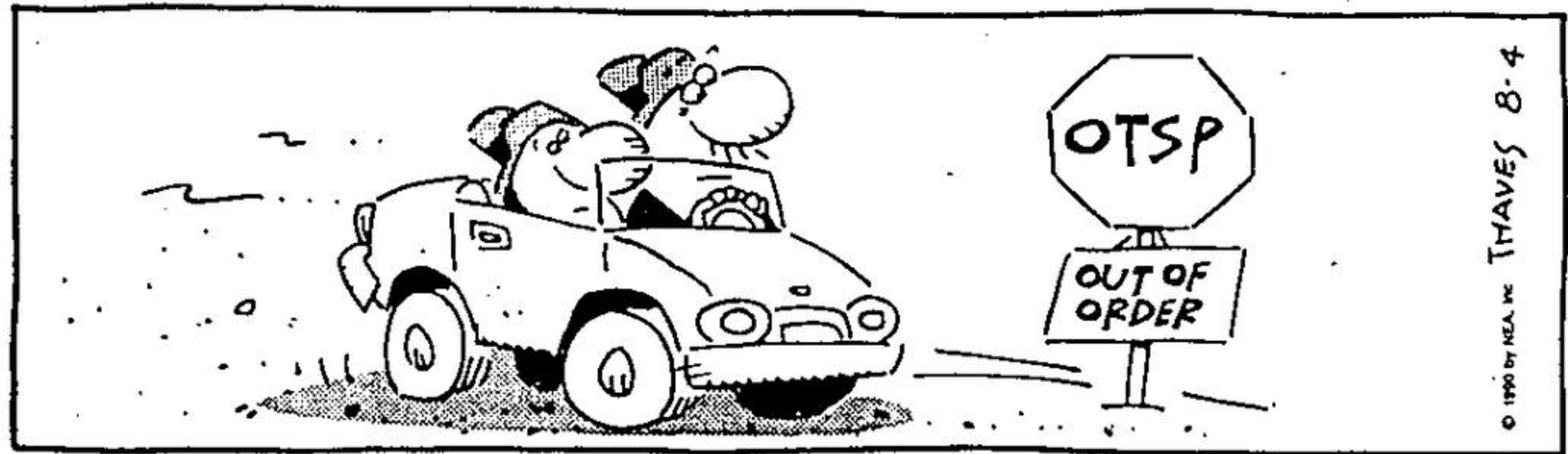


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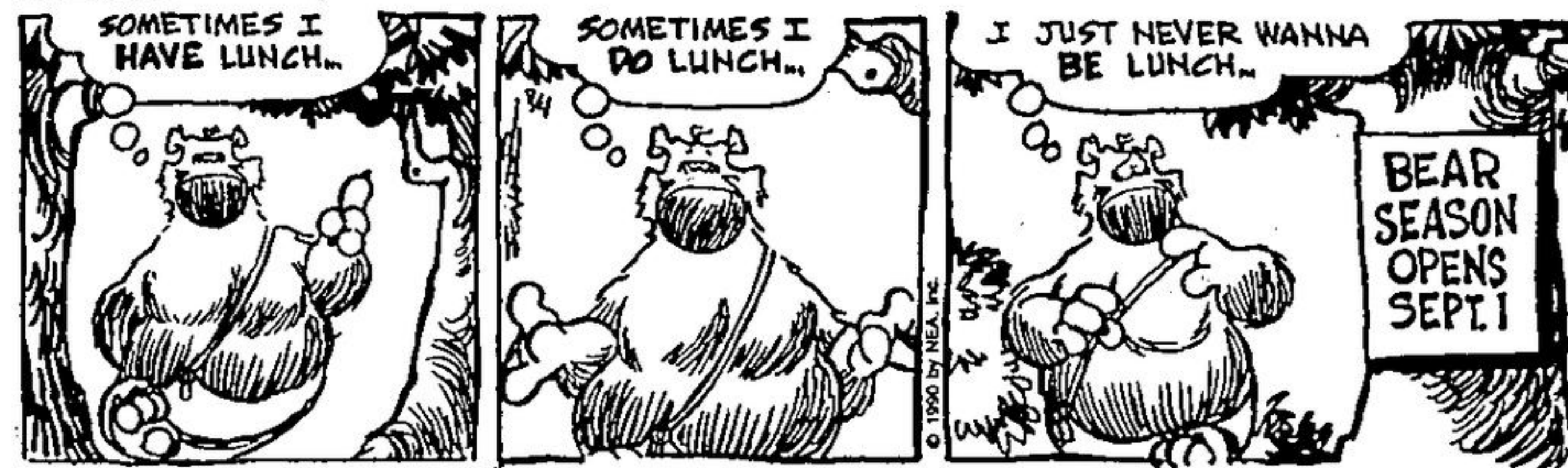
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**NORTH 8-1-90**  
 ♠ A J 10 8 6 5 2  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ A Q 9 6  
 ♣ 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ 4  
 ♥ Q 10 6 4  
 ♦ 5 4  
 ♣ J 10 9 7 5 4

**EAST**  
 ♠ Q 8  
 ♥ 9 5  
 ♦ J 8 7 3  
 ♣ K Q 8 6 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ K 7 3  
 ♥ A K J 8 7 2  
 ♦ K 10 2  
 ♣ A

Vulnerable: Both  
 Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♠ J



August 1, 1990

In the year ahead you may have several opportunities to fulfill secret ambitions about which you've been reluctant to discuss with others. You'll find people in whom you can confide and they'll be helpful.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Everything will eventually sort itself out satisfactorily today if you are as equally concerned about protecting the interests of others as you are your own. Don't worry about what's in it for "me." Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** The quality of your involvements today should take precedence over the quantity of your involvements. Participate in activities you enjoy, but also be sure they're meaningful and constructive as well.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You are now in a cycle that should prove favorable for you both financially and where your career is concerned. If you apply yourself properly, gains are likely in these two areas.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You should be able to evaluate developments very effectively today, because your thought processes will be both optimistic and realistic. Negatives and positives will be kept in perspective.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Something you've been wanting to change, but lacked the power or authority to, could begin to make some shifts in a preferred direction today. Ride the tide.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Legal agreements or contracts into which you enter today should prove beneficial for all parties involved, provided the intent is equally sincere on both sides.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** That which you couldn't get done yesterday can be accomplished today rather quickly, because now everyone could be pulling together instead of pulling apart.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** There is a possibility you may become involved with someone today whose mode of behavior will help restore your faith in human nature. This is an individual you'll want to know better.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** This is a good day to implement a change you've been seriously considering and that you feel could be of benefit to members of your household. Try not to be too disruptive.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Bonds can be strengthened today with someone you recently met to whom you were instantly attracted. This could become a valued relationship.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** An old arrangement can be slightly altered at this time to provide you with a new opportunity for personal gain. It will not require too much adjustment, so don't fix what isn't broken.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Don't be reluctant today to step in and take charge of something in which you're presently involved if you feel it is being mismanaged. Chances are you could do a much better job.

**A 7-3 fit goes begging**

By James Jacoby

After two experts had bid to seven diamonds with today's cards, each considered looking for a new partner. How did they get to the wrong contract?

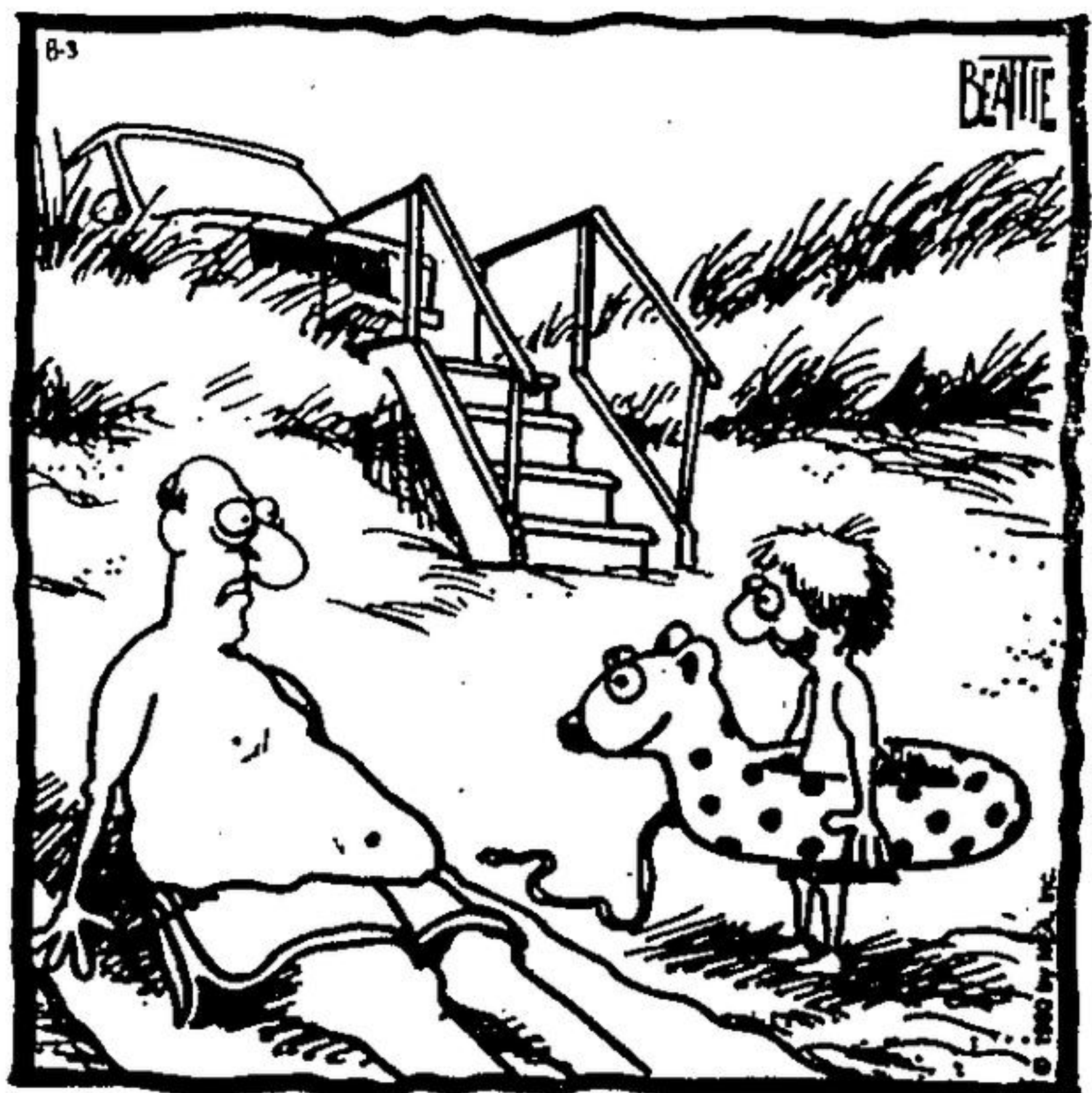
South bid three diamonds because he felt that three hearts was not enough and that four hearts was overly emphatic. North, despite holding long and strong spades, did not want to suppress such fine diamond support and hence bid four diamonds. South now had a chance to show decent spade support, but he bid four hearts. Four spades, five clubs and six clubs were all cue-bids. When South settled into six hearts (which would not make), North bid the grand slam in the wrong suit.

There is a story behind West's double. This deal was the final one in a championship team-of-four match, and West knew his side was behind. He hoped for a pickup with his double and was trading on his heart length to be troublesome to declarer. He also wanted declarer to play him for any missing honors in the trump suit. That worked. Declarer won the ace of clubs, played ace of diamonds, king of diamonds and then the 10 of diamonds, intending to play West for J-x-x-x. But West showed out, and the contract was one away.

Perhaps South should have played better poker. West would hardly double seven diamonds when that might tip off declarer to play him for the guarded jack. Declarer should therefore succeed by playing East for the jack of diamonds, and for my money that's the right play.

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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