

Horoscope

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Follow your heart, use your skills benevolently and do the best job possible. Don't let a change at home interfere with your ideas. Focus on progress and financial stability.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Let your instincts lead the way. Your actions will set the pace and help you reach your destination without interference. Take care of matters while striving to remain in charge.

ARIAS (March 21-April 19) -- Trust in your ability to get things done quickly and efficiently. Working alone, presenting what you have to offer and establishing yourself in a new and exciting set of circumstances look promising.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Sit tight; if you try to

implement a change, you will face opposition. Look for a unique way to use your skills without drawing attention to yourself or your plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Step into the spotlight and reap the rewards. Conduct business with confidence. There is nothing you cannot accomplish if you set your sights on your target and pursue your dreams with relentless courage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Don't be afraid to do things differently. Your uniqueness will shine through. Look for a financial opportunity you can utilize all by yourself. Joint ventures will face difficulties.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Take a moment and observe.

What you discover will lead to better decisions regarding partnerships. Scrutinize an unexpected opportunity before you decide to engage. Stick to familiar paths.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- A change is necessary. Hanging on to something that no longer brings you joy or that limits your options is futile. Embrace what life has to offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Sign up for something you find intriguing, and it will broaden your horizons and encourage you to take on something new and exciting. Do your research, and avoid making unnecessary purchases.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Stick close to

home. Look for innovative ways to improve your surroundings and important relationships. Don't do anything that puts your finances or health at risk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Trust and believe in yourself and your ability to get things done. Distance yourself from anyone who pressures you with false claims. Engage in conversations with like-minded people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Take on and do only what you know you can handle. An emotional incident will lead to problems with a friend, relative or peer if empty promises and money are involved. Finish what you start.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Open-handed
 - 5 Doe or buck
 - 9 Flair
 - 10 Knight's wear
 - 12 Seminar group
 - 13 Augusta's state
 - 14 President Jackson or Johnson
 - 16 Guy's friend
 - 17 Edinburgh native
 - 18 Too
 - 21 Fellows
 - 22 Ready to strike
 - 23 Internet connection
 - 24 Becomes sunny
 - 26 Implore
 - 29 "— the Chief"
 - 30 Give a hoot
 - 31 Pub drink
 - 32 President Harding
 - 34 Family room
 - 34 Fixture
 - 37 Dove's desire
 - 38 Indian lute
- DOWN**
- 1 Posture
 - 2 President Johnson
 - 3 Watchful
 - 4 Soccer legend
 - 5 River
 - 6 Blocker
 - 6 Stretch of years
 - 7 Asylum seeker
 - 8 President Coolidge
 - 25 Deceives lunch
 - 26 President Obama
 - 27 Puts up
 - 28 Gift from parents
 - 29 Toppers
 - 30 Angler's wicker basket
 - 33 Church area
 - 35 Have
 - 36 Number
 - after due

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Saturday's answer

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.

2-15 CRYPTOQUOTE

D O D F L N O U N G H X Q U G I
R D M I C X O U N G H X Q U J N M I
G I Z X O D L O N R D M D L R .

— H N O U I E O I E I F W

Saturday's Cryptoquote: A RECIPE IS ONLY A THEME WHICH AN INTELLIGENT COOK CAN PLAY EACH TIME WITH A VARIATION. — MADAME BENOIT

By Phillip Alder

If you and your partner wish to do better, discuss defense. Almost every card played by each of you should send some information to partner.

First, there are the opening leads, where in an unbid suit you should follow the BoStoN rule -- Bottom of Something and Top of Nothing. This means that if you lead a low card from length, you guarantee at least one honor in that suit. If you don't have an honor, you lead an unnecessarily high card. Note that these leads also apply after trick one, whenever you open a suit that neither side has yet led.

In today's deal, look at only the West hand. South opens one no-trump, and North raises to three no-trump. What should West lead?

Length rules in no-trump, but West does

Jumble

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

N	I	T	G	A			
N	H	I	K	T			
N	A	R	S	I	P		
T	I	K	N	T	E		

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



(Answers tomorrow)
BOSSY KERNEL UNSAID
MINUS BOSSY KERNEL UNSAID

Alder on Bridge: Try to make partner's life easy

not have an honor in his suit. So he leads the heart nine, top of nothing.
This lead tells East that South has the heart king and heart queen. So, after winning with his ace, East should shift to the spade queen, netting the first five tricks for the defense.

Yes, if South is clever, he will play a heart royal at trick one, trying to look like someone who started with the doubleton king-queen. Almost certainly, that would persuade East to return the heart jack, which would be the winning defense if West had the diamond ace, not the spade ace. Here, though, declarer would run for home.

Note finally that if West leads his fourth-highest heart, the six, East should win with the ace and return the jack, playing partner to hold something like K-9-8-6-5. Then the defenders take the first five tricks in hearts.

North

♠ 8 2

♥ 10 3

♦ K Q J 10 9

♣ A 7 6 4

West

♠ A 6 5 3

♥ 9 8 5 4 2

♦ 7 3

♣ J 5

East

♠ Q J 10 9

♥ A J 6

♦ 6 4

♣ 10 9 8 2

South

♠ K 7 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ A 8 5 2

♣ K Q 3

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: Both

South Pass 3NT All Pass

West North East All Pass

Opening lead: ??