## Horoscope

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Do things your way. Do what's right for you, not what everyone else wants you to do. Change begins with a healthy mind and a passionate heart.**

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- The improvements you make will impress a loved one. Discipline will help you reach your goal. Moderation will be essential to avoid loss. Put the past behind you.**

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Follow through with your plans. Embrace what lies ahead and discard what no longer matters. Live in the moment. A domestic change will lead to renewed energy.**

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Evaluate your life, and consider what you can do to improve your situation. Focus on home, family and finances. A romantic gesture will bring you closer to a loved one.**

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Consider what you want and how best to deal with your responsibilities. Look for reliable people who can contribute to your plans, and use persuasive tactics to get them on board.**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Make peace of mind your objective. Taking pride in and enjoying what you do is essential. Choose love over discord. Listen to what others have to say, and don't be afraid to ask questions.**

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Dig deep and get the facts before you make a life-altering decision. Protect your reputation and position. Avoid joint ventures. Certain matters will be very complicated, so tread carefully.**

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Seek out like-minded people. Romance is encouraged. Take the high road, regardless of what others do. Teaming up with a partner is recommended, as long as you both see eye-to-eye.**

**CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You'll be fighting a losing battle if you can't see all sides of a situation. Look for innovative ways to work with the opposition and make a difference. Take control.**

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Take action, get things done and follow through with the promises you make. Be a leader, not a follower, and the outcome will favor you. Romance is featured.**

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Don't let emotional problems interfere with your job or ability to make decisions. Stay focused on what's essential, and make stability a priority. Fight uncertainty.**

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Rely on facts, truth and the people who have never let you down. Refuse to give in to unrealistic demands. Separate yourself from people who don't share your values.**

## Crossword

### *CROSSWORD*

**By THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

1 Alehouse quaffs
6 Components
11 Surrounding glows
12 Love to pieces
13 Ease up
14 Bad kind of situation
15 Stared at
17 Lawn material
18 Béarnaise sauce ingredient
22 "Like that'll ever happen!"
23 Like sandpaper
27 King with a golden touch
29 Concur
30 Saffron-flavored dish
32 Pile
33 Match alternatives
35 Bunny move
38 Blunder
39 Dublin natives
41 Tennis star Rafael
45 Unspoken
46 Select group
47 Strikes with the palm
48 Winter weather

**DOWN**

1 Sheep call
2 Massage
3 Stretch of years
4 Cascade
5 "Bye!"
6 Famed box opener
7 Hoopla
8 Uses oars
9 Half a sextet
10 Dispatch
16 Nest item
18 Pack down
19 Tibet setting
20 Take the bus
21 Dusk
24 Spruce or sequoia
25 Eye drop
26 Informal OKs
28 Insults
31 In the past
34 Sharpens
35 Successful songs
36 Vaccine type
37 Print measure
40 Tentative taste
42 Game cube
43 Stopped fasting
44 Rent out

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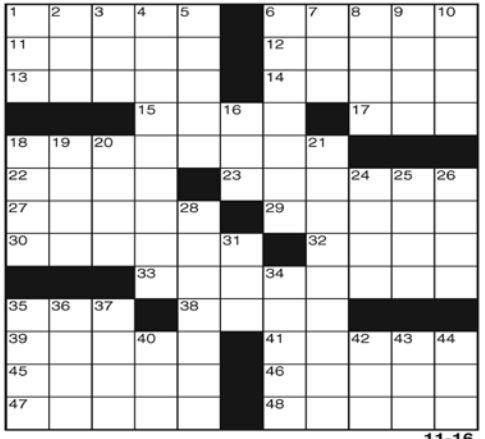
Saturday's answer



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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.

**11-16** **CRYPTOQUOTE**

S F X D D A S F K , L R S F L B B W N P

L M W R , R S T V B S X S W I S R W N P

R S K F D O V P M O P X W S D F .

— X C M F D F R A I

**Saturday's Cryptoquote:** THE POLLS ARE PLACES WHERE YOU STAND IN LINE FOR A CHANCE TO DECIDE WHO WILL SPEND YOUR MONEY. — SOURCE OBSCURE

## Jumble

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

ZIAPZ

CIJEU

MLHEBU

GLANLO

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

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: QUOTA FLUSH STIGMA MINGLE
Answer: The carpenter shopped for a new hammer that would be — TOUGH AS NAILS

## Alder on Bridge: Keep your eyes on veracious plays

**By Phillip Alder**

Sushma Swaraj said, "My best and most trustworthy friend is my husband. I trust him more than I trust myself."

That ought to apply to bridge defenders. Each must play the right cards to give partner accurate information. If one doesn't, and partner misdefends, it will badly undermine the partnership's effectiveness.

In today's deal, South is in one no-trump. What happened after West led a fourth-highest heart four?

South starts with five top tricks: four spades (given the 3-2 split) and one heart. He can establish three diamond winners but might lose too many tricks first.

The first trick went heart four, two, 10 (bottom of touching honors when playing third hand high), three. East returned the heart six (original fourth-highest): ace, seven, nine. South cashed his four spade winners ending on the board. Then declarer called for the diamond six. East ducked this trick but had to take the second diamond.

East switched to a club, and West took four tricks: his club and heart honors. But South had the rest for his contract.

West had blocked the heart suit. The first trick marked East with the heart jack (otherwise, declarer would have won with that card, not the ace). So West should have dropped his heart king under South's ace. Then the defenders could have taken four hearts, one diamond and two clubs without difficulty.

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North
♠ Q 9 8 3
♥ 9 2
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ J 9 5

West
♠ 5 2
♥ K Q 7 4
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A K 8 3

East
♠ J 10 7
♥ J 10 8 6 5
♦ A 5 2
♣ 6 4

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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

| South | West | North | East |
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| 1NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♥ 4