

Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- What you accomplish today will be impressive; you will gain the respect of people who matter to you. Share your thoughts and feelings. Focus on improving your immediate surroundings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Avoid pushy people and tense situations. Don't battle over something trivial. Take the high road and let others do as they please. Direct your energy into something worthwhile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Stop trying to please people who take but give nothing in return. Choose your friends wisely. Walk away from dodgy or high-pressure situations.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Tunnel vision will help you avoid getting drawn into a destabilizing situation. You have much to gain if you work hard to make your dreams a reality and take care of yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Size up your financial situation, and make plans that will help you improve your life. A change of pace and some education could lead to a financial shakeup.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- An unexpected change will push you in a healthier direction. Spending more time with someone who inspires you to exercise and eat properly will lead to friendship. Don't let hype mislead you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Do all you can for a cause you believe in, and you'll meet people who share your concerns. Working alongside others will lead to opportunities. Make honesty and integrity priorities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Hidden matters will make it necessary to slow down and listen carefully. When in doubt, do your own thing, work alone and bring about positive personal change. Romance is featured.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Accept the inevitable, and turn any negative into a positive. Work to make a difference, and reach out to people who share your concerns. Be an innovative leader.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Keep your emotions in check and your mind on your goals. Be smart, and counter any difficulties someone throws your way with well-thought-out ideas. Strive for perfection, and speak up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Be observant and stick to your plan. Don't let the changes others make confuse you. Spend time with active, engaging people who encourage you to be the best you can be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't let anyone pressure you into purchasing something you don't need. A personal change will help stabilize your life. Romance is on the rise. Talk to people who share your concerns.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
38 Busy natives
40 John of Plymouth
6 — Raton, Florida
42 More polite
10 Vietnam's capital
43 Gaggle group
11 Spew lava
44 Golf pegs
13 Welles of "Citizen Kane"
45 Like some seals

DOWN
14 — Haute, Indiana
29 Question of identity
1 Sneakers, for example
31 Strata
12 Principles of identity
20 Whirls
32 Command
2 Use a chisel
21 Spectrum maker
33 Heavier than heavy
3 Beginning
24 Redeem, as chips
34 Had a feast
4 Overly
25 "Don't test me!"
39 Look upon
5 "My Way" singer
26 Salad start
41 Michele of "Glee"
6 Davis of "Jezebel"



Saturday's answer

7 Mine yield
27 Like most

8 Stage feature
29 Question of identity

9 Jam fruit
31 Strata

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Cryptoquote

A XYDLBAAXR
 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.

11-30 CRYPTOQUOTE

A H U O L G R P P S L E S L F M T R S E

S T R E A R O Y Y P U O E A U A O G A S

D T H Y H L M R F H Y F S M R O P

T R D Y R E R . — P H Q T G R H N P G Q T R

Saturday's Cryptoquote: I SUPPOSE I WILL DIE NEVER KNOWING WHAT PUMPKIN PIE TASTES LIKE WHEN YOU HAVE ROOM FOR IT. — ROBERT BRAULT

Alder on Bridge: In through a door for good defense

By Phillip Alder

If you are hoping to receive a ruff, you have to find an open door to partner's hand, an entry.

This deal was fun for East-West. How did the defense go against four spades after West led her singleton club?

South described his hand well with the immediate jump to four spades -- a strong eight-card suit and little else.

Declarer won the first trick with dummy's club jack, and East signaled with the nine, the highest being a suit-preference signal for hearts, the higher-ranking of the other two side suits.

South played a trump and, when East discarded, won with his ace and continued with the spade queen. West

won with her king and shifted to the heart two, the low card guaranteeing an honor in the suit.

East, trusting his partner, won with the heart queen and led the club eight for partner to ruff. (West had to be void because with the queen-10 doubleton, she would have led the queen, not the 10.)

West knew that she could give her partner the lead with a heart to the ace. Then another club would promote the spade 10 as a winner. However, it seemed that South had started with 8=2=1=2 distribution. If so, after a heart to the ace and a club, South would discard his diamond, making a loser-on-loser play. Anticipating this, West cashed the diamond ace before playing a second heart. Then the third club resulted in down three.

Jumble

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

LUYRT
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SELSB
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WPARSL
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BERROD
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Answer here:

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's

Jumbles: FAULT LOFTY STYLUS IMMUNE
 Answer: They thoroughly enjoyed the flavors of their food in a restaurant that was decorated — TASTEFULLY



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

North		11-30-20	
♠ 8	♥ 8 4	♦ K Q J 9 8	♣ A K J 4 3
West		East	
♠ K 10 6 5	♥ K 10 6 5 2	♦ A 6 3	♣ 10
South			
♠ A Q J 9 7 4 3 2	♥ J 7	♦ 2	♣ Q 6
Dealer: North Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
4♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♣ 10			