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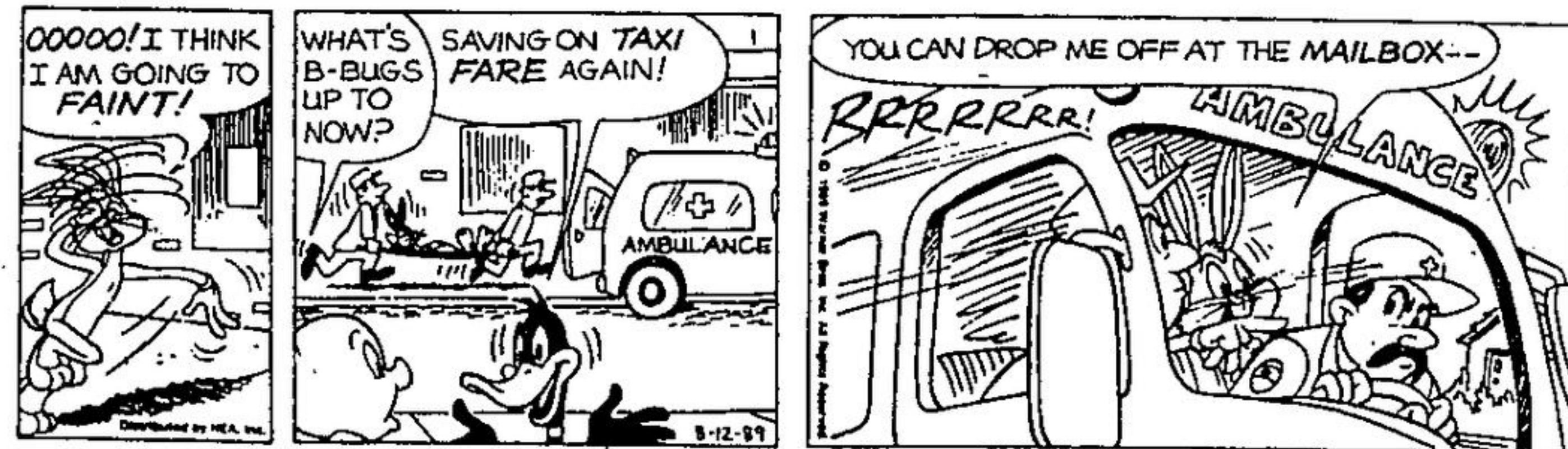
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ASTRO-GRAPH



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Your Birthday

Aug. 3, 1989

An active, busy year is ahead that will take you into new areas where your creative self-expression can be best utilized. What you accomplish could turn out to be quite impressive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your possibilities for personal gain look very strong today. Channels will be opening for things for which you have worked hard and long. 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. 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make a fresh effort today to contact an individual who is important to your immediate plans but thus far you have been unable to reach. You should be lucky in making the connection now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Others will assist you today in a situation in which you felt isolated and deserted. Their intervention will help you resolve a dilemma that appeared to be without a solution.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you'll have an opportunity to lift some responsibility off a friend's shoulder. Your thoughtfulness will cement new bonds of comradeship between you and your pal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The realization of several important goals are within the realm of possibility today. However, these won't be handed to you on a silver platter, you're going to have to earn your trophies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A social experience you might have today could have a favorable impact on your personality. It will broaden your outlook and elevate your expectations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Because you'll possess the necessary insights, you'll be able to succeed today in handling someone's serious dilemma that had this person completely baffled.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't be reluctant to go to someone whose intelligence you respect if you are in need of advice or counsel today. This is one of those times when two heads are definitely better than one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Substantial rewards are in the offing for you at this time where your work or career is concerned, but what you hope to get or gain will come only as a result of dedicated effort.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you get caught up in some type of competitive social involvement today, play to win without making winning a matter of life or death. The important thing is to enjoy yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you may be able to help someone you love by showing how to make the most of personal resources. You'll see clearly what this person cannot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Where important issues are concerned, align yourself with mature individuals today. Their experience will give you an edge dealing with the here and now so that the future will take care of itself.

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

Two losers disappear

By James Jacoby

South's jump to five hearts asked North to bid the slam if he had a control. But if North had the queen of spades (not a control), the club king and the heart king, that might well be enough for slam. But South was running out of bids to describe his hand. However, if he had bid only four hearts, North should cue-bid his spade void, so the final contract would be six hearts regardless.

Against the slam, West made the obvious lead of the spade queen. Certainly declarer could ruff his spade losers with dummy's hearts, but where would that leave him in the club suit? He would need to find the club king in the East hand or, if West had the king doubleton, do some fancy guessing. How much better for declarer that he was familiar with loser-on-loser play. South simply discarded a low club from dummy on the opening lead. East won the ace and played back a club. Declarer rose with the ace, cashed the spade king while discarding another low club from dummy, and crossruffed the hand for 12 tricks. Did something go wrong for the defense?

Despite holding the ace of spades, East should double four diamonds as a lead-directing strategy. East does not expect the opponents to reach slam without some sort of spade control, and a spade lead from partner might just solve a crucial problem for declarer. But the diamond lead would give away nothing and so should be encouraged by East.

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: I equals P.

P O S R H U B R E Z
 X Q D Z T X F T Q C
 Z S C S X Q F H T I R F H P E
 G T X N Q C D . . . D Z Q C F T
 D Z T X P E Z T G D B Q C
 P C D Z T O S X H U . . .
 Z Q X X M G . D X R B Q C .

SOLUTION: "I would much rather be an honorable public servant... than be the richest man in the world." — Harry S. Truman.