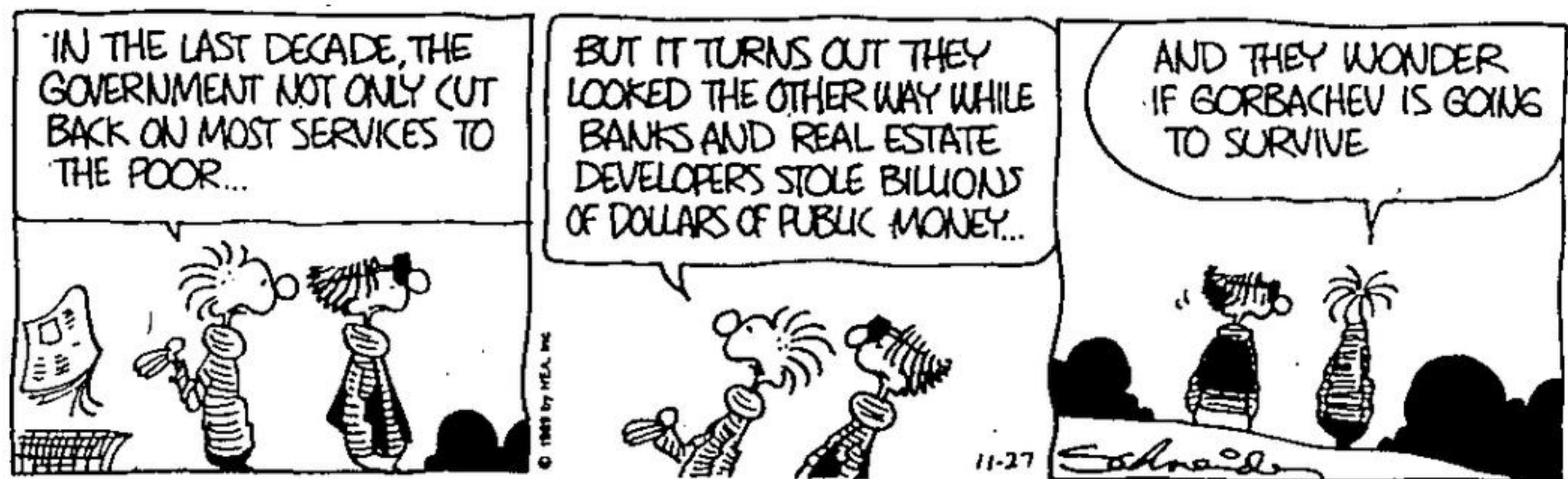


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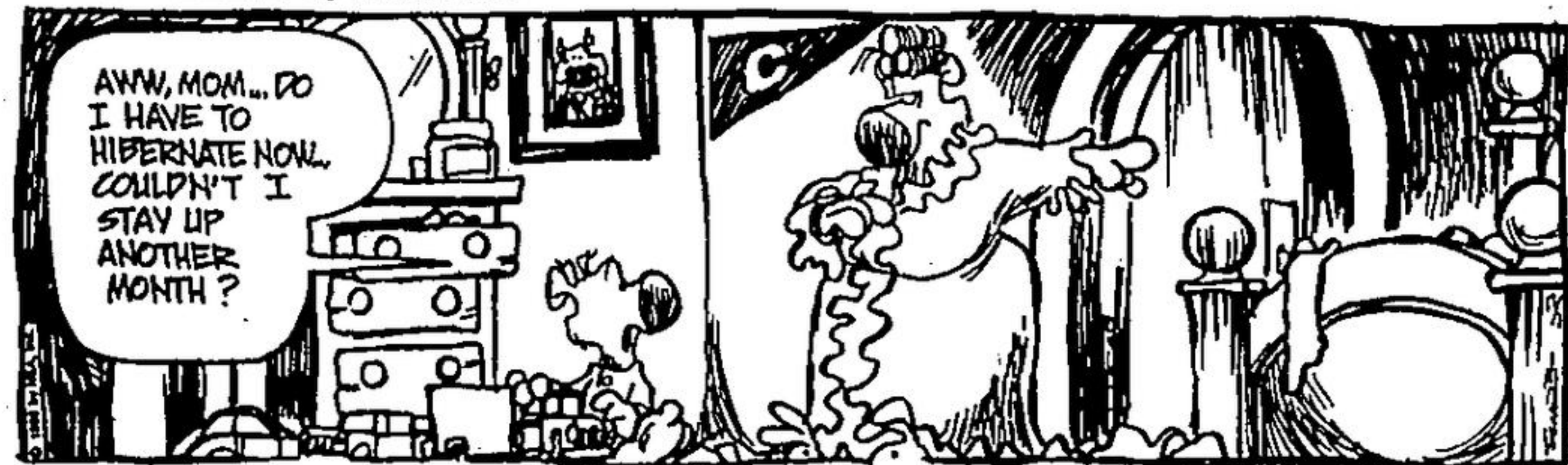
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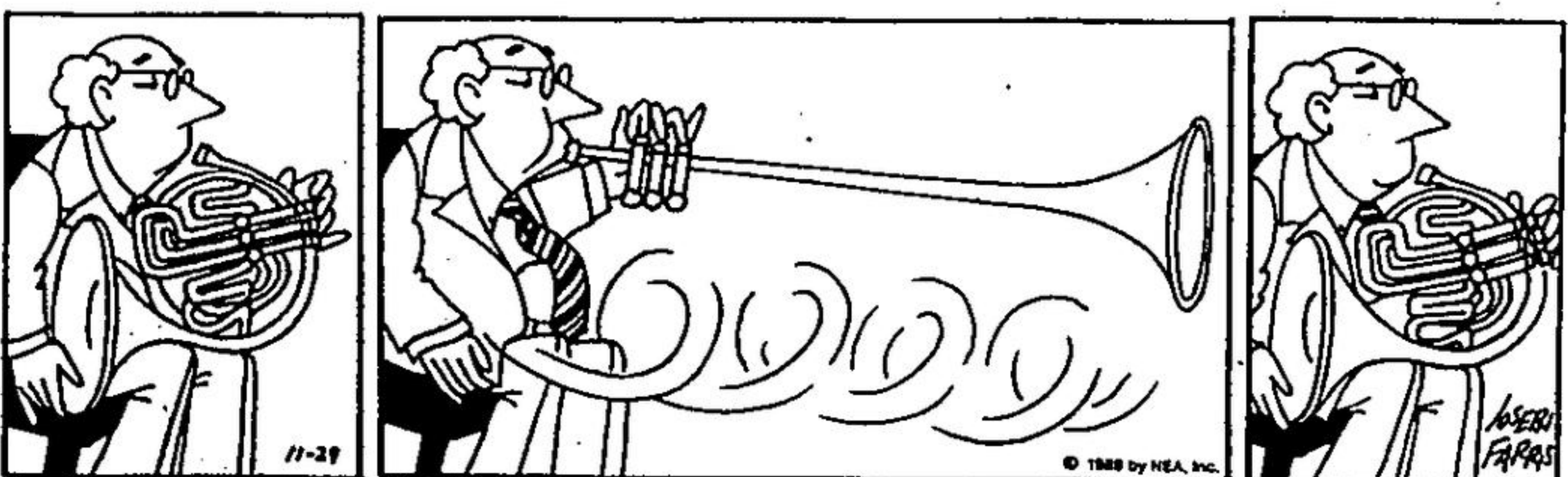
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Your Birthday

Nov. 23, 1989

An influential friend will play a key role in helping you further your ambitions in the year ahead. The methods are likely to be unusual, but this person will know how to get desirable results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is not a particularly good day to get involved financially or commercially with friends. Don't loan or borrow from pals and if you do business with a buddy, keep it on a business basis. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An arrangement you presently have with another could be destined for failure if your aims and purposes are not in harmony. Beginning now try to start pulling in the same direction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Generosity is an admirable attribute, but it should be seasoned with wisdom. Unfortunately, today you might give too much to those who deserve it the least.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Taking a gamble on something today just because someone you know was lucky with it is no guarantee you'll repeat the performance. Let your logic, not your whims prevail.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may feel compelled today to try to please everyone you encounter. This is a noble attitude, but keep in mind you can't be all things to all people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In situations where you'll be motivated by personal gain, you are likely to be very clever and resourceful today. Just be sure you don't feather your nest at another's expense.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Expensive diversions should be avoided today, because they'll not only be costly, but they might not turn out to be any fun either. Select activities that don't bruise your budget.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're basically a surprisingly tenacious person and once you start something, you usually see it through. Today, however, you might fall short in situations that require a second effort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Resist inclinations to pass on hearsay or gossip today. To be on the safe side, say nothing about others that you wouldn't want said of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Guard against tendencies today to build your material hopes upon unrealistic premises. Wishful thinking might give you a temporary surge, but it won't get the job done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It may be rather difficult to keep your objectives in proper focus today. If you keep switching targets, you'll end up wasting an enormous amount of ammunition.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A lack of imagination isn't likely to be your trouble today. Your problem could be you might get oversold on one of your more illogical concepts and waste time and energies on it.

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NORTH 11-22-89
 ♦ K 9
 ♥ 7 5 4
 ♦ K 8 6 3
 ♦ K 5 4 3

WEST
 ♦ Q 8 2
 ♥ Q J 10 9
 ♦ Q 5
 ♦ J 8 7 6

EAST
 ♦ J 7 5 3
 ♥ 6 2
 ♦ J 10 9 4
 ♦ Q 10 9

SOUTH
 ♦ A 10 6 4
 ♥ A K 8 3
 ♦ A 7 2
 ♦ A 2

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: South

South 1 ♦
 West Pass
 North 2 ♦
 East Pass
 All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Give yourself the best chance

By James Jacoby

When playing a hand, give yourself every chance you can. North's two-diamond response denied a four-card major, and South quickly bid three no-trump. Unfortunately he played the hand just as quickly.

Declarer won West's heart queen with his king and immediately ducked a diamond to East. Back came a heart. Declarer held up once and then won the ace. He played A-K of diamonds, but that suit did not split. So he now tried dummy's spade king and then the nine, playing low from his hand. West won the queen, cashed the last heart and exited with a low club. Declarer won his ace and hopefully cashed the spade ace. When the jack did not fall, there were only eight tricks.

Declarer played his suits in the wrong order. It is right to try for the game-going trick in spades as well as diamonds, but the correct approach is to lead a spade to dummy's nine. Declarer can then win the heart return and duck a diamond. He will now make the contract if the spade queen falls under the king and ace or if diamonds are 3-3. Because the spade queen does come down, the contract is made.

Note carefully that the earlier spade play of cashing the king and leading the nine had little chance. If East originally held three spades to an honor, he should cover the nine with either the queen or the jack, thus ensuring that West would make two tricks with what would in that case be an honor and the eight-spot.

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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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 S.

Z G H S G Z X H
 H C V P A T Q P H T U P
 F P U A T Q
 H Z A P U C L X P Z X X
 G P P X Z O P E T Q P
 H S W T L M T T E S
 C X X P Q

Alert person miserably, I'll feel I've done it all.