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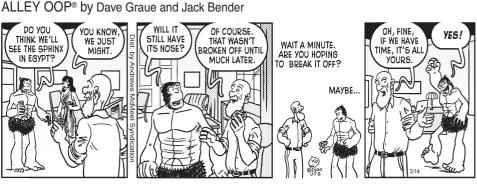




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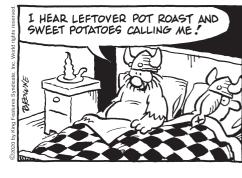


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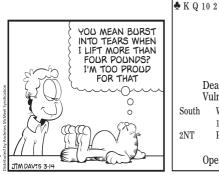




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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 1 Put out of

sight 4 Does road work 8 Fleece

- we there yet?" 13 Costa

14 Himalayan monk 15 Step on

the gas 16 Where Tabriz is 17Smell

18 Curt

20 Dominion 22 Word of welcome 23 Md.

neighbor 24 Proverbs

28 Chemist's hangout 31 Lake bird 34 Series of

battles 35 Cartoon chipmunk 36 Time long aone

37 Hosp employee

38 West Coast campus

39 MPG watchdog 40 Concur

42 Koppel or Knight

48 Maria Conchita 51 Cling

44 Take place

52 Civil wrong 53 Orange peel 55 German article 56 Stage

award **57 Rib** 58 Yale grad 59 Destitute

60 Took legal action 619-digit no.

> **DOWN** 1 Lacking

gentleness 2 Papas or Cara

3 "Faust' character 4 Telescope

support 5 Breezy 6 NEC

competitor 7 Mentally fit Answer to Previous Puzzle



33 Work by 8 Gradient Handel 9 Founder of Detroit 35 From Am-10 Love, to Claudius sterdam

19 Carpen-

25 Hole-

ter's tool

making

26 Openings

tools

27 Type of

eagle

29 Omitting

none

30 Fergie's

31 Caustic

daughter

solution

from Moo

32 Caveman

40 Blurbs Foal parent 41 Dozed off 43 Big computer

key 21 Rx writers 45 Surrenders territory 46 Eurasian

range 47 Lacquer ingredient 48 Up above

49 Wolf, to Pedro 50 Scepter go-withs 51 Writer

Rice 54 Promissory note

13 14 15 16 18 20 22 23 24 32 34 36 38 39 43 45 50 53 55 58 3-14

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"LORETTA IS FOCUSED ON PLANT-BASED MEALS NOW... I THINK THIS IS POISON IVY."

Your

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

execute your plans methodi-

cally, the rewards you want will

be delivered. It's up to you to

call the shots and to stifle

interference. Play it safe, stick

to what you know and enjoy

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

-- Don't let distress take the

reins when you should ignore

sweetest revenge is success,

ÁRIES (March 21-April 19)

change that will take you a

step closer to fulfilling your

dream. Don't stand by waiting

for someone to do things for

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

- Take a pass if someone

asks you to do something

questionable. Offer what you

can, but don't jeopardize your

position or reputation. A finan-

North

♠ KQ75

♦ AKQ2

East

♠ 10 9 3 2 **♥** 3 2

♦ 1054

♣ J 9 5 3

♥ Q 9 4

♣ 6 4

South

♠ J84

♥ A 10 6

♦ J987

North

Dbl.

3NT

Opening lead: A K

East

Pass

All Pass

\Delta A87

Dealer: West Vulnerable: Both

West

Pass

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the ride.

way

you.

West

♦ 63

A A 6 **♥** K J 8 7 5

If you live by the rules and

Birthday

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"Remember now, I just want to be frozen until my mother-in-law dies, OK?"

and seniors

<u>Astrograph</u>

investment looks inviting.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be prepared to take care of emotional matters and professional concerns today. Diplomacy will help smooth things over, giving you the upper hand. New information will lead to a better solution.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Look over situations and take action. A setback will occur if you don't take immediate steps to prevent it. Push to get what you want. Celebrate your victory with a loved one.

what others do and follow **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- If through with your plans. The you work on something that excites you, you will discover happiness and living life your inner strength and a wealth of untapped talent. Network with Take a chance and make a

well-connected people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Difficulties in your personal life will surface. Don't make a decision that will stop you from following through with your original plans. Focus on selfimprovements, love and romance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) --Don't hesitate to speak up about your intentions. Be proud of your accomplish-

cial opportunity or property ments, and let others know what you can do. Use common sense and intelligence when dealing with children

> SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep busy and don't give anyone a chance to confuse you or lead you astray. Tidy up personal matters that could interfere with your advancement. Self-improvements can be made.

> SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Don't let anything upset you. Protect your reputation. Walk away from ill treatment. Take control and do what suits you best. Take pride in who you are and what you do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't reveal your intentions. Your plans will have an impact if you take others by surprise. If you keep things simple, a positive change will improve your life. Romance is featured.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Make a move or a change to your current living space. Relationships will improve if you discuss your intentions and build a solid plan with the people you care about most.

Bridge

THE CHRISTMAS COMPETITION WINNERS There were several excellent

entries to my Christmas Competition, & the winner by a whisker was Mukesh Ghatiya from Bengaluru, India. Congratulations. The runners-up were Steven Glaser of Holladay, Utah; John Harvey of Mount Hope, Canada (a winner in 2016); Ben Hawn of Lancaster, Pennsylvania (last year's winner); and Stanley Lipnick of Naples, Florida.

Bridge is full of maxims that are not right all of the time. However, there is one play technique that always works --unless (sorry!) you don't have

the entries to carry it out. What is this technique? Against South's contract of three no-trump, West led the club king, and East encouraged with the nine. How should

declarer have planned the play?

1 no-trump, not risked reaching a 4-2 club fit. South upgraded to two no-trump because of his

North should have overcalled

excellent spot-cards.
From the bidding, South knew that West had to hold the heart king & spade ace. Therefore, he ducked the first club trick, but when West continued with the club 2 to his partner's jack, declarer won with his ace. (He could have ducked again, planning to win immediately with the ace if East switched to a heart.) Next, South knew to lead

toward honor combinations. He played a low spade toward dummy, putting up the queen when West played low. Declarer returned to hand with a diamond to the jack for the lead of a second low spade. Here, West had to play the ace on thin air, giving South 3 spade tricks & 9 in all. The defenders took only 1 spade & 3 clubs.