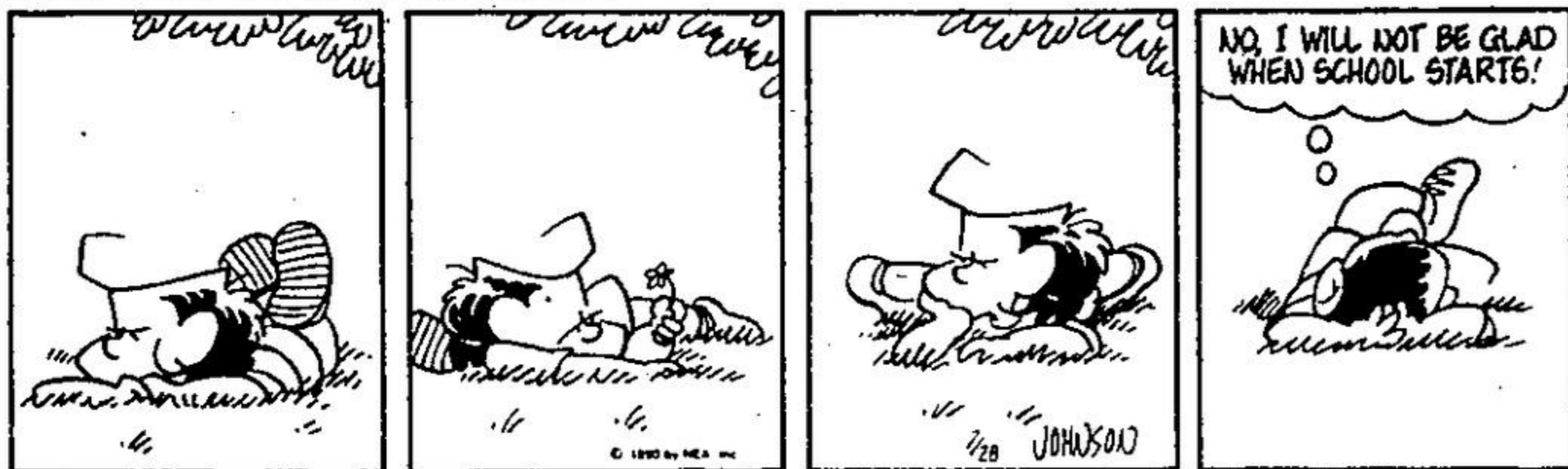
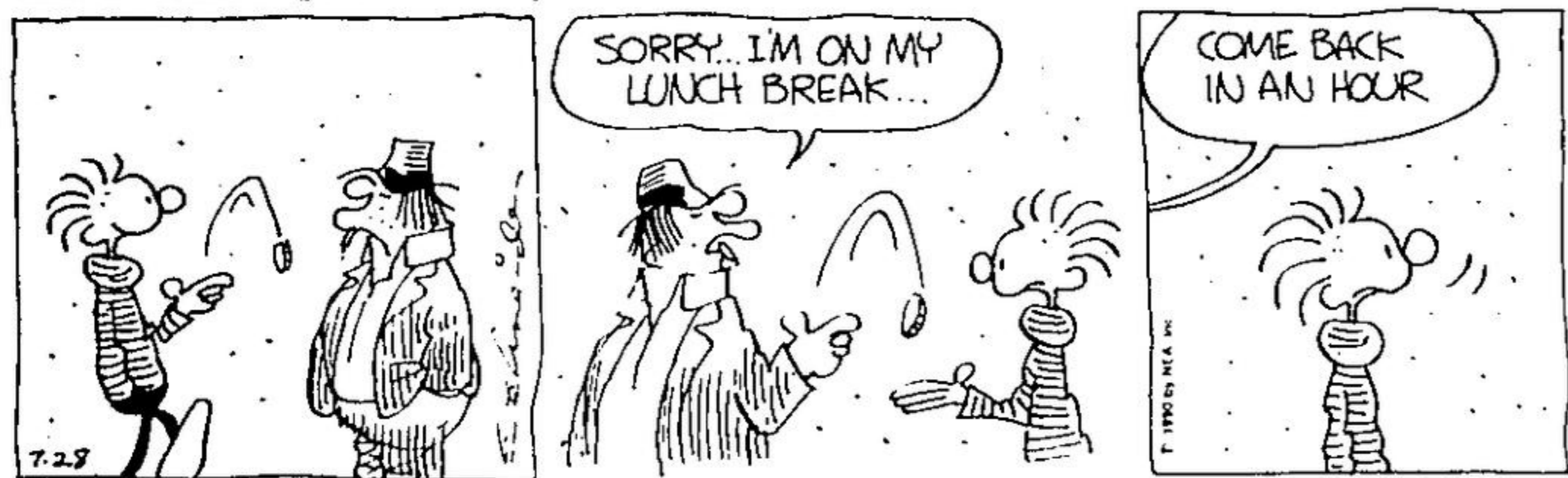


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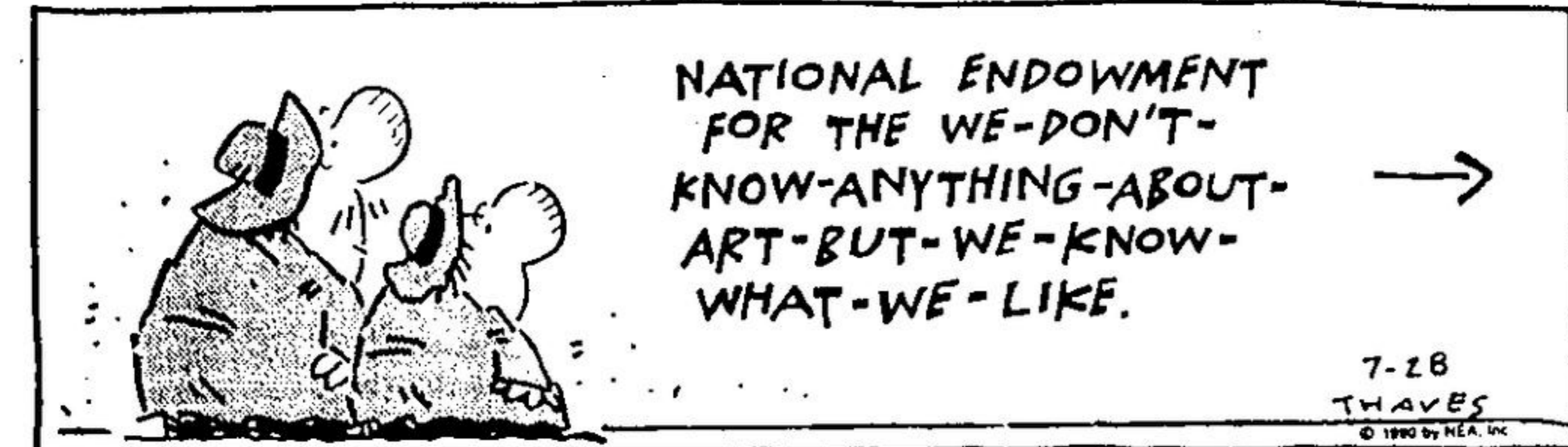
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NORTH
♦ A 9 8 5
♥ A 3
♦ 8 7
♦ K Q 10 9 2

WEST
♦ ---
♥ K 10 9 7 5
♦ Q J 9 6 4 2
♦ J 3

EAST
♦ Q 10 2
♥ J 8 4 2
♦ A 10
♦ A 7 6 5

SOUTH
♦ K J 7 6 4 3
♥ Q 6
♦ K 5 3
♦ 8 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	2 NT	1 ♣	4 ♦ (!)
4 ♣	Pass	Pass	5 ♥
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
All pass			

Opening lead: ♦ Q



Your Birthday

July 25, 1990

In the year ahead you should begin to experience basic improvements in your financial affairs. These changes are likely to come about in a gradual manner, but they will be positive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Financial trends are likely to be more stable for you today than they will be tomorrow. Don't leave anything hanging that is important to you moneywise. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Focus your energies and efforts today on what you consider to be your most significant endeavor. You'll be adept at accomplishing your aim, even the most difficult one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Two enterprises on which you worked very hard in the past have some life left in them. Don't write them off, even if they haven't yet yielded what you've expected.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A special friendship is intertwined with your hopes today. A pal who supported you previously is prepared to go to bat for you once again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If there is a deal you've been anxious to close, this is a good day to try to finalize it. Don't hold back any trump cards you've been thinking about using at a later date.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In situations that are meaningful to you personally, make an effort to manage events today instead of letting them manage you. Success is possible under your guidance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A joint venture looks promising for you today, even though you may be relegated to the minor role in the arrangement. No matter, the victory will be equally gratifying to both parties.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Matters of a legal nature should work out rather well for you today. If there is an agreement you'd like to make or documents to be signed, attend to these needs now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something for which you're presently struggling is worth the efforts, so keep your shoulder to the wheel today. It's yield might exceed your expectations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Lady Luck tends to favor you today, but she is likely to put limits on her dispensations. If you operate within reasonable bounds, it could be a better than average day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not be resistant where changes are concerned today, especially those that affect your family and household. You might have had a different way of doing things, but they should turn out OK.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you are ambitious and persistent today, goals of a material nature can be achieved. The only person upon whom you can depend to make your lot in life easier is you.

Looking ahead in the bidding

By James Jacoby

With best defense, South can be held to four spades. East-West does better if East plays in five hearts doubled, down only one if declarer plays the heart suit correctly. But it is sensible for East to plan the bidding so that South can be held to 10 tricks in spades, particularly if vulnerable South will be tempted to bid on when East-West goes to five hearts. This is why East made that strange four-diamond bid.

West described a distributional hand with length in both red suits by passing originally and then coming back in with a jump to two no-trump. When North raised to three spades, East might have simply bid four hearts, which he expected to make. But East had that crystal ball available to all players caught up in a competitive bidding contest. Since the opponents held spades, it was rather obvious that South would be bidding to take 10 tricks. That being the case, it was safe for East to make the seemingly bizarre four-diamond bid.

The bidding was not over. When South bid four spades, perhaps West would bid five diamonds. No problem — East would still be able to correct to five hearts.

When the bidding progressed as in the diagram, East was able to double five spades with at least the knowledge that the defense should achieve its maximum result. Sure enough, the queen of diamonds lead allowed the defenders to take all their tricks, East winning the diamond ace and switching to a low heart.

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. F equals V.

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R L P S P Q L P J Z X T Y P J A G
G M U P S Y A M Q S T Y Q W M E Q P T U
A B G M U P S A H E P S F T Q W A M
R T X Q P S R W M Y L P X X

— Walter Winchell
"Hollywood is a place where they place you under contract instead of under observation."