Horoscope

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Embrace what life has to offer. Don't get sidetracked by the actions of others. Do things your way and make adjustments that ease your stress. Romance is encouraged.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Helping others is a nice gesture, but before you commit to doing something, find out exactly what's expected of you. Someone's motives appear to be shady or impractical.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Discuss your intentions with someone who could be instrumental in helping you reach your goal. A positive change is heading your way, and preparation will be essential.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Stay focused on what you must achieve. Refuse to let anyone take advantage of you. A sensitive issue should be handled delicately. Mull over your options before you respond.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- If you are direct and you keep things simple, you will make headway. Negotiations and contracts are favored, and promises can be made. Romance is in the stars.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Look at the big picture and take things down a notch. Know your capabilities and reserve something substantial to use as a wild card. Intelligence and experience will help you come out ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- A change is encouraged. Consider what you want, and make a proposal that's hard to refuse. Your wit, candor and charm will draw attention and help you get what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Physical activity should be a priority. Listen to what others have to say, but don't believe everything you hear. Choose to do your own thing instead of getting involved in a joint venture.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Concentrate on what you want to accomplish. Don't be afraid to do things differently. Your unique approach will draw interest and secure approval and support. Romance is on the rise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Keep busy. Work toward something that will broaden your awareness and encourage you to look ahead. Refuse to let someone rain on your parade or play mind games with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Get involved. What you do to help others will end up being to your advantage. Someone you encounter will offer valuable information that will bring about positive lifestyle changes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Don't get angry when you can get moving. Think about what's happening and broaden your options. It's up to you to make things happen. Don't wait for someone to make a decision for you.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Speedy
5 Noggin
9 "Divine Comedy" writer
10 Houston player
12 More mature
13 Threaded fastener
14 Sparkles
16 Writer Fleming
17 Brunch or dinner
18 Deep ravines
21 Writer Beattie
22 Partner of beans
23 Playing area
24 Ranch pen
26 Pet perch
29 Platitude
30 Conceal
31 So far
32 Prepares broccoli
34 Less colorful
37 Satellite path
38 Last Greek letter
39 Blockheads
40 Halt
41 Wallet bills

DOWN

1 Collapsed
2 Like llamas
3 Filch
4 Time in office
5 Possesses
6 PC key
7 In danger
8 Visions
9 Church doctrine
11 Possesses
15 Horror movie sounds
19 Corridor
20 In addition
22 Evergreen trees
23 Cal. column
24 Defeats decisively
25 Plug's place
26 Prone
27 Lets in
28 Nuisances
29 Keyboard goof
30 Wading bird
33 Commotion
35 Sense of self
36 Drake's music

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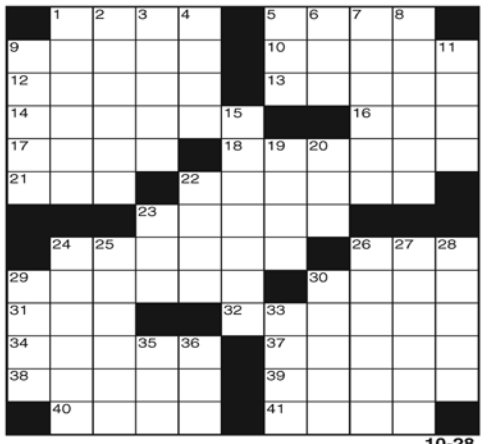
Saturday's answer



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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.

10-28 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

B Z U C O A E W U F J T K F C U Y B F P Z

B A F C V D U J , F P F J E Y K A E G D U .

P Z U A U F J E C N C J M U E V E G D U

Y E B C F C Z E M M H K D Y E O U .

— Q F W P K A Z N O K

Saturday's Cryptoquote: THE JEST LOSES ITS POINT WHEN HE WHO MAKES IT IS THE FIRST TO LAUGH. — JOHANN FRIEDRICH VON SCHILLER

Jumble

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

DUEFG

KTLEN

RHOYTW

KORMES

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

Print the answer here: ( ) ( ) ( ) - ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: FLOOD FRONT INFAMY DELUXE
Answer: When he fell asleep on the inner tube, he — DRIFTED OFF

Alder on Bridge: What holding has partner led from?

By Phillip Alder

In bridge, the defenders hope that they find the best opening lead. However, it will be to no avail if third hand fails to manage the subsequent defense.

This week, let's look at a few of the possibilities. In today's deal, West leads the heart six against three no-trump. How should East view his side's prospects?

North was right to raise to three no-trump. Remember, strange as it sounds, treat a singleton king as if it were king-doubleton. (But if that backfires once, as it will rarely, please don't call me at two in the morning!)

Whenever the opening lead rates to be fourth-highest and is a relatively high card, usually either the declarer or third hand benefits by applying the Rule of Eleven. Here, 6 from 11 is 5. So East knows that South has only one heart higher than the six, which is surely the nine or 10. (If South has the ace, West would have led the 10, not the six, from 10-9-7-6-x.)

This should point East in the right direction. Under dummy's king, he must drop the queen. This serves two purposes: It tells partner about the queen and jack, allowing him to underlead the ace on the next round, and it unblocks the suit. (If the queen were a singleton, South would have started with six hearts, which is impossible.)

Declarer will take the losing diamond finesse, whereupon the defenders can cash four heart tricks -- but only if East unblocked the queen at trick one.

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North
♠ A 7 2
♥ K
♦ Q J 10 6 5
♣ 7 6 4 3

West
♠ 10 9 5 4
♥ A 9 7 6 3
♦ K 2
♣ 5 2

East
♠ 8 6 3
♥ Q J 8
♦ 8 3
♣ Q J 10 9 8

South
♠ K Q J
♥ 10 5 4 2
♦ A 9 7 4
♣ A K

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 6