

EMMY LOU

—By Marty Links

Contract Bridge

By Easley Blackwood  
"It's all up to one thing, partner," said Mr. Muzzy as the nine of clubs was opened and the dummy went down in today's deal.  
North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH (Mr. Abel)**  
♠ A 7 6 3  
♥ 8 6 4 3  
♦ K J 10  
♣ 8 7

**WEST (Mr. Champion)**  
♠ K 10  
♥ A 10 9 7 5  
♦ 8 7 5 2  
♣ 9 8 3

**EAST (Mr. Masters)**  
♠ 9 2  
♥ K 2  
♦ 9 5  
♣ A J 10 6 5 2

**SOUTH (Mr. Muzzy)**  
♠ Q J 8 5 4  
♥ Q J  
♦ A Q 4  
♣ K Q 4

The bidding:  
North. East. South. West.  
Pass. Pass. 1 spade. Pass.  
2 spades. Pass. 4 spades. All pass



"How can you just sit there reading the paper when you know Alvin may be out with another woman?"

Take My Word for It

By Frank Colby

Q. Where, in the name of blissful bachelorhood, did we get the name leap year? Is it because during that year the gals chase the guys by leaps and bounds?—R. S. D.

A. The answer to your second question is no, although it might be easier to explain it that way. In 46 B. C. the astronomer of Julius Caesar calculated the year to have 365 days and 6 hours. An extra day was accumulated every four years. The name leap year is strictly English in allusion to the fact that after February a date "leaps over" a day of the week.

In America the leap year custom of having the fairer sex pursue the bearded one is practiced in fun, although many a male gladly relinquishes his role of fumbling for checks!

No one has ever given a satisfactory explanation of our odd leap year traditions. One story, now generally considered a hoax, is based on an act of the Scottish Parliament of 1228. The act provided: "It is ordained that during the reign of her blessed Majesty, Margaret, each maiden, high or low, shall have the liberty to speak to the man she likes (during leap year). If he refuses to marry her, he shall be fined 100 pounds, more or less, according to his ability to pay. He shall be free if he can prove that he is engaged to another lady."

During the 17th century, writings appeared on this subject, but by that time a provision had been tacked on to the custom. If a gentleman refused the advances of a lady, he had to give her a silk dress. And this gift could be accepted only if the lady were wearing a red petticoat at the time she proposed!

No matter what the origin of the leap year custom, all over America youths will revel in the "girl chase boy" festivities. (Distributed by McNaught Syndicate, Inc.)

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

(Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle.)

**HORIZONTAL:**  
1 Portion  
2 Head covering  
3 Insect  
4 Poem  
5 Nerve network  
6 Carps  
7 Retail shops  
8 Tincture  
9 stomach used as food  
10 Part of house (pl.)  
11 Burden  
12 Prefix: half  
13 American Indian  
14 Entry on left side of an account  
15 Small bed  
16 Syllable  
17 To be ill  
18 Behold!  
19 Seine  
20 Singing voice (pl.)  
21 Bustle  
22 Animal trails  
23 Antlered animal  
24 Separated  
25 Rugged crest of a mountain range  
26 Gainsays  
27 A triad (pl.)  
28 Alms box  
29 Candelion tree  
30 Summer drinks  
31 Spool  
32 Mountain in Massachusetts  
33 Lucid

**VERTICAL:**  
1 Agreement  
2 Sandalwood tree  
3 Villyfy  
4 New Zealand demon  
5 Race of lettuce  
6 Paid notice  
7 Footlike part

24 Vase  
25 Golf mound  
27 Small portion  
28 Ancient  
29 Also  
30 A daze  
31 A stake  
32 Poker stake  
37 Heavenly body  
38 Things to be done  
40 Wild sheep of North India  
42 Tunes  
43 Jewish month  
44 French for father  
46 Pertaining to certain age group  
47 Actual being  
48 Occupied a seat  
49 Scotch cap  
53 Volume

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POGO  
WHAT GOOD IS THIS HUMAN BEAN YOU INVENTED?  
IT SOLVES PROBLEMS WATCH IT ADD ONE AN ONE.  
RING RING  
THERE!  
YOU GOTTA REMEMBER THIS MACHINE IS HERE A HUMAN BEAN.  
IT'S NOT LIKE IT WAS A MECHANICAL DOG OR OTHER KIND OF BEAST... GIVE IT A CHANCE.  
YEAH, FAIR IS FAIR, YOU KNOW.

BUZ SAWYER  
WHY TO GET TO THAT OIL WELL WHERE WE'RE GOING, YOU GOTTA FLY OVER THE WAGATCH RANGE, THE—HEY! WHAT'S THAT?  
DUNNO WHY I EVER TOOK A JOB FLYING PLANES OUT WEST, SAWYER. SOME OF THE DERDEST MOUNTAINS...AND ME WITH A WIFE AND TWO KIDS!  
SOUNDS LIKE YOU FORGOT TO SWITCH OVER TO YOUR NUMBER TWO GAS TANK.  
YEAH, THAT'S IT. ONLY—STRANGE, THE MOTOR STILL WON'T START!

JACKSON TWINS  
I GUESS THAT'S ABOUT ALL I HAVE TO SAY!  
QUITE A SPEECH!  
TONY! DID YOU HEAR IT?  
YUH! IS THAT PHOTOGRAPHER STILL OVER THERE?  
ER... YES! HE DECIDED TO STAY ANYWAY!  
WOULDN'T DO ANY HARM TO RUN OVER AFTER MY LAST SHOW! MIGHT BE GOOD FOR A FEW LAUGHS!—HOW LATE DO THESE HUSKING BEES KEEP OPEN?  
UNTIL ONE, BUT I THINK WE COULD—  
OKAY! AS THE SONG SAYS, "TELL 'EM I'LL BE THERE!"

BEEBLE BAILEY  
JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE  
NO! GET BACK ON THE JOB, MISS LUX! I HAVE TO STAY HERE!  
WELL, IF YOU THINK I'M GOING DOWN IN THAT DARK THEATER ALONE WITH THEM, YOU'RE CRAZY!

THE TODDLES  
WE'RE JUST IN TIME TO LICK THE PAN!  
THAT'S ALL YOU CAN HAVE TOO, PAT—THESE FUDGIES ARE FOR THE P.T.A. PANTRY SALE THIS AFTERNOON—  
WHY NOT YOU EVER MAKE THESE FOR US, MOM?  
YEAH! I GUESS IF WE WANNA EAT A WHOLE FUDGE WE'LL HAFTA EITHER JOIN THE P.T.A. OR GO TO CHURCH

THE CISCORRID  
LIAR! LIAR!  
NO, NO, BOO-BOO!  
OW!  
LIAR! I KEEEL YOU!  
I DON'T FIGHT FEMALES, DARLING. BUT I'LL BE PUTTING A HOLE IN YOUR CHUNKY CHUM...AT SUNDOWN!

MUTT AND JEFF  
THIS MAN I'M WAITING ON NOW IS A LITTLE BIT GROSSY, I HOPE HE LIKES HIS STEAK SANDWICH!  
WAITER! BRING ME ANOTHER STEAK SANDWICH!  
YESSIR! DID YOU TASTE THE CHARCOAL FLAVOR, SIR?  
VEH, I TASTED THE CHARCOAL FLAVOR! NOW SEE IF YOU CAN BRING ME ONE WITH A LITTLE MEAT FLAVOR!  
GOSH! IT AIN'T MY FAULT IF THE CHEF SCORCHED IT A LITTLE!  
HEY STUPID, YOU'VE GOT YOUR THUMB ON MY STEAK!  
YES SIR!  
I DIDN'T WANT IT FALLIN' ON THE FLOOR AGAIN LIKE THE FIRST ONE DID!

Points for Parents —By Edyth Thomas Wallace

It takes something more constructive than worrying to solve any problem.

This  
Not This

Mother—As Jack's scoutmaster you have chances to study him. Can you help us discover why he has become such an unhappy boy?

Mother—I'm so concerned about the change in Jack, I don't know what to do. I lay awake almost all last night worrying about him.

Uncle Ray's Corner

By Roman Coffman

Marco Polo ruler Kublai Khan, who became ruler of Cathay (or China) about seven centuries ago. Here are more of the things Marco had to say:

"The hall of Kublai's palace is so large that 6,000 people could dine in it. The roof is colored red, yellow, green, blue and other hues, and the colors are fixed with a fine varnish, making them shine.

"There are special buildings which hold the Khan's treasures of gold, silver and gems. Outside are parks and beautiful trees bearing many kinds of fruits. There also are white stags, fallow deer, gazelles and all manner of other creatures.

"The parks are covered with grass, and have raised roads running through them. These roads never become muddy.

"When the Great Khan dines, the princess being taken aboard an ocean vessel.

he sits at the highest table in the hall. Those who bring him food are barons. They have their mouths and noses covered with fine napkins.

"When the emperor is about to drink, all the musical instruments begin to play. When he takes the cup, the barons and others drop on their knees."

Marco was a favorite of the emperor, but he grew homesick for Venice at length. Kublai, now 76 years of age, was sorry to see the Polo leave, but agreed to let them do so if they would escort a Mongol princess to Persia.

Persia, at that time, was ruled by one of Kublai's young relatives, and the princess was to become the bride of this relative. Bidding farewell to the Great Khan, Marco and his father and uncle traveled to a seaport, and boarded a fairly large ocean vessel. Down the South China Sea they sailed, then past Singapore and across the Bay of Bengal. In two years they reached Persia (present-day Iran).

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Word Game  
Find 45 or more words in TALISMAN, meaning, "an amulet; a charm." Average is 41; limit, 30 minutes.

Rules—Words must be of four or more letters. Words which require four letters by the addition of "s" or "es" are not used. Only one form of a word is used. Proper names are not used. A list will be published tomorrow.

Answer to POLYTONS:  
pics, pools, polo, port, poor, post, onto, loss, loots, loon, looms, lorn, lorn, torso, loot, trout, rots, roost, slot, sloe, slops, snort, snop, solo, soot, soon, sort, solon, spot, sport, spoon, stop, stoop, stoop, stop.

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