

# Horoscope

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- A small change can make your life easier. Be inventive, and you'll find a way to make an improvement that will help you excel. Live and learn.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Be realistic and listen to your inner voice. Uncertainty should be considered a signal to take a breather and become a spectator until you are confident you can be successful.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Set your goal and proceed. Take note of what others have to offer, but also be aware of the financial or emotional cost involved before you decide to work in tandem.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Keep an open mind. A

physical challenge will encourage you to take better care of yourself. Understanding what's best for you will help you say no to someone pushing lousy advice.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Consider what will improve your life, and then plan your strategy. Handling of personal and financial affairs intelligently will help you let go of the past and move forward with optimism.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Do what's necessary and don't look back. Arguing will be a waste of time. People will be with or against you regardless of what you do. Choose what suits you best.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Be the mastermind behind the changes you want to make. Use persuasion and enthusiastic persistence to talk others into seeing things your way. A domestic change will ease your mind.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- A positive change at home will bring you closer to someone you love. Distance yourself from troublemakers or anyone interfering in your personal affairs. Choose love over chaos.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You'll be eager to get things done, but first begin putting a plan in place. Being ill-prepared will leave room for error. Rely on

intelligence over brute force.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Your actions will make a difference. Finish what you start and take care of responsibilities on your own. Steer clear of anyone trying to take advantage of you or make you look bad.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Don't second-guess yourself. Consider what's working for you, and what isn't, and head in the direction that leads to the rewards you desire. Refuse to let an opportunity elude you.

# Crossword

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS** 41 Head-phones site  
1 Poet Ogden  
5 Yoga class sights

**DOWN** 1 Brother's son  
2 Like edelweiss  
3 Window parts  
4 Foot part

10 Similar  
12 Cobbler fruit  
13 Nostalgic song

14 Promotes for money  
16 Unwell  
17 Wallet bills

18 Tourist stops  
21 Ram's mate  
22 Makes pigtails  
23 Hairstyles

24 Goes bad  
26 Chasm  
29 Casual walk

30 Galileo's birthplace  
31 Even score  
32 Gulps down

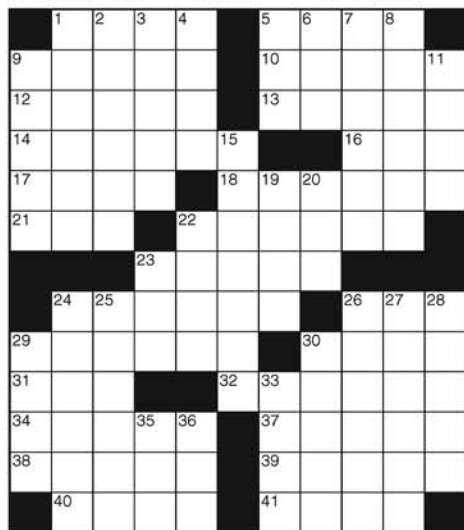
34 Backstreet  
37 Cove  
38 Angry look

39 Country division  
40 Graceful bird



Saturday's answer

15 Screeches 26 Temple support  
19 Clumsy 27 Small  
20 "My keys  
country — 28 Designer's asset  
of thee"  
22 Seethe 29 Antlered animal  
23 Dove sound 30 Ship of 1492  
24 Movie 33 Prudent  
25 Would-be lawyer's stat  
35 Pitching  
36 Desire



# 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.

6-8 CRYPTOQUOTE

YCXJC PJUCUSF, SR ZXCCMJ  
PDXC. CDM PXC MJ TRMY SRC  
KVRP ASCUV CDM KXABMC UY  
CAJSMT RS. — VRAUY  
V'XZRAJ

Saturday's Cryptoquote: EVERYTHING IN LIFE IS WRITABLE ABOUT IF YOU HAVE THE OUTGOING GUTS TO DO IT, AND THE IMAGINATION TO IMPROVISE. — SYLVIA PLATH

# Alder on Bridge: Occasionally it will work perfectly

By Phillip Alder

"Occasionally he stumbled over the truth, but hastily picked himself up and hurried on as if nothing had happened." - Winston Churchill

Some bridge players, after making a mistake, move on to the next deal as if they had played perfectly. That is ideal, but others fret, allowing the blunder to distract their play on subsequent deals. Lucky players err in theory but do not pay, because the cards forgive them. In today's deal, though, declarer had to handle the trumps correctly to make his slam. What was the right way to play the heart suit for one loser?

North, on the first round of the auction, could have made a negative double, or responded two clubs, or, as she chose to do, cue-bid two spades to

show exactly three-card heart support and at least game-invitational strength. (If she had had four or more hearts, she would have responded two no-trump, an excellent idea originally espoused by Andy Robson and Oliver Segal from England.) South made a strange help-suit game-try with three diamonds. When North control-bid four clubs, South used Roman Key Card Blackwood, then settled into six hearts.

After receiving a club lead, declarer saw that he had to take one spade, four hearts, two diamonds and five clubs. So he could afford to lose one trump trick, but not two. In this situation, the correct play was low to the nine first. Declarer would get home if East had either the heart king or the 10 and the jack.

# Jumble

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

ORRRE  
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

RUDGO  
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

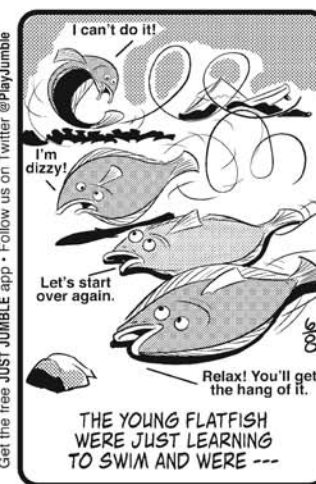
RWENIN  
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

PLYOFF  
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

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**Ans. here:** ○

Saturday's Jumbles: QUEST LOGIC TARGET SUBURB  
Answer: For the coins in the pinball machine, it was — CLOSE QUARTERS



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

(Answers tomorrow)

North 06-08-20

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

West East

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

South

♠ A Q 2
♥ A Q 9 6 5
♦ 7 4
♣ K Q J

Dealer: South  
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 3