Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Refrain from sharing personal information. Set up a budget that will help you adjust to a change in income. Don't take on someone's problems or responsibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You'll be able to make adjustments to how you work, earn your living or handle your personal affairs. Your insight will help you gauge how others feel and what they are capable of contributing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Refuse to let anyone push you in an uncomfortable direction. When uncertainty sets in, turn to something that makes you feel at ease. A physical or creative outlet will help you gain perspective.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Your persuasive charm will compel others to see and do things your way. A positive change will transpire with the help someone offers. Romance is encouraged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Review and revise your financial situation. Knowing exactly where you stand will help you make better decisions. A positive change will encourage you to get involved in a joint venture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Romance will bring you closer to a loved one. More stability will result if you discuss your intentions and make suggestions that lead to a healthier lifestyle. A surprise will lift your spirits.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Someone will use persuasive measures to get you to take on added responsibility. You may want to specify what you are willing to do before you commit. Don't be afraid to ask questions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Pace yourself. Enjoy the process of getting things done the way you see fit. A personal change will boost your reputation and offer insight into what else you can accomplish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Monitor what everyone around you is doing. If you don't like the change of direction someone is pursuing, back away and do your own thing. Use your energy productively.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Try something new, change the way you do things and listen to the experts. Positive plans will begin to unfold if you nurture a meaningful relationship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Keep an open mind, but don't give in to someone putting demands on you. Problems at home will develop if uncertainty takes charge. Focus on how you earn your living and handle your money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Change your lifestyle to suit your needs. Use your intelligence and ingenuity, and follow your passion. A creative pastime looks promising. Romance is favored.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Finish a golf hole
5 "That was close!"
9 River vessel
10 Weather aid
12 Sports site
13 Martini garnish
14 Dance party crowd
16 TV's Danson
17 Lofty poems
18 Pays tribute to
21 Fellows
22 Crime outings
23 Metal fastener
24 Covered
26 Had lunch
29 Carpentry tool
30 Water, to Juan
31 Second person
32 Frugal folks
34 Honeydew, for one
37 "You Send Me" singer Sam
38 Peace goddess
39 Irritates
40 Hearty dish
41 Whirlpool

DOWN

1 Holiday event
2 Irregular
3 Musical sounds
4 Eye drop
5 Paid player
6 "2001" computer
7 Book worker
8 Hesitates
9 Billiards shot
11 Cincinnati team
15 Young lads
19 Commentary piece
20 Volleyball need
22 Refer to
23 Ewe's mate
24 Spelunkers
25 Eggy dish
26 Ancient
27 Thanksgiving staple
28 Moves cautiously
29 High-end car engine
30 Steer clear of
33 Land unit
35 Low digit
36 Fresh

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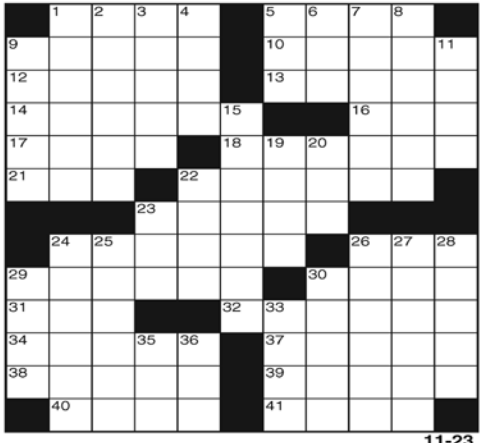
Saturday's answer



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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.

11-23 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

L D B T A I K L Q P S J T A I S

I K S Q P V X L G L Q X O L Q Q R H , L I ' V

H R S C C B C L P R N S P L Q X S C S H X R

Z K L Z P R Q . — L Q S X S H I R Q

Saturday's Cryptoquote: THE LEAST MOVEMENT IS OF IMPORTANCE TO ALL NATURE. THE ENTIRE OCEAN IS AFFECTED BY A PEBBLE. — BLAISE PASCAL

Jumble

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

NUSTT

NABDR

LIGGGE

BTORHE

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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: STRUM GULLY KITTEN MINNOW
Answer: When the mammoths worked on several experiments at once, they were — "MULTI-TUSKING"

Alder on Bridge: A record that can only be equaled

By Phillip Alder

I read about today's deal in Simon Cocheme's entertaining new book, "Bridge With a Twist.' It occurred during the 2010 European Championships. It was played at 82 tables with 19 different contracts and 27 different results. What can each side make?

We will look at one table in the match between Denmark and Ireland in the senior division. If the bidding looks strange, it is because Rex Anderson (South) thought West had opened one heart, when he had actually bid two hearts, a strong two-bid. Over two hearts, three clubs by Pat Barry (North) was natural, but if West had opened one heart, then three clubs would have been Ghestem, at least 5-5 in spades and diamonds. Anderson, liking the apparent double fit, took a shot at four spades. But North thought that his partner had a long spade suit. So, after West used the Grand Slam Force, asking his partner to bid seven hearts with two of the top three trump honors, North judged to bid six spades. Yes, he thought six hearts would fail, but he also believed that his partner would make six spades.

Against six spades doubled, Peter Lund (West) led the diamond ace. Declarer took the first seven tricks with a crossruff. Then Steen Moller (East) tabled his six trumps, claiming the remaining tricks for down five, plus 1100 to East-West.

Did you notice the rarity? Each of the 13 tricks was won by a trump.East-West cannot make a slam, but North-South are cold for six clubs.

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North
♠ A K J 9
♥ Q 10 6 5
♦ —
♣ K Q 10 8 2

West
♠ —
♥ A J 9 8 3 2
♦ A K Q 8 3 2
♣ A

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

South
♠ Q 10 2
♥ —
♦ J 7 6 4
♣ J 9 7 6 5 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
Pass	2♥	3♣	3♥
4♠	5NT	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	6♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♦ A