

Horoscope

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Be cautious when dealing with a friend, relative or peer. Avoid a fight by finding common ground. Diplomacy, respect and courtesy will pay off. Tell someone special how much you love them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You can make a positive lifestyle or professional change. Take pride in what you do, and you will make an impression on someone who can help you excel. Now's the time to get things done!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Take responsibility, and accomplish what you set out to do. Pay attention to a loved one in order to avoid an unnecessary scene. Do your best to deal with sensitive issues in a timely

manner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Your changing attitude will confuse those you deal with today. Try not to venture too far off the beaten path when explaining what you expect or want. Avoid indulgence and excessive behavior.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Live and learn. You'll be offered insight into something that you can use to get ahead. Practice what you preach; you'll avoid allowing someone the opportunity to make you look bad.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Concentrate on making positive changes in your life and meaningful relationships. Refuse to let jealousy get in the way of reason. A positive attitude will help you reach your

objective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Don't let work or your colleagues agitate you. Go about your business, and finish what you start. Leave no room for criticism or complaints. If you want to make a change, do so using your Leo charm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Stay poised and listen carefully. Someone you least expect will offer insight into something you find challenging. Sharing common interests will lead to a valuable conversation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Envision how you want your space to function. A couple of changes can quickly put an end to an inconvenience. Share your feelings with a loved one, and it will pave the way to a better lifestyle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Pay closer attention to detail. Don't expect a decision you make to please everyone. A friend or relative will offer sound reasons why you should slow down and rethink your plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Past experience will help you decipher who is being up-front with you and who isn't. Trust your instincts, and make your decision clear. It's better not to linger. Romance is encouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Make a decision for the right reason. Don't let anger or stubbornness cause bad blood between you and a friend or relative. Make positive changes, and be willing to compromise. Care and share.

Crossword

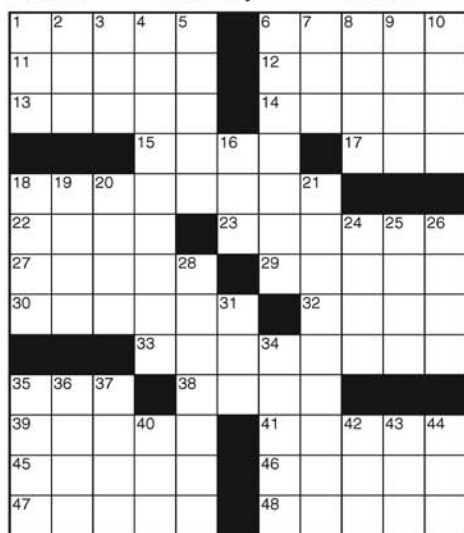
CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Swampy area
- 6 Minnesota team
- 11 Fill with joy
- 12 Custom
- 13 Croc's cousin
- 14 Cast out
- 15 Substandard
- 17 Put in stitches
- 18 American marsupials
- 22 Corned beef dish
- 23 Where Gauguin painted
- 27 Director Forman
- 29 Mine veins
- 30 Sounds of derision
- 32 Bona fide
- 33 Lie
- 35 Toper
- 38 Tourney advances
- 39 Reef material
- 41 Island ring
- 45 Sky color
- 46 Asian peninsula
- 47 Gets together
- 48 Velocity
- DOWN**
- 1 Ryan of movies
- 2 — carte
- 3 Lab animal
- 4 Suddenly slam on the brakes
- 5 Long sandwiches
- 6 Underwear type
- 7 Candle makeup
- 8 Sacred bird of Egypt
- 9 River of Egypt
- 10 Hearty dish
- 16 Unconscious
- 18 Resistance units
- 19 Aspirin target
- 20 Norwegian city
- 21 Baseball position
- 24 Notion
- 25 Bluish color
- 26 Cruise stop
- 28 Horse houses
- 31 Crafty fellow
- 34 Plumbing problems
- 35 Con man's con
- 36 Seep
- 37 Faithful
- 40 Museum focus
- 42 Mine output
- 43 Spike of film
- 44 Young fellow



Saturday's answer



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.

2-8 CRYPTOQUOTE

AYXPXCHH YH WVC DBXSQBSC

O V Y Z V W V C P C B E Z B X V C B T

B X P W V C M D Y X P Z B X H C C .

— RBTA W O B Y X

Saturday's Cryptoquote: THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A LITTLE FREEDOM. EITHER YOU ARE ALL FREE, OR YOU ARE NOT FREE.

— WALTER CRONKITE

Alder on Bridge: Play the right card to defeat declarer

By Phillip Alder

A bridge player might feel oppressed by unforeseeable and uncontrollable events if playing with a partner who does not either watch the cards or know how to interpret the signal sent.

How should East-West play to defeat four spades in today's deal?

During the auction, North was torn between signing off in three no-trump with such a flat hand and looking for a slam with so many points opposite a partner who opened.

If North had rebid two no-trump forcing (using two-over-one), South would have raised to three no-trump.

Then North might have passed, or he might have invited a slam with four no-trump, which South would have turned down.

Three no-trump would have made with two overtricks.

In four spades, though, the auction was revealing. West knew that his partner had at most one diamond. So he led the diamond ace.

But what did he do next? This is a textbook situation for a suit-preference signal. West wants to tell his partner where his entry card lies.

If it is in clubs, the lower-ranking of the other two side suits, West leads his lowest remaining diamond at trick two.

Here, though, West continues with the diamond eight, highest for the higher-ranking suit.

Then, if East knows his stuff, he will ruff and shift to a high heart. West takes that trick and delivers another diamond ruff to defeat the contract.

Jumble

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

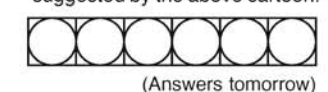


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Saturday's Jumbles: ABATE TOKEN LIKELY BELONG
Answer: They offered to co-sign to help him get a mortgage, but he wanted to — GO IT "A-LOAN"



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



(Answers tomorrow)

North		02-08-21	
♠	Q 10 9		
♥	K Q 6		
♦	K Q 9 2		
♣	K Q 6		
West		East	
♠	8 6	♠	J 7 4
♥	A 5 2	♥	10 9 8 4 3
♦	A 8 7 5 3	♦	—
♣	J 7 2	♣	10 9 8 4 3
South			
♠		A K 5 3 2	
♥		J 7	
♦		J 10 6 4	
♣		A 5	
Dealer: South Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ??			