

Horoscope

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Do your best to improve meaningful relationships. Communication is vital if you're going to gain support. Present what you have to offer. Positive change is heading your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Embrace change, be open to learning something new and update your skills to reflect current trends. Self-improvement will lead to compliments and boost your ego.

Romance is on the rise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Address money matters, and implement a plan to lower your overhead. Shared expenses could turn into a problem. Do your best to keep the peace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Don't let someone

distract you. It's essential to stay on top of your responsibilities. Moderation will be necessary financially, emotionally and physically.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- A change of pace will give you time to figure out your next move. Strive to protect yourself from someone trying to take advantage of you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Don't fold under pressure or give in to unfair solutions. Initiate plans that will lead to better days ahead. You can find solutions to the problems that have been bothering you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- If you reach out to youngsters, close friends, relatives and loved ones,

you'll come up with new ways to remain close and connected, regardless of distancing regulations put in place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Show compassion when dealing with emotional issues. Self-improvement projects are favored. Offer love and understanding over criticism and discord.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Make positive changes at home. Keep your money and possessions in a safe place. Choose to do your own thing, and budget wisely. Keep the peace, but don't give in to peer pressure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- A change to how you earn your living may pan out as you had hoped. Consider

a new way to improve your resume and pick up skills and knowledge to help you head in a more suitable direction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Look at all angles of every situation, and you'll come up with a diplomatic plan that will gain you much-needed support. Romance is featured.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Problems will mount if you don't make lifestyle adjustments. Indulgence will lead to criticism and opposition. Stop procrastinating; align yourself with like-minded people and get moving.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
 1 Bowlers and derbies
 5 Use four-letter words
 10 Forboding sign
 11 Not as well off
 13 Kelly of morning TV
 14 Highly decorative
 15 Breast-bone
 17 Grier of "Jackie Brown"
 18 Places for laces
 19 Alias letters
 20 "— a deal!"
 21 Storage spot
 22 Digitizes, as a page
 25 Pebble or boulder
 26 Breathing organ
 27 Big snake
 28 Spanish gold
 29 Connoisseur of fine food
 33 Light touch
 34 Investigate
 35 Flammable gas

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Saturday's answer

- 9 Captured anew
 12 Newly fashioned
 16 Brooklyn team
 21 Glossy bird
 22 Was inclined
 23 Like museum exhibits
 24 One more people
 25 Diner order
 27 Alternative to briefs
 29 Heredity units
 30 Cook's mushroom
 31 Make blank
 32 High-strung
 36 Gorilla, for example

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Jumble

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

RSEDS
 [][][][][]

SNUWG
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LWDIME
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THYACC
 [][][][][][]

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Answer here: [][][][][] [][][][][] [][][][][][] [][][][][][]

Jumbles: CLOTH LEAKY SPEEDY LOUNGE (Answers tomorrow)
 Saturday's Answer: Elvis Presley's 1957 hit song had some people — ALL SHOOK UP



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

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Alder on Bridge: Watching yourself playing bridge

By Phillip Alder

Like most bridge players, over the last few months, I have spent a fair amount of time playing at Bridge Base Online.

One player who has caught my eye has a Bulgarian name but says that he lives in England. He is an expert who will play for pay with less experienced players.

I hope no one contacts him. Look at today's deal. What do you think of the auction, and how would you play in six hearts after West leads the diamond four?

How could South jump to six hearts? Only if he knew his partner's hand. Then we get to the play. The contract appears to be laydown. Declarer can win with dummy's diamond king,

cash the heart ace-queen, cross to the club ace, return to the diamond ace, discard the third diamond on the club king and concede one spade trick.

But how did our villain play it? He won with the diamond ace, took dummy's top hearts, played a club to his ace, cashed the heart king, then led a diamond to dummy's jack!

When the finesse won, declarer claimed an overtrick for a cold pot. However, note that if the diamond finesse had lost, the defenders could have cashed the spade ace to defeat the slam. When was making a slam ever a bad score? Once every pandemic! (In this session, seven pairs bid six hearts, and nine missed it.)

Finally, note that South was not playing for matchpoints or money. What was his motivation?

North 11-09-20
 ♠ K Q 4 3
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ A K J 10 9
 ♣ K 5

West
 ♠ A 9 8
 ♥ J 6
 ♦ J 10 7 6 2
 ♣ J 10 7 6 2

East
 ♠ J 10 7 6
 ♥ 9 5
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ Q 9 8 4 3

South
 ♠ 5 2
 ♥ K 10 8 7 4 3 2
 ♦ 7 3 2
 ♣ A

Dealer: East
 Vulnerable: Both

South West North East
 3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
 6♥ Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 4