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Word Sleuth

ACROSS

1 Writer Kingsley

5 In the lead

10 Treaty

11 Noisy chaos

13 Opera song

14 Polluted, in a way

15 Totals at the register

17 Nest item

18 Graffiti artists

19 Early auto

20 Finish

21 Knights' titles

22 Quick drink

25 Letter flourish

26 Lights-out tune

27 Goat sound

28 "That's gross!"

29 Checkout workers

33 Historic time

34 Integrals for triangles, e.g.

35 Make another inventory

37 Noted name in art deco

38 One of Nixon's daughters

39 Muddy up

40 Benefits

41 Place for a coin

DOWN

1 Isolated

2 Opera's Callas

3 Cake coating

4 Walks drunkenly

5 Ridiculous

6 Rope fibers

7 Tokyo's old name

8 Libya neighbor

9 Short knives

12 "Golly!"

16 Dis-patched

21 Walks confidently

22 Queen Anne's house

23 Constant fault-finders

24 She loved Hamlet

25 Heroic tale

27 Devilfish

29 Count of music

30 Flynn of films

31 Math comparison

32 Refine ore

36 "That's gross!"

BALTIC

OVERDO

NATION

DIMES

SLED

OAHU

TENNESSEE

REX

AMPS

SPELL

CURE

ARTE

LAST

KENS

AROW

YUMA

RODIN

COSINE

TEE

NATO

MEME

PAVES

POLERS

CRINGE

STATES

Saturday's answer

West dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

AKQ94

KQ65

Q853

9

WEST

J32

J97

K

AK10862

K5

A2

J7642

QJ54

SOUTH

10876

10843

A109

73

East

3 NT

The bidding:

West North East South

2 ♣ Dble Pass

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

Giorgio Belladonna, winner of 16 world championships and a member of the famed Italian Blue Team that dominated world bridge from the late 1950s to the early 1970s, was a player of infinite resources.

On top of his oft-demonstrated talent for rarely making an error in judgment — the trademark of all great players — Belladonna had an imagination that seemingly knew no bounds. He made bids and plays on the spot that no one had ever thought of before, and bridge literature is replete with his exploits.

Tomorrow: Mathematical niceties.

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — HERE'S HOW TO WORK IT:

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.

8-10 CRYPTOQUOTE

DJYQHAYQD HXQ EQDH

HXARND VIQ IANXH AR

MIJRH JM UJP; AH WPDH

HVGQD HAYQ HJ DQQ HXQY.

— NCVKUD GRANXH

Saturday's Cryptoquote: SUMMER HAS FILLED HER VEINS WITH LIGHT AND HER HEART IS WASHED WITH NOON. — C. DAY LEWIS

WORD SLEUTH

MOST COMMON NOUNS IN ENGLISH

ZQNNKHDDAEXLNUR

PMJGADALLMXOVSQ

NKIFCMDRAIIOSXV

TQOMJOOOHTHTBFB

CAYWURMWACPCUNL

EJHRAEYMFODSDBZ

XLVTLRRQUUIOEMK

IHPBGGOVERNMENTF

DBOOFZMAETIYTWV

TRTNEDISERPTRQO

PNILKPSIHYFDYCA

Saturday's unlisted clue: PETITE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue hint: GROUP OF PLAYERS

Business Child Community Country

Government Information People President

Problem School Student Time

Woman World Year

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

BODY DESCRIPTIONS

TNO

UYWD

AKE

NR

OAIDP

MTWLN

ILEGNIPPARTS

RALSHORT

YTS

SCITELHTA

TEYY

SNK

YWC

VAO

EBS

Horoscope

— By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Monday, Aug. 10, 2026:

You are self-assured and have strong opinions. You think incisively, logically and like to share your views. This is a year of new beginnings, adventures and major changes in your life. What you do now will bring great benefits in the future. Prepare for leadership roles.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ It's the beginning of the week, and you're up for fun socializing! The arts, the entertainment world and the hospitality industry are highlighted. Increased chaos and activity at home might be demanding. Even if pressed, make no commitments with a partner or close friend. Tonight: Relax at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You're keen to express yourself to others today! You'll be convincing, which is good news for those in sales, marketing, teaching, writing or acting. Nevertheless, your primary focus now is on home and family.

CAUTION about work-related romance. Tonight: Upbeat discussions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ This week begins with a busy, eager pace! Short trips and conversations with daily contacts, siblings and relatives will interest you. You're working hard to earn money and spend it. (See the Moon Alert for today!) When it comes to romance, be careful. Wait until tomorrow.

Tonight: Maintain your possessions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You are careful with money, which is a good thing. Be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert today and avoid spending (except for food and gas), because you will be tempted to do so with three planets in your Money House. Meanwhile, make no promises at home.

Tonight: You're strong.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You hold all the cards this week because the Sun, Mercury and lucky Jupiter are in your sign. Looking good! However, today, don't feel pressured by others into saying something, doing something or committing to something you don't want. Be cautious. Check the Moon Alert!

Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might be tempted to buy something beautiful and elegant

today; however, please be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert! Despite your strong feelings, there's an element of confusion present, perhaps about your financial ability to pay for something. Tonight: Be friendly!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ This is a tricky day because in one way, it's a gorgeous day to be friendly and sociable with everyone. There's a Moon alert, which lightens the feelings of all your social exchanges and encourages a carefree non-chalance to everything. Nevertheless, confusion and deceit are possible.

Tonight: You're noticed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You make a great impression on everyone now with the Sun, Mercury and Jupiter high in your chart. Furthermore, you're eager to travel and expand your world through learning and talking to others. But today, relations (especially a secret romance) might be confusing. Do nothing. Tonight: Explore and learn!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ This is a wonderful week to travel, learn and expand your world, all the things you love to do. However, today a commitment to a friendship or a group might create confusion for you. You might feel compelled or coerced by someone. Wait until

tomorrow to decide. Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ It's easy for you to be charming and gracious right now, especially in the eyes of others. (This is important to you.) You might feel urged by someone or a strong sense of responsibility to do something, and yet, there is hesitation. You're right, this is why you should wait until tomorrow for clarity. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Romance with someone "different" might be exotic and compelling. Nevertheless, don't be seduced by someone else (or even yourself), because things are not clear today. Wait until tomorrow, which is a lovely, romantic day! Things will flow naturally. Tonight: Work!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ This is an industrious week. You're motivated to work hard, and you'll be pleased to accomplish a lot. However, today issues about shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances are fuzzy. Knowing this, don't act. Do not agree to anything important. Furthermore, restrict your spending to food and gas during the Moon Alert. Tonight: Enjoy socializing!

JUMBLE

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

DLMOY

RASFC

LYFRUR

GNLAOL

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Answer here:

Jumbles: AROSE DOUGH UNLOAD FOSSIL

Answer: When asked how her long-distance relationship was going, she said — SO FAR, SO GOOD

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Don't you have work to do?

Just waiting for them to bake.

WITH HIS FRESH BREAD IN THE OVEN, THE BAKER HAD TIME TO ---

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

(Answers tomorrow)