starter again today, but there are also impressive indications that you'll be a strong finisher. Don't be fearful of challenges.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** This is one of those days when you are apt to feel extremely restless if you're anchored in one spot too long. Plan your schedule so that you have mobility and freedom of action.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You are presently in a cycle where your possibilities for financial growth are better than usual. Be sure to peek into all of your windows of opportunity.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Your productivity and effectiveness can be considerably enhanced today by delegating key assignments to competent aides to utilize your executive abilities to their fullest.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** It's essential today that you have adequate time to yourself so that you can take care of your most urgent responsibilities and personal affairs.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** You have recently entered a cycle that should elevate your hopes and expectations. Think and act like a winner and don't be discouraged by minor, negative influences.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Everyone is appreciative of compliments, but they are apt to be of special significance to you today. It will be your way of knowing others are aware of your achievements.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Although you'll take your involvement seriously today, you are still likely to be philosophical regarding their outcome. Your easy, secure attitude will make what you have to do simpler.

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This deal would be dull if declarer had made all the tricks with a simple club finesse. But a crisscross squeeze? That makes headlines. Forget that an opening spade lead would be best for the defense — our West led the diamond six. Even so, declarer took his approach from the defensive signaling.

Declarer played jack from dummy and won East's queen with the ace. He played jack of hearts, finessing, and then a heart to dummy's queen, followed by the ace. East discarded the spade nine and the club nine, apparently showing strength in both suits. Declarer believed him. He cashed the heart 10, came to his hand with the diamond king and played his last heart, throwing away dummy's queen of clubs. He then played three more diamonds, discarding his two small spades. That left South with the spade ace and the J-7 of clubs; dummy had Q-5 of spades and the club ace. And what would you have East hold? If East blanked the spade king, declarer would play to his spade ace and return to dummy's club ace to cash the good spade queen. If East unguarded the club king, declarer would play the club ace and come to his hand with the spade ace for the good club jack.

What if East had simply played low cards in both black suits early? Probably South would simply have taken a club finesse to make only 12 tricks. But note that East might have flagged the club nine without holding the king. That type of deception is part of the game.

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.

NORTH 5-10-89	
♦ Q 5	
♥ A Q 10 3	
♦ J 10 8 5 2	
♣ A Q	
WEST	EAST
♦ 10 3 2	♦ K J 9 6 4
♥ K 9 4	♥ 8
♦ 9 7 6	♦ Q 4
♣ 10 8 5 3	♣ K 9 6 4 2
SOUTH	
♦ A 8 7	
♥ J 7 6 5 2	
♦ A K 3	
♣ J 7	
Vulnerable: East-West	
Dealer: South	
South 1♥	West Pass
4♥	North 3♥
	East Pass
	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ 6	

## 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: M equals K.

ZSY ZIVLCTY GHZS ZSY  
 GVITA HN ZSPZ ZSY NZLOHA  
 PIY KVKMNLIIY PRA ZSY  
 HRZVTTHXRZ QLT VQ  
 AVL CZ. — CYIZIPRA ILMNYTT.

SOLUTION: "The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent full of doubt." — Bertrand Russell.