

Horoscope

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Helping others may make you feel good, but make sure you don't overdo it. Someone will overreact if you are too demanding or judgmental.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Personal information you share will improve your position and reputation. Participation will encourage deeper beliefs and stronger connections. Don't argue to prove your point; just do your own thing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Watch your back. Concentrate on whatever will help you advance. An inevitable change should be handled openly and objectively. Take the initiative and live up to your expectations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Look for alternatives instead of overreacting to a situation that arises. Don't feel the need to make a move before you have heard all the facts. Focus on taking care of your responsibilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Do things properly the first time to avoid getting into a bitter dispute over a lack of detail and precision. Intelligent ideas are only favorable if they are affordable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Keep moving until you reach your destination. The momentum you build will help you outmaneuver anyone trying to compete with you. A unique twist to an old idea will come in handy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Size up what everyone else is doing and what's available to you. Make choices based on what you can handle mentally, financially and emotionally before you sign up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Network with peers to gain a different perspective on the latest trends. Keeping up in areas of interest will give you a better idea of what you'll have to do to be competitive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Refuse to give in to emotional criticism. Know what you are capable of, and follow through with your plans. Don't limit your chance to get ahead or make a difference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Spend more time on personal growth and changes that make you feel

good about your appearance. Associations with people you find trustworthy and reliable will help you make better choices.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Protect against injury or insult. Don't share with people you don't know well or aren't sure you can trust. Live within your means and avoid indulgent behavior.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Rely on your intuitive senses to help you make the right choice when it comes to personal money matters, contracts or legal concerns. Physical changes are encouraged.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Add up
- 6 Criminal groups
- 11 Pueblo material
- 12 Sung drama
- 13 "The Devil and Daniel Webster" writer
- 14 Tart fruit
- 15 Pleat
- 17 Need to pay
- 18 "Riverdale" role
- 22 State positively
- 23 Potatoes, for example
- 27 "Cool!"
- 29 Rose part
- 30 Straying
- 32 Cast a ballot
- 33 Like baby food
- 35 Hit show letters
- 38 Put on the wall
- 39 Congress half
- 41 Black Russian ingredient
- 45 Luggage clip-on
- 46 Figure of speech
- 47 Basil-based sauce
- 48 Reading aids

DOWN

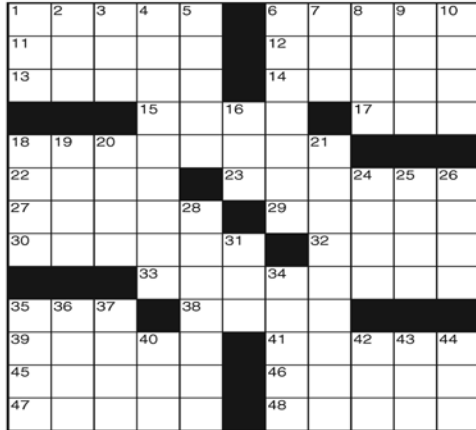
- 1 PC key
- 2 Pindar poem
- 3 Great weight
- 4 Supreme Court justice under Johnson
- 5 Admit
- 6 Trophy, at times
- 7 Gorilla, for one
- 8 Nautilus captain
- 9 Get bigger
- 10 Reasonable
- 16 Illuminated
- 18 Wind pointer
- 19 At any time
- 20 Back
- 21 Star of TV's "Fish"
- 24 Harrow rival
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- 26 Winter glider
- 28 Active
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- 34 Smithy sight
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- 42 Slow-witted
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- 44 Mornings: Abbr.



Saturday's answer

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Cryptoquote

A XYDLB AAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-12 CRYPTOQUOTE

E Q K ' U G I E Y S S L M A E L J W J U A S

A L H B S T U J Q I H S L C W I U W J U A S

T S S E T J Q I C N L K U . — H Q W S H U

N Q I R T T U S B S K T Q K .

Saturday's Cryptoquote: NOTHING HAPPENS IN THE "REAL" WORLD UNLESS IT FIRST HAPPENS IN THE IMAGES IN OUR HEADS. — GLORIA ANZALDUA

Alder on Bridge: We love no-trump, but sometimes...

By Phillip Alder

We play in five of a minor only when we are confident that three no-trump will not make -- and when would that be?

Not often. However, look at today's deal. South opens one club, and North jumps to three clubs, a game-invitational limit raise denying a four-card or longer major. What should South do next?

When you agree a minor, a new-suit bid at the three-level is showing stoppers in that suit and warning that another suit is not stopped; otherwise, that player would bid three no-trump.

Here, over three clubs, South rebids three diamonds. Then North continues

with three spades to indicate spade values and to deny a heart stopper. South now knows that no-trump is impossible, so he jumps to five clubs.

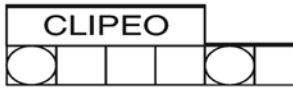
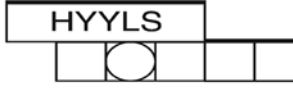
From the logic of the auction, West realizes that it is safe to lead a low heart. East takes two tricks in the suit, then shifts to a diamond.

South has no problem if trumps are 2-1. But if they are 3-0, he can pick them up only if East holds the tripleton. So, declarer starts with dummy's club king.

Note, though, that if, say, South's spade queen and North's spade three were exchanged, the bidding would be one no-trump - three no-trump, and the contract would go down one after a heart lead. Nothing works all of the time.

Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Print answer here:



(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: SOGGY DODGE PRANCE NUGGET
Answer: The installation of the city's new traffic light was — STOP-AND-GO



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

				North	02-12-18
				♠ A J 3	
				♥ 5 2	
				♦ Q 10 9	
				♣ K 8 7 6 4	
West			East		
♠ 9 8 4 2			♠ 10 7 6		
♥ A J 8 6 3			♥ K Q 10 9		
♦ 7 6 4 3			♦ 8 5 2		
♣ —			♣ Q 10 5		
				South	
				♠ K Q 5	
				♥ 7 4	
				♦ A K J	
				♣ A J 9 3 2	
Dealer: South					
Vulnerable: East-West					
South	West	North	East		
1♣	Pass	3♣	Pass		
??					
Opening lead: ♥ 6					