Horoscope

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Question what others are doing. Don't feel that you must follow someone who is coaxing you to get involved in something that makes you anxious. Choose to do your own thing.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Offer help because you want to, not in order to impress someone. Bragging will be misleading, causing others to want more from you. Focus on self-improvement instead of trying to change others.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Size up a situation and take on feasible responsibilities. Know your limits and refuse to let anyone talk you into something you know you shouldn't do.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Make change happen. Concentrate on being your best, not on trying to get others to adjust to your way of thinking. Give everyone space and do your own thing.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't feel that you must spend money or keep up with someone who tends to live lavishly. Attend an event that is quite different than anything you've encountered in the past.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- A personal adjustment will encourage you to do what's right. Make choices based on facts, not on following others. Romance will bring you closer to a loved one.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't let the changes that someone makes bother you. You don't have to join in if you don't want to. Focus on what makes you happy instead of trying to appease others.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Take a time-out and relax. Spend time doing something that makes you feel good about your appearance or capabilities. Offer peace and love, not discord.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Before you sign up for something expensive, consider what you are going to get for your money. Life lessons are often more educational than listening to a self-help guru selling malarkey.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- If you are going to get into a discussion, know what you want and what you'll be willing to settle for before you begin. Outmaneuvering someone takes finesse and knowledge.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Check over your personal finances before you make a purchase or get involved in a risky joint venture. Be practical and selective when it comes to money matters.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Question motives if someone is acting strange or being unusually accommodating. A hidden matter will be revealed. Don't let anger set in when facts and intelligence are what's required.

Crossword

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Opera cheer
6 Judge's place
11 Speed trap device
12 Like a gymnast
13 In the thick of
14 "Message received"
15 No-no in some diets
17 Garden tool
18 Showy-leaved flowers
22 Beige
23 Source of wisdom
27 Push rudely
29 Pallid
30 Locker room stack
32 Sort
33 Stages a Civil War battle, say
35 Sleep spot
38 Come together
39 Radiate
41 Metal man
45 Rental choice
46 Magician's cry
47 Fragrance
48 Come in

DOWN
1 Lingerie item
2 Zodiac animal
3 Hubbub
4 City of Canada
5 Heart, for one
6 Writer Kingsolver
7 Sense of self
8 Close by
9 "Pinocchio" goldfish
10 On this spot
16 Carnival city
18 Top-rated
19 Cave sound
20 Get bigger
21 City of Canada
24 Stylish
25 Easter lead-in
26 Finishes
28 Tin or titanium
31 Take in
34 Audacity
35 Porgy's love
36 Biz bigwig
37 Slacker address
40 Quarterback Marino
42 Drill part
43 Bullring cheer
44 Paver's goo

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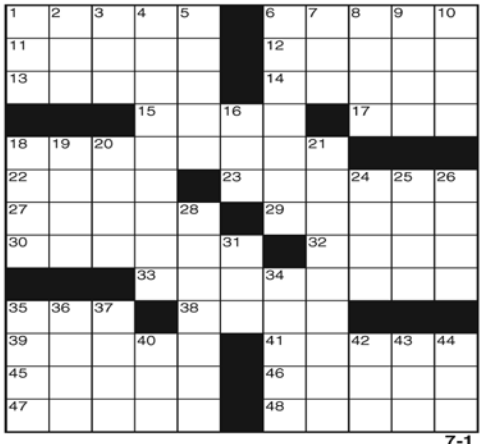
Saturday's answer



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Cryptoquote

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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.

7-1 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

C R O I V T Z O F T N H P Q O C E F H G

K J C O F I C P F O S O X O V S H V C R O

D P O T C J H V T N H P X H T O .

— G I F Q I F O C I C Z H H S

Saturday's Cryptoquote: I NEVER FORGET A FACE, BUT IN YOUR CASE, I'LL BE GLAD TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION. — GROUCHO MARX

Jumble

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

OCTLU

DDAYD

FETFEC

SECEEH

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

Print your answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: HOBBY TRUTH REDEEM MUTATE
Answer: He started winning more poker tournaments after becoming a — BETTER BETTOR

Alder on Bridge: Roll the dice and hope for luck

By Phillip Alder

Sometimes you need luck at the bridge table. The biggest winners are those who cash in when an opportunity arises. In this deal, how should South play in four hearts after West leads the diamond queen? What was West's luckier lead?

Maybe South should have rebid three no-trump, hoping his partner would pass and he could cash his nine winners. (What is the difference between opening three no-trump and starting two clubs - two diamonds - three no-trump? I think the former should promise any 4-3-3-3 distribution.) But when South chose to show his hearts, North rebid three clubs, the artificial double negative indicating 0-4 points. After South continued with three no-trump, it was hard for North to pass with three-card heart support and a doubleton.

South is looking for a 10th trick. He needs to find clubs 3-3, or to ruff a club on the board. (Even though spades are 3-3, declarer does not have the communications to establish the suit and draw trumps ending on the board.)

At trick two, South plays a club. West will win and belatedly shift to a trump. Declarer takes that, leads another club, wins the second heart and plays a third club. If they split 3-3, South's nine will be high; if not, declarer must hope that the defender who wins this trick does not have a heart left to lead.

Yes, an initial trump lead would have defeated the contract.

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North
♠ 8 7 5 4 2
♥ 9 8 3
♦ 9 6
♣ 10 5 2

West
♠ J 9 3
♥ 6 5 2
♦ Q J 10 8 3
♣ K J

East
♠ Q 10 6
♥ 7 4
♦ 7 5 4 2
♣ A Q 7 4

South
♠ A K
♥ A K Q J 10
♦ A K
♣ 9 8 6 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q