

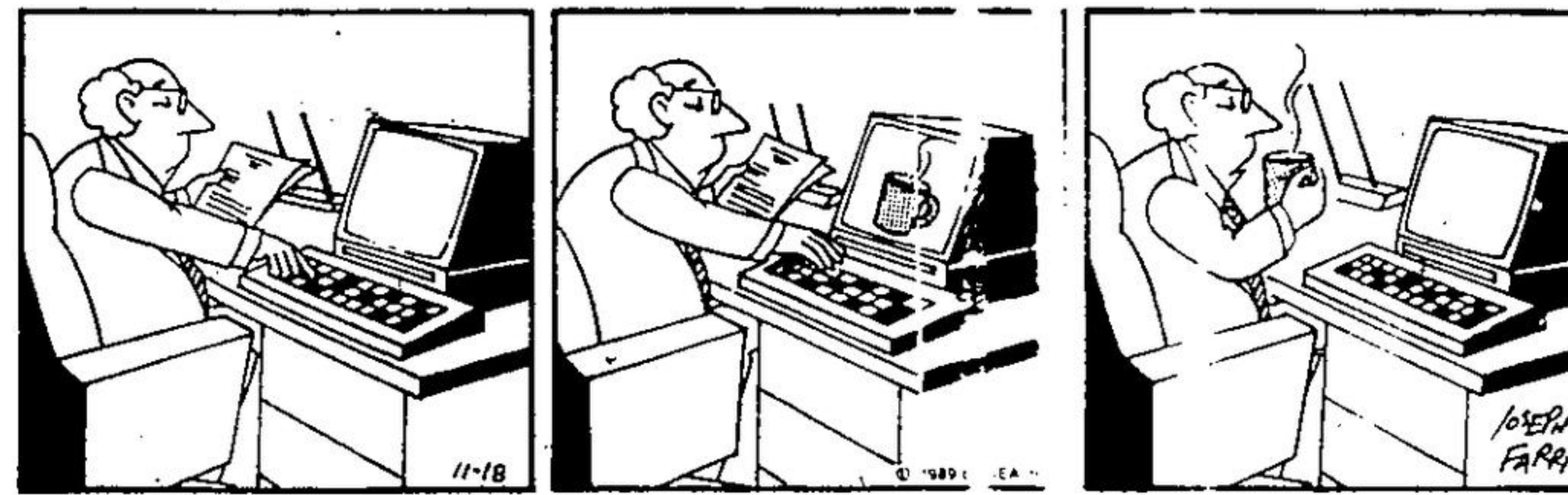
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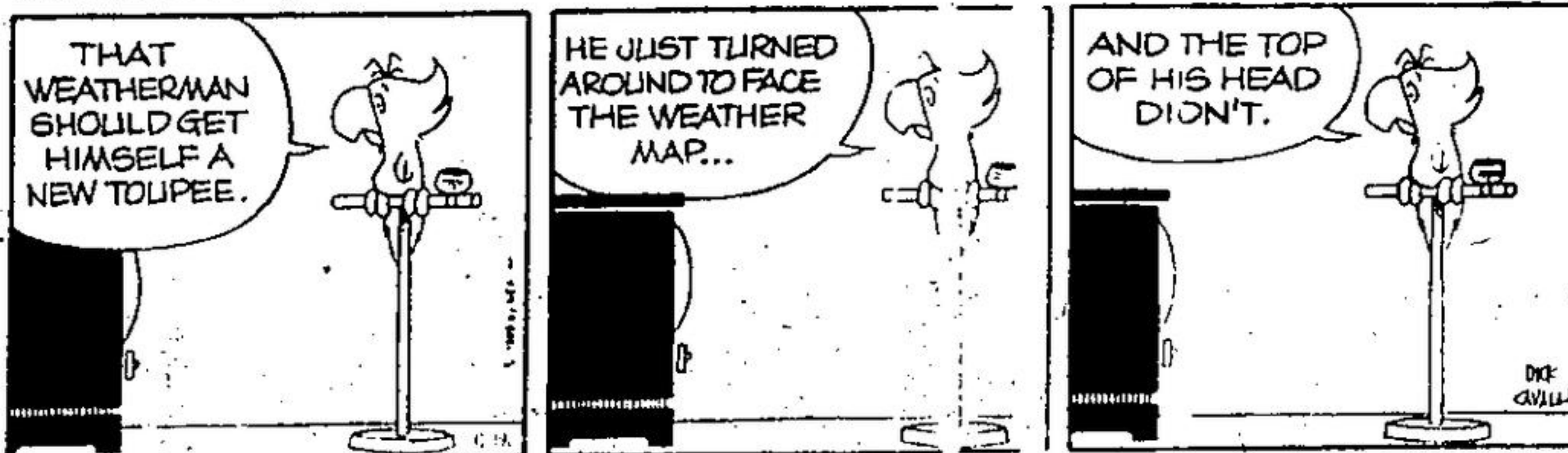
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## Your Birthday

Nov. 9, 1989

In the year ahead you may have some exciting opportunities to make important basic changes that will favorably effect your life style. However, don't try to make too many alterations at once. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Work you do in haste today will probably have to be done over later. Analyze each task properly, then pace yourself so that what you do you'll do well. 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) Usually you're reasonably conservative and cautious in the management of your resources, but today the gambler in you may emerge and you could be prone to taking risks you shouldn't.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you may be restless and this could induce you to start a number of things you won't finish. Set your mind upon a specific course and try to stick to it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Occasionally, you're not too good at keeping secrets and today could be one of those days. In a fit of talkativeness, you might reveal something that would be better left unsaid.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) If you go shopping today it's best to leave your credit cards at home and just spend your time window wishing or else you might make some unwise purchases.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) You will create dissension in the ranks today if you champion an unpopular cause and try to impose your ideas upon others in a forceful fashion.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) In may be your lot in life today to pick up the loose threads others have unraveled and try to piece them together in a way that will bring order out of chaos.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) If you're not careful regarding your social associations today, you might find yourself involved in a complicated situation that is not of your own making.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Take into consideration the feeling of persons with whom you'll be involved today so that you can see things from their points of view. If you fail to do so, they might be uncooperative.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) At present you may be saddling yourself with some unworkable theories that should be discarded or totally revamped. Don't let your stubbornness be self-defeating.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Before you involve yourself in a joint venture today with another carefully analyze all of its ramifications so you know exactly what you're getting into. Impulsiveness isn't your ally.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Brace yourself for some turbulence today if you are disinterested or unsupportive of your mate's ideals. Tactlessness could invite a heated exchange.

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Saturday, Nov. 11, 1989

NORTH 11-11-89			
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♦ K 9 8 6			
♦ K 10 9			
♦ A Q J 8 7			
WEST			
♦ Q 7 5 3			
♦ 5			
♦ 6 5 4 3			
♦ 10 9 4 3			
EAST			
♦ K J 10 6 4 2			
♦ 4 3 2			
♦ A Q 2			
♦ 5			
SOUTH			
♦ A 8			
♦ A Q J 10 7			
♦ J 8 7			
♦ K 6 2			
Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: East			
South	West	North	East
3♥	4♦	4NT	2♠
6♣	Pass	6♥	5♣
Opening lead: ♦ 3			

## Directing the lead

By James Jacoby

For several years Bols Distilleries has sponsored a "bridge tips" competition among leading journalist-experts. George Rosenkranz's tip for 1989 is "Direct the opening lead during the auction." Today's deal well illustrates the strength of making the appropriate lead-directing bid.

South ended up in a six-heart contract, after East and West had bid a lot of spades. West's leap to four spades was meant only to thwart the North-South slam-bidding process, and East's continuation of five spades was more of the same. In South's methods, six clubs after Blackwood interference showed two aces, and so he arrived at six hearts.

Not being clairvoyant, West led a spade, and 12 tricks were easy to take. The point of Rosenkranz's tip is that East should have bid five diamonds rather than five spades. Since North is trying for slam, it is very likely that he has the diamond king, and getting a diamond lead may be crucial to preventing North-South from making a slam. Of course the opponents may then be smart enough to stop bidding and double five diamonds, and double again when East or West runs to five spades. But from East-West's point of view, giving up 300 points is far better than losing a possible 1430. And who knows? Perhaps South would show his two aces in some fashion over five diamonds and reach a slam that would be defeated with the diamond lead.

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.

## 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: A equals G.

X Z D D H D U X S R O  
S F O X Y D K E P B K  
R P P T Z D O B  
U B O L S L B X D U B O  
K D U R A O S G D E R C  
B U K R F F X Z D  
F X K D D X . - 1 8 0  
Z C N N B K L

SOLUTION: "The election isn't very far off when a candidate can recognize you across the street..." -- Kin Hubbard