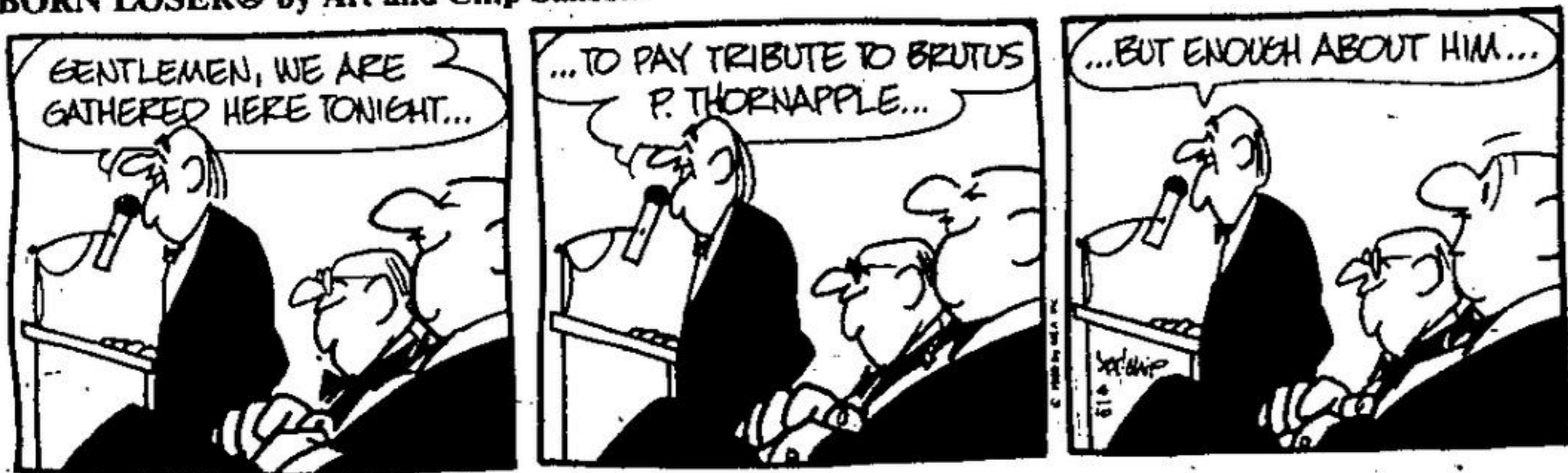


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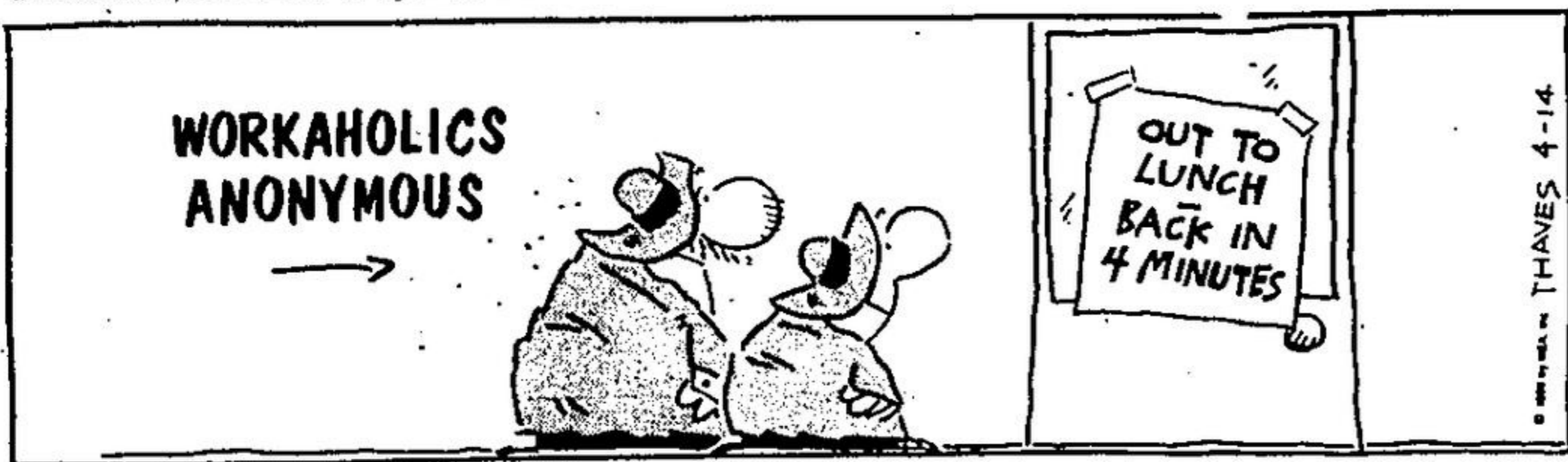
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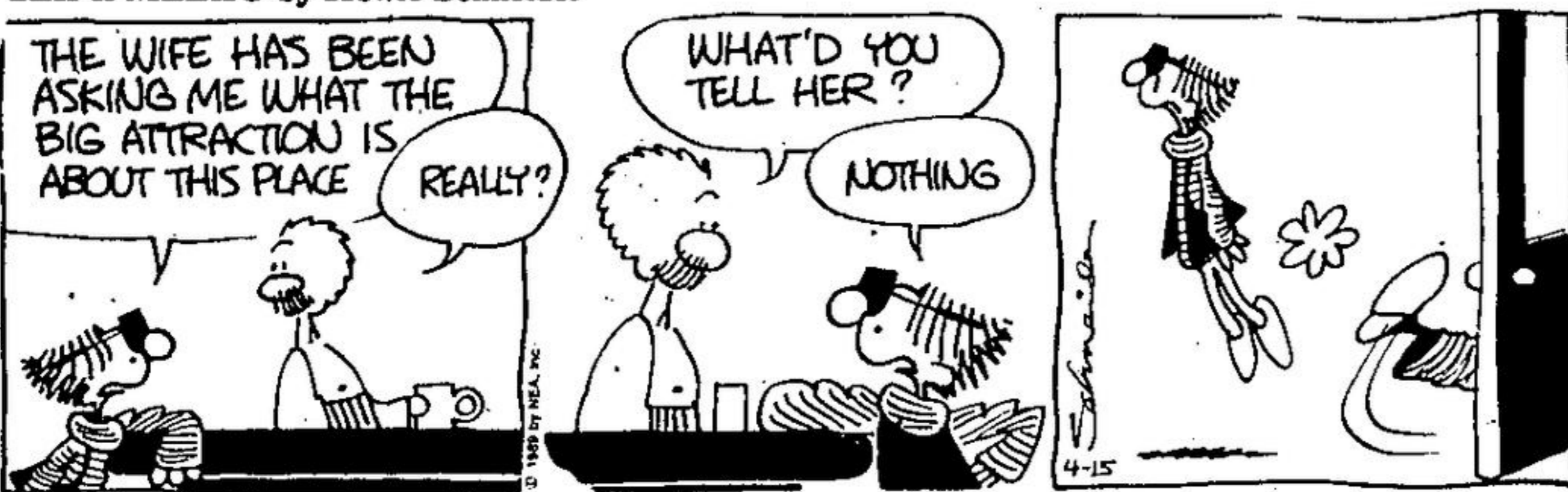
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April 13, 1989

In the year ahead you are likely to experience a substantial alleviation of troublesome factors. In fact, some of the crosses you've been forced to bear could now turn into crowns.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You should have the enviable ability to keep events in proper perspective today and this could mean that little annoyances that devastate others aren't even likely to faze you. 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) Today is a good day to provide a small luxury that will please a family member. Even if the cost bruises your budget a bit, the appreciation it will generate will be worth it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's a possibility your smaller interests may pop out today, but don't despair because your successes are likely to come from larger issues. Focus your efforts on them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If there is something substantial you're hoping to achieve today, don't permit yourself to get caught up in insignificant details, because they could stall your momentum.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You could be extremely lucky today in any dealings you'll have with your more influential friends. The same might not be true in involvements with people who lack clout.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your intuition could be equally as reliable as your intellect today. Success in your endeavors is likely if you utilize your gifts collectively.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Good things could happen for you today through the friends with whom you'll associate. A word of caution, however: for best results overlook their minor failings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A sudden and fortunate shift could occur for you today in matters that are meaningful to you financially. Lady Luck will be taking a personal interest in your affairs and she'll be trying to put a smile on your lips.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Trading on your own personal experiences could be of more value to you today than acting on the advice offered by others. If something worked successfully for you in the past, it can be replicated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't shortchange people for whom you are performing services today. Instead put forth your very best efforts. A good performance promises commensurate remunerations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Partnership arrangements should work out fortunately for you today, but not necessarily in adding to your resources. In this area they might even cost you a few pennies.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Evaluate merchandise you bring into your household today in terms of quality rather than price. A dollar saved could turn out to be a dollar earned if you focus on bargains, not value.

NORTH 6-12-89
 ♦ 6 5 4 3
 ♥ J 9 7 6 5
 ♠ K 5
 ♣ A 8

WEST
 ♦ A K Q J 10 8
 ♥ 4 2
 ♠ Q J
 ♣ K 6 3

EAST
 ♦ 9 2
 ♥ 3
 ♠ 10 9 8 3 2
 ♣ J 9 7 4 2

SOUTH
 ♦ 7
 ♥ A K Q 10 8
 ♠ A 7 6 4
 ♣ Q 10 5

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: South

West	North	East	South
1♦	4♥	Pass	1♥
4♣	5♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♦ K

Overbidder goes scot-free

By James Jacoby

Aggressive bidders have to play their cards well or they become quickly ostracized from polite bridge society. In today's deal South really had no right to hang his partner by bidding slam after North had carried on to five hearts. South, of course, was hoping for more high cards in North's hand. And, truthfully, either the queen of diamonds or the king or jack of clubs extra in the North hand would have provided a reasonable play for slam.

West led two rounds of spades. South ruffed with the ace of hearts and played the queen of clubs. West covered with the king and dummy won the ace. A spade was ruffed with the king of hearts, and the heart 10 was overtaken by the jack in dummy. Dummy's last spade was ruffed with the heart queen, and the heart eight was overtaken by dummy's nine. Declarer now led out the remaining hearts from dummy, throwing a club and a diamond from his hand. On the last heart from dummy, East had to come down to three cards. In order to preserve the jack of clubs, he reduced to only two diamonds. Meanwhile declarer, since he did not see anybody throw away the club jack, had nothing better to do than keep three diamonds to the ace and hope for the best. Sure enough, the seven of diamonds became a winner, thus ensuring that South would continue overbidding for the rest of his days.

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: A equals M.

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 K E J W N V B S V E S K
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 A M G X J B J E J X K I .

SOLUTION: "The best chaperone a child can have is the one built into his character." — Marlene Cox