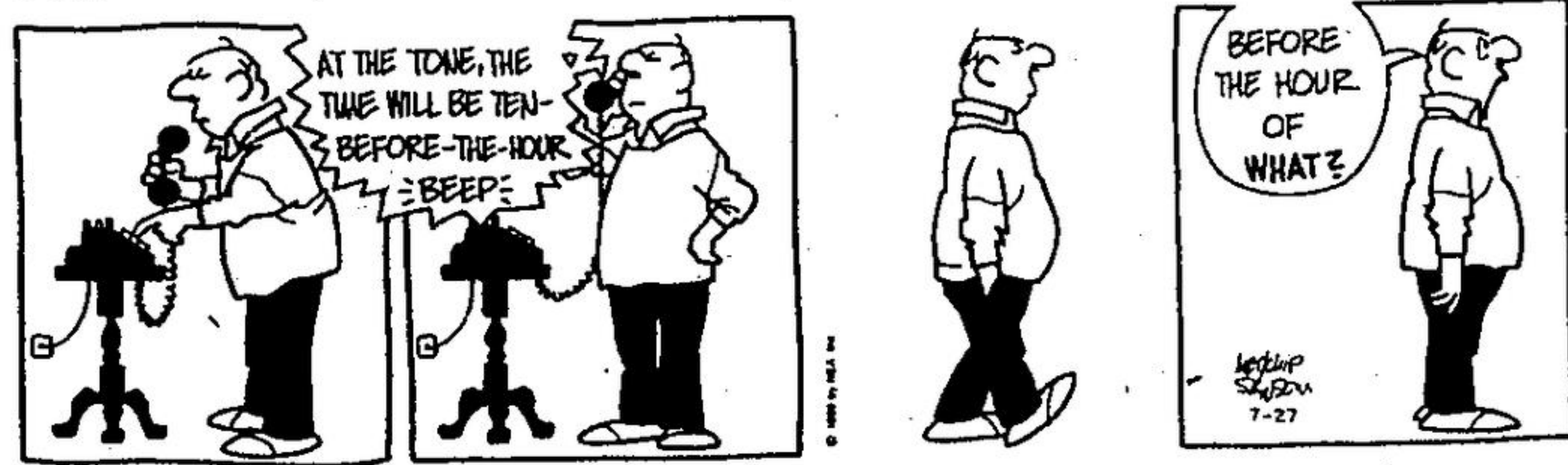


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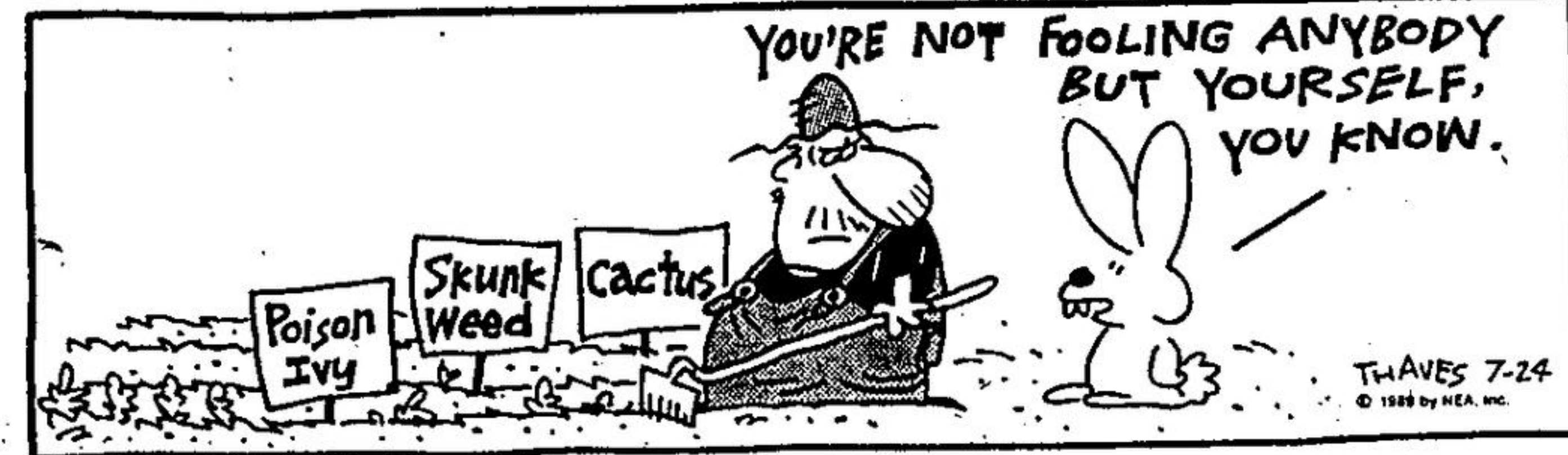
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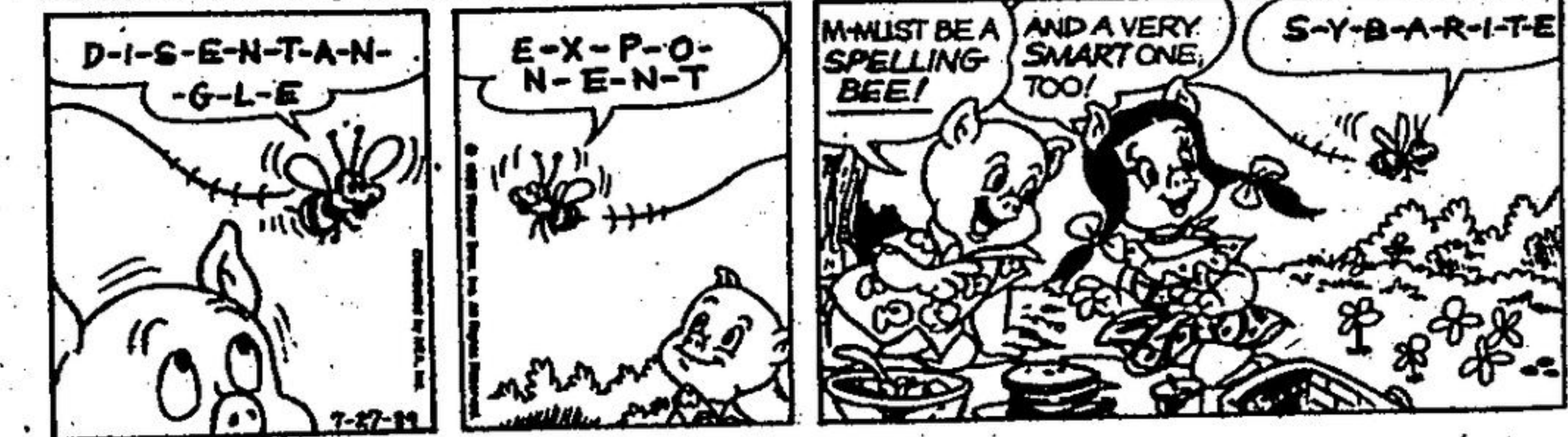
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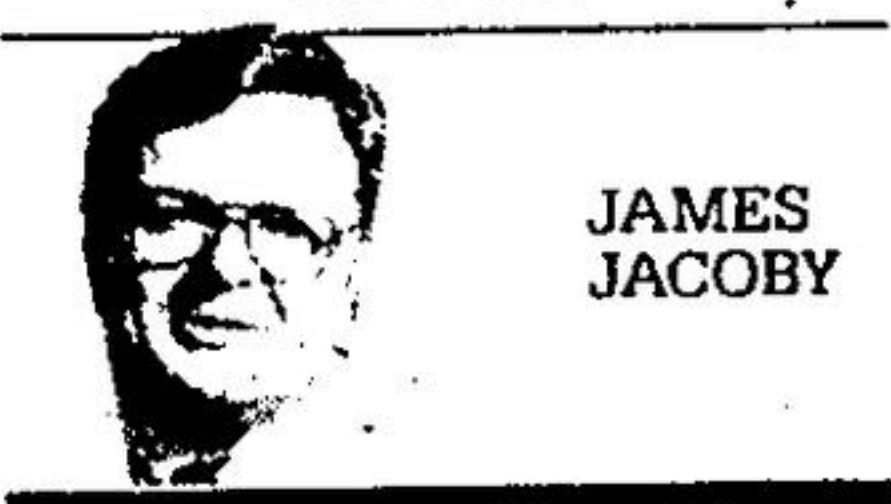
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## BRIDGE



## ASTRO-GRAPH



**NORTH** 7-19-89  
 ♠ A 8 6 4  
 ♥ 9 7  
 ♦ A 3  
 ♣ Q J 10 9 3

**WEST**  
 ♠ J 9 3 2  
 ♥ 10 8 3  
 ♦ 10 9 8 5  
 ♣ 5 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ K 10 7 5  
 ♥ Q J 5 4  
 ♦ Q J 7 6  
 ♣ K

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ Q  
 ♥ A K 6 2  
 ♦ K 4 2  
 ♣ A 8 7 6 4

Vulnerable: North-South  
 Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	1♠
3♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All pass		

Opening lead: ♠ 2

## Your Birthday

July 20, 1989

Lady Luck will play a key role in your affairs in the year ahead, especially in the first half of this cycle. Be alert for opportunities that will come through people you previously helped.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** It might be necessary for you to prime the pump today in order for you to generate returns in a commercial endeavor. Just be careful, however, that you don't spend more than you take in. 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 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** It's imperative you have an equal say today in any decisions that could cost you money either for business or pleasure. Don't let others do your thinking for you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Try to operate in conjunction with co-workers today and not in ways that oppose them. If matters are not conducted harmoniously, no one is apt to benefit.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Be philosophical regarding the behavior of friends today instead of being critical. If you forgive their little foibles, they, in return, will be inclined to overlook yours.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Be both flexible and imaginative regarding the ways you intend to achieve your objectives today. If you are closed-minded, you could lock in on a procedure that won't work.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You might have to deal with someone today whose interests are diametrically opposed to yours. To bring order out of chaos, each party will have to compromise and make concessions.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Be objective today if someone who has your best interest at heart tries to tell you that something you are resisting is for your own benefit. You could profit from listening.

## Helpful competition

By James Jacoby

Usually the opponents who get into the bidding are the toughest to play against. But there can be exceptions. Today we see a rare example of a marginal opening bid by free-wheeling opponents making it easier for South to bid a slam.

After East's opening bid of one diamond, what would your action be as South? Although you have opening-bid values yourself, a takeout double must be ruled out when you hold only a singleton queen of spades. Nor is it too sensible to overcall with two clubs on a suit as bad as A-8-7-6-4. What about bidding one heart? Sure, you'd like to have five hearts, but you have to play with what you have been dealt. Last May, Gerry Michaud of Wichita, Kansas, held the South cards in a special pair event held at the Cavendish Club in New York City. He did overcall with one heart.

When his partner responded with a two-diamond cue-bid, Gerry bid three clubs as a confirmation of a sound overcall as well as a biddable second suit. The jump to five clubs by North left South with a tough decision. But it was now apparent that the cue-bid was based not so much on good heart support as on a good hand. It did not seem possible that North could bid so strongly without two aces as well as massive club support. And remember, the failure by North to bid four hearts meant that North could not hold more than two hearts. So Michaud bid six clubs and had very few regrets when the favorable location of the king of clubs let him take all 13 tricks.

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 Pharus Books. © 1987, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Only those who are a party to the proceedings should be privy to inside information today. Curiosity seekers could confuse issues, so keep them at arm's length.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Strive to be helpful to the deserving today, but don't go out of your way to handle a matter of another who is completely capable.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Don't sell your suggestions or ideas short today. They are apt to be feasible, but you might find numerous excuses to underplay or completely ignore them.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Career conditions aren't likely to be optimum today, but they are still likely to come out on the profitable side of the ledger. Keep your expectations within reasonable limits.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** An involvement that doesn't look too promising at first blush could still have some advantages to offer. Don't dismiss it before investigating.

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## 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: O equals J.

G J W N C V W E C  
 Z C L C L E C Z C B U D  
 D W L C W X C M J W L U B C  
 V J C C U Z V J U T G V V T C  
 L W Z C E C U H V G K H T  
 O N D V G F C M G T T G U L  
 W B W H P T U D

SOLUTION: "I hope to be remembered as someone who made the earth a little more beautiful." — Justice William O. Douglas.