

Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Take a break from your schedule. The change will spark your imagination and encourage you to make lifestyle adjustments. Focus on what makes you happy and how to make your routine memorable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Personal improvement is favored. Refuse to let anyone bully you into something you don't want to do. Call the shots and make your thoughts and needs known. Do what's best for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Stick to your plans, regardless of the backlash you get from others. You are responsible for your happiness, so do whatever it takes to pursue your best interests. Romance is in the stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Live and learn. Take on a

physical challenge that will encourage you to get involved in something you find rewarding. If you learn from your mistakes, and you will find a rewarding path.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Pay less attention to what's already happened and more attention to the best way to move forward. Concentrate on making home improvements, lowering your overhead and saving money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Refuse to let your emotions take the reins. Look at situations from a logical perspective to better understand them. You can't change others, but you can improve your own circumstances.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Lend a helping hand, and you will make new connections. An unusual partnership

will turn out to be helpful as well as entertaining. Love and romance are in the stars. A change of pace looms.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Take your time, dig deep, get the facts and make decisions based on verified information, not what someone leads you to believe. Separate your business and personal lives to avoid confusion and interference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Stick to your plan, regardless of what others do. Use your knowledge, experience and skills to get ahead. A physical change will boost your morale and attract compliments.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Look for the positive in every situation you face, and you'll find a way to take care of your responsibilities and have time left to enjoy doing

something that makes you happy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You may not like change, but it's time to make adjustments that will encourage you to keep up with technology and economic trends. Don't fight the inevitable; go with the flow, and be happy with the results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Keep moving forward. Looking back will cause confusion and uncertainty. Focus on what you can do, and live in the moment. Refuse to let anyone compromise your health and well-being. Focus will be key.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 39 Billing info

1 Thin-layered mineral
41 Wallet bills

5 Kid's summer getaway

9 Tycoon

10 In the know

12 Antilles resort

13 Produce

14 Salad makeup

16 Casserole bit

17 Feel the absence of

18 Mountain ranges

21 Braying beast

22 Market events

23 Verse writers

24 Bartlett's collection

26 Member of the force

29 "Emma" author

30 Factual

31 Director Spike

32 Glosses

34 Bike part

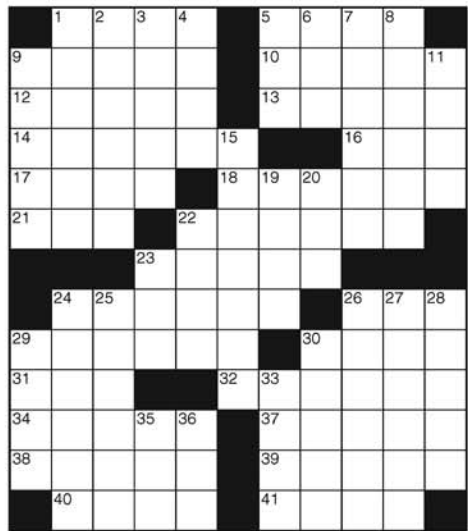
37 Precise

38 Purposely ignores



Saturday's answer

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| 2 "If you say so" | 9 Molten rock | 26 Dream up |
| 3 Dice, essentially | 11 Greek vowels | 27 Pound parts |
| 4 Astronaut Shepard | 15 Theater fixtures | 28 Annoying ones |
| 5 Hailed vehicle | 19 Toppers peaks | 29 Swiss |
| 6 Really impress | 20 TV spots | 30 Dallas native |
| 7 Raucous bird | 23 Poker prize | 33 Valiant one |
| 8 Spruces up | 24 New York borough | 35 Presidential nickname |
| | 25 Depleted | 36 Hallucinatory drug |



Cryptoquote

A XYDLB AAXR
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.

8-31 CRYPTOQUOTE

L A P B X L G A F E L C A U Z T X H K F

C O U P X J A B H F G A Z O H F A

Z T X H K F G A O B B O R U O U K

B O R U B A D B A F C A F H F .

— C.L. GAAZCAB

Saturday's Cryptoquote: HUGS CAN DO GREAT AMOUNTS OF GOOD, ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN. — DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

Alder on Bridge: One at a time, not two at a time

By Phillip Alder

Today's deal features three possible game contracts. How two, Papa Game and Mama Game, get on is fairly clear. But the third, Baby Game, is less obvious.

What do you think about the given auction, knowing that South's double showed three-card heart support, and what should be the result in five diamonds doubled?

Sitting South, I would have been tempted to ignore my three-card heart support and rebid three diamonds. But majors and no-trump rule in duplicates. Then surely South should have been happy with three no-trump. Even if partner had only a singleton diamond, there would be a play for the contract.

But when South did jump to five diamonds, that made it easy for East. He knew that North had four hearts, South had three, and he held five. Ergo, his partner had one. The defense was clear. So he doubled.

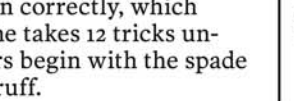
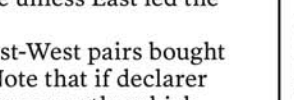
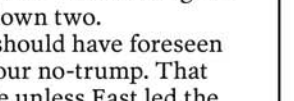
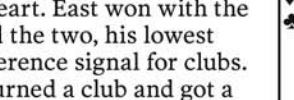
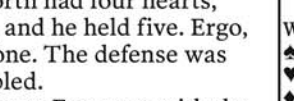
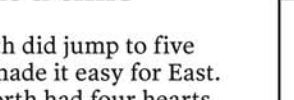
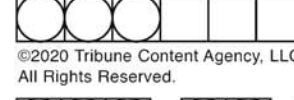
West led his heart. East won with the ace and returned the two, his lowest being a suit-preference signal for clubs. West ruffed, returned a club and got a second ruff for down two.

Maybe South should have foreseen this and run to four no-trump. That would have made unless East led the spade king.

A couple of East-West pairs bought it in five clubs. Note that if declarer reads the position correctly, which isn't automatic, he takes 12 tricks unless the defenders begin with the spade ace and a spade ruff.

Jumble

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



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

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: MOVIE LIMIT TANDEM WALNUT
Answer: Mother Nature would finish dampening the morning lawns. — ALL IN "DEW" TIME

North		08-31-20	
♠	A 9 4 3	♠	K J 10
♥	K 6 4 3	♥	A 10 9 8 2
♦	Q 9 7	♦	—
♣	K J	♣	A Q 8 6 2
West		East	
♠	8 7 6 5 2	♠	K J 10
♥	5	♥	A 10 9 8 2
♦	J 3	♦	—
♣	10 9 7 5 4	♣	A Q 8 6 2
South		East	
♠	Q	♠	K J 10
♥	Q J 7	♥	A 10 9 8 2
♦	A K 10 8 6 5 4 2	♦	—
♣	3	♣	A Q 8 6 2
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	2♣
Dbl.	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ??			