

Horoscope

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- A sensitive attitude when dealing with others will help ward off frustration. Personal growth will encourage you to broaden your awareness of the possibilities. Live in the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Reaching out to people or groups that share your concerns will be comforting. Your input will lead to an unexpected offer that will be hard to turn down.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Adjust the way you do things. A change of attitude will help ease stress. Focus more on your goal and less on what's happened in the past.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- A trip or a conference

will change the way you do business. You will gain popularity if you put a unique spin on an idea that has potential.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You can prosper using your ingenuity, but don't make promises you can't keep. A partnership will be complicated. Trust issues will arise. Be direct, ask questions and take your time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Don't shy away from something or someone because of unfamiliarity. Open your mind to new endeavors. Refuse to let uncertainty come between you and a chance to advance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Mingle, learn and explore

what's available. Make investments that will change your direction or location. Romance is on the rise and will improve your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Find the best way to approach what you want, and channel your energy into attaining the lifestyle you desire. Expect someone to use emotional tactics to change your mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Personal problems will lift if you are willing to adjust and comply with the necessary changes required to make life better. A relationship will take a positive turn. Romance is featured.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Your intuition and

expressive way of presenting your ideas and plans will win the necessary support from someone who has something to offer. Make proposals, close deals and explore new possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Fix up your surroundings to suit your plans. A change of heart will encourage you to branch out and try something new. Listen to your heart, not to what an outsider has to say. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Stop thinking about making a change and do something. Refuse to let an emotional situation stand between you and what you feel is best.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
39 Viper feature
1 Go by hunting garb, for short
40 Sub shop
41 Poker payment

DOWN
1 Sentence ender
2 California team
3 Mongrel's warning
4 Dubbing concern
5 Barracks bed
6 One or more
7 Some runners of thee"
8 Spotted cat
9 Dad
11 Pennsylvania port
15 Famous sources
19 Metal
20 Tennis court divider
22 1920s art style
23 "My country — of thee"
24 Fabled sailor
25 Polite word
26 Bemoan
27 Grove fruit
28 Flexes
29 Sheep coat
30 One of the primates
33 Tennis star Nadal, to fans
35 Singer Tormé
36 "Exodus" hero



Saturday's answer



Cryptoquote

AXYDLBAAXR
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.

2-17 CRYPTOQUOTE

P G J O U V J Z A Z R Z W Z G J

H P N D Z W N W G W U W Q G

O G P J U V E Q U S N V J Q U Y R K G P

W Q G X. — W U X J W U O O N P K

Saturday's Cryptoquote: BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO CAN LAUGH AT THEMSELVES, FOR THEY SHALL NEVER CEASE TO BE AMUSED. — SOURCE UNKNOWN

Alder on Bridge: Help partner's lead whenever possible

By Phillip Alder

At the bridge table, we should try not to be distracted by our emotions. Also, there are times when we should help partner with his opening lead, not unnecessarily risk his going astray.

In today's deal, for example, how does South get on in six spades after West leads the diamond queen? How about after a heart lead?

The auction was fairly predictable. After North raised spades on the second round, South inquired about aces and kings before settling into six spades.

If East does not make a lead-directing double of five hearts, West will surely lead the diamond queen. Declarer wins that, draws trumps and

runs the club queen. The finesse loses, but South claims the remainder. He discards his heart loser on a club winner on the board.

But when East wisely doubles five hearts, and West leads that suit, it would be easy for declarer to go down. If he adopts the same line as just proposed, when the club finesse loses, East cashes the heart king to defeat the slam.

However, a more-resourceful South, realizing that East has both high hearts, will spot a winning line. He wins the first trick with his heart ace and draws trumps. Then he eliminates the diamonds (ace, king, and a ruff) before exiting with his last heart. East is endplayed, having either to lead away from the club king or to concede a ruff-and-sluff.

Jumble

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



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Saturday's Jumbles: SAUTE THICK PILLAR HOOPLA
Answer: They ordered starters before the meal, but the kids were more interested in — THEIR APPS



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

(Answers tomorrow)

North		02-17-20	
♠	A 9 5 2	♠	6 3
♥	J 4	♥	K Q 7 6
♦	K 8 3	♦	7 6 4 2
♣	A J 10 9	♣	K 5 2
West		East	
♠	—	♠	—
♥	10 9 8 5 2	♥	—
♦	Q J 10 9	♦	—
♣	7 6 4 3	♣	—
South		Dealer: North	
♠	K Q J 10 8 7 4	Vulnerable: Both	
♥	A 3	South	West
♦	A 5	North	East
♣	Q 8	1♣	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ Q or ♥ 10		2♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♥	Dble!
4NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass