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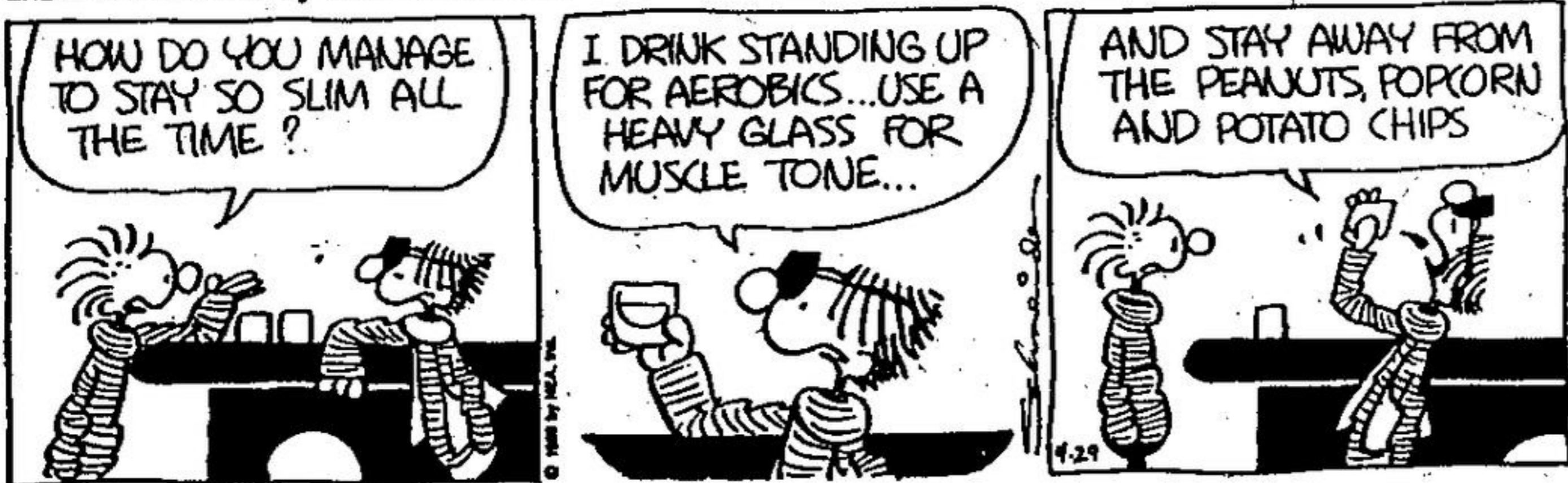
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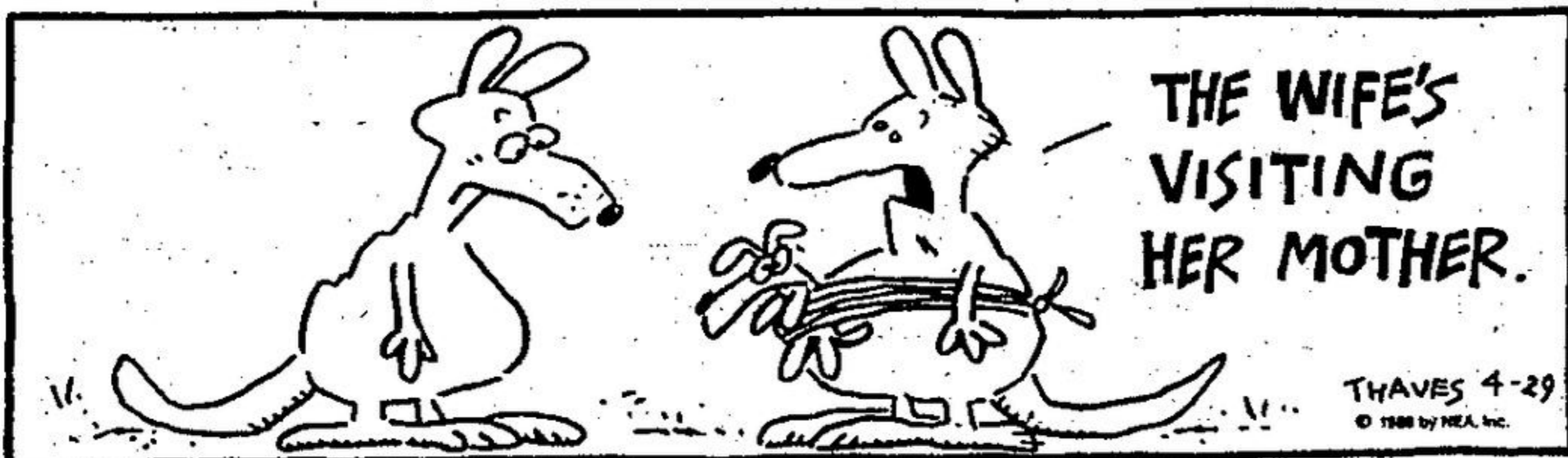
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Your Birthday

Major revisions in your outlook and attitude are likely in the year ahead. You will grow in self-esteem and others will also hold you in higher regard.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Draw on your past experience today because you might have to deal with something similar to something you didn't handle too well previously. You won't repeat any old errors. 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.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In a business matter today, strive to be less vocal than the person with whom you have dealings. If allowed to talk, there's a possibility you might end up giving up more than you expect.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your present hopes and dreams are not as unrealistic as some of your associates may think. Even so, they'll be pulling for you and they'll be pleased if you succeed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll be much admired by your peers today, yet there's a chance you'll not be aware of it. Too bad you can't see yourself as others see you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your greatest asset today is your ability to effectively manage situations that others have bungled. When you see the storm signals you are likely to react automatically.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Domestic matters should take precedence over your other activities today. Doing constructive things for your loved ones will give you a real sense of achievement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) People who are in a position to do big things for your careerwise will be watching you closely today. Knowing this, perform in ways you'll want them to observe.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Involvements that have materialistic overtones are likely to go better for you today if you make an effort to see that the other guy fares as well from the situation as you do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If there is something of importance you want to accomplish today, don't wait on others to get the project moving. Be a controller, not one who is controlled.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Put your imagination to work constructively today because it will be helpful in giving you the types of results you desire. Visualize the outcome of events and use that as your blueprint for action.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your popularity is presently ascending, so don't be surprised if you start getting more invitations than usual. Your name is about to be a must on party lists.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your overall prospects look rather encouraging and before the day is over you may have something to cheer about. Opportunities could develop from two different directions.

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NORTH 4-27-89
 ♠ 9 5 4
 ♥ K Q 9 6
 ♦ K Q 9 8
 ♣ A 8

WEST
 ♠ 6 2
 ♥ J 7 4 2
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ Q 10 9 7 6

EAST
 ♠ A K 10 8 3
 ♥ A 10 8 5
 ♦ 2
 ♣ J 5 2

SOUTH
 ♠ Q J 7
 ♥ 3
 ♦ A 10 7 5 4 3
 ♣ K 4 3

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: East

West	North	East	South
Pass	Dbl.	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♣

Opening lead: ♠ 6

Courageous bidding

By James Jacoby

Today's deal demonstrates the value of being brave when it's your turn to bid. East had a minimum opening, and partner West was right to pass. (Responding with a queen and two jacks is looking for trouble.) North now doubled for takeout. At this point many players with the East cards would reason as follows: "Partner could not respond to one spade, and North probably has four hearts for his double. Since I have a minimum hand, I'll just pass quietly." If that happened, it is virtually certain that South would jump to three diamonds (not forcing, but showing a good hand). North would then bid three spades, asking for a spade stopper, and South would bid three no-trump. And you can't beat that contract, even with a pickax.

Instead East pulled himself together and bid two hearts. South bid three diamonds and West bid three hearts. Some readers might argue that North should now act, but because South's three-diamond bid might have been simply competing for the part-score, it seems OK for North to pass, thinking that he will probably beat three hearts. Alas, South continued with four diamonds, and that was set a trick.

This fine result for East-West came about when East bid two hearts, changing the effect of South's three-diamond bid from game-invitational to merely competing. Over a game invitation, North might have found another bid, but not over the simple competing diamond bid.

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.

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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 Y.

HDL EWNL WP
 UEH JZ HW XUCL
 U GWENA GDJSD
 SUT OL
 JTDUOJHLA
 GJNNJUX ZUEWVUT

SOLUTION: "The role of art is to make a can be inhibited." — William S. Burroughs