

Horoscope

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Take action and refuse to let anyone get in your way. Let past occurrences guide you to make a better decision now regarding money matters, health and contracts. Romance is encouraged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Look for the positive in every situation you face. Concentrate on what you can accomplish, and stop worrying about what you leave undone. Spend more time sorting through clutter.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You'll gain insight into how best to use your time and skills to reach your goal. A promotion or positive change will result in greater cash flow and connections to people who can help you advance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- The changes going on around you will be a sign of what's to come. Analyze every scenario carefully. Call on someone you trust to offer a second opinion. Keep your emotions under control.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Reach out to experts and those who have helped you in the past. Invest time, money and effort into a lifelong goal. A surprise will put you in a unique position with numerous options.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Keep your wits about you. Look at every possibility; gather information that will help you make the best decision. Do your own thing, and follow the path that excites you most. Play by the rules.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Partnerships will make a difference. Choose people who have something to contribute, not those who ride your coattails. Collaborate with someone who has the skills you lack.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Confusion will set in regarding work and what you want to pursue. A change may not be welcome initially, but it will push you to create an opportunity to do something you enjoy.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Set up a place at home conducive to learning or physical exercise. Focus on strength, fitness and being your very best. Nurture a meaningful relationship and be romantic.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Question anything and anyone who makes you feel the least bit uncertain.

Knowledge is critical. Take better care of your health, diet and possessions. A risk will set you back.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Getting along with friends and family is encouraged. Use your imagination, and you'll deter others from putting you on the spot. Concentrate on love, peace and happiness.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Lessons from the past will help you make better decisions. Be resourceful, check facts and question anything or anyone suspicious. Protect your reputation, possessions and loved ones.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 47 Lively

1 Enterprise dance science officer
 48 Train stations

6 Speculate

DOWN 11 Des Moines native
 1 Pop's daughter
 2 "The Raven" writer

12 Craze
 13 Note from the boss

14 Some golf clubs
 4 Need to pay

15 Musk of Tesla
 4 Happened low

17 Tennis court divider
 5 Ring
 6 Foreboding

18 Reject
 7 Golf goal
 8 Privy to business

22 Saudi native
 9 Three squared
 24 Deceitful one

23 Burr or Hamilton
 10 Sunrise site
 25 Fix text love

27 Near-sighted Mr.
 16 Outmoded
 26 Depend
 43 Catch

29 Slyly sarcastic
 18 Titled herb
 44 Snaky shape

30 Guarantee
 31 Corn unit

32 Plane part
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33 Afternoon social
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35 Pussy foot
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39 Kitchen come-on
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41 Nary a soul
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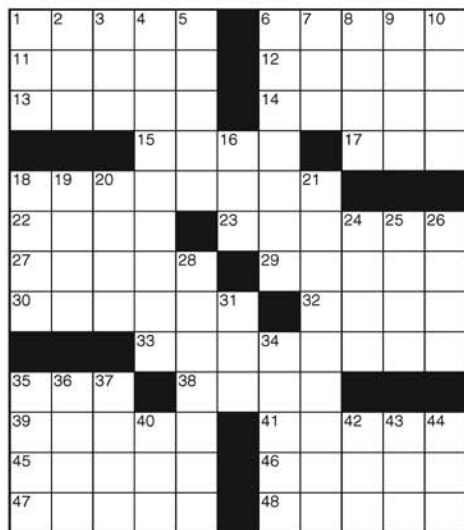
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Saturday's answer

- 19 Turkey neighbor
 20 Hangs low
 21 Tended to, as
 22 Foreboding
 23 Privy to business
 24 Deceitful one
 25 Fix text
 26 Depend
 28 Pizza
 31 Corn unit
 34 Fourth-down plays
 35 Component
 36 Region
 37 Frayed
 40 Saloon vessel
 42 Lennon's love
 43 Catch some z's
 44 Snaky shape



Cryptoquote

A XYDLB AAXR
 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.

1-11 CRYPTOQUOTE

VXSSVB DXJCR LUB SLDBC LJC

REPCEBC PZ DXRIHUSEJBR; PES

TUBLS DXJCR UXRB LPHNB

SWBD. — YLRWXJTSJH XUNXJT

Saturday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE ROAD YOU'RE WALKING, START PAVING ANOTHER ONE. — DOLLY PARTON

Alder on Bridge: Some plays are too hard to find

By Phillip Alder

Richard M. DeVos said, "Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push. A smile. A word of optimism and hope. A 'you can do it' when things are tough."

Some defenses are just too tough for (almost) everyone. This deal is doubly difficult for both sides because it occurred during an online duplicate.

After West leads a low diamond, how should South play in four spades when overtricks are not important? How would his line change if he hoped to collect an overtrick? In addition, how would the defenders play?

North used the Jacoby Forcing Raise. South's jump to game indicated a minimum opening without a short side suit. When overtricks are not an issue,

declarer should win the first trick with dummy's diamond ace and play a spade to his ace. He draws trumps, cashes his three hearts, discarding a club from hand, and concedes one diamond and two clubs.

But when overtricks are valuable, it is certainly reasonable to take the diamond finesse at trick one. Here, though, it loses, and East will shift to a low club. After South also plays low, 99.99% of players would win with the club jack and cash the club ace. A few moments later, declarer will claim his contract.

The genius receiving a positive mental push will win trick two with the club ace and return the club jack. Then East can win with his king and give partner a club ruff to defeat the contract.

Jumble

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

VAWEE
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GEHED
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CCNILI
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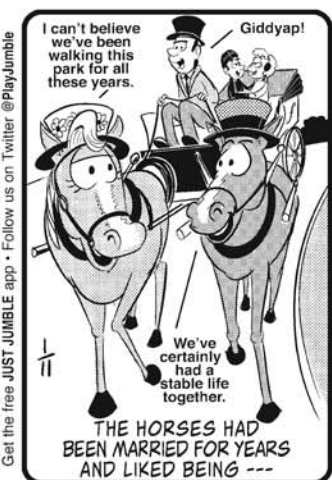
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Print the answer here:



Saturday's Jumbles: DOILY FLUID THORNY DRAGON
 Answer: He had the small dent in his wife's car repaired to keep her from — "FIND-DING" OUT



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

(Answers tomorrow)

North		01-11-21	
♠	Q 7 6 2		
♥	A Q 8		
♦	A Q		
♣	10 7 6 2		
West		East	
♠	4	♠	J 5 3
♥	J 10 7 3	♥	9 6 5 4
♦	10 8 7 6 5 3	♦	K 4
♣	A J	♣	K 8 5 3
South			
♠	A K 10 9 8		
♥	K 2		
♦	J 9 2		
♣	Q 9 4		
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ 6			