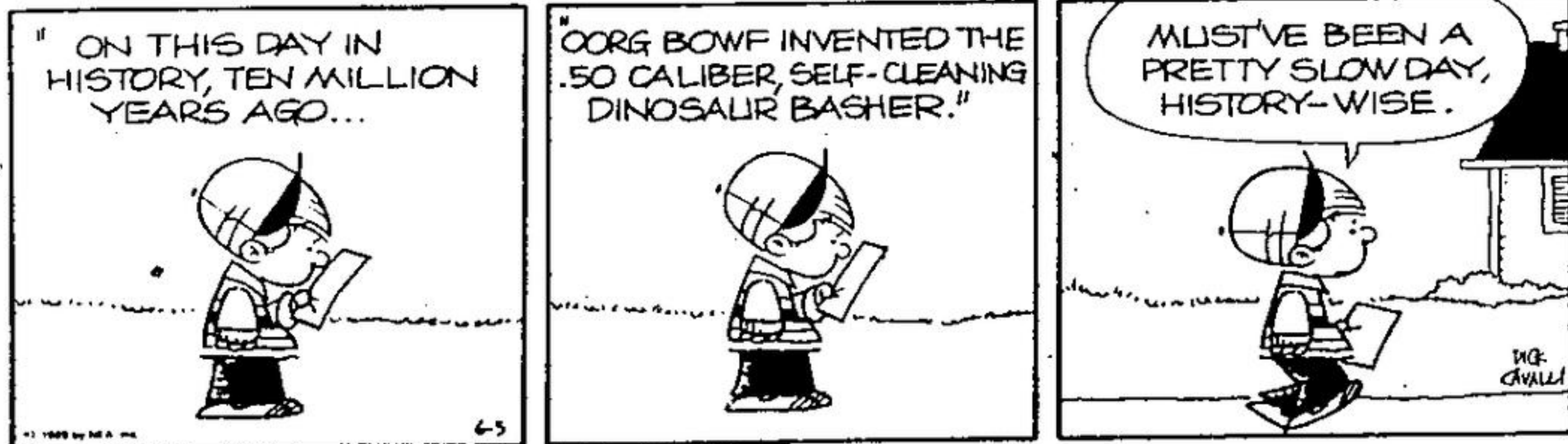


WINTHROP® by Dick Cavalli



ARLO & JANIS® by Jimmy Johnson



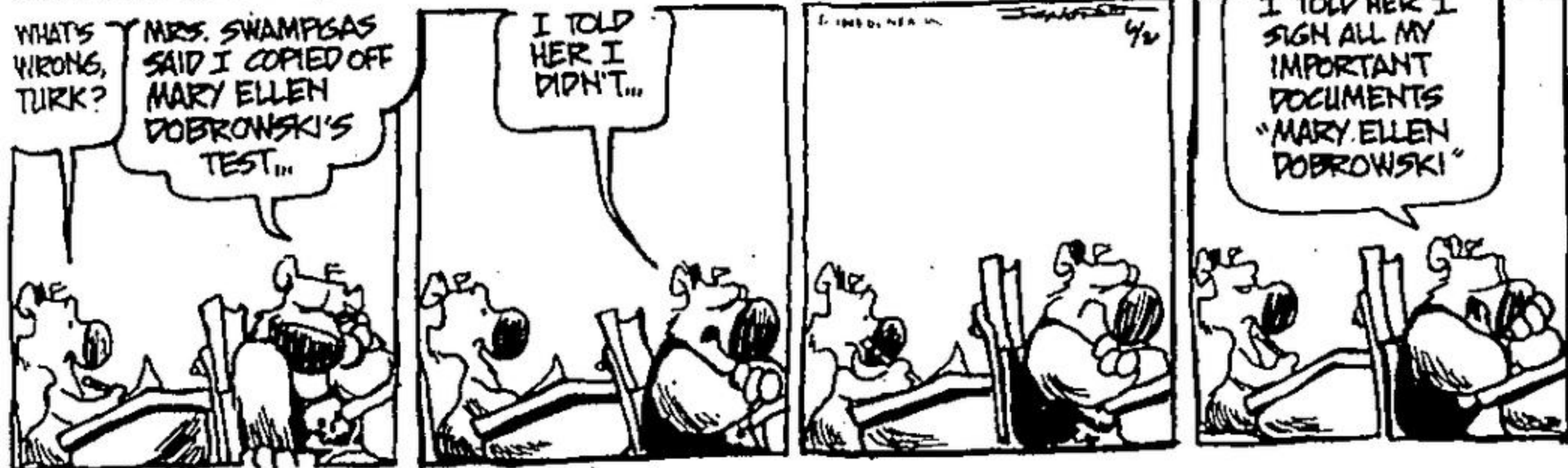
BORN LOSER® by Art and Chip Salsom



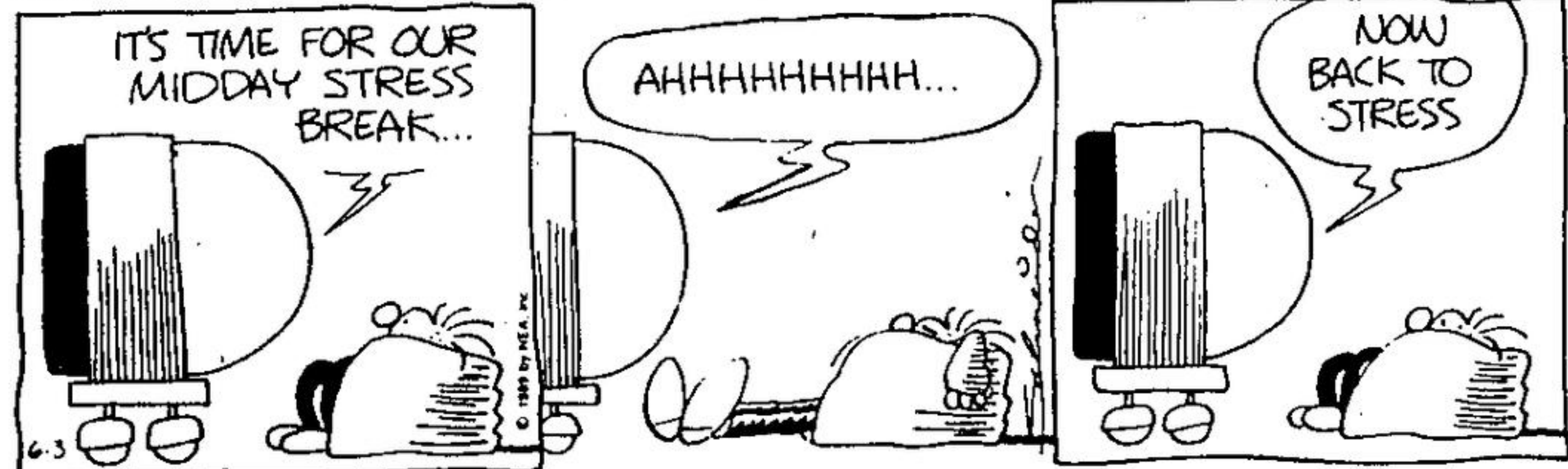
FRANK & ERNEST® by Bob Thaves



GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr



EEK & MEEK® by Howie Schneider



BUGS BUNNY® by Warner Bros.

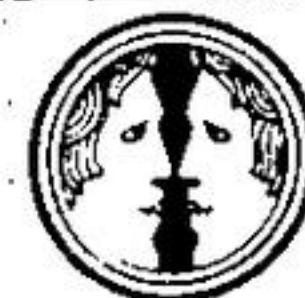


Comic Page

BRIDGE



JAMES JACOBY



Your Birthday

ASTRO-GRAPH



BERNICE BEDE OSOL

NORTH 5-31-89
 ♦ 10 6
 ♠ J 10 4 2
 ♥ A Q 4 2
 ♣ J 9 8

WEST
 ♦ K
 ♥ 8 3
 ♠ J 10 6 3
 ♣ K Q 10 6 5 4

EAST
 ♠ J 9 5 2
 ♥ A 9 7 5
 ♦ 9 7 5
 ♣ 3 2

SOUTH
 ♦ A Q 8 7 4 3
 ♥ K Q 6
 ♠ K 8
 ♣ A 7

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

In the year ahead you might make some critical revisions in your basic philosophy in order to keep current with events. These changes will prove to be to your ultimate benefit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A situation you are presently involved in has been undergoing some positive alterations that were not obvious to you or to others. Beginning today they'll be more visible. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Several key relationships can be strengthened substantially today if you show a willingness to cooperate. Do what you know needs doing without having to be directed to do so.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Conditions that have a critical effect upon your work or career look like they will be a trifle more favorable today than they'll be tomorrow. Make your moves in tune with the trends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A calculated risk may be in order today pertaining to something you have thoroughly analyzed and thought through. Do not be timid in areas where bold measures are required.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Something propitious and profitable could develop for you today through some type of shared venture. It might not look like much at first glance, but appearances can be deceptive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Some unexpected, but pleasant news you may receive today could have a positive effect upon an important decision that you'll have to make in the near future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You could be extremely fortunate today in a commercial involvement that is not run-of-the-mill. It looks like you may come out even better than you've been anticipating.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A chance social encounter today might turn out far more interesting than it would even if it were painstakingly planned well in advance. Flow with events.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not discount any brilliant flashes of insight or hunches you get today regarding collective family interests or things of a domestic nature. You're tuned into positive signals.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You could be luckier than usual today through your special friends and contacts. Be alert for helpful information that can be used to advance your personal interests.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your chances for success in commercial endeavors will largely be predicated on your ability to make quick, on-the-spot adjustments to developments as they arise. You'll have what it takes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A better way of doing something critical may occur to you today. Even though it might mean making a rather radical change, it still should be seriously considered.

Right spot, wrong approach

By James Jacoby

Willy Nilly had a tough bidding decision after his partner had responded with one no-trump. Eventually he jumped in his six-card spade suit. Since North had enough to bid game, he bid four spades. No doubt North is still hoping to see Willy play a hand well someday.

West led the club king. Willy took the ace and right away played three high diamonds, pitching his club loser. Next he played a spade back to his queen. West took the king and played a fourth diamond. East carefully played a low heart as declarer ruffed. Willy was just about to play the ace of spades when he suddenly realized that it was possible that East had all the remaining spades. If he could get to dummy, he could guard against that distribution by leading the 10 of spades and letting it ride. He tried a low heart to dummy's jack, but East won the ace and returned a club. Willy ruffed and now had no choice but to play out the spade ace. East got two more spade tricks, and the contract was down one. Even if declarer plays a high heart out of his hand, East should keep declarer out of dummy by ducking.

The correct play is for declarer to lay down the ace of spades at trick two. When the king drops, he can play diamonds as before, and then run the 10 of spades. He will lose one spade trick, and the heart ace, making an overtrick. If no spade honor appears, he will still be able to play up to the queen of spades from dummy, losing the contract only when West began the hand with K-J-9-x in trumps.

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: *F equis G.*

V J C J W X W Z A
 J W T T I M W W B J U A
 K W Z V J C M Z G V C Z
 U Z C U A B H E G W H A
 U A V G A A H C - N U N C Z
 F H K K T G X S A . . .
 E C X J C F J V .

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Lawyers are operators of the toll bridge across which anyone in search of justice has to pass." — Jane Bryant Quinn.

SOLUTION: "The honors Hollywood has for the writer are as dubious as tissue-paper cuff links." — Ben Hecht.