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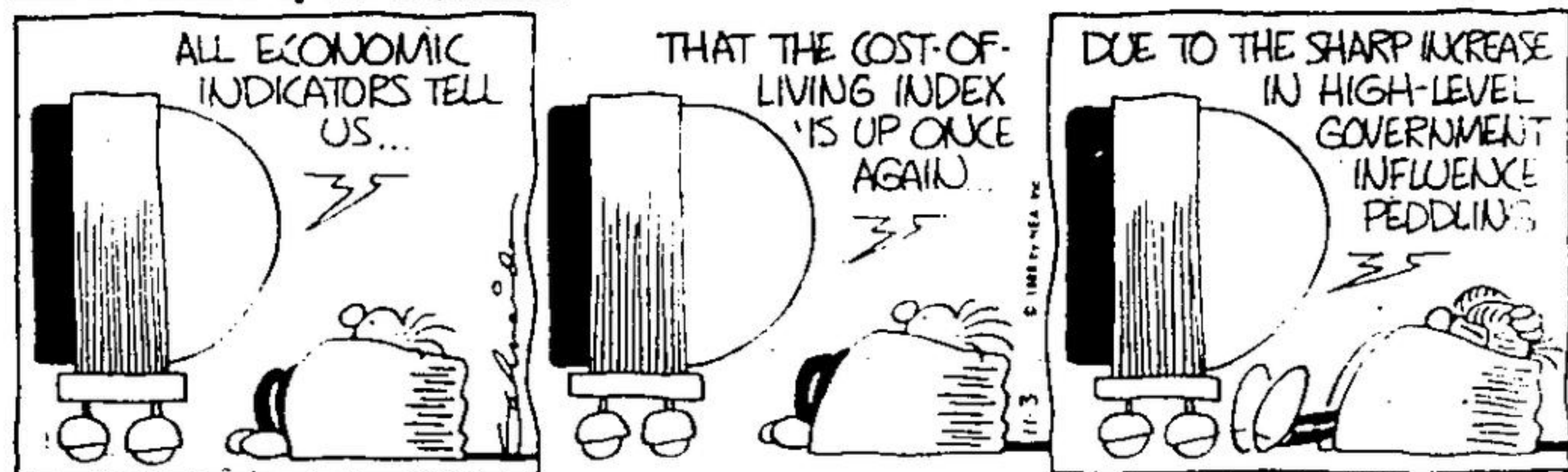


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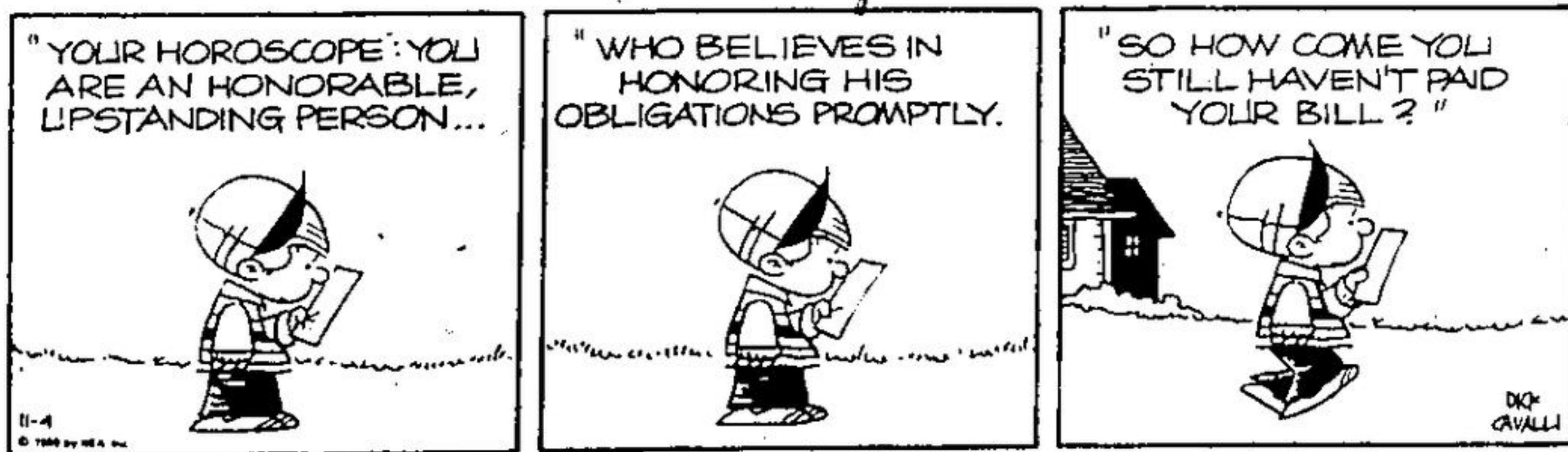
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Thinking leads to trouble

By James Jacoby

Willy Nilly got to four hearts, and West led the club 10. East won the ace and returned the jack. West ruffed Willy's king, and then played diamond ace and a diamond to dummy's king. Willy drew trumps (noting happily that West had ruffed with a natural winner), and then played a spade to

dummy's king. Then he led the diamond jack to find out who had the queen. East of course played low and Willy ruffed. Now Willy tried some "thinking." Wouldn't East have overcalled with anything more than six clubs headed by the A-Q-J? Perhaps. So Willy played a spade to dummy's jack and was down two when East won the queen and cashed another club.

Willy had a tip-off when West played ace and a diamond. If West held ace of diamonds and no queen, he might have underled the diamond ace, making declarer guess. But that doesn't mean Willy should finesse. East after all has a high club that he must keep; if West keeps the diamond queen, who is going to be able to keep the spade queen as declarer cashes all

his trumps? Willy's right play is to win dummy's diamond king, cash the spade king, and then run his trumps. On the last trump, dummy is down to A-J of spades and the diamond jack. East holds Q-10 of spades and the queen of clubs. West must keep the diamond queen, so he throws a spade.

Now Willy discards dummy's diamond jack. What should East do? If he throws the club queen, Willy's five-spot becomes a winner. If East throws a spade, declarer can play to dummy's ace, dropping East's queen and making the contract.

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. © 1989, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

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NORTH
 ♠ A K J 9 4
 ♥ Q 3
 ♦ K J 3
 ♣ 9 6 3

WEST
 ♠ 8 7 5
 ♥ J 9 8 5
 ♦ A Q 10 7 5
 ♣ 10

EAST
 ♠ Q 10 3
 ♥ 4
 ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ A Q J 8 7 4

SOUTH
 ♠ 6 2
 ♥ A K 10 7 6 2
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ K 5 2

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 10

Your Birthday

Oct. 26, 1989

Things look better than usual for you in the year ahead where your material interests are concerned. This could be a year when you'll be able to get a number of luxury items for which you've been longing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you have an idea you feel could be of benefit to you, it's better not to discuss it with others until you have everything in a "go" position. Someone might steal your brain child. Scorpio, 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.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Steer clear of sales today that are promoting unique or exotic merchandise. There's a possibility you might end up buying gadgets and items for which you'll never have a use.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually your tenaciousness enables you to stick to your purpose until you reach your objective. But today you might take yourself out of the running when the goal is within sight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Before springing into action on a flash of inspiration today, put your bright thought down on paper so that it can be studied further. Up close it might not look all that good.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you are presently working on a new project, be patient and take everything one step at a time. You could fall on your face if you try to accomplish your objective with one big leap.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Usually you're a rather independent thinker who is not easily influenced by compromise. Today, however, you might yield to peer pressure and follow counterproductive advice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be patient with co-workers today, especially those who do not grasp the essence of ideas as rapidly as you do. It won't hurt you to repeat information or instructions for their benefit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's best not to borrow money from friends today if you're uncertain about when you'll be able to repay it. Try to make due with what you have rather than jeopardizing a relationship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you are indecisive about making a decision today that affects others as well as yourself, dismiss it from your mind for a while and come back to it later when you have a fresh perspective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It might be wise to temporarily shelve tasks or assignments that are exacting. Your concentration might not be up to par today and you could mess up where details are concerned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An "easy come, easy go" frame of mind today could lead to the loss of an opportunity where your indifference may let something profitable slip through your fingers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your salesmanship qualities might not be 'up to par' today and there's a possibility you may let your prospects off the hook because you're a poor closer.

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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: K equals P.

H A Q T H N B V U P B T
 U A Q W B W D
 N H E T U Z B W V T B W U H
 H W V Z E Q D V
 M C V O S T U Q P
 V M K V Q B O V W U
 I I V R R E W T H W

SOLUTION: "Our society is turning... into one large chemistry experiment." - Ted Danson.