Horoscope

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Rely on your experience, charm and knowledge to help you take advantage of a chance to embark on an adventure. A mix of old and new is favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Look over personal documents and update any that are ready to expire. Staying on top of deadlines and paying attention to the details will also encourage you to take better care of your health.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Upgrades can be made. A domestic change will lift your spirits and ease stress. A service you can offer from home will bring in extra cash.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Use your physical attributes to your advantage. A personal gain is possible if you take action. Romance is on the rise, and your intentions will help you make a decision.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Look inward, explore your feelings and make adjustments to the way you handle your money. A positive outlook will help you reinvent what you have to offer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Do your best to make a difference, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Looking out for your financial interests in a joint venture will be necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Step up, make things happen and don't look back or let someone's emotional manipulation stand in your way. A joint venture will have strings attached. Proceed with caution.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Explore your options, and don't be afraid to make an adjustment to the way you do things or how you move forward. A better position, partnership or schedule will make a difference.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- A different perspective on how you handle matters or whom you deal with will encourage you to speak up on someone else's behalf. Your concern will be noted and respected.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Sit tight, be observant and pour your energy into something constructive or healthy. Exercise and diet should be priorities if you want to look and feel your best.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Get involved in activities that involve older or younger family members. The support and help you give others will lead to positive lifestyle changes for everyone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- If you look on the bright side, you will figure out a way to sidestep someone difficult or demanding. How others react to your maneuver will prompt you to expand your interests and friendships.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Public square
6 Job for a lawyer
10 Solitary sort
11 Wed in haste
13 Anne Brontë's "— Grey"
14 Bolshevik leader
15 Even score
16 Snaky fish
18 Dry — bone
19 Davy Jones's locker
22 Bit of ointment
23 Walk through water
24 Christmas song
27 Canvas holder
28 Finished
29 Inventor Whitney
30 Climber's goal
35 Storage site
36 Tire track
37 "— Maria"
38 French farewell
40 Small body of land
42 Wyoming's — Range
43 Unexpected growth
44 Cubicle fixture
45 Flavorful

DOWN

1 Aristotle's teacher
2 Spock specialty
3 Year, in France
4 Last letter
5 Arms collection
6 Viola's cousin
7 Hoppy brew
8 Orchestra pieces
9 Series unit
12 Tooth layer
17 Subside
20 Decorate
21 Tom Sawyer's creator
24 Fighting
25 Steered clear of
26 Get together again
27 Snobby sort
29 Water, in France
31 Tree part
32 Ankle bone
33 Plain to see
34 Trifling
39 Dawn goddess
41 Relaxing resort

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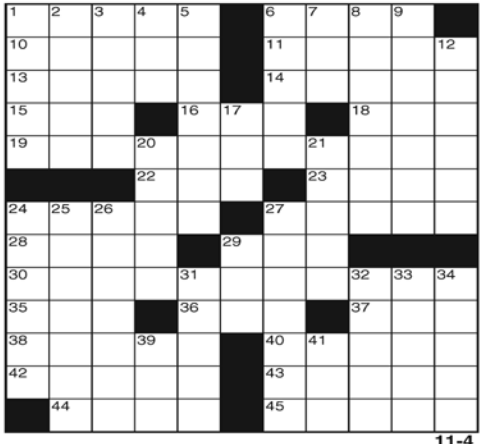
Saturday's answer



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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.

11-4 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

P T M N T R ' E I H X Z E T U Z
C W R B W R B H U T M E O T X Z H O O
E I Z E W K Z W R T S N Z S E T B W X Z
O T X Z E T E I Z F Z T F O Z .
— G W K W I Z R N S W J

Saturday's Cryptoquote: FREEDOM FROM EFFORT IN THE PRESENT MERELY MEANS THAT THERE HAS BEEN EFFORT STORED UP IN THE PAST. — THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Jumble

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

PNTIU

TOOPH

GLIWYG

NCRABH

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

Answer here: (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: FRUIT WATCH HECKLE ELEVEN
Answer: Traveling to Santiago in June, July and August can include — "CHILE" WEATHER

Alder on Bridge: No guarantee, but a favorite

By Phillip Alder

The fact that everyone agrees a play is correct isn't always a guarantee of its success. In today's deal, what should East do? Against three no-trump, West leads a fourth-highest diamond six to dummy's bare ace.

Despite his weak hearts, North was right to try to find a 4-4 fit in the suit given his singleton.

Declarer, hoping to win at least two spades, two hearts, one diamond and four clubs, will probably cross to hand in a major and run the club eight (or jack). If the finesse wins, he has at least one overtrick in his future. If the finesse loses, perhaps the defenders can take only three diamond tricks, the suit splitting 4-4. Or, as here, maybe they will take only two diamond tricks because the suit blocks.

Well, it blocks if East plays his diamond three at trick one. But if he and his partner have the sensible agreement that leading fourth-highest guarantees an honor in the suit, East should realize that one of his court cards is unnecessary. At trick one, he must sacrifice the jack (or king!). Then, when he gets in with the diamond king (or jack), he can lead the carefully conserved diamond three through declarer's 10-8 into the jaws of West's Q-9-7, permitting his side to collect one club and four diamonds.

It is true that South might have started with 10-9-x-x in diamonds, but then the contract could not have been defeated.

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North
♠ 8 6 5
♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ A
♣ A Q 10 9 7

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

East
♠ 10 9 3 2
♥ Q 8 5
♦ K J 3
♣ K 6 4

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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 6