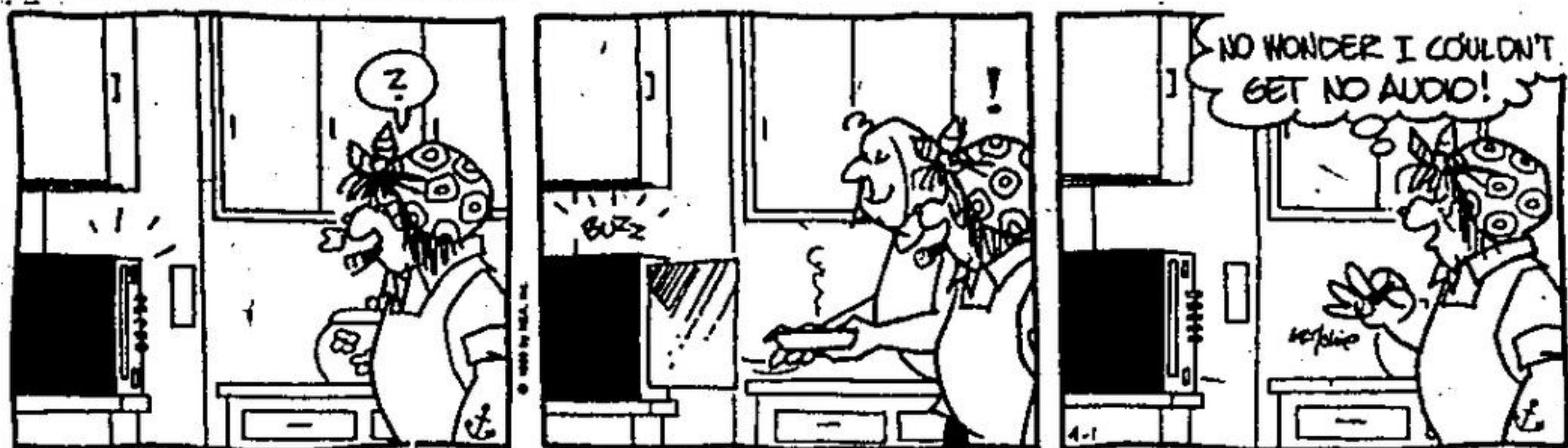
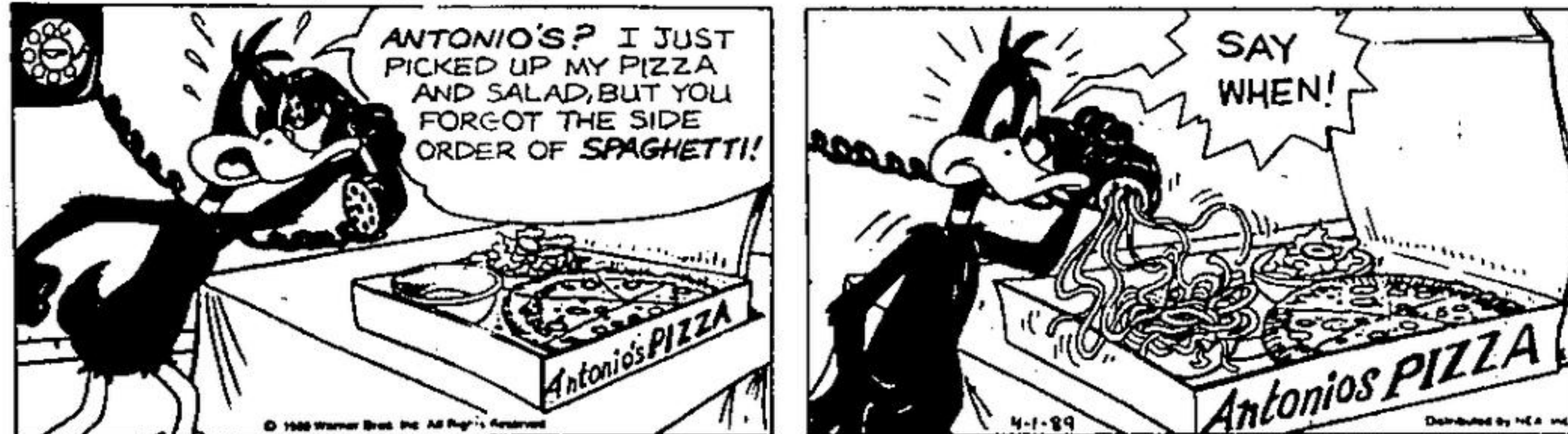


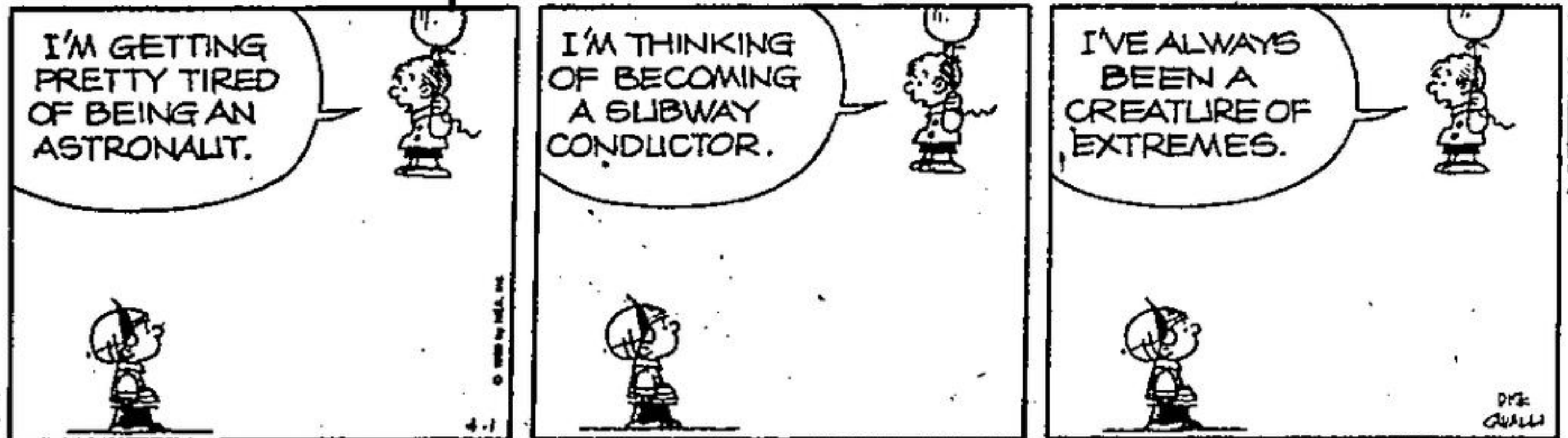
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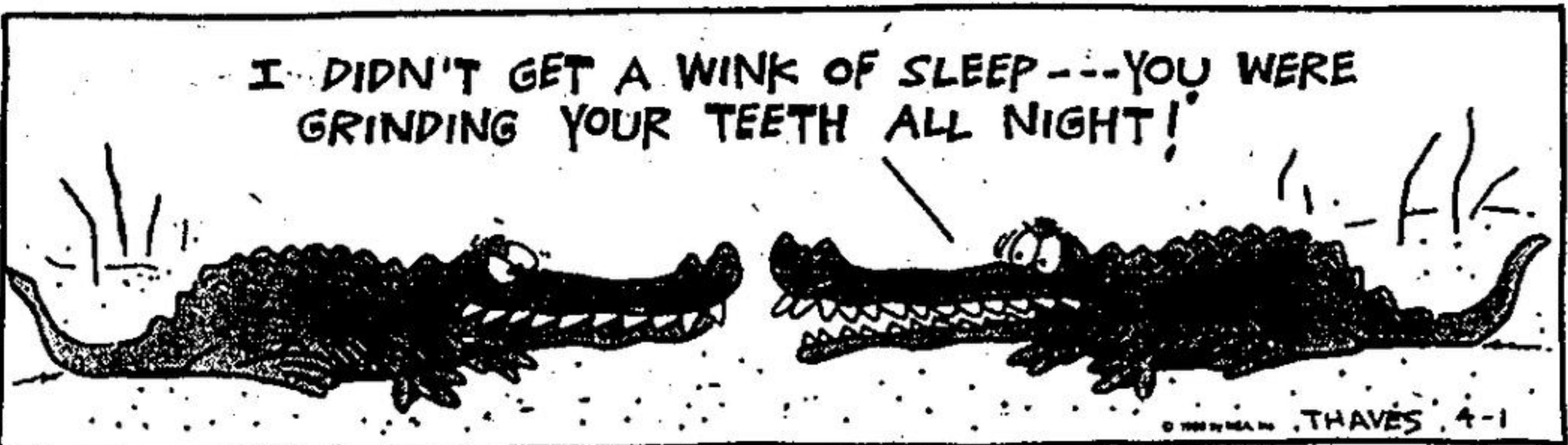
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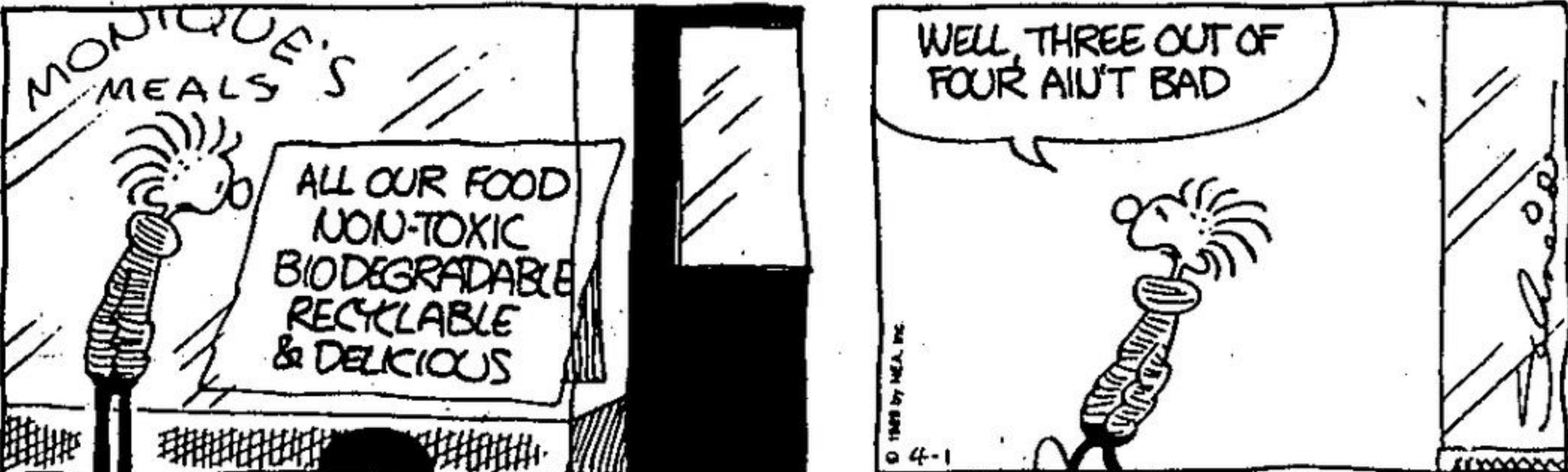
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ASTRO-GRAPH



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Your Birthday

March 30, 1989

Your greatest benefits in the year ahead are likely to come from a venture or enterprise that will be resurrected. Over the coming months it should succeed where it previously failed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try not to take full credit for something today that an associate was instrumental in helping to bring about. It could scar a productive relationship. 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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Making last-minute changes in strategy today could turn out to be a counterproductive measure. What you had in mind originally is likely to be your best bet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If developments warrant it today, befriend one with whom you have established ties rather than sliding with a new acquaintance. Others will measure you by the amount of loyalty you express.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you may be required to honor a commitment that you'll find a bit difficult to keep. Regardless of the inconvenience you'll have more respect for yourself if you stand by your word.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your ideas for handling a critical arrangement today are likely to be superior to the well-meaning advice of your co-workers. Give credence to your judgment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make an extra effort to exercise self-discipline today in an area where you sometimes tend to overindulge. It can be done without taking the edge off of your fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be firm regarding your terms today if you have to negotiate a matter of importance. If you are lax or indifferent, you might make some needless concessions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) People with whom you'll be involved today might be so wrapped up in their own interests that they won't be receptive to your propositions or proposals. If you sense this, make your pitch at a later date.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you have something critical to discuss with someone else today that directly affects your career or finances, iron it out first before you digress to lighter topics.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Guard against tendencies today to suddenly switch tactics in matters that are presently running to your advantage. The changes you're likely to introduce aren't apt to be as effective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you may be in a rather gregarious mood, and this is well and good, provided you do not openly discuss things that were told to you in strict confidence.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're in a good cycle pertaining to the fulfillment of hopes and expectations, provided they are based upon practical foundations. Don't build castles on sand.

Silence speaks loudly

Wednesday, March 29, 1989

BRIDGE



JAMES JACOBY

By James Jacoby

After an opposing opening bid, the overall in a suit has a wide range — from a few points up to opening-bid values. But the standard way to describe a good hand of 16 or more high-card points plus a long suit is to double for takeout first and then bid the suit. That was the approach selected by South in today's deal. Still, North did not have quite enough to come in when West bid his second suit, diamonds, over the takeout double.

When South then bid two spades, North had a sound invitational raise with four spades and an ace. South bid the game and now had to make it. The defense played three rounds of hearts. Declarer ruffed and played a low spade. East took the ace and returned a diamond. Declarer now had some information to guide his play. East, who had shown up with the spade ace, had passed his partner's one-heart opening bid. Unless East was being incredibly timid or had overlooked his hand, he could not hold the queen of clubs. (With six high-card points, he would

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| NORTH 2-29-89 | | | |
| ♠ J 9 7 4 | | | |
| ♥ J 8 5 | | | |
| ♦ 7 6 3 | | | |
| ♣ A 8 5 | | | |
| WEST | | EAST | |
| ♠ --- | | ♠ A 3 2 | |
| ♥ A K Q 10 9 | | ♥ 6 3 2 | |
| ♦ Q J 9 8 2 | | ♦ 10 5 4 | |
| ♣ Q 7 4 | | ♣ 10 6 3 2 | |
| SOUTH | | | |
| ♠ K Q 10 8 6 5 | | | |
| ♥ 7 4 | | | |
| ♦ A K | | | |
| ♣ K J 9 | | | |
| Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: West | | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| 1♥ | Pass | Pass | Dbl. |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ | 2♣ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4♣ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| Opening lead: ♥ K | | | |

have responded.) Declarer was thus safe in assuming West had that queen. He could play for the club queen to drop doubleton, but his nine of clubs provided an unusual winning play — the backward finesse.

So declarer picked up the remaining trumps, ending in his hand. He then led the jack of clubs. West covered with the queen, won with dummy's ace. That left declarer's K-9 over East's 10, and South took that finesse to make the contract.

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 K.

E H D Z R J O B P P X K U E O M G D
L D N D P J H D L P B O T Y B T D
I D S B Y R D J A J Y Z L D D H
O D D L K J S J V H P B E O .
P E P X K J V P E O .

SOLUTION: "personality think we developed because of our deep need to complain." — Lily Tomlin.