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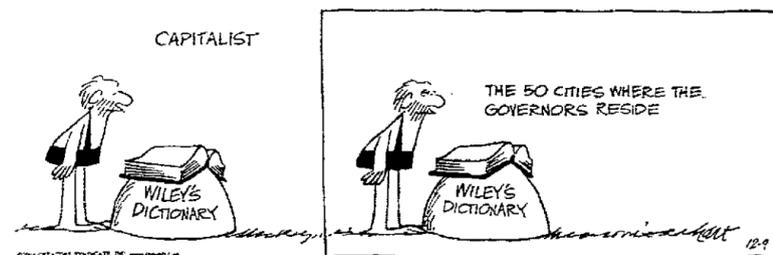
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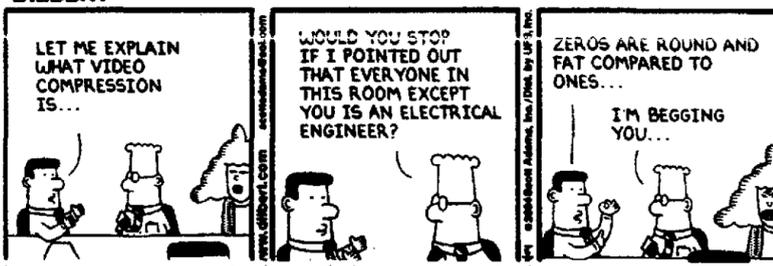
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Horoscopes by Holiday

By Holiday Mathis

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2004

The moon in Scorpio passes Venus and Mars, activating relationships in a sensual way. Colors seem more vivid and sounds more hypnotic as we fall into the trance of animal attraction. This weekend has truly magical potential for relationships. As on New Year's Eve, make sure you're with the one you want to accompany you in the new year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Friends need you. If you make it a habit to assist to your comfort level, you'll keep being asked for the same help over and over. Instead, stretch out your arms, and do all you can. Together, you can heal this one and for all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). For you, the time continuum generally keeps a plodding, consistent march forward -- but not today. Time whizzes forward, whirls and flips, and boomerangs back. You feel like you're in an experimental film.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Independence is sexy -- at least the way you do it. You're strong and can take care of yourself. Finances improve as a result. Of course, just when you've got it all together, love steps in to confuse and bewilder you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The famous sociologist Irving Goffman claimed that we are all actors portraying ourselves to actors portraying themselves. Today, you see through all that acting and make people forget their "lines."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can work on your skills until the cows come home, but it's not your skills that will ultimately bring you the success you crave. The right attitude, coupled with the latest information, brings victory. Seek a qualified mentor.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 9). Your environment improves drastically this year, giving you a winning outlook. New blessings on your family in the next seven weeks start the changes, and they come on quickly. May features career opportunity. Put in extra hours, and your financial reward allows you to travel and play in the summer. Pisces and Virgo are stellar partners. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 25, 45, 34 and 11.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Team effort is where it's at. With your allies, you'll face your rivals head on and meet much less opposition than you thought was there. Trust is key. Keep all your agreements, no matter how inconvenient.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be the recipient of flattery and automatically wonder what your flatterer is up to. Your natural skepticism keeps you from falling to the ranks of the blissfully oblivious, but relax. Your admirer speaks the truth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's hard to think of anything you hate more than being told what to do. If people suggest that they know better even through a vocal tone or slanted eyebrow, they'll find themselves "talking to the hand."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may make that figurative journey to the top of the mountain and meet not a

wise sage, guru or holy man but an enlightened version of yourself. How does it feel to have all the answers?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are tangible reasons, things at stake, that keep you in a diplomatic mode of operation. Though it's easier to grin and bear the wrongs of others, it's not better for your long-term bottom line. Be truthful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are too many openings for misinterpretation now to try and have a meaningful conversation, so keep it light. If you're thinking of upgrading your operating system, do research now but do not insert a single disk!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Mechanical devices come in extremely handy. A techie friend is there to help you figure them out, but beware -- it could take all day. To avoid frustration, leave enough time. New and nerdy knowledge is ever so appealing!

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born Sept. 17, 1970. Last year, I was downsized from a job I hated, financial reporting. I had to sell my condo and move back with my parents. So I had no job and no home, and I felt like a failure. At first, I tried desperately to find a new job, to no avail. Then, I thought I should use this time to focus on what I really want to do -- TV or play writing. I've written a few spec TV scripts and a pilot and have entered them into contests, but I haven't gotten anywhere yet. Will I have any success in writing?"

Yes, if you use your natural Virgo seriousness and dedicate yourself to improving your craft. This kind of writing looks much easier than it is. Contests are a good start because they give you the deadline that every Virgo needs to do her best work! But your sign learns best in a professional setting. Look into the following jobs: writer's assistant, script supervisor, script reader or secretarial work at a production company. You need to be around mentors who can show you what it takes to work in this highly competitive field.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: John Malkovich has a busy 2005, with six movies to be filmed or released in the months ahead. This focused Sagittarius, whose moon (emotions) is in Capricorn (the sign most known for ambition!), was once told by the head of the theater department at Illinois State University that he would not have a career as an actor. Proving cynical folks wrong is a strong motivator for moon-in-Capricorn people!

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Goren Bridge

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ON TOP OF THE WORLD

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 10 5	♥ 4	♠ 4	♥ 4
♦ A 7 6 3	♣ K 9 5 4 2	♦ 8 7 3	♣ 8 7 6 3
♠ A J 9	♥ 8 7 3	♠ A K J 9 7 3	♥ Void
♦ A K J 10	♣ K Q 10 5 4	♦ Void	♠ K Q 10 5 4
♠ Q 8 6 2	♥ 8 7 3	♠ K Q 10 5 4	♥ 4
♥ Q J 10 8	♦ 8 7 3	♦ Void	♠ K Q 10 5 4
♦ 6 2	♣ 8 7 3	♠ K Q 10 5 4	♥ 4
♠ 9 5 2	♣ 8 7 6 3	♠ K Q 10 5 4	♥ 4

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♥

There is usually more than one way to try to land your contract, but choosing the better one is not necessarily the road to success. Sometimes you can combine the lines at no cost.

After North's one-no-trump opening South transferred into spades and then bid his second suit, thereby com-

mitting the hand to at least game. The diamond rebid was a slam try and North with an all-prim maximum and excellent trump support launched into Key-Card Blackwood, where the king of the agreed trump suit counted as a fifth ace. South's five-spade response promised two key cards and the queen of trumps, and North bid the grand slam.

West led the queen of hearts, and two obvious lines suggested themselves -- setting up spades with one ruff if spades were 3-2, or taking two spade finesses if necessary. However, the high trumps in dummy suggested an alternative with a fallback position in spades if trumps were not 3-2: a dummy reversal.

Declarer rose with dummy's ace of hearts, discarding a spade from hand. Declarer ruffed a heart in hand, then overtook the five of diamonds with the nine to ruff another heart high. The queen of trumps was overtaken with the ace, both defenders following. Dummy's last heart was trumped with declarer's remaining diamond and a club to dummy provided the entry to draw the last trump. The last four tricks were scored by the table's good clubs and declarer's ace-king of spades.

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Out of the Past

50 YEARS AGO

The medical staff of the Warner Hospital Wednesday voted to entertain the entire hospital staff and personnel at a Christmas party. Chief of Staff Harold C. Johnson, presiding at the regular staff meeting at which the vote passed, appointed Dr. David C. Stoner as general chairman of the committee to arrange for the party.

"Grand Furniture Store will hold a 'World's Opening' Friday and Saturday at their newly constructed display room midway between Barlow and Two Taverns. More than \$200 in merchandise will be awarded at a drawing Saturday evening to lucky shoppers who attend the opening of

the new store. Stanley Wolf is the 25-year old owner of the store.

New officers were elected by the Barlow Fire Department at its meeting Wednesday evening at the fire hall on Gettysburg R. D. I. Kenneth McCleat was named as president, succeeding Albert Ferner. Lake Ridinger Jr. was named first vice president; John Schwartz, secretary; Emory Fox treasurer. Bernard V. Miller was re-elected chief.

Richard M. Cole, E. Stevens St., vice president of the Gettysburg Fire Department for the last several years, was elected president at the annual organizational meeting Wednesday night. He succeeds

William G. Weaver, who had served as president the constitutional limit of three years. Harold Culp, Hanover St., was elected vice president; Eugene S. Sickles re-elected recording secretary; Donald Hammers, financial secretary and Paul B. Fox, treasurer.

John M. Bream, 98, Biglerville, one of Adams County's oldest residents, died Thursday evening at 10:10 o'clock at his home after an illness of three weeks that confined him to bed for the last two weeks. Until his final illness, he had enjoyed good health.