### Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Collaborating with someone who shares your concerns will help you decide what you want to pursue next. Don't let a problem with an elderly friend or relative prevent you from following your heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Concentrate more on creative endeavors and less on emotional situations. Being dependable and hardworking will keep you out of trouble. Give the people you love space to do as they please.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Personal growth, physical fitness and passion will pay off and help you avoid interference from someone who is threatened by you. Keep your plans secret for the time being.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Use a lesson from the past to help you get ahead now. Don't procrastinate; let your thoughts lead to actions. Positive change will bring outstanding results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Handle matters and people carefully. A positive attitude will help you persuade others to see things your way. A romantic gesture will encourage a better relationship with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Work with others to bring about change. A chance to invest in something you enjoy doing will spark your imagination and encourage you to turn a pastime into a lucrative pursuit. Don't let frustration set in.

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Saturday's answer

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29 Beginner

30 Edison's

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35 Pupil's

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36 Direction

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- Park

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11 Long

15 Runs in

19 Risqué

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24 Flips out

25 Tourist's

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22 Ocean

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Being the voice of reason will put you in a favored position. Live up to your promises and share your feelings with a loved one. Don't be afraid to take action if you have a solid plan. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You've got more going for you than you realize. Don't be verbally aggressive; let your actions speak for you. Protect your rights and the rights of others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Seeing is believing. Don't trust someone's take on things. Gather the facts, and avoid being put in a compromising position. Take the initiative and do things for yourself. Make fitness a priority.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Use your imagination to

come up with a remarkable idea that will help you gather momentum. A positive change can be made if you join forces with someone heading in the same direction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Refuse to let anyone interfere with the way you handle your money or work-related matters. Don't let anyone play mind games with you. Stay active, and make decisions with your benefit in mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Don't wait to make changes that will improve your life. Pick up new skills and knowledge that will encourage more significant opportunities. A change of scenery will lead to new beginnings.

## Crossword

# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 38 Approves 1 Beach 39 You're creature reading

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bridge 21 Filming

site 22 Vestiges 23 Brother's

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24 Work week's finish

26 Chemist's place

29 "Jeopardy!" host Alex

30 Bill of fare

31 Longing 32 Says

something 34 Assesses

37 Protractor measure

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.

9-28 CRYPTOQUOTE

EVFE BVHLV HQ LFYYAC

JHPSKAQQ HK F GHKM HQ

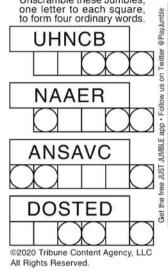
LFYYAC DIQEHKFLO HK F

CDKGAO. — YDPC APQGHKA

Saturday's Cryptoquote: WHEN IT COMES TO EATING, YOU CAN SOMETIMES HELP YOURSELF MORE BY HELPING YOURSELF LESS. — RICHARD

ARMOUR

Jumble



Unscramble these Jumbles.



suggested by the above cartoon.

Saturday's Jumbles: TWICE KNEED THEORY NUMBER
Answer: Their poker buddy tried to bluff, but they —
KNEW "BETTOR"

## Alder on Bridge: The bell that rings for thee

#### By Phillip Alder

If only the bell would ring at the bridge table when we needed to find a critical play. The game would be so much easier.

Today's deal provides a good example of how the campanologist would enjoy an advantage. South is in six notrump. After West leads the heart nine, what should declarer do?

South's two-no-trump response showed a balanced hand with 8 points or more, telling partner that they surely had a slam. North used Gerber to ask for aces.

Declarer sees only eight top tricks: two spades, four hearts (given the lead) and two diamonds. Another five winners will surely come from clubs. But a suspicious South realizes that the clubs must be 4-0; otherwise, there wouldn't be a problem. Someone taking advantage of the ringing bell would win the first trick in hand and play a club to dummy's seven!

But now let's damp the bell. South wins East's heart jack with his ace and plays a club to the jack. Suddenly the contract must fail! So what is the right play?

Declarer should win the first trick with dummy's heart queen and continue with the club king. Suppose West wins with the ace (it doesn't help to duck) and exits with a spade. South plays a heart to his ace and leads a club, capturing West's nine with dummy's jack. Back to hand with a diamond, declarer finesses dummy's club seven and claims two spades, three hearts, two diamonds and five clubs.

