

# Horoscope

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Gather valuable information to help you in your pursuits. Leave nothing to chance, update documents before they lapse and make decisions that will ease stress. Keep life simple and projects doable.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Set the standard, do things your way and aim to reach your goal. Stand by your word, and compromise when necessary. You will gain respect.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- An upbeat approach will deter disgruntled and demanding people. Offering positive alternatives will encourage others to pick up the pace and help. A partnership with someone who shares your enthusiasm looks promising.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Be reasonable, and you'll get your way. A change is in order. Assess your life, attitude, appearance and the changes you want to make. Make personal growth a priority.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- You are gaining leverage, so don't stop pushing for what you want. Don't let the past hold you back. Discarding what no longer works for you is encouraged.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Don't start something you can't finish. An argument with a friend or relative will cause emotional turmoil. Focus on what you can do to keep the peace. Be open to love and romance.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Strike up a

conversation to help you resolve a sensitive issue. Offer suggestions and compromise to keep your plans moving forward and to avoid an emotional scene. Get back to basics.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- A personal change will make you feel good. Don't let an outsider take advantage of your time or talk you into spending money. Make plans with a special someone.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- Put pent-up energy to good use. You can take action and get things done, or you can stew over what everyone else is doing and achieve little. Be a leader!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- Choose what feels right. Refuse to let your emotions take charge or

get in the way. Be prepared to take advantage of an opportunity that's on your doorstep.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- Consider what's important to you, and focus your energy and time on projects that will bring about change. Home improvements, honesty and rationality are favored.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- Look at your budget before you commit to a project or make a donation. Take care of your needs before you extend a helping hand to others. You can be both generous and responsible.

# Crossword

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 37 Egg setting
  - 1 Applaud
  - 5 Be rude, in a way
  - 10 Center of a bagel
  - 11 Needing immediate attention
  - 13 Computer symbol
  - 14 Ladybug, for one
  - 15 Nelson of South Africa
  - 17 Sprinted
  - 18 Like some skirts
  - 19 Auditor's org.
  - 20 DC, baseballer
  - 21 Book part
  - 22 Edinburgh natives
  - 25 Tennis star
  - 26 Berets and beanies
  - 27 Rifle or revolver
  - 28 Mine rock
  - 29 Identify, from a lineup
  - 33 Negative link
  - 34 Toronto's province
  - 35 Go by
- DOWN**
- 1 Zoo
  - 2 From the area
  - 3 Without others
  - 4 Necklace features
  - 5 Rent from a renter
  - 6 Tire feature
  - 7 Grow older
  - 8 Result of a hung jury
  - 9 Blow up
  - 12 Past, present and future
  - 16 Greek vowels
  - 21 Little flags
  - 22 Treats with tea
  - 23 Yule singer
  - 24 Run
  - 25 Hearts or clubs
  - 27 Dead ducks
  - 29 Sat for a portrait
  - 30 Pick up the tab
  - 31 Super-market section
  - 32 Tribe symbol
  - 36 Sch. support group

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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.

## 8-17 CRYPTOQUOTE

K G C W H K Y R L N K S V G H H S E T ,  
F T X X D R S K G Y ' X H G V R H S X E  
D T C X S E T . — L K X A D R H

W K G Q R  
Saturday's Cryptoquote: EVERY ART EXPRESSION IS ROOTED FUNDAMENTALLY IN THE PERSONALITY AND TEMPERAMENT OF THE ARTIST. — HANS HOFMANN

# Alder on Bridge: Filmmaker turns podcaster

By Phillip Alder

John McAllister is the executive producer of "Double Dummy," a movie primarily about the 2012 World Youth Bridge Championships in Taicang, China. McAllister also has a podcast, "The Setting Trick" and he recently published his first "Best of" episode.

McAllister was the declarer in today's deal from a Bridge Base Online duplicate. How did he play in four hearts doubled after West led the spade king? What was West's more effective start?

West's one-spade response guaranteed at least a five-card suit. With only four spades, he would have made a negative double. East then made two debatable calls: the two-spade raise and the double. However, surely West

should have sacrificed in four spades, which would have gone down only two.

McAllister won with dummy's spade ace and discarded a diamond. He continued with a heart to his king, cashed the two top clubs, ruffed a club on the board and led another trump. East took this trick and played the club queen, but declarer ruffed, cashed the heart queen and played a diamond to dummy's 10. When East won with the queen and led a spade, South ruffed and played the diamond king. McAllister lost only one heart and two diamonds. Plus 790 was a 94.74% board.

West's lethal lead is the diamond nine, covered by the 10, queen and king. Then declarer lacks a key dummy entry and must lose two tricks in each red suit.

# Jumble

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

OKARC  
SWNOH  
OFTERF  
EEFRRP

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THE

Saturday's Jumbles: SHIRT GRAFT UPDATE SOFTEN  
Answer: She started walking regularly to lose weight and was making — GREAT STRIDES



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

THE

(Answers tomorrow)

North 08-17-20  
♠ A 7 6 5  
♥ 7 6 5  
♦ J 10 3 2  
♣ J 8

West  
♠ K Q J 9 4 2  
♥ 9  
♦ 9 6  
♣ 9 5 4 2

East  
♠ 10 8 3  
♥ A J 10  
♦ A Q 8  
♣ Q 10 7 6

South  
♠ —  
♥ K Q 8 4 3 2  
♦ K 7 5 4  
♣ A K 3

Dealer: North  
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2♥	1♣
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K