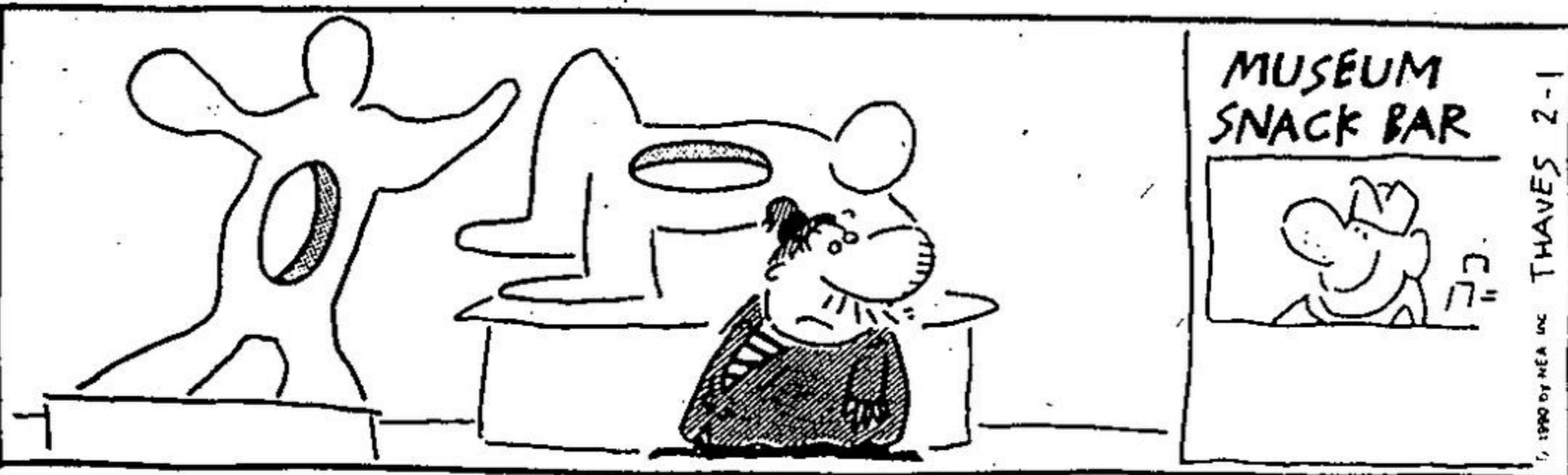


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You might make an important change in the year ahead where your work or career is concerned. The rewards will testify to the wisdom of your move. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Persistence and tenaciousness are your keys to success today. Others with whom you'll be involved might fade in the stretch, but your luck will grow stronger as you near the tape. 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. **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Your good humor and enthusiasm will spill over and inspire others today. Your attitude will make everything you undertake easier, even if testy people are involved. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You could be luckier than usual today in situations that are meaningful to you where both your finances and reputation are concerned. You may experience gains from chance as well as your efforts. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your influence over others is extremely strong today and you should be able to effectively sway or persuade small or large groups. Promote pet programs. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Lady luck tends to favor you today in matters that are meaningful to you in material ways. Don't rock the boat, because others can do more for you than you can do for yourself. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Try to associate with your enterprising friends today and not those who are indifferent. Fortunate developments could ensue if you get involved with doers. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Don't be timid about establishing lofty goals for yourself where your ambitions are concerned today. You're capable of achieving your desire. Think big and expect big results. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Take positive steps today towards making something for which you've been wishing a reality. Dreams can come into being if your approach is methodical and consistent. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** It looks like this might be a rather profitable day for you, but not necessarily from things you initiate. Your gains could come in areas where you have played a minor role. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Your greatest gift today could be your talent for taking the ideas of companions or associates and turning them into something far superior to what they originally envisioned. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Due to a lucky turn of events, you might find yourself in an enviable position today where you can serve as the middleman and gain in a substantial manner from two unrelated developments. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You'll innately know how to make others feel important today, not through flattery or phony phrases, but through sincerity. You won't be doing this to feather your own nest, yet it will.

NORTH 1-31-90
 ♦ K Q 6
 ♥ Q J 8 4
 ♠ A Q 7
 ♣ K Q J

WEST
 ♠ 4
 ♥ A K 6 5
 ♦ J 10 8 4
 ♣ 10 7 8 4

EAST
 ♠ J 10 7 2
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ K 9 6 2
 ♣ 9 3 2

SOUTH
 ♦ A 9 8 5 3
 ♥ 10 7 2
 ♠ 5 3
 ♣ A 8 5

Vulnerable: Neither
 Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♣	All pass		

Opening lead: ♥ K

No job for robots

By James Jacoby

A new book — "Bridging the Gap" by Peter Kichline — is available from Granovetter Books, 18 Village View Bluff, Ballston Lake, NY 12019. Kichline is an entertaining writer, who has some good examples of situations in which it's right to ignore some tenets of play and bidding. Look at today's deal and put yourself in East's position defending against four spades.

After the king of hearts lead, a rigidly schooled East may decide to show his doubleton heart by playing high-low. West would continue with ace and a heart, ruffed by East, but that would be the end of the defense. Declarer would draw trump, and later the potential losing diamond would go away on the good queen of hearts. Here is how Kichline describes East's play of the heart nine at trick one: "I consider this type of mistake intolerable, because East acted like a robot when he gave the high-low heart signal, instead of noticing his natural trump trick."

Of course the right play for East is to simply play the three of hearts. This discouraging card should cause West to make the logical switch, through dummy's A-Q of diamonds, and the contract will easily be set. It is important to remember that the high-low signal with a doubleton is a useful tool, but it should not be used when the defender knows that the defense should proceed along different lines.

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. © 1990, 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: *W equals Y*

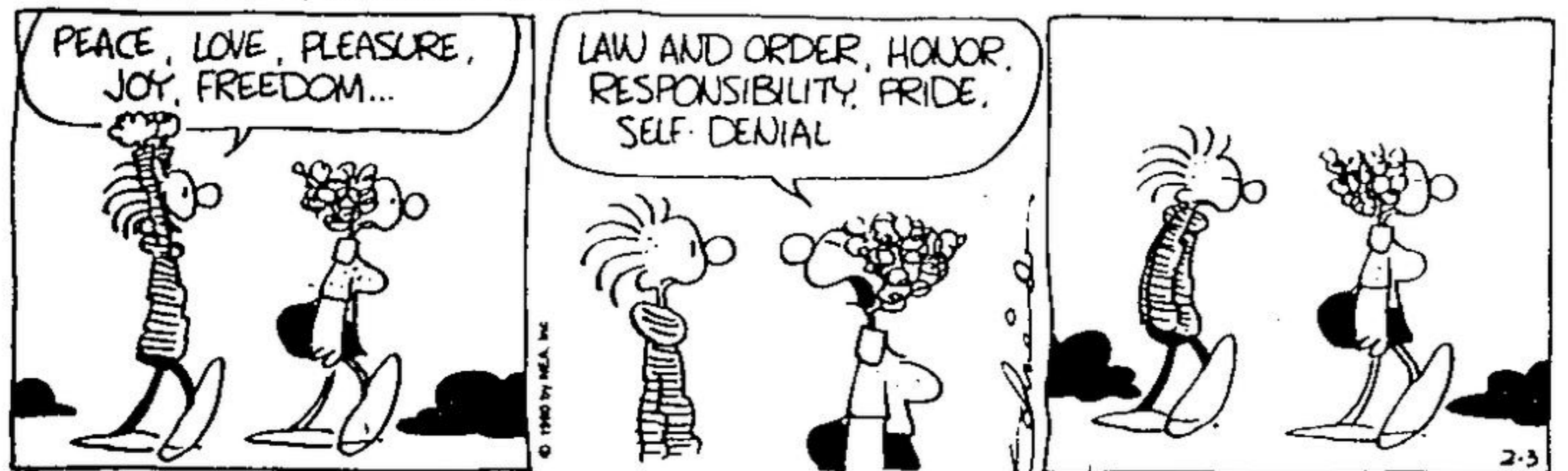
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