Horoscope

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Assess partnerships. Align yourself with people who can help you grow mentally, emotionally and financially. Learn from those with more experience and teach those trying to follow in your footsteps.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Keep your life simple, stick to the truth and question anything that doesn't seem right to you. Knowledge and information will be key when it comes time to make a professional decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't let confusion set in; go directly to the source and find out all you need to know to make an informed decision. Someone you least expect will throw you under the bus if given a chance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You are in a position to wheel and deal. Look for bargains, and be honest about what you want. A physical change will lift your spirits. Make exciting plans with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Refuse to let your emotions take charge. Someone will use manipulative tactics to push you in a questionable direction. Don't give in to peer pressure or bullying.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Refuse to let anger take control when patience and understanding are required. Put moderation and thoughtfulness first. Romance is encouraged.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- A change may be overdue, but before you take flight, work out all the small but essential details. Don't let a lack of communication lead to a misunderstanding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Pay closer attention to how you present yourself to others. Listen carefully, and offer only what you know you can deliver. Be thoughtful, flexible and receptive to others' ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Before you implement your plans, be sure you have the approval necessary to avoid interference. Keep your money and passwords safe. Don't take risks with your health.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Having reliable people to work with will make a world of difference, so cast a wide net for support. Be willing to compromise if it helps move a project along. Romance is featured.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- A move someone makes will prompt you to look into whether you should follow suit. New beginnings look promising. Take care of unfinished business so you can start something with a clean slate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Revisit an old idea. Consider what you will have to do to keep the peace while following a path that excites you. Seek expert help if you need it. Love will enhance your life.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Flavorless
6 Freshwater fish
10 Debussy composition
11 Watchful
13 Japanese dog
14 Wild party
15 Filming site
16 Tiny
18 Vining plant
19 Period of stress
22 Equip
23 Departed
24 Patriot Allen
27 Breath fresheners
28 Basketball's O'Neal, for short
29 — de deux
30 Real pity
35 Steal from
36 Feedbag bit
37 Compete in the ring
38 Studio sign
40 Steer clear of
42 Water sources
43 Stair part
44 Look for
45 Refine ore

DOWN
1 Wild party
2 California cager
3 Friendliness
4 Tennis need
5 Enticed
6 Insertion symbol
7 In the style of
8 Exercise program
9 Forestall
12 Illicit meetings
17 Easter find
20 Baghdad native
21 "Wouldn't that be great!"
24 Third-party account
25 Royal seats
26 Loft item
27 Augusta tourney
29 Links org.
31 From Oslo, to natives
32 Lower in esteem
33 Work the runway
34 Use, as force
39 — de France
41 Energy

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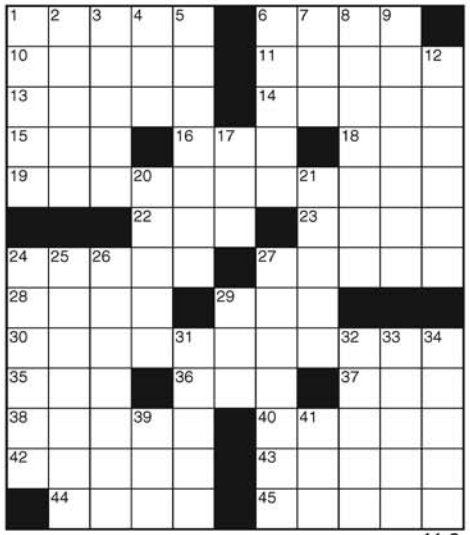
Saturday's answer



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Cryptoquote

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

11-2 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

U IBZ PUD RHRO OMZ NMUON JPR ZBS ME BAA EARIP, JPBJ UI JM IBS, JMZBYQ JPR VUJXPRO. — WMPO ZRFIJRY

Saturday's Cryptoquote: I'LL STOP WEARING BLACK WHEN THEY MAKE A DARKER COLOR. — WEDNESDAY ADDAMS

Jumble

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

TIDOT

NEETV

GHUBOT

TMEENC

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: BURLY ADAPT JUSTLY DOMINO
Answer: The horror movie set in the cemetery had a — BURIAL PLOT

Alder on Bridge: The name is not what you think

By Phillip Alder

Today's deal was played in Chicago during the 2006 Summer North American Championships. What should West lead against four spades doubled?

In the auction, North's passed-hand three-club response opposite a preemptive opening was fit-showing. It indicated length in the bid suit and support for partner's suit. The rest of the auction was natural, but East should have contested to the five-level. She knew that her opponents had a double fit in the black suits, and this meant that she and her partner had a double fit in the red suits. When you have a double fit, declare; do not defend.

Based on the bidding, West probably should have found the killing defense, leading the club ace and continuing with the club four as a suit-preference signal for diamonds, the lower-ranking of the other two side suits. East would have ruffed, put her partner back on lead with the diamond ace and received a second club ruff. Then the diamond king would have defeated the contract by two tricks.

But West led the heart two, lowest from an odd number of cards. The declarer won with dummy's ace, drew trumps and played a club toward the board. When dummy's king held the trick, South ruffed a heart in her hand and led another club, holding her losses to two diamonds and one club.

It is likely that Chicago was given the Windy City moniker by Cincinnati. The cities shared an intense rivalry toward the end of the 19th century, and Cincinnatians felt that Chicagoans could be overly boastful at times.

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North
♠ 8 7 2
♥ A 10 6
♦ 9 4
♣ K Q 6 3 2

West
♠ 4
♥ Q 9 5 3 2
♦ A 8 7 6
♣ A J 4

East
♠ J 10 5
♥ K J 8 7
♦ K Q 5 3 2
♣ 10

South
♠ A K Q 9 6 3
♥ 4
♦ J 10
♣ 9 8 7 5

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
2♠	Dbl.	3♣	3♥
4♣	Pass	4♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ??