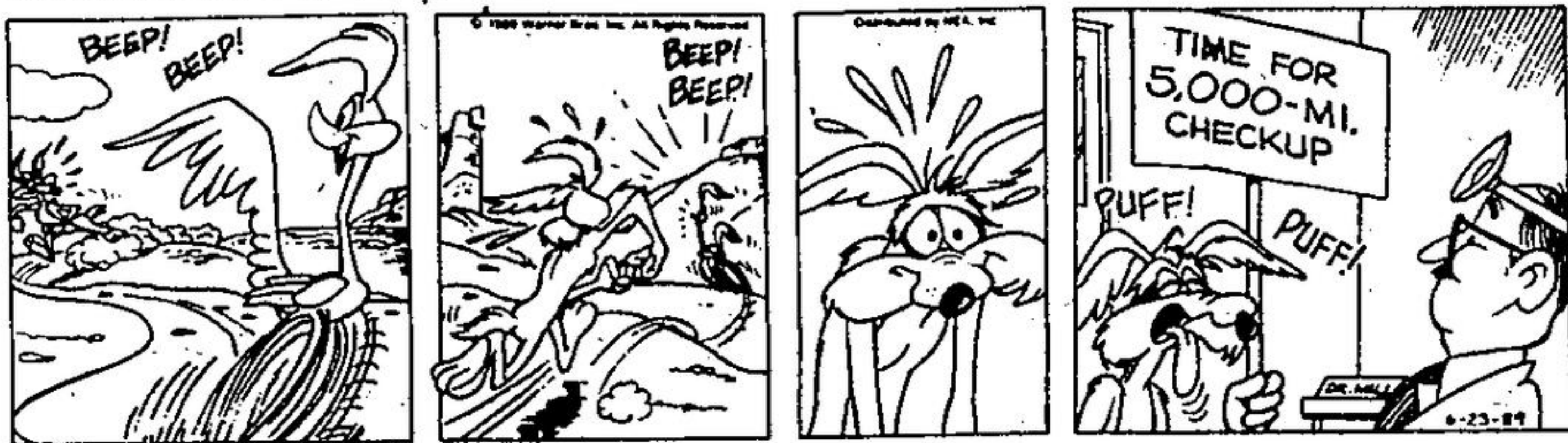


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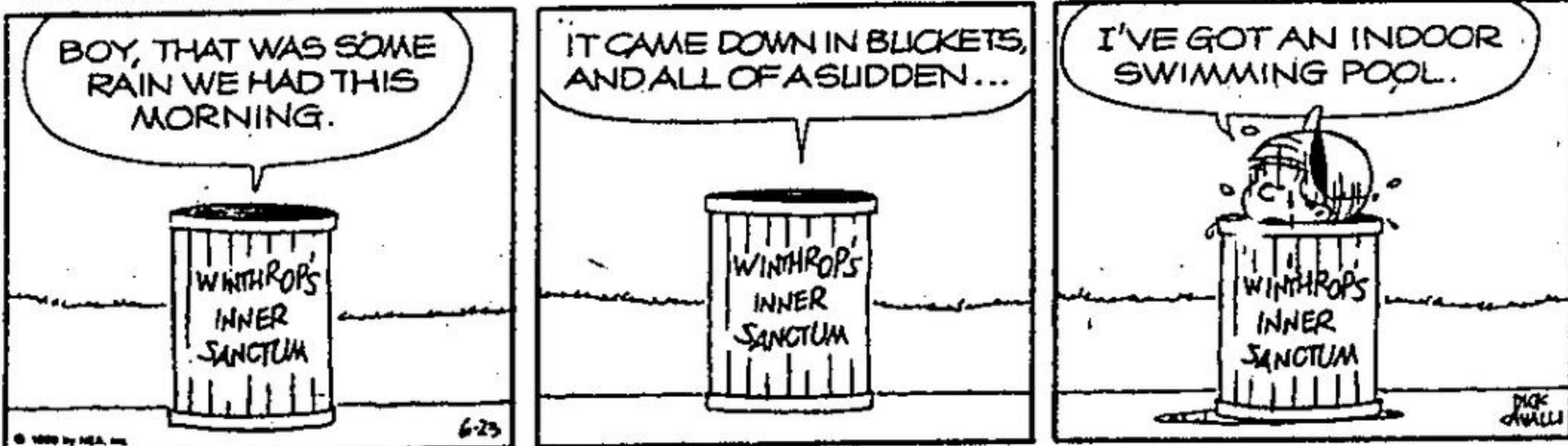
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**NORTH** 6-23-89  
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 ♦A86  
 ♠A62

**WEST**  
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**EAST**  
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**SOUTH**  
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 ♥KQJ1098  
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 ♣Q43

Vulnerable: North-South  
 Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♥	All pass		

Opening lead: ♥2

Your Birthday

June 28, 1989

You're going to be more strongly motivated in the year ahead, because you'll not only be working for yourself but also for those you love. This will make you a capable contender.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) You could do well for yourself and others in the role of a middle person today. You should be very good at arbitrating, negotiating, peace making, conciliating or facilitating. Cancer, 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.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) In spite of being plagued with severe self-doubts today, it looks like you will handle a large issue that is personally important to you in a most effective manner.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) As long as you are active and involved today, you'll be happy. However, if the pace substantially slows down, you could become a trifle moody, depressed or lethargic.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Finances, career or household matters you're apt to dispatch with relative ease today. Oddly enough, the area where you may show a lack of skills could be in your social life.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're entering into some type of special arrangement with another today, make sure you have all the facts and even double check those you think you have.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Errors are likely today if your mind is not focused on your work. If there is a critical task to which you must attend, get a competent helpmate who can serve as backup.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be a bit fortunate today in that you'll be the recipient of an opportunity that will give you a chance to earn a little extra. You might need it, if your extravagance continues.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You're apt to be a big hit today with everyone except your mate. This could be especially true if you stay out longer than you said you would.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Implementing your plans in a piecemeal fashion could severely dilute your effectiveness today. Try to keep your overall aims in your vision at all times.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) You'll have to concentrate in order to get your act together in the business world today. Move swiftly when you feel sharp, because sessions late in the day could find you duller.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) You should be rather good at figuring things out for yourself today, so try to ward off outside input. Involvements in lengthy discussions could confuse you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Your feelings could be hurt today when you are told of something another said about you behind your back. You can effectively neutralize this person's attack if you respond with kindness.

Desperate measures

By James Jacoby

North's jump to five no-trump was the grand-slam force, asking partner to bid a grand slam if he had two of the top three heart honors. Although South opened with a weak two-bid, North decided that the play for grand slam would be good if partner had K-Q of hearts. For his bid to be sensible, he also needed the spade jack. Still, according to instructions, South bid seven hearts, and he now had to give himself his best chance to make it.

In fact there was no realistic play for seven, since setting up the spade suit by ruffing would still leave declarer short one trick. But declarer did see a slim chance. If either of the defenders held both minor-suit kings as well as four or more spades, the contract could be made. So declarer won the ace of hearts and cashed both minor-suit aces. Then he ran his trump tricks, throwing small minor-suit cards from dummy and keeping the A-K-Q-5-2 of spades intact. When the last trump was cashed, East had to come down to five cards. To keep both minor kings, he would have to throw a spade, and that suit would run for the rest of the tricks. But what if he threw away a king? Then declarer would cash the queen of that suit, and East would be squeezed once again.

Although a trump lead is considered best against a confidently bid grand slam, in this instance a spade lead would have scuttled the communication needed for this unusual progressive squeeze.

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.

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Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: Q equals M.

'GRUPUK B  
 QVFRGD JVF  
 CVTTUPUSEU  
 JUGIUS FMFC,  
 KMNSC. PUBKMSK  
 BSC PUBKMSK GRBG  
 KMNSC FMFC.  
 JNPGMS RVHHVK.

SOLUTION: "There's a mighty big difference between good, sound reasons and reasons that sound good." — Burton Hillis