Horoscope

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Stop questioning and start doing. Sometimes it's best to learn as you go. Be adventurous and ready to switch directions and try something different.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Refuse to let anyone discourage you. Take the initiative to pursue something that requires physical strength and agility. Romance is on the rise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Trying to fit in where you don't belong will be detrimental to your well-being. Size up whatever situation you face and make beneficial adjustments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Problems will grow if you don't address concerns promptly. A fair assessment followed by action will help calm things down. Reward yourself by doing something that makes you happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Assess your situation and lighten the load. Consider what you need and what you don't, and sell off what's no longer of value. Take a less restrictive path.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Don't jump into something risky. Time is on your side, and looking for the best prospect will lead to personal gain. Invest in yourself, your home and a meaningful relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Listen to what others have to say, and it will help you avoid getting into a senseless spat. Working toward a common goal can lead to a positive lifestyle change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- An unexpected change will cause uncertainty. Don't make a move just because someone else does. Use discretion and do what's best for you. Health and fitness are favored.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Take pride in what you do and finish what you start. Keep in touch with past colleagues. Don't hesitate to ask for a favor. Someone you respect will have a positive influence on you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- It's what you do, not what you say. Put your energy into honing your skills or finding new outlets for your attributes. Productivity will lead to success. Romance is in the stars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Friends and relatives will influence what you do or how you feel. Discuss your plans with someone you look up to, and it will help you make a decision.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Put unfinished business to rest. Deal with institutions and government agencies personally, and you'll get the help you need to move forward with your plans. Don't get angry; get busy.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Chickens and turkeys
5 Misbehave
10 Land measure
11 Moon feature
13 Place for snorkeling
14 Nemesis of Ness
15 Banish
17 Skillet
18 Get excited
19 Country lodgings
20 Refinery supply
21 Track event
22 Spanish farewell
25 Worker with a pick
26 Soft shot in tennis
27 Saloon vessel
28 Mouse's cousin
29 Crusading king
33 Fury
34 Butt holder
35 Limited
37 Gag
38 Fragrance counter bottle
39 From the U.S.
40 Run-down
41 Deep voice

DOWN

1 Door-slamming comedy
2 Pacific, for one
3 Take by force
4 Boxing hit
5 Point a finger at
6 Packing box
7 Keg need
8 Perfect
9 Act of contrition
12 Jeremy of "The Avengers"
16 For us
21 Boxing hit
22 Floating aimlessly
23 Personal logs
24 Powerful
25 A lot of
27 Stephen King novel
29 Appraised
30 Kitchen come-on
31 Yard tools
32 Fabric workers
36 Mineral suffix

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E	D	I	B	L	E	■	V	I	V	A
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A	V	A	T	A	R	■	T	O	S	S
B	E	L	O	W	■	C	I	N	C	O
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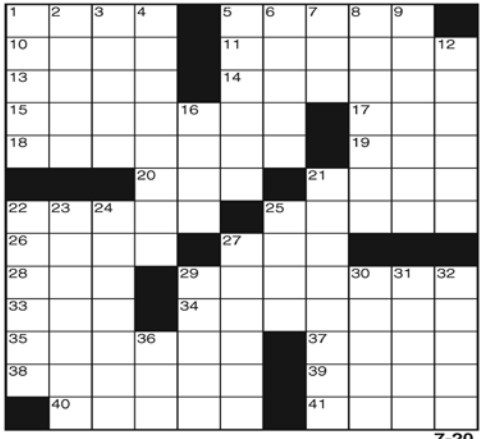
Saturday's answer



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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.

7-20 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

F D ' B D T H S W D T Y N O K

M Z K Q F R D F T P B , K B M K R F N A A I

N U T H D D W K E H D H Z K .

— I T S F U K Z Z N

Saturday's Cryptoquote: YOU CAN'T MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON FEAR AND THE POSSIBILITY OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN. — MICHELLE OBAMA

Jumble

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

PLAAH

PIYML

LONREL

TRABET

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: CHIDE CRUSH THRASH ENGAGE
Answer: How he ended up with poison ivy on his scalp was a — HEAD-SCRATCHER

Alder on Bridge: Can you picture the winning layout?

By Phillip Alder

Robert L. Schwartz, an author, wrote, "The entrepreneur is essentially a visualizer and an actualizer. He can visualize something, and when he visualizes it, he sees exactly how to make it happen."

How should an entrepreneur sitting South visualize the play in four hearts after West leads the diamond king to dummy's ace?

The North hand is tough to evaluate because it comes down to the usefulness of the spade queen. If it is of no value -- South has a singleton spade, say -- then his hand is worth only a two-heart raise. But when the queen is helpful, the hand is worth a game-invitational limit raise. South has a borderline raise to game.

There seem to be four unavoidable losers: two hearts, one diamond and one club. Some players would cross to hand with a spade and lead the heart queen from hand, hoping that West has king-doubleton and nervously rises with his honor. But West will surely realize that if declarer had the heart ace, he would have taken the finesse.

There is one chance to make the contract without a misdefense. South must hope that the spades are 3-3 and either opponent has a singleton trump honor.

Declarer plays a spade to his ace, cashes the spade king and overtakes the jack with dummy's queen. When no one ruffs, South plays dummy's last spade and discards his diamond loser. If the trumps are as declarer visualized, a defender ruffs the 13th spade, but at the cost of a trump trick.

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North
♠ Q 7 4 3
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ A 8
♣ K J 2

West
♠ 8 5 2
♥ K
♦ K Q 10 9 4
♣ 10 7 6 3

East
♠ 10 9 6
♥ A 2
♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ A 9 5 4

South
♠ A K J
♥ Q J 8 7 4 3
♦ J 5
♣ Q 8

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K