

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- A passionate approach to life, love and learning will lead to opportunity. Choose to do what's best for you instead of helping someone get away with it. Physical fitness will encourage better health.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Refuse to let your emotions get the best of you in times of stress. You'll discover a reason to pause before you start something new. Discuss your ideas with important people in your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Educate yourself and make personal adjustments before you make a major decision. An opportunity is worthwhile only if it's something that will improve your life. Choose peace of mind over money.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Express your feelings and clear up any uncertainty. Use your imagination, and be descriptive regarding your plans, but don't be misleading. Take better care of your health and emotional well-being.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Personal planning will lead to better health, greater confidence and enthusiastic support from someone who shares your mindset. Incorporate physical fitness and a nutritious diet into your everyday routine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Stop pondering what to do and take a leap of faith. Let your heart lead the way, and allow the people you know and trust to help you reach your destination. Share with someone special.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 One who accepts a bet
- 6 Wound reminder
- 10 Fill with joy
- 11 Adores
- 12 Be furious
- 13 Satchel part
- 14 Biscotti flavor
- 15 Michele of "Glee"
- 16 Lab animal
- 18 Had lunch
- 19 Movie worker
- 22 Printer's supply
- 23 Folk stories
- 24 Pencil part
- 27 Ready for bed
- 28 Writer
- 29 Coffee dispenser
- 30 Movie worker
- 35 Knight's title
- 36 Writer
- 37 Log chopper
- 38 Blow one's top
- 40 Titled women

Saturday's answer

- DOWN
- 1 Inventor Nikola
- 2 Change
- 3 Gold unit
- 4 Seventh Greek letter
- 5 Book copy
- 6 List of candidates
- 7 Swindle
- 8 Pilot
- 9 Do museum
- 10 Satchel part
- 11 Biscotti flavor
- 12 Be furious
- 13 Satchel part
- 14 Biscotti flavor
- 15 Michele of "Glee"
- 16 Lab animal
- 17 Noah's boat
- 18 Had lunch
- 19 Movie worker
- 20 Had a feast
- 21 Static letter
- 22 Printer's supply
- 23 Folk stories
- 24 Pencil part
- 25 Writer
- 26 Be a work crasher
- 27 Ready for bed
- 28 Writer
- 29 Coffee dispenser
- 30 Movie worker
- 31 Rocker John
- 32 Identifies bear
- 33 Bring to bear
- 34 Work breaks
- 35 Golfer's cleek
- 36 Writer
- 37 Log chopper
- 38 Blow one's top
- 39 Architect I.M.
- 40 Titled women
- 41 Broad st.

By Phillip Alder

Anne Maverick of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, did not enter the Christmas Competition, but she did submit several senryu. Four of these she labeled "to help remember conventions."

First: Partner opened, said / One no-trump after my bid / New Minor Forcing.

New Minor Forcing is a useful tool after the start to an uncontested auction of one of a minor, one of a major, one no-trump. Then responder's rebid of two of the unbid minor is artificial. It announces at least game-invitational values, and the responder almost always hopes opener can show three-card support for his major, as in today's diagram.

North might have raised one heart to

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Cryptoquote

A X Y D L B A A X R
is I 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.

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O J A T U T Y F X M Z X J J N V V F
V R V G B O A G Y V G A N B A P G

J X N V G P L X

Saturday's Cryptoquote: I THINK SELF-AWARENESS IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TOWARD BEING A CHAMPION. — BILLIE JEAN KING

By Phillip Alder

two hearts because of his weak diamond holding. But after he preferred one no-trump, South used New Minor Forcing to uncover the 5-3 heart fit. Against four hearts, West leads the diamond king. How should South continue? Note that North goes down in three no-trump if East leads a spade or a diamond.

In four hearts, there is a danger of a loser in each suit. However, declarer's basic plan should be to discard his spade loser on dummy's club ace. So, at trick two, declarer runs the club queen. Here, it loses to East's king. Let's suppose he switches to the spade jack. South wins with his ace, takes his two top trumps and cashes the club ace and jack, discarding his remaining spade, whether East ruffs in or not. Declarer loses only one heart, one diamond and one club.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Refuse to let an emotional incident hinder your efficiency. Focus on what you need to achieve, not on what someone does or says. Personal growth will help you let go of detrimental old habits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Try doing things differently, and you will discover things about yourself that will help you get ahead. Tidy up loose ends and indulge in something that brings you peace of mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Less talk and more action will help you get where you want to go. Put a little muscle behind your dreams, and you'll achieve what you set out to do. Self-improvement will enhance your appearance.

Jumble

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

GVARÉ



HVOSE



USONIC



VLAYLE



Answer here:

WHILE VISITING FRANCE'S BRIE REGION, THEY HAD THEIR PHOTO TAKEN AND GOT TO ...

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

North 03-22-21

♦ Q 8 3
♦ A 7 4
♦ J 8
♣ A J 6 5 3

West East
♦ K 6 5
♦ J 8
♦ K Q 9 2
♦ 5 3 2
♣ 10 8 7 2
South
♦ A 4
♦ K 10 6 5 3
♦ A 7 6 4
♣ Q 9

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♣ INT Pass 2♦ Pass 4♦ Pass
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: ♦ K

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Protect your physical and emotional health. It's essential to take a break and assess your situation before you bring about change. Don't get angry if someone has other ideas about the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- A creative outlet will ease stress. Spend time with someone who shares your passion. A solid plan for major progress will develop.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- A change will help you get on with your life. Consider the things that make you happy and pursue them. Surround yourself with people who bring out the best in you. It's time for new beginnings.



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(Answers tomorrow)
THUMP EYEFUL ABOUND
The excavation for their new home's foundation was done, and they liked it — "A-HOLE" LOT