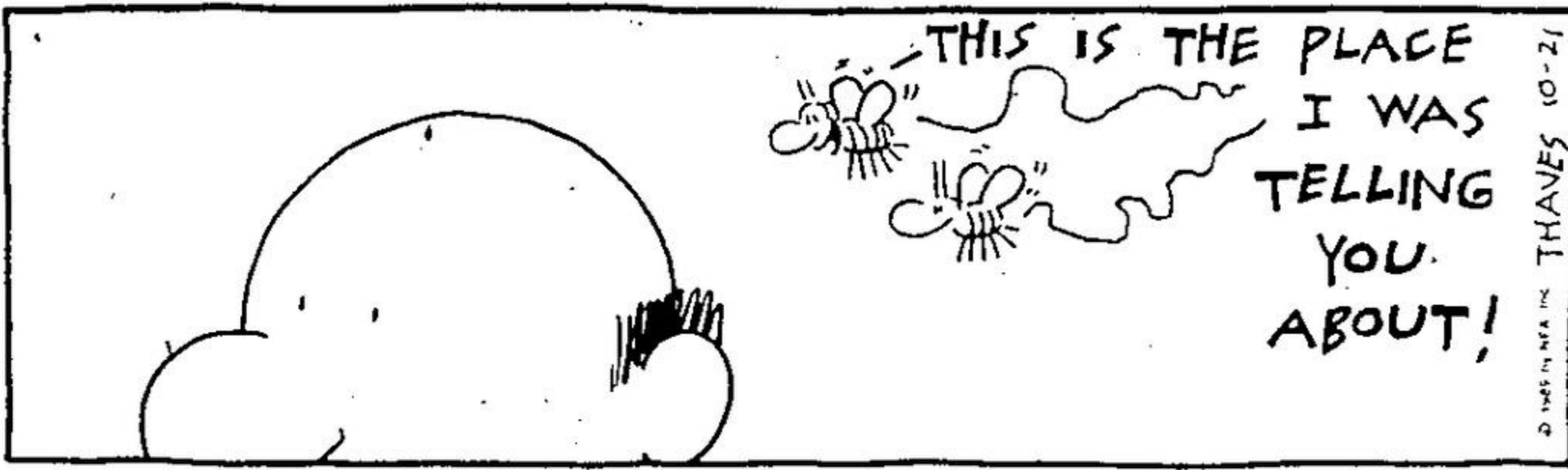


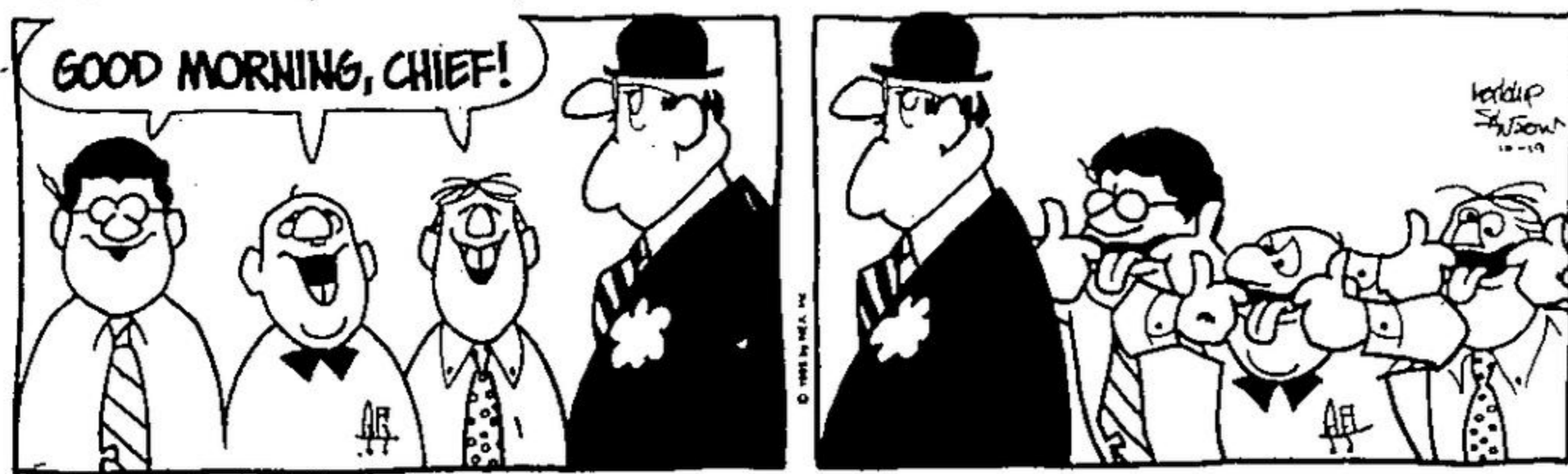
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## ASTRO-GRAPH



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Friends and contacts will be instrumental in the year ahead in helping you fulfill your hopes and desires. In these special arrangements they'll be lucky for you, and in turn, you will be lucky for them.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Lady Luck will be doing all she can to help you today in furthering your personal ambitions. Proceed assertively, but be careful not to make any unnecessary waves in the process. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Do not take foolish risks today, but by the same token, don't be intimidated by involvements that have pronounced elements of chance. You could be rather lucky if you operate within reasonable limits.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Try to limit your focus today to matters that are of primary importance and exert all your efforts in their direction. A large victory is a possibility.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You're apt to be a better person today than you will be a wise buyer, so strive to be the guy on the selling end instead of the one who is doing the purchasing.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** It looks like you may be able to find someone to help you with a task today for which you might have had to hire outside assistance. What you save could be substantial.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Today you will be even more charismatic than usual and attract others to you like the moth and the flame. You'll be warmly received and welcome wherever you go.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** This could be an exceptionally productive day for you, because you'll be capable of harmoniously blending your inner drives with your mental and physical capabilities. Get going.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Something exciting might develop for you early in the day that could put you in a good frame of mind until the wee hours. It might even be cause for celebration.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Lady Luck is in your corner today, particularly where your material interests are concerned. If there is something you can do to enhance your financial position, by all means, give it a try.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Your optimistic attitude will impact favorably upon others today and, if you are so inclined, you could easily interest them in any ideas or ventures you're presently promoting.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Although you might feel you do not actually need any assistance, personal who have your best interest at heart will play significant roles in helping you get what you want today.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Mutual benefits will be derived today from your group involvements. Others will profit from you and in turn you will gain certain advantages from them.

<b>NORTH</b> 10-14-89			
♦ A Q 7 4			
♥ A K 10 2			
♦ Q J 10 5			
♠ 8			
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♦ J 10 5		♦ K 8	
♥ Q 5		♥ 8 7 4 3	
♦ 9 8 7 4 3		♠ 6	
♦ Q 7 4		♦ A K 10 6 5 3	
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♦ 9 6 3 2			
♥ J 9 6			
♦ A K 2			
♠ J 9 2			
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: East			
South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	2 ♠
Dbl.*	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	All pass
*negative double			
Opening lead: ♦ 4			

After South's negative double of two clubs, promising at least competing values but no good bid to make, North-South eventually wound their way to game in spades. That's rather normal. What was not so normal was that West shied away from leading his partner's bid suit. Instead he tried the four of diamonds. Note the devastating effect of this lead when combined with bold defensive play by East.

Declarer South won the king of diamonds and made the natural play of a spade to dummy's queen. East won the king. It was not very hard to determine that the only way he might put West on lead to get a diamond ruff was to find West with the club queen. So, back came the three of clubs. South desperately put up the jack, but West won the queen and played a diamond, ruffed. A trick was still to come with the J-10 of spades, so hapless declarer was one away.

It's true that declarer could succeed by playing East for the doubleton king of spades. Playing ace and a spade would work this time, but remember, East had passed originally. There was no guarantee that he would hold the king of spades.

This deal was played in a team-of-four match last summer. What was of particular interest was that the defense was the same at both tables, West in both instances leading a diamond, East underleading the A-K of clubs to put West back on lead, and of course, both declarers failing to guess the winning line of playing ace and a spade.

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

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

H L P S Y R S E I O P P W  
 H W Q P U P I Q P M H W J P A J Y P  
 O T Q H L P W P L P U Y H F P M  
 Q B P Z . - R I A Z P U I P Q  
 Z S T N B S Z

SOLUTION: "I've always been interested in people, but I've never read them." - Somerset Maugham.