

# Horoscope

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- A passionate approach to living your dream will bring you the satisfaction you desire. Set high standards and goals, and jump in and do your part. Positive action will lead to opportunity.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Change begins with you. Don't let indecisiveness bog you down. Don't feel the need to do everything all at once. Pace yourself, and stick to your budget. Embrace change with confidence.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Hard work will pay off. Don't take a shortcut that someone recommends. Pay attention to detail if you want to outperform the competition. You need to be smart and careful.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Slow down. Don't take an unnecessary risk. Deal with complex issues directly. If you let someone take charge, it won't be easy to control the outcome. Be open to suggestions.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You have more power than you realize. Don't let others stand in your way. Work to increase your value, skills and knowledge. Surround yourself with people who can help you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Take notes, hone your skills and push ahead. Pay attention to what's going on around you and the people you work alongside. It's essential to keep up with technology.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Put your energy into something that will help you boost your chances of

advancement. Pay attention to what's going on at home, and nurture meaningful relationships.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Listen carefully. Be careful when dealing with joint endeavors or shared expenses. Too much of anything will hold you back. Focus on personal growth, and try to work alone if you can.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Keep your emotions out of money matters. Overspending to please someone won't work out. Don't make promises you cannot keep. Be supportive, honest and practical.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't mix business with pleasure. Someone will try to take advantage of you. Avoid unsavory situations that put you in

harm's way. Make changes that will replace obstacles with opportunities.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Spend money only on what's necessary. Use common sense when dealing with people who want you to make a questionable change. Put more time and effort into physical fitness. Discipline will pay off.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Get involved in a cause or exciting project. Refuse to let someone or something from your past disrupt your plans. Focus on your needs, not on someone's demands.

# Crossword

## CROSSWORD

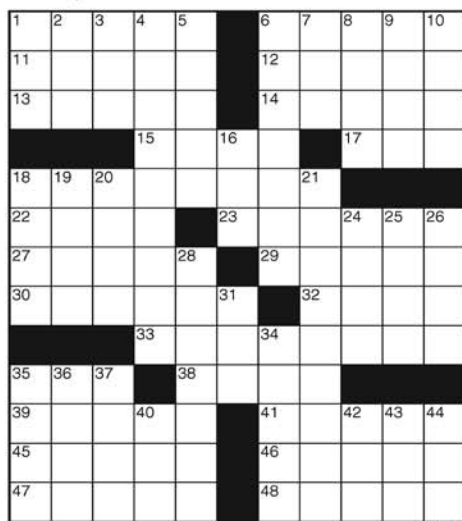
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 47 Pigs' places
- 48 Homes for koi
- 1 Coura-geous
- 6 Sheriff's group
- 11 Kick back
- 12 To the time that
- 13 "Skyfall" singer
- 14 Map lines
- 15 Makes mistakes
- 17 "My word!"
- 18 Over-worked to the point of exhaustion
- 22 Heaps
- 23 Casino worker
- 27 Slow mover
- 29 Car trip
- 30 Made money
- 32 Prayer finish
- 33 Hoops game
- 35 Scorching
- 38 Car scar
- 39 Fill with wonder
- 41 Kind of wave or basin
- 45 Tonic, for one
- 46 Battery end
- DOWN**
- 1 Lingerie item
- 2 Spectrum color
- 3 Pub pints
- 4 Screen idol
- 5 Bring to bear
- 6 Chased
- 7 Lennon's love
- 8 Antlered animal
- 9 Flank
- 10 Otherwise
- 16 Scepter
- 18 Acid's opposite
- 19 Arm bone
- 20 Stadium sound
- 21 Director Quentin
- 24 Prom-goers' car
- 25 Smooth
- 26 Painter Magritte
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- 35 Bad actors
- 36 Leave out
- 37 City vehicle
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Saturday's answer

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# Cryptoquote

AXYDLBAAXR  
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.

4-5 CRYPTOQUOTE

B V M I E X M Q X Q M R B X V Z E X

I Z G O R L X K T X B V X C X O G B X

V M W X R Z R X B O I V H T .

— T M O R I I X C X T M Z G M W O K M  
Saturday's Cryptoquote: YOU MUST LIVE IN THE PRESENT, LAUNCH YOURSELF ON EVERY WAVE, FIND YOUR ETERNITY IN EACH MOMENT.  
— HENRY DAVID THOREAU

# Adler on Bridge: A majority of the cards could work well

By Phillip Alder

When you are the declarer in a suit contract, it is usually a case of the bigger your trump majority, the better. Similarly, when you are on defense against a no-trump contract, normally you do best to attack the suit where your side has the most cards. You hope to drain declarer of cards in that suit, get back in and run the remainder.

In today's deal, South is in three no-trump. West leads a fourth-highest spade two. How should East plan the defense?

With a balanced hand, count 2 points for each ace and 1 for every king. A normal two-no-trump opening contains 7 points -- exactly as this South hand does.

West's lead was debatable. It was too likely that South would have the ace-queen and that a trick would be lost. But it was all right here until East, after winning the first trick, returned his second spade, following the standard practice of leading back partner's suit in no-trump.

Declarer just plugged away at spades, losing three tricks in the suit, but giving himself two spades, three hearts, one diamond and four clubs.

At trick one, East should have realized that South had five spades to West's four. It was time to try elsewhere. If East had shifted to the diamond five, declarer would have been doomed. The diamond queen would have lost to West's king, and West would have returned the diamond 10.

# Jumble

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



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Print your answer here: [ ] - [ ]

Saturday's Jumbles: EXERT TALLY HAMPER MASCOT  
Answer: When Babe Ruth enjoyed a meal after a game, he was — AT THE PLATE



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

(Answers tomorrow)

North		04-05-21	
♠	6 5		
♥	Q J 10		
♦	8 7 4 3		
♣	K 10 9 2		
West	East		
♠	K J 7 2	♠	A 4
♥	8 3 2	♥	9 7 6 4
♦	K 10 2	♦	J 9 6 5
♣	7 6 4	♣	J 8 3
South			
♠	Q 10 9 8 3		
♥	A K 5		
♦	A Q		
♣	A Q 5		
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 2			