

Horoscope

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Emphasize what you can do and use your skills to benefit yourself and others. Don't downplay your many talents.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Put your attributes to the test and pitch in and help others. You have the potential to make a difference if you take a leadership position. Call in favors.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Don't take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Avoid meddling or letting someone interfere with your efforts. Focus on work, money and advancement, not on gossip or indulgent behavior.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Follow through with your

plans. Talking about something and doing something are not the same thing. A day trip should include business, interviews or learning. Activities that require physical endurance or competition are favored.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Focus only on your own responsibilities. Listen and make suggestions, but don't pay for someone else's mistake. Protect your finances, possessions and reputation.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Expect to have a problem with someone close to you. Watch what's unfolding, but don't make a move prematurely. Gather all the facts and consider your options. A creative endeavor

will help ease stress.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Finish what you start. Sudden good fortune is heading in your direction. Rely on your intuition to lead you in the right direction. Let go of the past and embrace the future.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Listen, observe and avoid getting entangled in someone else's drama. Stick close to home and make a positive adjustment to your living arrangements. Renovation or a move looks favorable.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't let emotional matters disrupt your plans or productivity. Add a unique spin to whatever you do to separate you from

the competition.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Contribute to a cause that interests you or finish a project that you left undone. Rely on your experience to guide you in the right direction. Don't make an unnecessary change.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Get your finances in order. If you have too much cash on hand, it will slip through your fingers. Invest in something that will add security to your life.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Idle time is the enemy. Plan your day strategically. Stick to what you know and deliver what you promised. Honest, direct communication is in your best interest.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

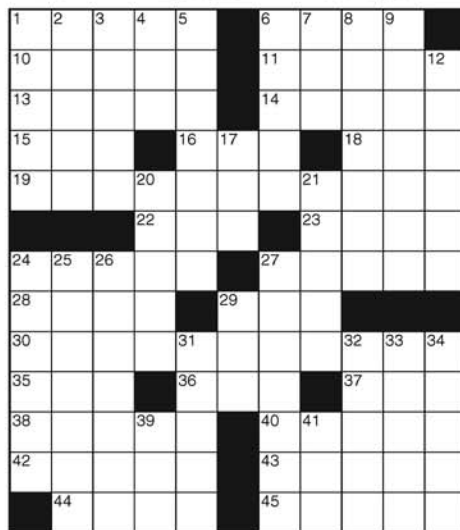
ACROSS
43 Put up
1 Leopard features
44 Subsequently
6 Jeans joint
45 Cars' scars

DOWN
11 Book of maps
13 French farewell
14 Sell tickets for profit
15 Skillet
16 Cheering cry
18 "Fifth Beatle" Sutcliffe
19 Nocturnal wanderer
22 Director Spike
23 Sunrise site
24 Audibly
27 Dance's de Mille
28 Role for Craig
29 Nabokov novel
30 Expert at cajoling
35 Much of N. Amer.
36 Guitar blaster
37 Hoppy brew
38 From the country
40 Car quartet
42 "The same"



Saturday's answer

9 Blue-gray cat
12 Bursts of energy
17 Stunned wonder
20 Steer clear
21 Court-related
24 Ridiculous abbr.
25 Clubs, in bridge
26 Here
27 Made suitable
29 Money machine
31 Hawk's grasper
32 Singer Carpenter
33 Put in office
34 Takes ten
39 Had supper
41 Anger



Cryptoquote

A XYDLBAAXR
 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.

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CRYPTOQUOTE

BEV LVDFBO NX BEV ZNSPC
 EDQ BZN VCHVQ, NWV NX
 PDFHEBVS, NWV NX DWHFRQE,
 JFB BRWH BEV EVDSB
 DQFWCVS. — GRSHRWRD

ZNNPX

Saturday's Cryptoquote: THERE AIN'T NO WAY TO FIND OUT WHY A SNORER CAN'T HEAR HIMSELF SNORE. — MARK TWAIN

Alder on Bridge: Be constructive, not just critical

By Phillip Alder

Criticism is a touchy subject. For most of us, criticism is hardest to accept from our spouse or bridge partner.

If you think partner made a mistake on a deal, discuss it calmly after the session.

In today's deal, South was in four spades. After West led the diamond queen, declarer saw only nine tricks -- seven spades, one diamond and one club -- so he threw in the towel and conceded down one. South then suggested that his partner should have passed out three spades. He pointed out that his opening bid promised six winners, and North had only three to contribute.

North apologized, but after the

session, what did he point out to his partner?

If North had passed, East would surely have made a balancing takeout double. If West had advanced with four clubs, that contract would have made unless South received a heart ruff.

South should have realized that he had to establish a 10th winner in hearts.

After taking trick one, declarer concedes a heart trick. The defenders cash their two diamond winners and shift to a club. But South wins on the board, ruffs a heart high (not with the three), plays a spade to the 10, ruffs another heart high, returns to the board with a spade to the ace and ruffs a third heart high. Finally, he leads the conserved spade three to dummy's five and cashes the heart nine.

Jumble

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

CDNEU
 O O O O O

CAKNK
 O O O O O

OMUPID
 O O O O O

CAFROT
 O O O O O

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O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O

Saturday's

Jumbles: JOKER CRIMP POETRY TATTLE
 Answer: The dogs learned to use tools so they could work on their — PET PROJECT



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

(Answers tomorrow)

North 04-20-20

♠ A 10 5
 ♥ 9 8 5 4 2
 ♦ A 6 3
 ♣ A 7

West

♠ 8 2
 ♥ A Q 3
 ♦ Q J 10 9
 ♣ Q 9 8 2

East

♠ 4
 ♥ K J 10 7
 ♦ K 7 4
 ♣ K J 6 5 3

South

♠ K Q J 9 7 6 3
 ♥ 6
 ♦ 8 5 2
 ♣ 10 4

Dealer: South
 Vulnerable: East-West

South West North East
 3♠ Pass 4♠ All Pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q