

Horoscope

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You can resolve an emotional issue if you communicate openly. A little give-and-take will help you bring about the changes you want to see happen.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Handle your personal and financial affairs yourself. Use common sense when tempted by a pie-in-the-sky idea. A steady pace will help you achieve your goal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Put more effort into learning and into honing your skills. Your presentation style will be impressive. Approach someone you think could benefit from what you have to offer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- An emotional response will cause havoc. Don't judge others if you don't want to be subject to ridicule. Avoid taking action without being fully prepared to deal with the aftermath.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Be smart and charming, but don't make promises you can't fulfill. You'll pick up information quickly and impress onlookers if you show interest, ask questions and are observant.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Do something that makes you happy. Start a project that will inspire you to do things differently or make plans to spend more time with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Don't start something you

cannot finish. Be honest about your feelings and what you want to see happen. You may not please everyone, but you'll feel better moving forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Expect someone to overreact or evade issues that could change the dynamics of your relationship. When in doubt, ask questions and make suggestions before jumping to conclusions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- You may want to make a change, but first make sure those who will be affected by your choices are on board or at least informed. Be articulate and forthright.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Your actions will speak

louder than words. Do your research and look at every angle before you make a decision. An offer may sound amazing, but will fall short in actuality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Call in a favor if it will help bring about a positive change. Prepare a space conducive to developing something you want to pursue. Personal change is encouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Finish what you start. You'll come up with a unique idea that can change the way you live. Hard work will pay off, as long as you don't act prematurely.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Theater fixture
 - 6 Showy flowers, for short
 - 10 Caesar's language
 - 11 Without break
 - 13 Last Greek letter
 - 14 Kuwaiti coin
 - 15 Relaxing resort
 - 16 "The Simpsons" bartender
 - 18 Top card
 - 19 Wrestling holds
 - 22 Pub pint
 - 23 Last letters
 - 24 Takes steps
 - 27 Rice field
 - 28 Out of the wind
 - 29 For each
 - 30 Sunshine State
 - vacation area
 - 35 Great weight
 - 36 Lynx or panther
 - 37 "Very funny!" in a text
 - 38 Musical set in Argentina

DOWN

- 1 Spill over
- 2 Lightning home
- 3 Top players
- 4 Jazz job
- 5 Some paints
- 6 Runway worker
- 7 Numerical prefix
- 8 Threatened
- 9 Had a bite
- 12 Formal source
- 17 Metal source
- 19 Productive sort
- 21 Plateau of Arkansas
- 24 Floated on the breeze
- 25 Every-where
- 26 Like Simba
- 27 Spag-num
- source
- 29 Smart-phone forerunner
- 31 Start of a quote
- 32 "My Fair Lady" role
- 33 Swiss trill
- 34 Luges
- 39 Light metal
- 41 Aussie hopper

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Saturday's answer

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Jumble

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

RAYHI

HTALC

WLATLE

CEFOFE

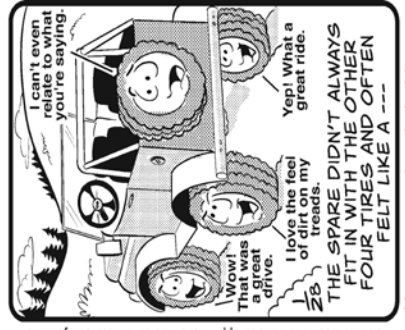
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Answer here:

Answers tomorrow

MODEM HIKER RATIO REJECT

William Clement invented the grandfather clock because he was able to — MAKE THE TIME



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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.

1-28 CRYPTOQUOTE

B D E T F H Y U D C Y W D H E Y U Q V
Y U D Y D L I Y T Y F Q H B D
W D C F C Y . — W T A I U B T A M Q
D L D W C Q H

Cryptoquote: EVERYTHING SATURDAY'S NEGATIVE — PRESSURE, CHALLENGES — IS ALL AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO RISE. — KOBE BRYANT

Alder on Bridge: Keeping in contact wth your winners

By Phillip Alder

Competence at the bridge table can come from keeping in contact with your beautiful winners. In this deal, how should South play in three no-trump after West leads his fourth-highest heart?

In the straightforward transfer sequence, North showed five spades and game values.

South starts with seven top tricks: one spade, two hearts and four clubs. At first glance, declarer will see that he can establish two diamond winners. But once he cleans his contact lenses, he will notice that if hearts are 5-3 and West has at least one of the diamond honors, he will lose two diamonds and three hearts.

So, it is better to play on spades. In isolation, the best play for four spade tricks is low to the jack first, but that entangles communications badly. Low from the board first, or running the queen, seems more practical here, though each comes with no guarantee.

When this deal was played at Bridge Base Online, most declarers took the second heart with dummy's ace and led a low spade to the queen. When it held, they returned a spade to the ace and continued the suit to cruise home with an overtrick. The less-capable declarers cashed their four club tricks first, then ran the spade queen. It was not hard for East to duck that trick, leaving declarer with no resource. He could establish spades, but had lost contact with the dummy.

North
♠ A J 9 8 3
♥ A 10
♦ J 10 8 2
♣ J 5

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

South
♠ Q 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q 9 5 3
♣ A K Q 10

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: North-South

South West North East
Pass Pass Pass Pass
INT Pass 2♥ Pass
2♣ Pass 3NT All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 3

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Answers tomorrow