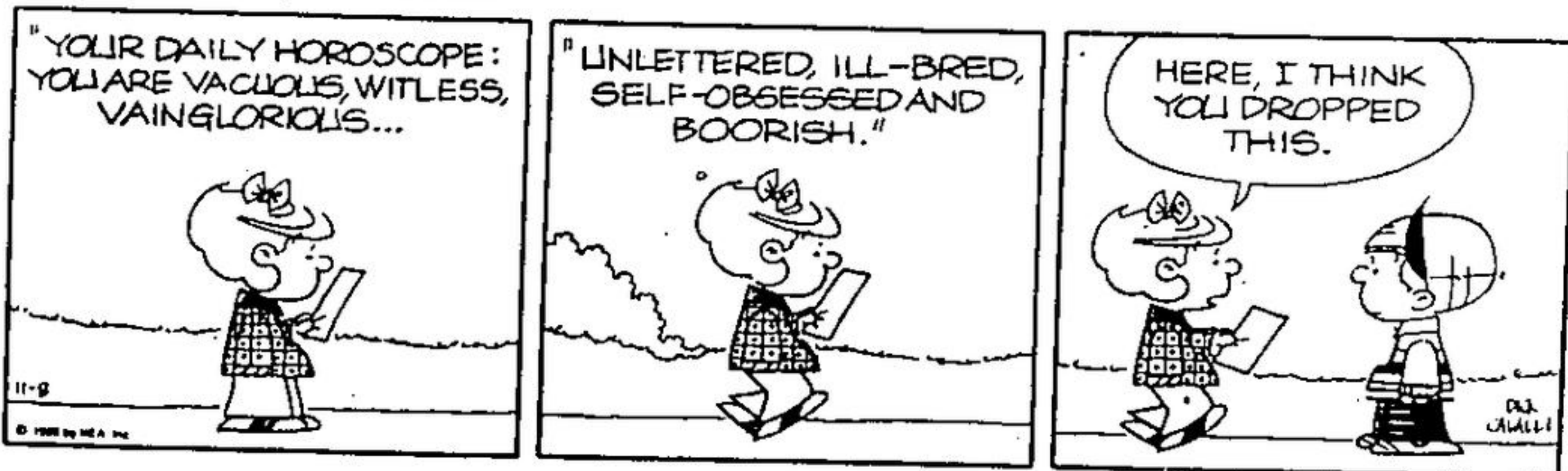


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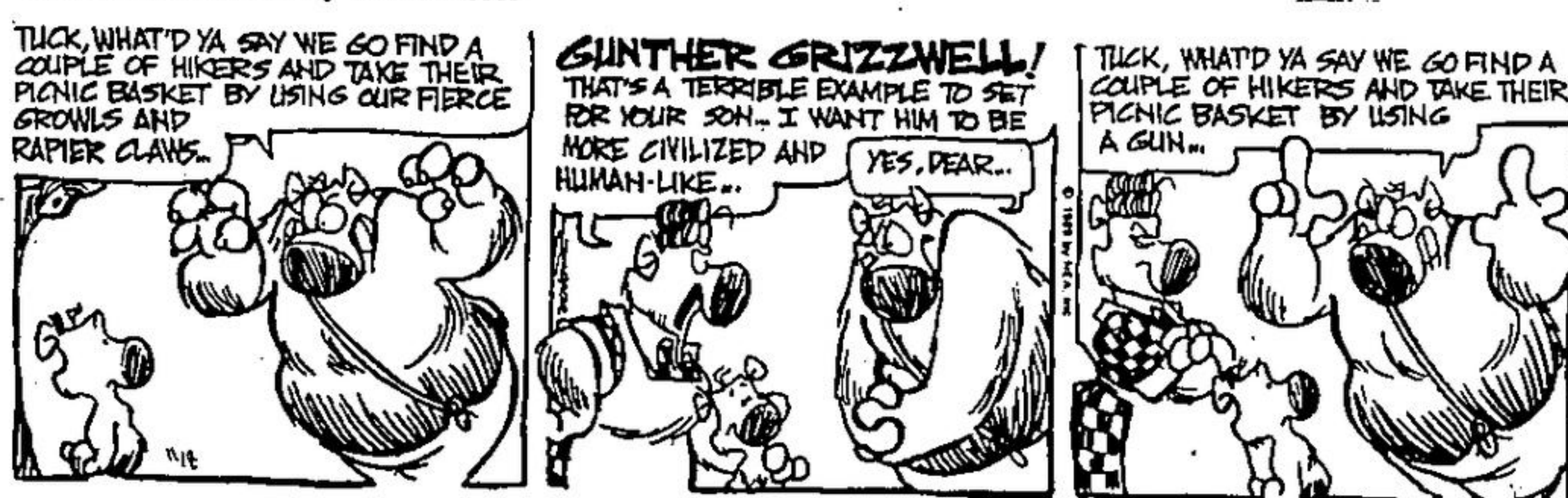
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NORTH 11-1-89
 ♠ Q 8 3
 ♥ A K Q 7 5
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A 10 9 5

WEST
 ♠ 9 5
 ♥ 10 9 8 3
 ♦ 10
 ♣ K Q J 8 6 2

EAST
 ♠ A 6
 ♥ J 4 2
 ♦ K J 9 8 6 3 2
 ♣ 4

SOUTH
 ♠ K J 10 7 4 2
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A Q 7 4
 ♣ 7 3

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: North

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

Opening lead: ♠ K

Your Birthday

Nov. 2, 1989

In the year ahead you will be gifted with the ability that will enable you to expand upon situations and make much from little. Success is likely in two critical areas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If approached properly, persons with clout will take a serious interest in your present activities. They could have a beneficial effect on your affairs. 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.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You could be quite fortunate today in deriving some type of participation from a promising situation that has been engineered by someone other than yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Any agreements into which you enter at this time could turn out to be some of the best arrangements you've ever made, provided both parties are of sincere intent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your actions will come to the attention of persons who are of importance to you, especially in your field of endeavor. What they notice about you will make a favorable impression.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Members of both sexes will find you even more appealing than usual today. Something pleasant could result from your popularity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even if you're not commercially minded, be extra attentive today in your business involvements. Something very fortunate could develop.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions continue to look exciting for you where you're partnership arrangements are concerned. You're lucky for your cohorts and they'll be lucky for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It behooves you to do the very best you can at this time where your work is concerned. Productivity will be recognized and it could pay off for you in larger than usual dividends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Projects or enterprises which you conceive or control have excellent chances for success in this cycle. If you think you have something good, don't hide your light under a bushel.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though Lady Luck may be invisible today, she'll be definitely operating on your behalf. When something fortunate develops from an unexpected source, you'll know who to thank.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be in your element today when involved in grandiose schemes. The bigger the project, the greater your chances of good things happening for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Continue to focus your efforts on financial involvements that should prove to be meaningful to you. This is the area where you could be more fortunate than your peers today.

Helpful interference

By James Jacoby

Pre-emptive interference bids crowd the opponents' auction. That's the good news. The bad news is that a pre-emptive overall may just provide those nasty opponents with an extra tool for bidding their cards to the hilt. Of course it's fine for East to jump to three diamonds, but look how North-South used that bid to their advantage.

After South bid three spades, what should North do? He has a comfortable raise to four spades, and more. First-round controls in hearts and clubs, a singleton diamond, and good support for a suit that South was able to bid freely at the three-level, add up to a slam-invitational hand. He figured how to send out his invitation — the cue-bid four diamonds. Although South had minimum values, he could picture the good fit between the two hands. He asked for aces and bid slam.

When the king of clubs was led, declarer had some slight worry that West might be void in diamonds. If that were the case, he was probably doomed to defeat. He won dummy's club ace, played A-K-Q of hearts, shedding a club and a diamond, and then led a diamond back to his ace. When West followed with the 10, South was able to ruff diamonds in dummy, knock out the ace of trumps and make his contract.

I don't suggest that East or West should stay out of the bidding — South might get to slam anyway — but it was ironic here that boldly getting in the way made it easy for North-South to bid the slam.

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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: J equals M.

W K X V D L I H G P
 H G N G H X H G O W D
 M X D M I X V K D H D
 W K G O S P — T O H
 M X D M I X V K D S X W
 W K X U L X H G W . —
 H V G S K W J D L L D V .

SOLUTION: "The world is divided into people who do things — and people who get the credit." — Dwight D. Eisenhower