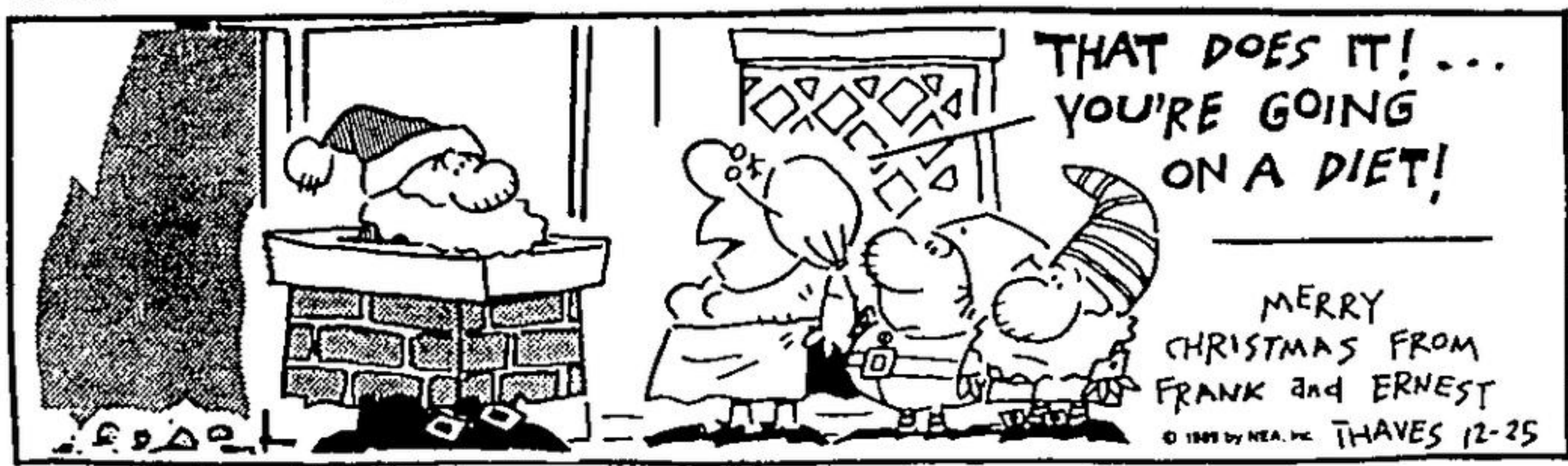


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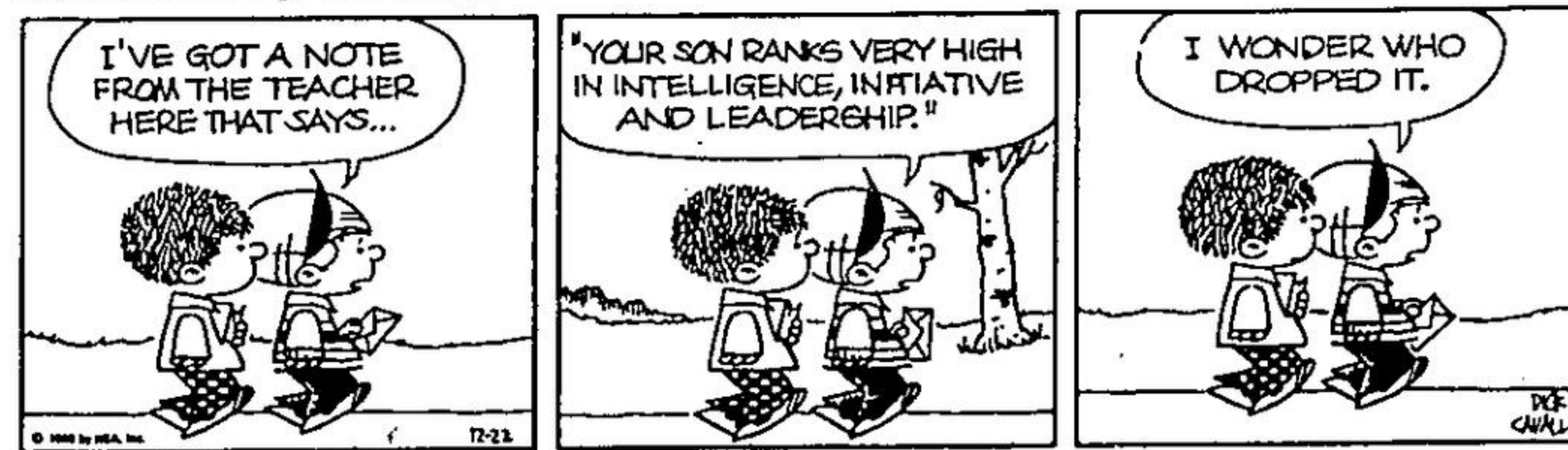
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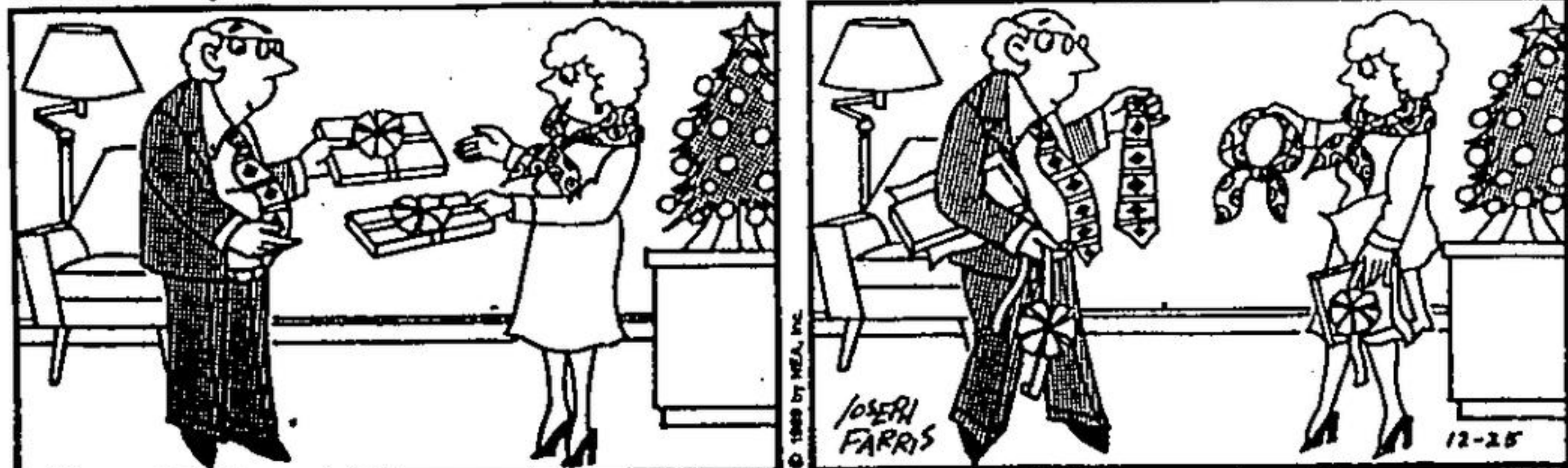
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## BRIDGE



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## Your Birthday

Dec. 24, 1989

Hopes and expectations will have good chances of being fulfilled in the year ahead, because you'll be a pragmatic visionary. Your dreams will be built upon feasible foundations.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Try to associate with companions today whose thinking and interests are in harmony with yours. Persons who aren't tuned into your wave length could take the edge off your enthusiasm. Capricorn, 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.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You'll be very popular with the persons with whom you'll associate today, because it will be obvious to them what you want for yourself you want for them as well.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Happy tidings from a distance could be coming your way today. You might hear from a friend with whom you haven't communicated much lately.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Good things come in small packages today and you may be pleasantly surprised by something whose outward appearance is not overly impressive.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your kindness and concern for others today will be of greater importance than material gestures. Those who love you want to also hear you say you care.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** A business situation might require some additional discussion today in order to get things on a proper track. Once the matter is verbalized, the answers will become evident.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Social involvements will take on a special significance today and much good will can be cultivated between you and other persons present. Be outgoing.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You won't enjoy just resting on your laurels around the house today. Put your hands and mind to work on things that can beautify your surroundings.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** If certain individuals are consistently in your thoughts today, it could indicate they are thinking of you as well. Make an effort to get in touch.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your possibilities for material accumulation look very good today. There's an excellent chance you will get something you've been wanting.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Your mental abilities are equal to any challenge with which you might have to contend today. This is a good time to focus on advancing an important, personal interest.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Your greatest pleasure today will come from things you can do for others. Let your heart rule your head in your involvements with those you love.

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<b>NORTH 12-23-89</b>			
♦ 5			
♦ 9742			
♦ K 1094			
♦ A K Q 5			
<b>WEST</b>	<b>EAST</b>		
♦ A 9 2	♦ 8 7 3		
♦ A K Q J 5	♦ 6 3		
♦ 8 7	♦ 6 3 2		
♦ J 9 3	♦ 10 8 6 4 2		
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♦ K Q J 10 6 4			
♦ 10 8			
♦ A Q J 5			
♦ 7			
Vulnerable: North-South			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1♦	2♥	Dbl.*	Pass
2♦	3♥	3♥	Pass
4♦	All pass		
*negative double			
Opening lead: ♥ K			

## Coming up through the ranks

By James Jacoby

Negative doubles are funny animals. North first showed clubs and diamonds, as well as willingness to play at the three-level. When South rebid his spades, North bid three hearts. He was hoping that South might have K-x of hearts or some such holding and be able to bid three no-trump. South didn't have that, but he did have a good spade suit and could easily visualize game with a variety of cards in the North hand. He jumped to four spades. It now became a defensive problem.

West led K-Q of hearts, East following with the 6-3. West placed declarer with the ace of diamonds and good spades for his opening bid and jump to game. The question was how good declarer's spades were. West hoped East would hold as much as the jack or 10 of spades, so he led a third heart, low to encourage East to ruff with his highest trump. East did ruff with the seven of spades, and South overruffed with the 10. Declarer then played the jack of spades, but West was up to that. He quickly took the ace as East followed with the three. One more heart was played, and East dutifully ruffed with the eight-spot. Declarer overruffed with the queen and played the king, but West was left with the setting trick — the spade nine. It was unusual for the successful defense to depend upon two upercuts in the trump suit.

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: M equals D.

'SWEAWP IPPW AW  
QBP OTI SCQPU  
QBP SNP AC  
QBHUQE BSI OPPW  
S CSHYTUP HW  
YHCP. — M TVBPII  
YAPYHS.

SOLUTION: "Anyone seen on the bus after the age of thirty has been a failure in life." — Duchess Loella.