

# Horoscope

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Help those who have helped you, and you'll gain respect and a better relationship with people you can count on. A change of plans will allow you to spend more time with a loved one.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Do what you can and keep moving forward. Seek out people who can help you make a professional change. A partnership will lead to a new opportunity and a chance to fulfill a long-term goal.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Consider every angle of a situation before you speak up. Getting your facts straight and keeping your emotions out of the equation will help you navigate your way through a

tricky transition.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Concentrate on gathering knowledge, making preparations and reaching out to people who share your interests and goals. Look for opportunities to stabilize your finances. Stick to the truth in all things.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Focus on gaining ground financially, professionally or contractually. Having a plan in place that will separate you from the competition is crucial if you want to advance. Romance is favored.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Don't let someone talk you into something that doesn't fit your schedule. Discipline, education and partnerships with people who share

your beliefs and concerns will be necessary.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Take care of your responsibilities before you move on to guilty pleasures. You'll enjoy your downtime more if you have nothing hanging over your head. Make special arrangements with a loved one.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Make a point to get things done, even if you face distractions. Refuse to let anyone push you around, take advantage of you financially or back you into a corner. Finish what you start.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Look over your choices and use what's available to come up with something original. Fixing up your space to suit your needs will

encourage you to work hard and think big.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Call on acquaintances to help you start pursuing a goal. Keep anyone who tries to interfere at arm's length. Opportunity begins with you; stick to your plans. Prioritize your plans.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Refuse to let your emotions take control when discipline and facts are required. Approach your peers and family with direct questions, and don't be afraid to voice your concerns.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Take care of money matters and problems that involve institutions swiftly and with proper documentation to avoid future setbacks. Don't trust anyone to do the work that you're responsible for.

# Crossword

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

37 Nights before

5 Spiny plants

10 Deep sleep

11 Future oaks

13 Smell

14 Change genetically

15 Toothed wheel

17 Gun owner's org.

18 Apartment door feature

19 Sonar user

20 Print units

21 Method

22 Frighten

25 Not feral

26 Fireplace stack

27 Road goo

28 Angry state

29 Texas senator since 2013

33 Twice uno

34 Fit

35 Passes, as a law



### Saturday's answer

**DOWN**

1 Get a goal

2 Right now

3 Ham it up

4 Parade place

5 Caravan animals

6 Keen

7 Barracks bed

8 Window over a ones

9 Trespass present

12 Anchor words

16 Sharpen

21 Italian wildly

22 Fast pitch

23 Tiara's kin flavor

24 Way back when

25 Young ones

27 Past and present

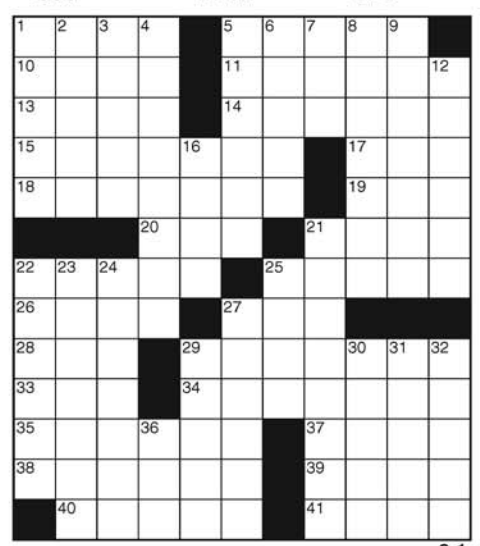
29 Cover words

30 Spoke

31 Tip over

32 Full of

36 Beret, for one



# 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.

## 3-1 CRYPTOQUOTE

X L E M D Q K Q Y D E Y E M D A Q  
N C D C K Q H Q V J C Y Q E J X I B E M I  
D B Y O Q M F D A Q K Q Y D B N X L  
G E N Q D A Q K Q . — V A J K G Q Y N .

Z Q D D Q K E M I  
**Saturday's Cryptoquote:** TRULY, THOUGHTS ARE THINGS, AND THEIR SCOPE OF OPERATION IS THE WORLD ITSELF. — NAPOLEON HILL

## Alder on Bridge: Let them guess a suit for you

By Phillip Alder

Christopher Morley claimed that something "is a wonderful training for girls, it's the first way you learn to guess what a man is going to do before he does it." What was he talking about? In today's deal, you can try to guess what to do yourself, or you can call on the opponents to help.

How should South plan the play in four hearts after West leads the spade jack? South's jump to three hearts was a super-accept. It showed four-card support, a maximum or near-maximum opening and a doubleton somewhere.

Declarer won the spade lead on the board, drew trumps in two rounds and played a diamond to his king. West won with the ace, cashed the diamond

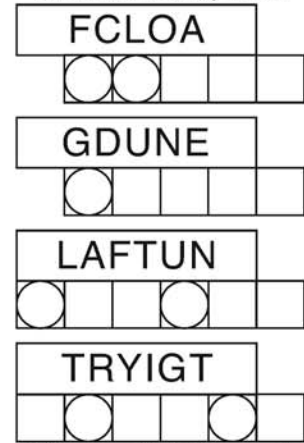
queen and exited with a spade. Now South had to find the club jack for his contract; as you have no doubt surmised, he didn't do it. He took the spade return on the board, played a spade to his ace and led a club to the queen. But East won with the ace and returned his second club: down one.

Declarer should have taken the simple precaution of eliminating the spades before playing a diamond toward his king. Then, after the defenders have taken their two diamond tricks, they must either lead a spade, conceding a ruff-and-sluff, or open up clubs, which saves South the guess.

In his quotation, Morley was talking about dancing. On this deal, South failed to step from trick to trick correctly. He trod on his own toes and, effectively, those of his partner.

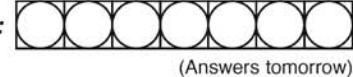
# Jumble

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



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Print the answer here:



Saturday's Jumbles: BAYOU BUDDY NINETY NEARLY  
Answer: After the rock group trashed their hotel suite, the hotel manager — BANNED THE BAND



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

North		03-01-21	
♠ K Q 3			
♥ K J 10 6 5			
♦ 9 2			
♣ Q 9 4			
West		East	
♠ J 10 9		♠ 8 7 6 2	
♥ 4 3		♥ 7 2	
♦ A Q J 8		♦ 10 7 6 5 3	
♣ J 6 3 2		♣ A 5	
South			
♠ A 5 4			
♥ A Q 9 8			
♦ K 4			
♣ K 10 8 7			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
Opening lead: ♠ J			