

Horoscope

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Do your best to improve meaningful relationships. Communication is vital if you're going to gain support. Present what you have to offer. Positive change is heading your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Embrace change, be open to learning something new and update your skills to reflect current trends. Self-improvement will lead to compliments and boost your ego. Romance is on the rise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Address money matters, and implement a plan to lower your overhead. Shared expenses could turn into a problem. Do your best to keep the peace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Don't let someone

distract you. It's essential to stay on top of your responsibilities. Moderation will be necessary financially, emotionally and physically.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- A change of pace will give you time to figure out your next move. Strive to protect yourself from someone trying to take advantage of you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Don't fold under pressure or give in to unfair solutions. Initiate plans that will lead to better days ahead. You can find solutions to the problems that have been bothering you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- If you reach out to youngsters, close friends, relatives and loved ones,

you'll come up with new ways to remain close and connected, regardless of distancing regulations put in place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Show compassion when dealing with emotional issues. Self-improvement projects are favored. Offer love and understanding over criticism and discord.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Make positive changes at home. Keep your money and possessions in a safe place. Choose to do your own thing, and budget wisely. Keep the peace, but don't give in to peer pressure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- A change to how you earn your living may pan out as you had hoped. Consider

a new way to improve your resume and pick up skills and knowledge to help you head in a more suitable direction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Look at all angles of every situation, and you'll come up with a diplomatic plan that will gain you much-needed support. Romance is featured.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Problems will mount if you don't make lifestyle adjustments. Indulgence will lead to criticism and opposition. Stop procrastinating; align yourself with like-minded people and get moving.

Crossword

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

37 Persia, today

38 More profound

39 Mysteri-ous loch

40 Attire

41 Merriment



DOWN

1 Neigh sayer

2 Friendli-ness

3 Sioux shelter

4 Becoming tangled

5 Teapot parts

6 Some bait

7 Long, long time

8 Plains people

Saturday's answer

9 Captured anew

12 Newly fashioned

16 Brooklyn team

21 Glossy bird

22 Was inclined

23 Like museum exhibits

24 One more

25 Diner order

27 Alternative to briefs

29 Heredity units

30 Cook's mushroom

31 Make blank

32 High-strung

36 Gorilla, for example

20 "— a deal!"

21 Storage spot

22 Digitizes, as a page

25 Pebble or boulder

26 Breathing organ

27 Big snake

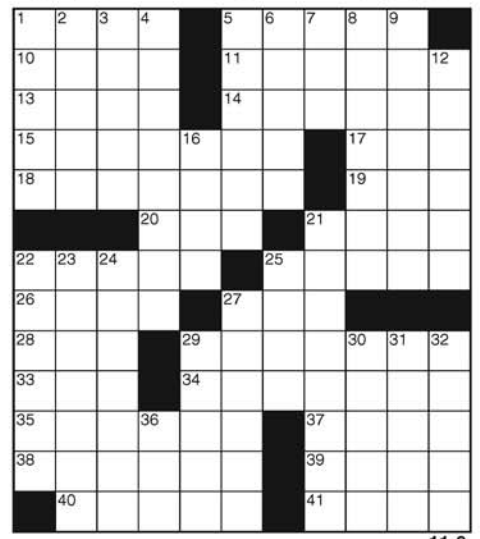
28 Spanish gold

29 Connois-seur of fine food

33 Light touch

34 Investigate

35 Flammable gas



Cryptoquote

AXYDLBAAXR
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.

11-9 CRYPTOQUOTE

DCDQGNIMG TAIJWM

AOCD OY DVJOW LAOYLD

— NJE EADG TAIJWMY'E

AOCD O ZWGXYS TEOQE.

— AOQIWM BXWTIY

Saturday's Cryptoquote: POSTERITY, YOU WILL NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH IT COST THE PRESENT GENERATION TO PRESERVE YOUR FREEDOM. — JOHN ADAMS

Alder on Bridge: Watching yourself playing bridge

By Phillip Alder

Like most bridge players, over the last few months, I have spent a fair amount of time playing at Bridge Base Online.

One player who has caught my eye has a Bulgarian name but says that he lives in England. He is an expert who will play for pay with less experienced players.

I hope no one contacts him. Look at today's deal. What do you think of the auction, and how would you play in six hearts after West leads the diamond four?

How could South jump to six hearts? Only if he knew his partner's hand.

Then we get to the play. The contract appears to be laydown. Declarer can win with dummy's diamond king,

cash the heart ace-queen, cross to the club ace, return to the diamond ace, discard the third diamond on the club king and concede one spade trick.

But how did our villain play it? He won with the diamond ace, took dummy's top hearts, played a club to his ace, cashed the heart king, then led a diamond to dummy's jack!

When the finesse won, declarer claimed an overtrick for a cold top. However, note that if the diamond finesse had lost, the defenders could have cashed the spade ace to defeat the slam. When was making a slam ever a bad score? Once every pandemic! (In this session, seven pairs bid six hearts, and nine missed it.)

Finally, note that South was not playing for matchpoints or money. What was his motivation?

Jumble

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

RSEDS

SNUWG

LWDIME

THYACC

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Answer here:

Saturday's Jumbles: CLOTH LEAKY SPEEDY LOUNGE

Answer: Elvis Presley's 1957 hit song had some people — ALL SHOOK UP



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

North 11-09-20			
♠ K Q 4 3			
♥ A Q			
♦ A K J 10 9			
♣ K 5			
West		East	
♠ A 9 8		♠ J 10 7 6	
♥ J 6		♥ 9 5	
♦ Q 5 4		♦ 8 6	
♣ J 10 7 6 2		♣ Q 9 8 4 3	
South			
♠ 5 2			
♥ K 10 8 7 4 3 2			
♦ 7 3 2			
♣ A			
Dealer: East			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ 4			