

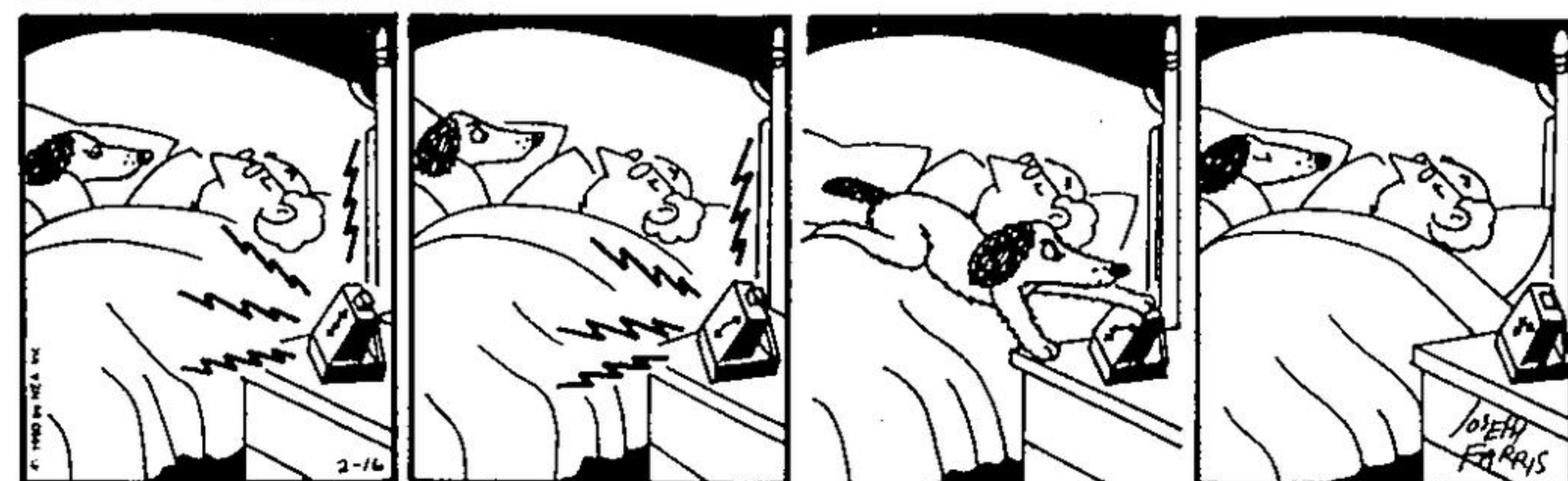
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ASTRO-GRAPH



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**NORTH** 2-14-90  
 ♦ A K J  
 ♥ 6 4 3  
 ♠ A 6 3 2  
 ♣ K 10 5

**WEST**  
 ♦ 8  
 ♥ 10 9 8 5  
 ♠ K 10 9 8 4  
 ♣ Q 7 2

**EAST**  
 ♦ 5 2  
 ♥ K Q 7 2  
 ♠ Q J 5  
 ♣ A J 9 8

**SOUTH**  
 ♦ Q 10 9 7 6 4 3  
 ♥ A J  
 ♠ 7  
 ♣ 6 4 3

Vulnerable: Neither  
 Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10



In the year ahead it looks like you will establish several important material objectives. Your possibility for achieving them appear very good.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** An opportunity of a fleeting nature may be presented to you today. If you are too coy and dilly-dally, you might watch it being disassembled before your eyes. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Someone who is separated from you geographically but not in spirit has been very anxious to hear from you. A call or note on your behalf today will be appreciated.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** This could be an advantageous day for joint ventures. Something extraordinary might occur that both parties involved will pick up on and use in ways that will compound benefits.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Even though your present plans look pretty good, keep an open mind regarding the suggestions for revisions by others. Another's concept might be superior to yours.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** An unexpected development might occur at this time that will enable you to reap greater rewards than you're presently receiving for something on which you're now working.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Be alert for spur-of-the-moment happenings that could brighten and liven up your day. However, a flexible schedule is necessary to permit you the latitude you'll need to participate.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You can accomplish a lot of little things today that you have left unfinished in the past. If you're motivated to do so, this time you'll complete each job.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** A system that works extremely well for a friend of yours can be applied to your own problems today. Try to use the same procedures with as little variations as possible.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your possibilities for adding to your resources look extremely encouraging in this cycle. Chance could play a rather unique role in your affairs.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Don't be reluctant to discard old, unworkable ideas if you come up with a raft of fresh thoughts today. Occasionally it makes sense to switch horses in midstream.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Someone you have treated with consideration recently is looking for a way to reciprocate. Today he/she might figure out a way to do it.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You'll recognize a good idea when you hear one today and you might be exposed to several. Later you'll have chances to use them to your advantage.

## A clever alternative

By James Jacoby

How can you make a trick from K-10-5 facing 6-4-3? You can lead up to the king and hope the ace is well placed. And you can also lead toward that K-10 and hope that the Q-J is in front of the king. So sometimes the 10 will force the ace, and at other times the ace will be in front of the king. Finally you might be able to eliminate some of the defenders' side-suits and get a trick by means of an endplay.

After three spades was raised to four, West led the heart 10. Declarer could readily see that the contract would depend upon making a club trick, but touching that suit could be postponed. So declarer played the jack of hearts under East's queen. East returned a heart. Declarer won, played to dummy's diamond ace and ruffed a diamond, and then led a spade to dummy's ace and ruffed another diamond. A spade to dummy's king was followed by a heart ruff. At this point declarer would have liked to ruff dummy's last diamond, but that was simply not possible. Declarer had to hope that the partial elimination was enough. So declarer played a club and put in dummy's 10-spot. East won the jack but unfortunately had no more diamonds. A heart from East would allow declarer to stuff a club from his hand while ruffing with dummy's jack of spades. And a club from East would be away from the ace, making a trick for dummy's king. Kudos to declarer for playing for the chance that East had started with only three diamonds.

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.

## 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: E equals J.

G F J A C A K G W I  
 N G W I J Y W I U C V H  
 U C A Z N B R N J H X  
 E F E C G V F . . .  
 K I J H X Z V G H A X I Q  
 X I I .

SOLUTION: "Turning the other cheek is a kind of moral justice." - Gerald Stanley Lee