

Horoscope

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Express your thoughts and feelings and make a loved one happy. A kind word or gesture will help bring you closer to the people who make a difference in your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Share your thoughts with someone who can contribute to your success and figure out a way to turn your wishes into reality.

Change starts with a good idea.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Follow through with your plans for celebrations and fun surprises for loved ones. It will prove difficult for certain parties to keep sensitive information secret.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Be careful how you deal

with superiors or people who can influence the outcome of a plan you want to pursue. Look for any defects or problems that may stand in your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Short trips will give you reason to rethink your current position and plan for the future. Suggestions made by someone with more experience will be worth listening to.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Anger is a waste of time. If someone tries to manipulate a situation, take a step back and do your own thing. Avoid indulgent people and those who tend to overreact.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- A steady pace will help you take care of all the finer details that need to be

put into place. If you use your imagination, good things will transpire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Share a moment with a good friend or make a personal change that will give you something to look forward to. Shop for practical items and avoid waste.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Time spent with younger and older individuals will be insightful. Peoples' comments will make you fully aware of something that has been confusing you or causing you uncertainty.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Spend time with people who appreciate and encourage you. If someone

complains, do your best not to indulge such behavior. Keeping the peace is a much better option.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Put more time and effort into how you present yourself. A new look or a positive attitude will lead to interesting comments and suggestions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Be careful what you say to friends and relatives. Giving someone the wrong impression will cause a ruckus that won't be easy to quell. Keep a low profile and a reserved outlook.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 38 "Vive ___!"
 - 39 Shoe parts
 - 40 Tenant's Prancer fee
 - 9 North Pole boss
 - 10 North Pole workers
 - 12 Alan of "Argo"
 - 13 Nearby Yuletide seasoning
 - 14 "___ it snow..."
 - 17 Gaggly sound
 - 18 Yuletide seasoning
 - 21 Plus wing
 - 22 Some bees
 - 23 Yuletide entree
 - 24 Assurances
 - 26 "Deck the Halls" syllables
 - 29 Yuletide seasoning
 - 30 Letter after theta
 - 31 Make a choice
 - 32 Yuletide drink
 - 34 Long stories
 - 37 Graff of "Mr. Belvedere"

DOWN

- 1 Talk
- incessantly
- 2 Mean about
- 3 Adhere
- 4 "Citizen ___"
- 5 Christmas mo.
- 6 Building wing
- 7 Change over time
- 8 Views anew
- 9 Mallia's sister
- 11 Hardens
- 15 Dickens miser
- 19 Defeat
- 20 Wallet bill
- 22 Medicine amount
- 23 Workout site
- 24 Late meal off
- 25 Apparel
- 26 Feeling friendless
- 27 Makes amends
- 28 Wise men
- 29 Yuletide house
- 30 Snow
- 33 Main idea
- 35 Swindle
- 36 Take a load off

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Saturday's answer

- 25 Apparel
- 26 Feeling friendless
- 27 Makes amends
- 28 Wise men
- 29 Yuletide house
- 30 Snow
- 33 Main idea
- 35 Swindle
- 36 Take a load off

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Jumble

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

LIVAL

DIUTA

DCXEEE

LAIFEN

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WHEN SHE WORE HER NEW WOOL CHRISTMAS SWEATER, THE SPANISH TEACHER SAID ---

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

STALL CONCUR HECKLE (Answers tomorrow)

Jumbles: FORGO Saturday's Answer: The young detective led the investigation until a senior detective — GOT ON HER CASE

Alder on Bridge: Helping partner to find the play

By Phillip Alder

A bridge defender is someone who tries to defeat a contract. A real bridge defender is someone who will, when necessary, help partner to defeat the contract.

How does that apply in this deal? South is in five spades, and West leads the heart nine, top of nothing.

Playing two-over-one, South was borderline for his three-spade jump rebid, but the seventh spade made it acceptable. North, happy that he had promised opening count, raised despite his singleton. (Note that after a club lead, three no-trump would have had no chance.) South ought to have passed out four spades, but optimistically used Roman Key Card Black-

wood. When he learned that partner had either one ace or the spade king, he signed off in five spades.

West found the killing heart lead, the first trick going nine, king, four, 10. Declarer led the spade six from the board, covered by the two, queen and king. Now West shifted to the diamond four. East took the trick and returned a diamond, but declarer ruffed, drew trumps and claimed.

Yes, perhaps West should have led a second heart, but East should have helped his partner by playing his spade 10 on the first round of trumps. Since this was so unlikely to be a singleton, West should have read it as a suit-preference signal for the highest-ranking side suit, hearts.

North	12-24-18		
♠	6		
♥	A K J 7		
♦	K J 8 6 3 2		
♣	Q J		
West	East		
♠	10 3 2		
♥	9 8 6 5 3		
♦	A 9 4		
♣	K 7 3		
South	10 9 6 5 4 2		
♠	A Q J 9 8 5 4		
♥	Q 10 2		
♦	5		
♣	A 8		
Dealer: South	Vulnerable: Both		
South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 9