

Horoscope

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Gather knowledge, pick up skills and focus on what you want. Refuse to let an emotional incident result in an undesirable change. Keep the peace and avoid arguments.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- A little will mean a lot. Consider your options and offer better alternatives. Intelligence will override inconsistency. Do what's right, and associate with those who bring out the best in you.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Nurture essential relationships and make personal changes conducive to feeling and looking your best. Don't allow anyone to put you in a vulnerable position. Say no to demanding people.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- It will be hard to make

up your mind and control your emotions. Learn from experience, and recognize what you must do to get what you want.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Tidy up unfinished business. Clear the way for better projects. Concentrate on long-term plans and contracts that can save you money or make you more of it. Show others what you have to offer.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Enhance your skills, technology and attitude, and you'll step into a position that suits your lifestyle. A change at home could boost your income.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Don't follow others.

Consider what brings you the most joy and head in that direction. Personal improvements will give you the confidence to present and promote what you have to offer.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Look over contracts and health, legal and money matters. Your attitude will determine the response you get. Question anything that doesn't sound realistic or honest before you make a commitment.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Make personal and physical changes that will add pizzazz and push you into the spotlight. Change begins with you, so stop waiting and start doing. Romance is on the rise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Keep everyone guessing. Don't commit to anything until you are sure it's what you want. If a change isn't going to make your life better, you are best off taking a pass.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Don't settle for less; if you want more, do what's necessary and don't complain. Be direct and do whatever it takes. Make independence a priority.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Evaluate your options and consider how best to use your skills to get ahead. Look at a partnership proposal carefully and familiarize yourself with the motives behind it before you get involved.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

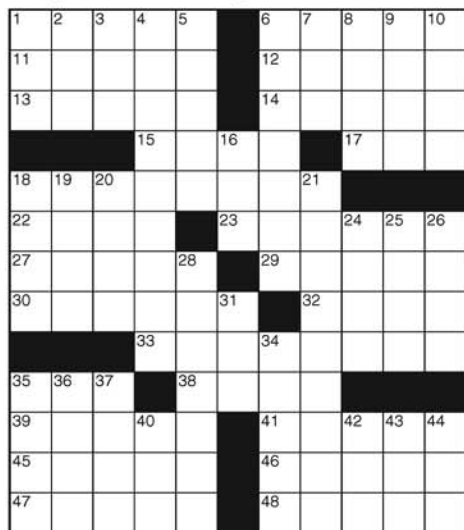
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- Pueblo material
 - Jobs for detectives
 - Yawning, perhaps
 - Cast out
 - Sipping aid
 - Door holder's words
 - Clock reading
 - Soak up
 - Lessen
 - Persia, today
 - Relaxed
 - African nation
 - Raring to go
 - Guarantee
 - Eye drop
 - Concert performers
 - Saloon
 - School near Windsor
 - Squirrel's find
 - Poet Nash
 - Characteristic
 - Other name for Myanmar
 - Cook's ingredients
 - Watch secretly
- DOWN**
- Crunch targets
 - Period
 - Hockey's Bobby
 - Clobbering
 - Astronomer Hubble
 - Babar's wife
 - Chopping tool
 - Plops down
 - Ticklish Muppet
 - Ooze
 - Farrow of film
 - Casino cubes
 - Steel ingredient
 - Supplies with staff
 - Getting lively
 - Gets older
 - Pants part
 - Makes mistakes
 - Familiarizes
 - Have lunch
 - Inexperienced gamers, in slang
 - Soaking spot
 - Plot unit
 - Lion
 - Umbrella part
 - Use a towel
 - Moody music
 - Photographer Goldin



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.

7-27 CRYPTOQUOTE

R Y V P L P X E I P X Y Y D W Y D N
S Y E Y W V P Y V S P , N L X E I P C
G T H E D N L E I D Y T O I N L X
S P W E J P I Y S X R L O E I P M L Y A .

— A Y X R X X S P C

Saturday's Cryptoquote: **SOMETIMES CARRYING ON, JUST CARRYING ON, IS THE SUPERHUMAN ACHIEVEMENT.** — ALBERT CAMUS

Alder on Bridge: The redundancy is a plus in addition

By Phillip Alder

It is strange how certain expressions containing unnecessary words get into the language. My local paper had the wonderful "two female twins" -- did you ever see three twins?

In bridge, cashing an unnecessary winner might be expensive. Here is an example, although it would not be clear-cut for West to find the winning defense. Look only at the West and North hands. Against four hearts, West leads the spade ace: seven, two, three. What should West do next?

North has an unappetizing hand full of quacks, but with 7 points and four trumps, he must raise.

When East plays the spade two, West knows that his partner holds

either an unlikely singleton or at least three spades. If East had a doubleton, he would have started a high-low signal.

If East holds the diamond king-queen, West probably needs to shift to that suit. Here, though, West must lead a club at trick two. This establishes four tricks for the defense: two spades, one heart and one club.

Note that if West cashes the spade king at trick two, declarer will discard his club jack on the established spade queen, using the diamond jack as the dummy entry. Also, if West switches to a diamond, South wins in hand and immediately plays a second spade himself.

Since declarer cannot discard his second spade on any of dummy's cards, that trick can wait.

Jumble

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

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O O O O O

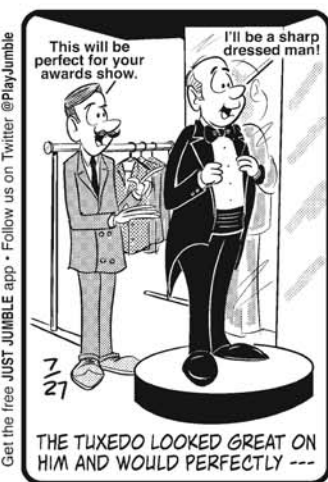
OSUDE
O O O O O

MLINEB
O O O O O

KTHSEC
O O O O O

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Saturday's Jumbles: CARGO GUAVA CARAFE FUTILE
Answer: When asked if she knew what two plus two equaled, she said she knew — "FOUR" A FACT



THE TUXEDO LOOKED GREAT ON HIM AND WOULD PERFECTLY ---
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

North		07-27-20	
♠	Q J 7		
♥	Q J 10 8		
♦	J 7 4		
♣	6 5 3		
West		East	
♠	A K 9 8 5	♠	10 4 2
♥	K 5	♥	6 3
♦	9 8 3	♦	10 6 2
♣	7 4 2	♣	K Q 10 9 8
South			
♠	6 3		
♥	A 9 7 4 2		
♦	A K Q 5		
♣	A J		
Dealer: South Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ A			