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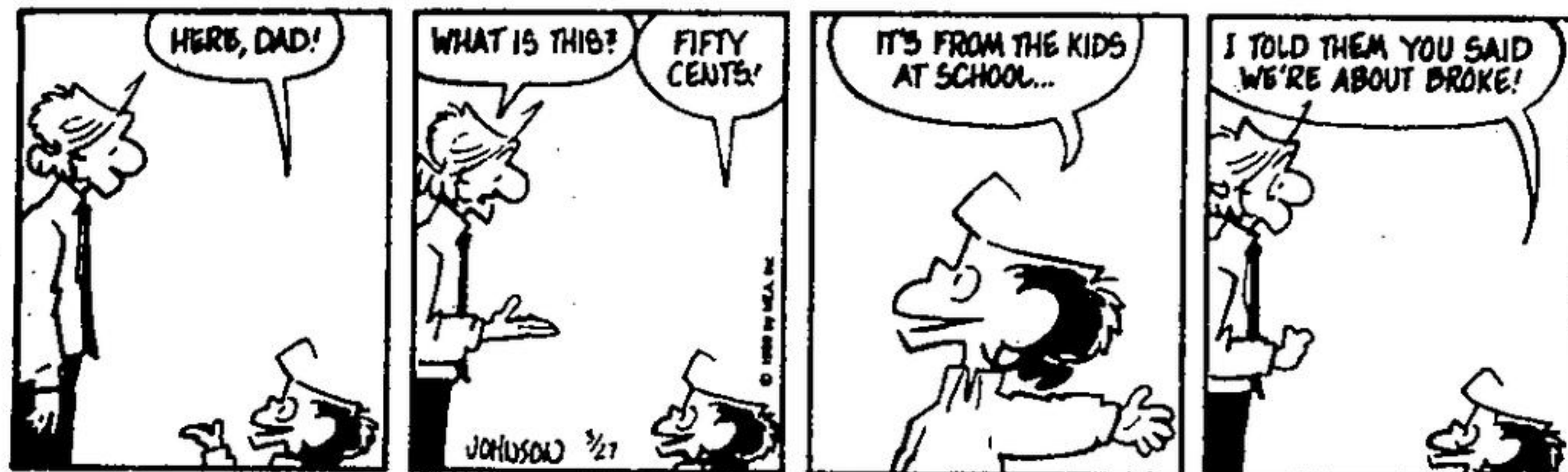
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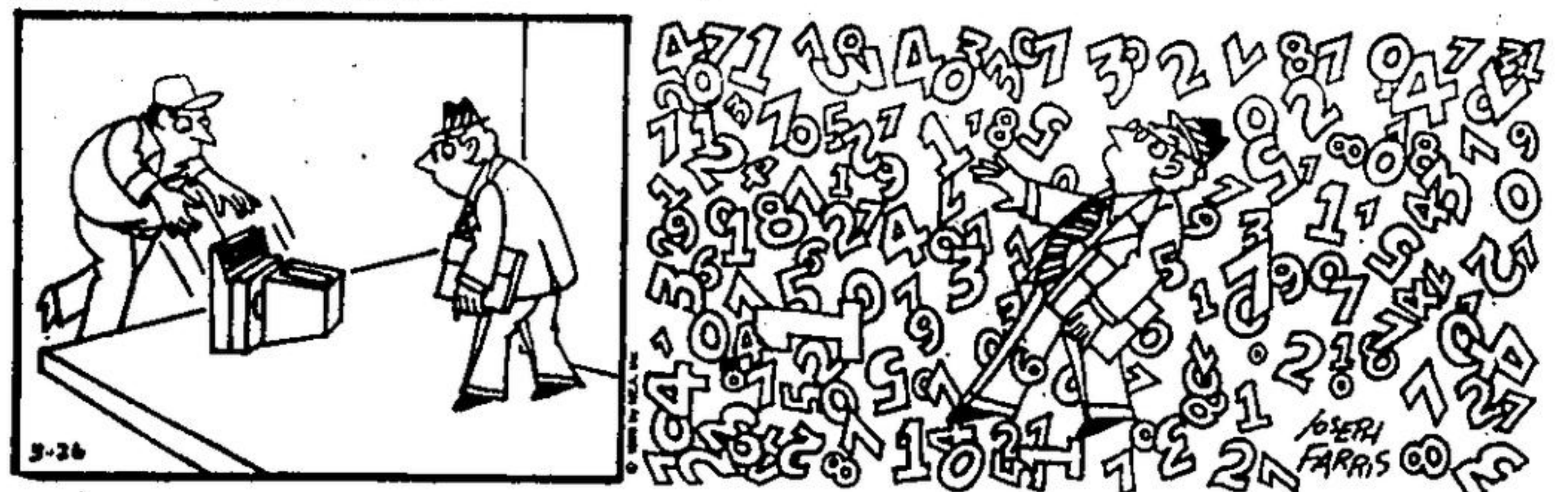
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ASTRO-GRAPH



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Your Birthday
March 29, 1990

Provided you live up to your potential and do everything expected of you, the year ahead could be a banner one for you materially. Capitalize on your opportunities, so you'll have no regrets later.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This might be one of those days when your compensation won't be commensurate to the efforts and energies you expend. Don't let your expectations exceed the reality factors. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Partnership arrangements could put your tolerance to a test today. Regardless of what occurs, try to remain calm and unruffled, because if you lose your cool, you may later regret it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An abundance of energy and compassion might tempt you to take on more responsibilities than you should today. Be helpful, but let others do some things for themselves.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today it might be necessary for you to be a trifle thick skinned and not to take offense too readily, especially if someone distorts a remark or action of yours. Don't respond in kind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Goals which are of importance to you today might not have the same priority with your associates. This could cause problems if you misinterpret the motives of lukewarm supporters.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Relationships should be rather pleasant and enjoyable today, provided you do not try to impose your will on your companions. If you are too demanding or assertive, things could rapidly go downhill.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'll be a pretty good performer up to a point today, but there is a possibility you may suddenly ease up just when your goals are within reach. Start strong and finish strong.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You and your mate can harmonize on major issues today as long as the lyrics both are humming contain more "we's" than they do "I's." Teamwork is essential.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A heavier workload than you anticipated might be your lot in life today. However, if you match the tasks at hand, rather than moan about the task, you'll be proud of your achievements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you'll be effective in promoting your own interests, but you're not likely to be as conscientious about looking out for the concerns of others. This won't help your popularity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Timing is extremely important today in fulfilling your ambitious objectives. If you are out of sync with events, it could severely dilute your victories.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be very careful with whom you get into a serious discussion today. Don't match wits or words with a person you know from past experiences has a bad temper.

NORTH 3-28-90			
♦ A K 8			
♥ 7 2			
♦ K Q 6			
♦ Q 7 6 5 3			
WEST			
♦ 6 4 3 2			
♥ 9 8 6			
♦ A 10 7 5			
♦ J 9			
EAST			
♦ 9 7 5			
♥ K Q J 5 4			
♦ J 3 2			
♦ K 4			
SOUTH			
♦ Q J 10			
♥ A 10 3			
♦ 9 8 4			
♦ A 10 8 2			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: North			
South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	1 ♠	1 ♥
		3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♥ 6			

False-card woes

By James Jacoby

The great writer Terence Reese has pointed out that sometimes false-carding the jack from J-9 combinations can pay defensive dividends. Bobby Goldman found just such a play during the London Sunday Times invitational tournament in January.

South made an invitational jump to two no-trump after East had over-called with one heart. With a sound 14-point opening, North bid game. Declarer ducked the first two heart leads and finally won the third heart. Since he could not afford to let East on lead, he got to dummy with the king of spades to lead the queen of clubs. East put on the king, declarer won the ace, and West (Goldman) played the jack. If the jack were singleton, the whole club suit could come home, so South played back to dummy's ace of spades and played a club to his eight-spot. West won the nine and played a third spade. When declarer eventually played a diamond, West took the ace and won the setting trick with his long spade.

Note that declarer will surely succeed if West does not false-card with the club jack. He will give up a trick to the jack of clubs and have no hope for his contract unless the ace of diamonds is with West. But since West does hold that ace, declarer will make nine tricks.

True, declarer would also have succeeded if he had played a low club first from dummy, intending to insert the 10. But give West full credit for devising a scheme to cause South to go set after the mistake of leading the club queen from dummy.

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: V equals L.

SKG ABUVXJ
YTGIC'S MNCS CGM
OBIXJ. SKG ONXC
SKXCQ XS YGONCYI
TZ N JTOATIGE XI
SKNS KG UG YGNY.
- NESKBE
KTCGQQGE.

SOLUTION: "The public doesn't want new music. The main thing it demands of a composer is that he be dead." — Arthur Honegger.