

# 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**

46 Select group quaffs

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

11 Nest item

12 Pack down

13 Tibet

14 Cascade setting

15 "Bye!"

16 Famed box

17 Dusk

18 Spruce or sequoia

19 Eye drop

20 Informal OKs

21 Insults

22 In the past

23 Sharpens

24 Successful songs

25 Vaccine type

26 Print measure

27 Tentative taste

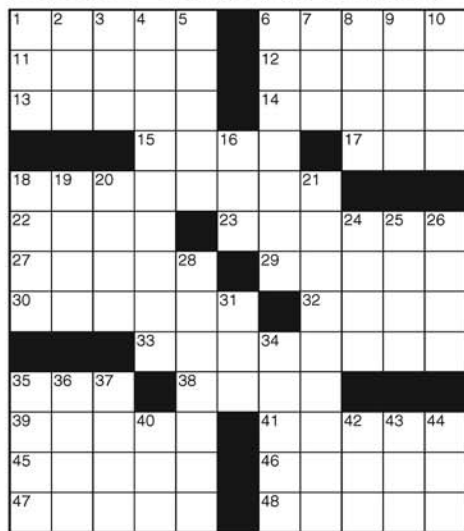
28 Game cube

29 Stopped fasting

30 Rent out



Saturday's answer



## 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

## 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.

## Jumble

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

Z I A P Z

C I J E U

M L H E B U

G L A N L O

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



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

(Answers tomorrow)

North				11-16-20
♠ Q 9 8 3				
♥ 9 2				
♦ Q J 8 6				
♣ J 9 5				
West		East		
♠ 5 2		♠ J 10 7		
♥ K Q 7 4		♥ J 10 8 6 5		
♦ 7 4 3		♦ A 5 2		
♣ A K 8 3		♣ 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	
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead: ♥ 4				