Horoscope

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Stay focused on what's important. Refuse to let anyone bait you into an argument. Expand your knowledge to gain insight into what's important. Romance is favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Consider what others say, but don't act on what you hear. Go to the source to validate information you receive. Protect yourself against being misinterpreted and don't be a conduit for false information.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Share your feelings and thoughts with the people who will be affected by the decisions you make. Being open to change will help you clear up misconceptions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Do your own thing, instead of giving in to someone else's pressure. Put your energy into constructive projects that are geared toward self-improvement.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Participate in events that will allow you to show off your skills, knowledge and experience. You'll make a good impression that will lead to an offer you cannot refuse. Romance is highlighted.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Getting upset will not help a situation you face at home or work. Take care of your responsibilities and move on to something you enjoy doing. Physical activity will relieve stress.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- A change will do you good. Schedule a business trip or meeting, or sign up for a course that will add to your qualifications. A positive change will lead to solid relationships.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Don't let others get you down. Put on a happy face and do something you enjoy. A good workout will help clear your head so that you can move forward with confidence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Share your feelings with a loved one. Make arrangements that will push you to get out more and participate in events that will help you advance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Watch your step. If you make a snap decision, you will end up regretting it. Don't take on too much or make promises you cannot keep. Don't disregard someone's complaints.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- If you say what's on your mind, positive change will result. Take control of whatever situation you face so that you can make a difference. Love and romance are encouraged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Personal improvement should be your focus. Taking better care of your health through proper diet and exercise will bring positive results in every aspect of life.

Crossword

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Minor argument
5 Made fun of
9 Met performer
10 Sheet material
12 Tennis star Agassi
13 Depart
14 Hotel rooms
16 Blend
17 Waiter's aid
18 Mass leader
21 Hankering
22 Source of answers
23 Clobber, biblically
24 In recent days
26 Tennis court divider
29 Johnson also known as The Rock
30 Part to play
31 Crumb carrier
32 Shows malice toward
34 News summary
37 Kick out
38 Commerce
39 Splinter groups
40 Halt
41 Metal sources

DOWN
1 Prof protector
2 Delhi native
3 Winks count
4 On the house
5 The whole amount
6 Diner dessert
7 Tooth layer
8 Dream up
9 Delicious
11 Waiting room call
15 Pixies
19 Assess
20 Rink surface
22 Yemen neighbor
23 Wily
24 They have titles
25 Rich backer
26 Catch sight of
27 Votes in
28 Lab work
29 Pub missile
30 Trout's place
33 Mexican coin
35 Bustle
36 Vigor

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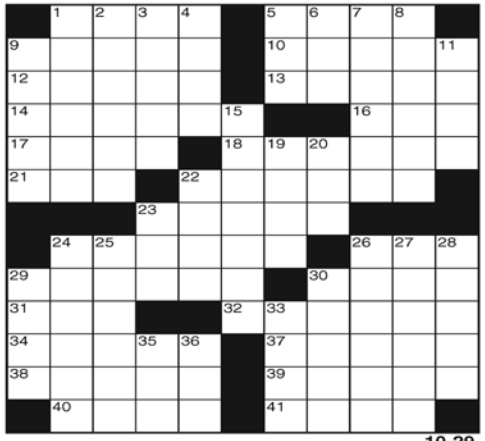
Saturday's answer



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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.

10-29 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

F X U E Q C A C L N L F F E E Z Y

Y U B C L R B F L E Q E S F E N E Y Y E D

D L C C H U E Z Y K E Z H F M

E S F E K B A. — S Y B Q P C L Q K.

Y E E M U O U C F

Saturday's Cryptoquote: DON'T LET THE FEAR OF LOSING BE GREATER THAN THE EXCITEMENT OF WINNING. — ROBERT KIYOSAKI

Jumble

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

TIWYT

TCEHF

SWOYLL

MRAHEM

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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: VOCAL RUMMY AVENUE FRIGHT
Answer: When he refused to wear his hearing aids, his wife — GAVE HIM AN EARFUL

Alder on Bridge: The lead can make such a difference

By Phillip Alder

Archimedes, while on his "Eureka!" run, apparently got quite emotional, but we know what Wilde meant.

When you are on lead at the bridge table, unemotionally analyze the auction. Then, most of the time, you will find the best opening salvo -- but not always. Look at today's West hand. What would you lead against three no-trump?

North's move over one no-trump is debatable. Usually, when your maximum combined count is 25, do not look for game with balanced hands. In this instance, yes, if a 4-4 spade fit exists, game might be makable. But surely at least one of North's jacks will be worthless. Of course, to make me seem to be leading you astray, both jacks were useless, but when West led the club queen, South immediately claimed one club, four diamonds and four spades.

This deal was played in three no-trump by South 10 times at Bridge Base Online. Three declarers were favored by the club-queen lead, but seven faced a heart start. What happened then?

East took the first three tricks with his heart honors, West following suit with the two, three and five. Since West had always played his lowest heart, East read them as suit-preference signals for clubs. So, at trick four, he shifted to the club seven. Now South, in desperation, put up his king. West won with his ace and cashed his other two club honors and the heart 10 to defeat the contract by three tricks.

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North
♠ A Q 8 5
♥ J 7 4
♦ J 7 5 4
♣ 8 3

West
♠ 6
♥ 10 5 3 2
♦ 9 8 2
♣ A Q J 9 2

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

South
♠ K J 2
♥ 9 8 6
♦ A K Q
♣ K 10 6 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??