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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 1 Range 6 Zero-

shaped 10 Most pristine 12 Squeezed 14 Maria

15 Writer with acid 16 Did the

Conchita

tango 18 Uh cousins 19 Toiling away

21 Bone dry 23 Watch chain

24 Elton John's title 26 Type of luck

29 Way back when 30 Once named

match 34 Campus area

36 Fast food chain 37 Prefix for cycle

38 Wild guess

40 Judge Bean 42 Muser's

mumbling 43 Part of a pump 45 Famed lioness

47 Climber's

challenge 50 Proper 52 Most demure 54 Niche 58 Viennese

desserts 59 Era 60 Honey wine

61 Flirt **DOWN** 1 Health resort

- -de-sac 3 Gold, in Peru 4 Remains 32 Boxing on hold

5 Compositions 6 Surpassed briefly 7 London's Old

8 Hurt Unpleasant look

Answer to Previous Puzzle

E U P A T E H E R SKEE TAS

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readers 17 Happy-goaround lucky 41 Raised 19 Counterfeit or fake 20 WWII craft

(hyph.) 22 Àdd to a soundtrack 23 Online info 25 Pen fluid 27 Night-flying insects

28 Myanmar, once "The Name of the Rose² author

39 Ordered one's voice 44 Authorizes 46 Spandex fiber 47 Play part 48 Tower over 49 Fiery heap 51 Explorer's sketch

53 Plato's H 55 Van Gogh medium abbr. 57 Ben &

Jerry rival

10 15 14 16 18 19 21 24 30 29 31 32 36 35 38 39 40 42 43 44 15 46 53 54 55

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"I BOUGHT ONE FOR LEROY, BUT IT DOESN'T FIT HIM ANYMORE.

Your

one, you will gain valuable per-

North

♠ A 3

♥ Q 3

South

♠ KJ 10 4

♥ A K J 10

Vulnerable: North-South

6NT

Opening lead: 🏚 J

West North East

All Pass

♦ AJ5

♣ A 4

Dealer: South

Pass

♣ K Q 5 East

♦ Q 7 6 4 3 2

♦ 9852

♥ 987652

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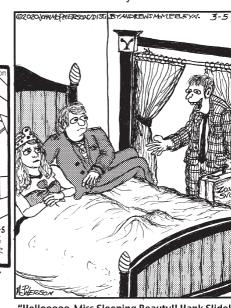
West

♠ Q 7 6

♦ K 10 9 8

South

♣ J 10 9 7 6



'Hellooooo, Miss Sleeping Beauty!! Hank Slidelle with Zonko-Snooze sleep aid, and boy have I got an endorsement offer for YOU!"

<u>Astrograph</u>

featured.

Birthday Listen to someone before you respond or make a promise. If THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020 yoù are sincere about your A proactive approach to life, needs, favors will come your relationships and work will help way. Don't, however, ask what you get things done this year. will be required of you in return. CANCER (June High energy, enthusiasm and discipline will influence others 21-July 22) -- It's time to incorto pitch in and help. You'll porate a new philosophy, lifeaccomplish plenty if you stay style or attitude into your roufocused on implementing positine. Set new goals and get tive change. Love and romance started. An emotional matter will improve your personal life. should not be allowed to lead

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) you astray. Listen to others and respond LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- A message you receive will lead respectfully. You'll have an impact on the way things to a revelation or change of unfold if you are kind and offer heart. Don't withhold informacommon sense. Make a physition. Share your feelings and map out your plans. Don't let ARIES (March 21-April 19) -emotional matters interfere Make your surroundings comwith work.

fortable. Look at real estate or **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) make adjustments that will Make partnerships a priority. ensure a secure future. If you Work to find the best way to explain your choices to a loved handle what's unfolding and take control. Set a specific course that pushes you toward

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Be receptive, and opportunities LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -will unfold. Make a change that You may have a creative idéa, will update your image and but you'll need to use charm provide the boost you need to and the power of persuasion to

do your own thing. Romance is get others to share your enthusiasm and vision. Communication is key

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) --SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Embark on a physical or mental journey that will change the way you think and how you live. Don't let personal problems interfere with your destiny. Do what's best for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Examine your financial situation. Collect or pay off debts. Stress relief will change how you handle personal matters. Don't get angry with someone for making an honest mistake.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- A career change looks promising. Use your ingenuity and make things happen. Be confident and assertive when making your case. Someone close to you may feel insecure, so include him or her in your

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will learn something valuable that will help you choose a direction more suited to your personality and qualifications. An honest answer will be what counts if you want to gain approval.

<u>Bridge</u>

THE RELATIVELY SAFE DECLARER-PLAY Albert Einstein's Theory of Relativity confuses almost

everyone. However, he did try to explain it in layman terms thus: "When a man sits with a pretty girl for an hour, it seems like a minute. But let him sit on a hot stove for a minute -- and it's longer than any hour. That's relativity.

In bridge, there are relatively safe contracts & relatively unsafe ones. But sometimes a contract that appears safe suddenly is jeopardized. Then the declarer may have to find a clever maneuver to reach home unscathed.

North might have shown his diamond suit, but he preferred to take the uncomplicated route

to what he hoped was going to be a lucrative rubber. After winning the first trick with dummy's club queen, declarer immediately called for a low diamond. East's heart discard was a rude shock. An apparently easy contract had suddenly turned nasty. As East seemed to be short in both minor suits, South's first

thought was to finesse the diamond jack. Later, he would play East for the spade queen. But in a fleeting moment, he saw that that was an unsafe line, requiring a finesse to succeed. Instead, South won trick two

with the diamond ace, then he led the diamond 5. West had to duck his king, so dummy's queen won. Declarer returned to hand by playing a club to his ace. Finally, South ran the spade jack through West. Whatever the outcome of the finesse, there were 12 guaranteed tricks: 3 spades, 4 hearts, 2 diamonds & 3 clubs. North & South were pleased when this line produced an overtrick.