Horoscope

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Take advantage of an opportunity to learn. How you spend your time will affect the type of day you have. Don't sit around waiting for something to come to you.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- A physical activity will help restore your balance and push you in a meaningful direction. Don't feel obligated to make a change because someone else does. Live within your budget.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Listen carefully, assess situations and make practical choices. Expect the youngsters and seniors in your life to overreact. Remain calm to control the outcome.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Refuse to get dragged into a situation that has nothing to do with you. Your words will be used against you. Spend time making personal improvements instead of trying to change others.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Expand your skills, knowledge and experience. Use your attributes to fit changing economic trends. Your success will depend on your ability to diversify and adapt.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Avoid joint ventures. Spend time changing your surroundings to accommodate a project you want to start. A close relationship will improve with a little tender, loving care.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You'll thrive on change. Dedication will be required to get things done; however, don't make the mistake of neglecting the needs of someone close to you in the process.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Keep your emotions tucked away when dealing with money matters or changes that are happening at home. Pitching in and doing your best to help will ease whatever transition is taking place.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Offer help to others, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Leave time to take care of yourself and do something that brings you joy. A creative project will ease stress.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Keep busy and put your energy into something that counts. Less talk and more action will bring better results. Don't take on someone else's responsibilities. Do your own thing.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Embrace change and make whatever is happening around you work in your favor. An opportunity to improve your income is heading your way. Speak up, share your ideas and change your destiny.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Pay attention to the way you look and how you present yourself to the world. Health, diet and exercise will lift your spirits and encourage you to try new things.

Crossword

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Between-meals nosh
6 Almanac info
11 Hawkeye
12 "Carmen," for one
13 Pancake's kin
14 Car type
15 Pekoe and oolong
17 Retina setting
18 Creative
22 Notorious emperor
23 On cloud nine
27 Pollute
29 Shoe material
30 Rice and Bernstein
32 Ky. neighbor
33 Parental warning
35 Research setting
38 Aware of
39 Require defrosting
41 Beginning
45 Make blank
46 Depart
47 Discourage
48 Moved laterally

DOWN
1 Attack command
2 Neither follower
3 Stunned wonder
4 Like some photos
5 Leg joints
6 Paleontology finds
7 King Kong, for one
8 Hand over
9 Serving aid
10 Rational
16 Had lunch
18 Poker payment
19 Authentic
20 Quick cut
21 Warned
24 Golf pegs
25 Writer Ferber
26 Turn down
28 Highway cop
31 — Francisco
34 Purloined
35 Told tales
36 Land measure
37 Trounce
40 Try out
42 Droop
43 December 31, for one
44 Slugger Williams

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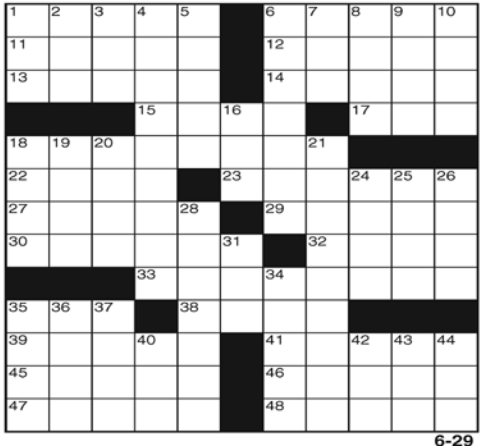
Saturday's answer



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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.

6-29 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

V X I I E M W P X K S I H P J V
D W Q Q I R R K I J T P Q W J V N C I F
I B W H N K W S V G Y D W M G W S F N
E I W J M ' N G Q P T S I B W H P N.
— V H N K F H " S F X J " S V W H

Saturday's Cryptoquote: A VACATION IS HAVING NOTHING TO DO AND ALL DAY TO DO IT IN. — ROBERT ORBEN

Jumble

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

EUNOC

VGLAE

YOKEND

DLEAPD

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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: WAIVE ODDLY WHINNY SMOGGY
Answer: The kids wanted to play baseball. Luckily, there were plenty of — GLOVES ON HAND

Alder on Bridge: Cartoon characters continue playing

By Phillip Alder

This time, Snoopy, playing with Woodstock and two friends, was the declarer in three no-trump. What should he have done after West led the spade four?

In the bidding, Snoopy (South) might have opened one diamond because his hand was worth more than its face value of 17 points. The five-card suit and the 7 ace-king points (2 for each ace and 1 for the king) add extra value. The Kaplan-Rubens evaluation method (which gets most players' votes for the most accurate) rates this hand at 18.35 points. Then, though, North would have had a close call. K-R makes his hand worth 8.8 points only, so he should respond one no-trump. Then South would jump to three no-trump. Probably East would lead the heart jack, giving North an easy time. He would play low from the board (South) and take two spades, two hearts and five diamonds.

When Snoopy opened one no-trump, North judged well to invite game, and South had a clear-cut raise.

The reader did not learn how Snoopy played until the next day. The game was interrupted because Snoopy had to try to shoot down the Red Baron. When Snoopy returned to the aerodrome, he reported to his captain and asked him what he should have done. When Snoopy got back to the game, he admitted that the captain said he should have led a low heart to the queen.

Snoopy incorrectly played on clubs, but the defenders got their spades established and took three spades and two clubs to defeat the contract.

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North
♠ 8 3
♥ Q 5 4
♦ K J 2
♣ Q J 10 9 8

West
♠ J 10 5 4 2
♥ K 8 3
♦ 10 6
♣ A 7 4

East
♠ Q 9 7 6
♥ J 10 9 6
♦ 8 4 3
♣ K 6

South
♠ A K
♥ A 7 2
♦ A Q 9 7 5
♣ 5 3 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 4