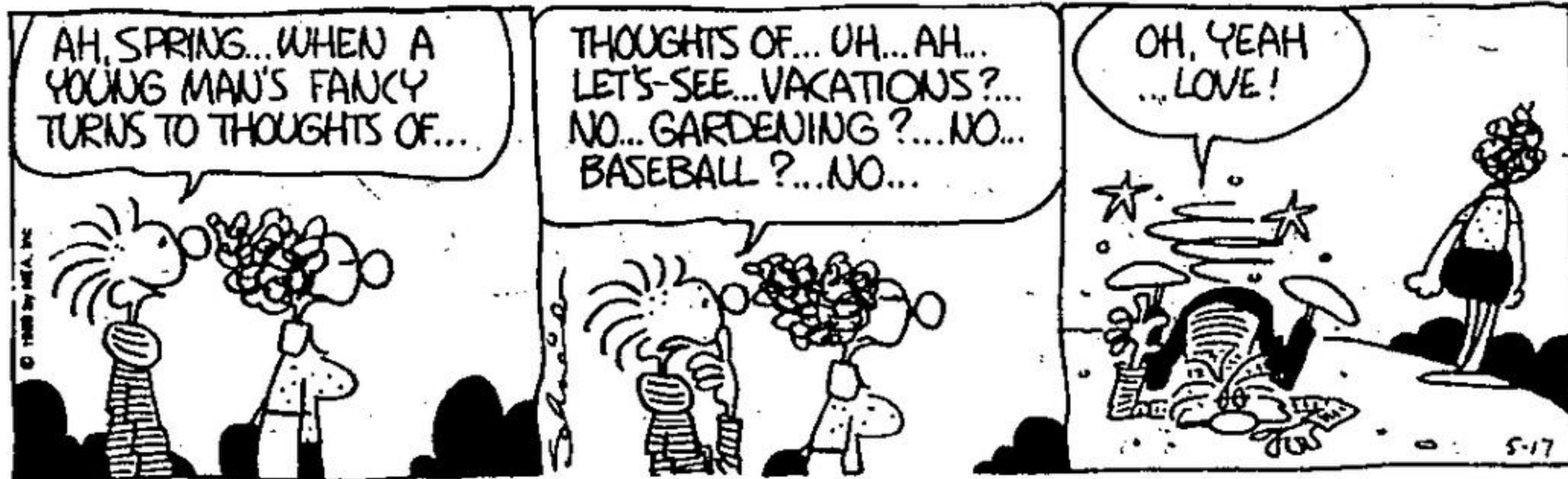


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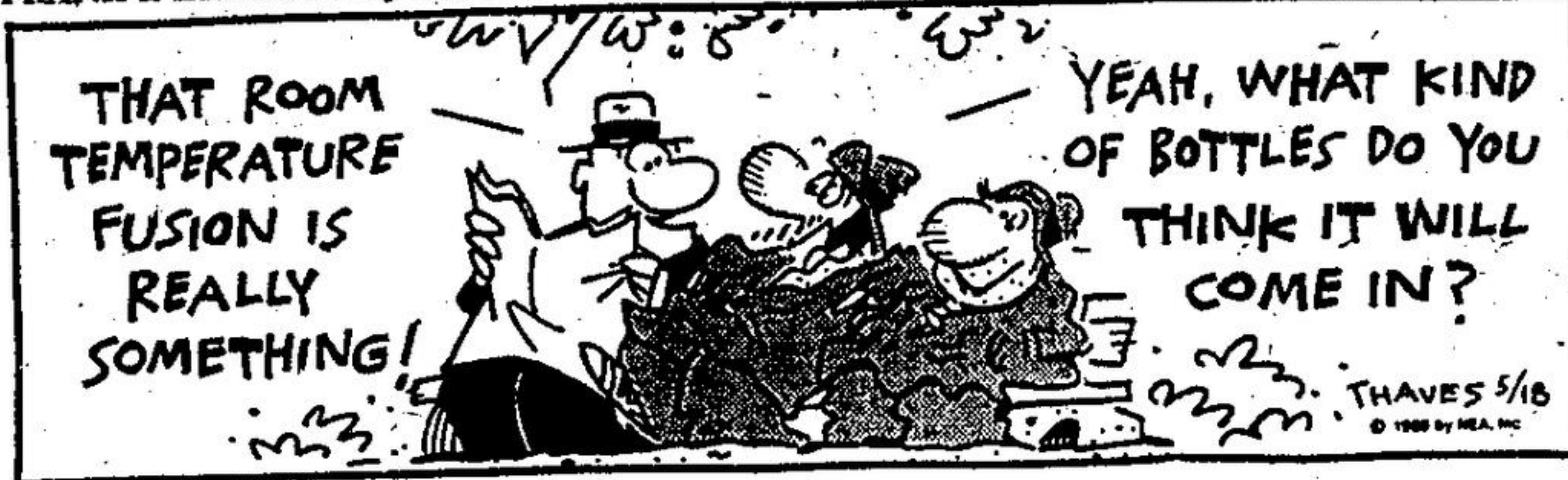
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ASTRO-GRAPH **BRIDGE**

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Your Birthday
June 21, 1989

In the year ahead you may become involved in a new enterprise with an individual whose talents and traits you truly respect. It looks like you will gain intellectually as well as materially from this alliance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Carelessness on your part in filing records of your business or commercial transactions could result in a future problem. Be extra mindful of these details today. Cancer, 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.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't let a hot-headed associate upset you today and goad you into a confrontation. Arguments won't resolve anything, so walk away and let the other be the one who looks bad in the eyes of others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's best to temporarily postpone a distasteful chore you resent doing than to undertake it with a poor attitude. Chances are you'll just mess things up for yourself and others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An aggressive acquaintance could spoil the fun for everyone today. If you have to deal with a character of this ilk, don't include this person in your social arrangements.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If the outside world doesn't treat you royally today, don't come home and take your anger out on innocent family members. It's not their fault you were not given the red carpet treatment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Make suggestions to companions today, but just be careful that you don't do so too forcefully. You can encourage a pal to think, but you shouldn't make him blink.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Beware of a joint venture today that places the greater burden on you either physically or financially. It won't work if the load isn't distributed equally.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Being self-sufficient is an admirable quality, but guard against carrying it to extremes today, especially in situations that call for harmony and teamwork.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This could be a rather demanding day for you and if you do not take proper charge of your duties and responsibilities, they might end up taking charge of you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to spend your leisure time today in the company of people you feel very comfortable with instead of those who make you feel competitive. Upmanship games won't be fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Possibilities for problems on the domestic front are a bit higher than usual today. If some type of incident does occur, keep calm and don't let your temper gain the upper hand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In your haste to get things done today, you might end up running around in circles. Take time to organize your activities if you hope to accomplish your purposes in a rational manner.

NORTH 6-20-89
♦ J 10 4
♦ 10 7 2
♦ A J 9
♦ A K 7 2

WEST
♦ Q
♦ A K J 8 5
♦ Q 6 4 3
♦ 9 5 4

EAST
♦ A 5 3
♦ 9
♦ K 10 8 7 5 2
♦ Q J 10

SOUTH
♦ K 9 8 7 6 2
♦ Q 6 4 3
♦ ---
♦ 8 6 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
1♦	2♥	1♠	1♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♣	All pass		

Opening lead: ♥ K

Placing missing honors

I know it's a shocker to many of you that East and West sold out to three spades when they could bid and make four diamonds. But mistakes abound in bridge. Since the declarer in three spades was our old friend Willy Nilly, East and West rightly thought they might get a plus score by defending if there was any way for Willy to go set.

Sure enough, West started by playing K-A and a third heart, ruffed by East. Back came the queen of clubs. Declarer won the king in dummy and led the spade jack. When East played low, so did declarer. West won the queen of spades, and East still had to make the trump ace, so Willy fulfilled the expectations of his opponents by failing to make his contract. Why should he have done better?

For starters, if the layout of the opposing trump honors is different, with the spade ace in the West hand and the queen with East, declarer cannot make his contract regardless of the guess in the trump suit. West will win the trump ace and give East a ruff with the queen of spades. That still leaves the possibility that East may have originally held all the outstanding trumps. But if that is the case, West would be void in spades and would very likely compete further to four diamonds. If Willy places West with a spade honor, he should assume it is the queen and go right up with the king of trumps, since he cannot otherwise make the contract.

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

R D Z R O E Z T
R V V Z O D X Z D Z T Q Y D S ;
Q N N Q Z O R Q D Z J J
K E Z T Z E Y X
Y Q V J P Z Q O Z X D N F X .
— E Z Q T S R B R H X .

SOLUTION: "A teacher affects eternity; no one can tell where his influence stops." — Henry Adams.