

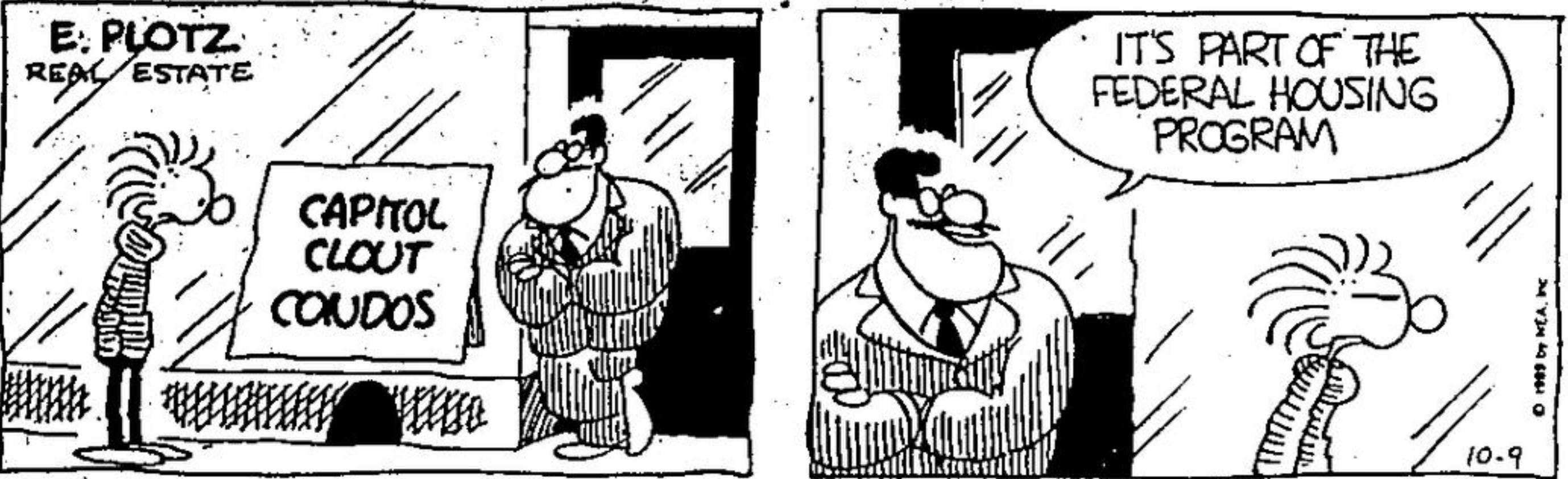
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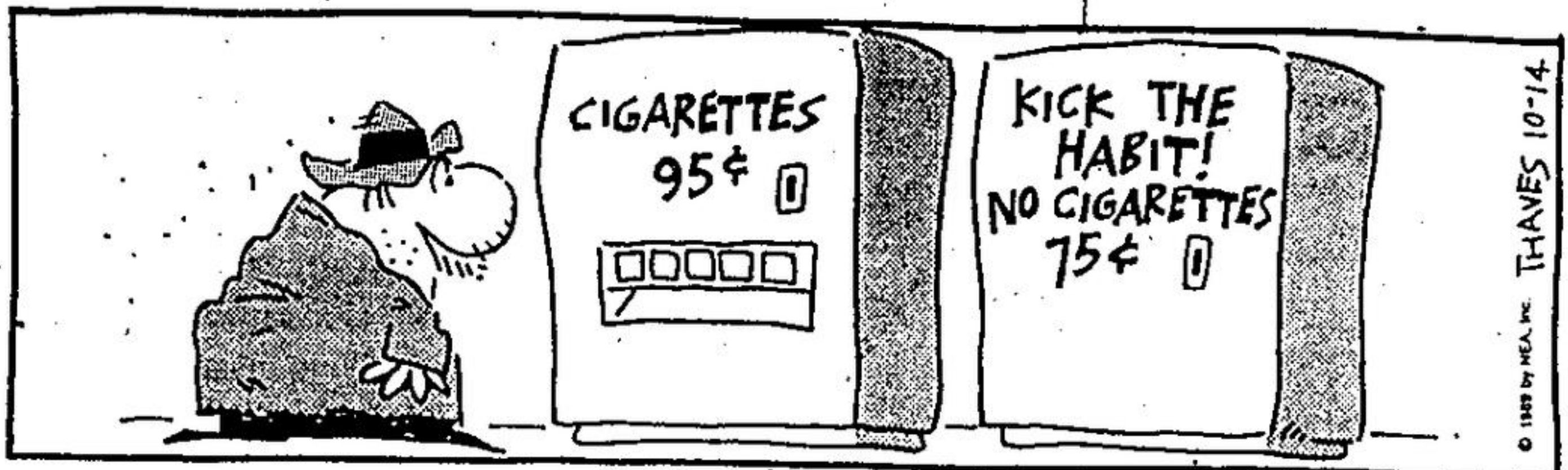
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Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1989

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NORTH		EAST	
♦ A 7 5	♥ J 7 5	♦ J 6 4 3	♥ K 10 9 8
♦ K Q 9	♦ A J 9 5	♦ 10 8 3 2	♦ 7
WEST		SOUTH	
♦ K Q 10 9 8	♥ A Q	♦ 2	♥ 6 4 3 2
♦ J 7 5 4	♦ 4 3	♦ A 6	♦ K Q 10 8 6 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
3♦	1♦	Dbl.	2♦
4♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
	Pass	5♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ K



Your Birthday

Oct. 5, 1989

In the year ahead you could become chummy with a very enterprising individual who will be involved in several profitable ventures. There's a chance you may be offered a piece of the action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is a good day for you to catch up on matters that require some form of communication. Clear up old correspondence or make those phone calls from which you've been shying away. 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.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your possibilities for personal gain look rather encouraging today. However, what you may receive could come in a circuitous route rather than a direct one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your personal mobility and independence will be of utmost importance to you today. Avoid people who might try to establish an agenda for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Not what you do for yourself, but the good that you do for others, will afford you the greatest gratification today. If you fail to operate along these lines, your day may only be so-so.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Being around pretentious people could make you feel very uncomfortable today, so if you're planning something social, scratch them off of the participation list.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't be surprised if you receive more compliments and attention than usual today. Your standing in the eyes of your peers is at a high point.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your intuition pertaining to the outcome of events may be more accurate and in focus than your peers today. To be on the safe side, don't play down your insights.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If there is a matter that has been disturbing you which you feel can be changed into something more accommodating, take measures to do so today. Dominate the condition, don't let it dominate you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This could be a rather fortunate day for you regarding involvements you'll have with partners or allies. "We" has greater strength than "me."

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're not likely to feel fulfilled today if your hours aren't spent productively. Try to work on things that give you a sense of achievement and do not just merely use up time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In your case, pleasurable diversion won't be frivolous pursuits today. A fun change of pace will refurbish your outlook and actually help you to be more industrious tomorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't be overly anxious today as to how a particular situation you're involved in is going to work out. You're on a positive roll and the ending should please you.

Timing and luck

By James Jacoby

Here is an interesting exercise in partnership bidding. North's takeout double promised support for all unbid suits, and if North held four hearts, that suit would be a good one to play in. But South was not about to bid hearts with four small when he had such a strong club suit. However, after he bid three clubs, North cue-bid three spades — a strong game-try. Now South bid his hearts. (After all, North could have four hearts.) North knew better than to allow South to languish there. He bid five clubs.

When the lead was made, declarer wondered to himself why North had not simply bid three no-trump. But spilt milk was not to be cried over. So he won dummy's ace of spades and ruffed a spade. He played two rounds of clubs and the A-K-Q of diamonds, throwing a heart away. He then ruffed the last spade from dummy and got off lead with a heart. With the lucky lie of the hearts (A-Q doubleton in the West hand), the defenders could do no better than cash two heart tricks and then give declarer a ruff and a ruff with the lead of either a spade or a diamond.

Lesson: Even when the contract looks hopeless, don't give up. Sometimes the cards lie in just the right way to allow you to succeed.

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.

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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: B equals Q.

V G K Y N Y F L V K T S L R W K W
C W V C T W S V Q I J Q V L L R F I
I R W P L F Q I F Q S F K W L N T T M Q E
I V E V I R K V G E R R W T T I V E W I
N I . — S V Q O F K B G N Y .

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Listen, with this kisser I knew early in the game I wasn't going to make the world forget Clark Gable." — Neville Brand.