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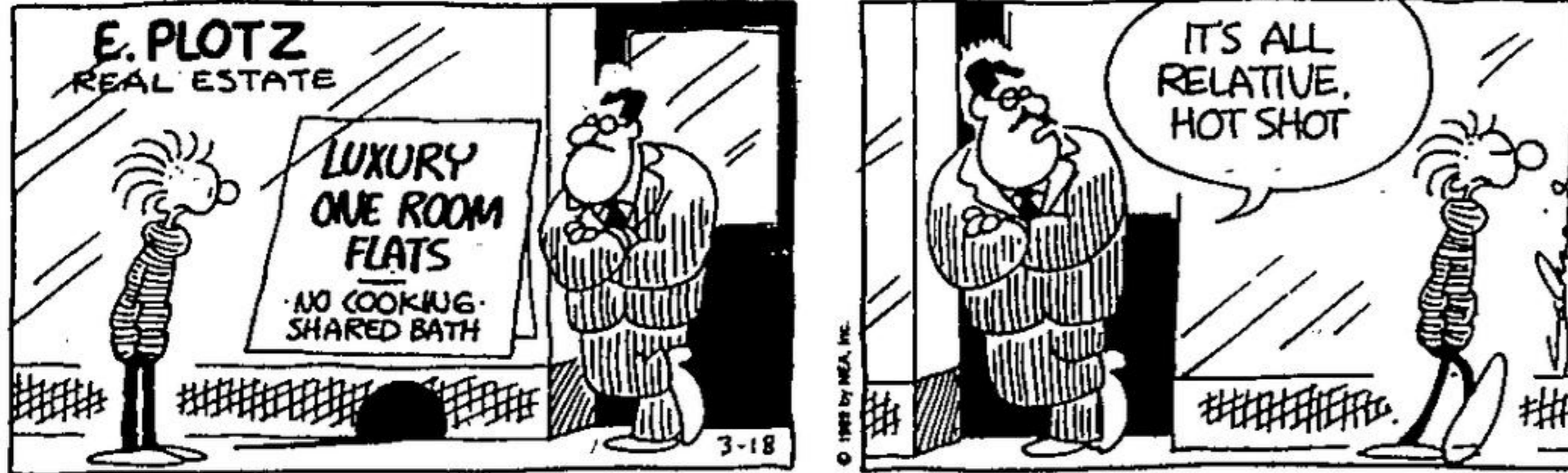
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Your Birthday

March 16, 1989

In the year ahead you should be able to spend more time on pleasurable pursuits. This could be due in part to improved financial circumstances as well as more leisure hours.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In your instance, business and pleasure should be a compatible mix today. If you have a commercial contact or client with whom you'd like to cut a deal, try to do so over a friendly lunch or dinner. 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is a good day to be a little more attentive than usual to your special someone. Plan something romantic. It doesn't have to be expensive, candlelight and wine could fit the bill.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your popularity is presently ascending and even people you thought never noticed you will start casting admiring glances your way. Continue to be the nice person you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The motivation you require today is not of the bread-and-butter variety, rather it's focusing in on luxurious targets that you personally feel are worth attaining.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might find yourself in a competitive development today where your opposition counts on personal connections, while you'll bank on what you know. Knowledge will tilt the odds in your favor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have the ability at this time to transform the out-moded or problematical into something more appealing. It can be utilized to your benefit both businesswise and socially.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Special friends with whom you have strong emotional ties aren't apt to deny your requests today. If you need a favor, don't hesitate to make it known to one of them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It's a wise policy today to be extra solicitous of those working for you or on your behalf. Your acknowledgment of their efforts could inspire them to do even more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Romantic involvement could be one of your brightest events today. It may be with someone with whom you have an established relationship or possibly with somebody new.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There could be a dramatic shift in circumstances today pertaining to a situation that has been causing you concern recently. The change should free you from your anxieties.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In ways that might not be immediately evident, you could be rather lucky today. What occurs is likely to be due to someone other than yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) There are indications that things could run more smoothly than usual for you where your material interests are concerned. If you know of a way to improve your lot in life, work on it today.

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NORTH 3-15-89			
♦ 54			
♥ A Q 10 5			
♦ A K 9 5			
♦ K 8 4			
WEST	EAST		
♦ A Q J 3 2	♦ 10 9 8 6		
♥ 7 2	♥ 8 6 3		
♦ J 8 3	♦ 10 7		
♦ A J 7	♦ 10 9 3 2		
SOUTH			
♦ K 7			
♥ K J 9 4			
♦ Q 6 4 2			
♦ Q 6 5			
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: West			
West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Dbl.	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
Opening lead: ♥ 2			

Getting off the hook

By James Jacoby

Since West had no good lead, he decided to lead a trump. Declarer knew absolutely from the bidding that it would be futile to try leading up to the king of spades, but perhaps opener West, with all those high cards, might come under some pressure as the play developed. So South played three rounds of trump ending in his hand, and led a club to dummy's king, West playing low. Next came four rounds of diamonds, which brought West down to A-Q-J of spades and A-J of clubs. At this point there was no way for declarer to go set. If a spade was played, West would take the A-Q and then have to either lead away from the A-J of clubs or give a stuff and a ruff. If a club was led, the same ending would occur, this time forcing West to lead away from the A-Q-J of spades. Did West have any antidote to this declarer's poison?

Although West is right to assume that South holds the missing high cards — e.g., the spade king and club queen — he can avoid the endplay if he is willing to credit his partner with some good intermediate cards in both spades and clubs. What is needed is for East to hold 10-9 in both suits. The right defensive move for West is to play the jack of clubs when declarer leads to the king in dummy. Then, as West discards on the run of the diamonds, he must come down to A-Q-3 of spades. When South now attempts to jam West with the lead in either suit, there will be an appropriate remedy, because of those 10-9s in East's hand.

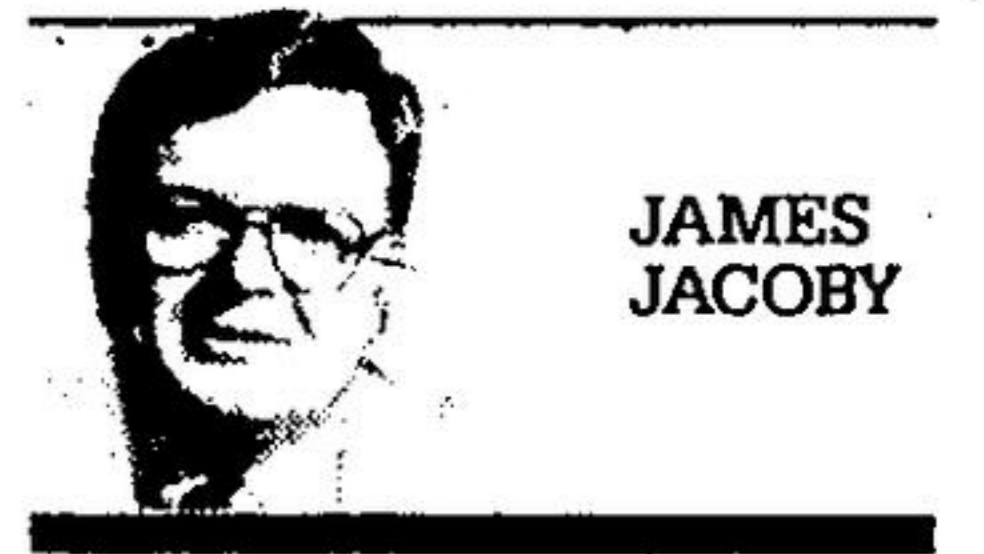
James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1989, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

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

YGP SPMS AMCL ZOYG YGPV
 YX YGP NCMUP OE YGPOC
 AFKYAGPS GMESB XEFL YGMY
 ZGOAG YGPL GMUP NOUPE
 MZML — SPZOYY ZOFFOMVB

SOLUTION: "The dead carry with them to the grave in their dirtied hands only that which they have given away." — DeWitt Williams.