

## Horoscope

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Seek out information that will help you gain ground personally and professionally. Understanding what's going on around you and how you can make things better will be crucial.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Speak up if you don't like what you see. Use your power of persuasion to convince others to do what's right. You can make a difference if you provide incentives for others to do what's best for everyone.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- You can bring about positive change, but you must be careful not to ignore troubling signs. Don't argue with someone who is immovable. Put your energy where it counts.

## Crossword

### CROSSWORD By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**  
**1** Barbecue native rods  
**6** Lincoln's bill  
**10** Body of law  
**11** Serving perfectly  
**13** Tree-lined walk  
**14** — de Mayo  
**15** Singer Carly — Jepsen  
**16** Retina setting  
**18** Light brown  
**19** "I will go," for example  
**22** Slangy denial  
**23** Lusty look  
**24** Suit  
**27** Parliament members  
**28** "What's — for me?"  
**29** Cork sound  
**30** 2007 Kentucky Derby winner  
**35** View  
**36** Brewery tub  
**37** Massive ref. bk.  
**38** Make blank  
**40** Full of energy

**DOWN**  
**1** Neck wrap  
**2** Pacific island group  
**3** Cove  
**4** Sock part  
**5** Treat derisively  
**6** Gem side  
**7** Here, to Henri  
**8** Chateau owner  
**9** Put in a box  
**12** Dead ducks  
**13** Tree-lined walk  
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**Saturday's answer**  
**17** Evergreen **29** Sch. support group  
**20** Bring together  
**21** Wed in secret  
**24** Jacqueline Middling card  
**25** Came in Aid in breaking down doors  
**26** Perfect places  
**31** Calendar entry  
**32** Sleep disturber  
**33** Middling card  
**34** Perfect places  
**39** Tree fluid writing, some say  
**41** Tell tales

**Saturday's Cryptoquote:** TIMES OF LUXURY DO NOT LAST LONG, BUT PASS AWAY VERY QUICKLY; NOTHING IN THIS WORLD CAN BE LONG ENJOYED. — BUDDHA

**Alder on Bridge: The danger comes from one side**  
**By Philip Alder**

North	♦ A 7	09-07-20
South	♦ K 10 9 3	
East	♦ K 10 4 2	
West	♦ K 10 2	
	♦ K 9 5	
	♦ K 8	
	♦ K 9 3	
	♦ A 4	
	♦ 6 5 4	
	♦ 6 5 2	
South	♦ A 7	
East	♦ K 10 6 3	
West	♦ K 10	
North	♦ K 10 9 4 2	Dealer: South
East-West	♦ K 10 4 2	Vulnerable: East-West
South	♦ K 10 9 3	Pass
West	♦ K 10 4 2	Pass
North	♦ K 10 9 3	All Pass

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Take your health seriously. Someone you least expect will lead you astray. Verify information before you pass it along. Make peace, love and your physical well-being priorities.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- The best way to bring about positive change at home is to dig in and do the work. Share your ideas with a loved one to acquire the backup you need to get things done fast and efficiently.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Think twice before you enter an emotional situation with someone who doesn't share your beliefs or values. Spend more time working on personal gains and growth. You must be carry at all times today.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Consider alternative ways to make money. Reconnecting with a colleague could lead to a professional opportunity. Don't take chances when it comes to your health.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Stay on course. Follow directions and get along with others. Talk is cheap if you don't follow through and make things happen. Give your desire to succeed full rein.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Put everything in place before you make a move. Use unexpected situations to your advantage. A chance to get ahead looks promising.

**APRIL** (May 21-June 20) -- Set a plan in motion that will straight before passing information along.

help lower debt. Reduce stress by doing what's right and best for you. Refuse to let anyone talk you into something you don't need.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Take control of your life. If you wait for someone to make the first move, you'll become angry and resentful. Don't let someone from your past trick you into thinking he or she has changed.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Make a change because it's the right thing to do, not because someone pressures you. Take responsibility for your actions. Get your facts straight before passing information along.

## 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.

**9-7 CRYPTOQUOTE**



THE COMPANY WAS GROWING QUICKLY, SO THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES NEEDED TO GO ---  
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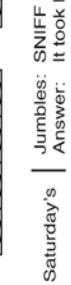
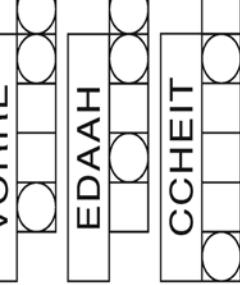
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## Jumble

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

**VORRE**



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

(Answers tomorrow)

**Saturday's Jumble: SNIFF BUGGY METRIC FIBULA**

It took him a year to lose 100 pounds, which resulted in a — BIG FAT GRIN

How might East win a trick?

East's spade jack strongly suggests holding the 10 as well -- play the top of touching honors when you cannot win the trick. So, South must let West's spade king win the first trick.

Let's suppose West continues with another spade. Declarer wins and leads a low heart. If South cashes the heart ace first, West will have the chance to unblock his king, giving East an entry with his heart jack.

What can West do now? If he wins with the heart king, declarer will score 10 tricks via three hearts, the spade ace, a spade ruff in hand and five clubs. If West plays low, South puts up dummy's queen, then leads a low heart. When East plays low, the nine, a declarer ducks, allowing West to score his king anyway.

The contract is in danger when East can get on lead to push a diamond through South's king, the contract will fail.

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