

# Horoscope

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Uncertainty is a sign that you aren't ready to proceed with your plans. Rethink what you've done and consider what still needs to be put in place before you make a move.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Truth, honesty and self-awareness will be critical if you want to excel. Discipline will help you stick to your objective until you reach your destination. Personal gain and physical improvements are favored.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Compromise, if necessary, but don't give in on the points that matter to you. An incentive that can help maintain balance will encourage others to let you have your way.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Use your persuasive charm when faced with pressure from outside influences. Know your worth and be prepared to negotiate. Don't let uncertainty put you in a vulnerable position.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Keep your ideas and plans to yourself. Someone will use personal information against you if you are too accommodating. Utilize your strengths and do your own thing.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Take a moment to appreciate who you are and what you have to offer. Expand your interests and make your wants and desires priorities. Physical and intellectual

improvements will boost your confidence.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- An opportunity to try something new or to team up with someone who has something unique to contribute is favored. Listen, ask questions and set guidelines for what you want to see happen.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Added discipline will help you reach your goal. Commit to someone you want to spend more time with. Personal gains and home improvements will boost your morale.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Rethink your intentions. Search for advice from someone experienced regarding work responsibilities. Don't

trust a novice to do an expert job.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Everyone will pitch in and help if you offer something in return. Fixing up your surroundings will lift your spirits and put you in a cheerful mood. Don't go overboard.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You'll receive conflicting information. When in doubt, go directly to the source and get the facts. Don't leave anything to chance or act prematurely.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Cut back on things in your life that are costing you or causing you undue stress. A practical, honest approach to matters will eliminate setbacks.

## Crossword

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

38 Worried

1 Low singers

40 Pacific island

6 Military nation

42 Aquarium fish

10 Sean of "The Lord of the Rings"

43 Stage direction

11 Timber wolves

44 Like an abyss

13 Artery opener

45 Active folks

**DOWN**

1 Rooted

2 Houston player

3 Iron

4 Immoral act

5 Chanted

6 Texas landmark

7 Barracks bed

8 Shorten for readers

9 "So what?"

12 Be agreeable

17 Sold-out show

20 Like argon

21 "— Rae"

24 Warning

25 Flew

26 Produce, as a hormone

27 Swooned

29 Paid player

31 Like draft beer

32 "Divine Comedy" writer

33 Writer Horatio

34 Decade parts

39 "Roses — red"

41 Singer Yoko

22 Butterfly catcher

23 Storybook monster

24 Put into boxes

27 Lets loose

28 Declare

29 Grier of "Jackie Brown"

30 Canadian celebration

35 Lobed organ

36 Sine qua —

37 Saloon supply



Saturday's answer

## Cryptoquote

A XYDLBAAXR  
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.

5-18 CRYPTOQUOTE

OE OB LRSP LJND OLVJNEQFE  
EJ ZFJY YPQE BJNE JM Q  
VQEODFE PQB Q TOBDQBD  
EPQF YPQE BJNE JM Q  
TOBDQBD Q VQEODFE PQB.

— BJRNSD JGBSRND

**Saturday's Cryptoquote:** ALL CHILDREN ARE ARTISTS. THE PROBLEM IS HOW TO REMAIN AN ARTIST ONCE HE GROWS UP. — PABLO PICASSO

## Alder on Bridge: The alarm did not help some players

By Phillip Alder

Strange things happen from time to time at bridge tournaments.

On one occasion, David Bird, who has written more bridge books than anyone else, was the declarer in today's deal when the hotel fire alarm went off. Everyone vacated the playing room and moved into the cold, dark parking lot. Bird feared that the defense would be perfect when the game resumed, not a thought characteristic of an Englishman. Chatting with one's partner just wouldn't be cricket.

North's responsive double was for takeout, showing a decent hand with length in the unbid suits.

Bird need not have worried. After leading the diamond ace, West switched to a heart. East won with the

ace and returned a heart! Bird ruffed, drew trumps and ran his diamonds, discarding all four of dummy's club losers.

At another table in the event, East correctly worked out that West wouldn't lead declarer's primary suit unless he had a singleton ace. So, after winning with the heart ace, he gave West a diamond ruff. However, then West tried to cash the heart king, with fatal consequences for the defense.

Bill Hodgkiss found the best defense. Knowing that he could give his partner only one diamond ruff, at trick three he cashed the club ace. Then he delivered the diamond ruff for down one.

If your partner leads declarer's main suit at trick one, either he is short or he thinks you are short, or you need a new partner.

## Jumble

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

NFGLU

FIDTR

WNORAD

LODNOE

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



(Answers tomorrow)

North				05-18-20
♠ A K J 6				
♥ 9 2				
♦ 6 4 3				
♣ K J 10 7				
West		East		
♠ 9 7 4		♠ 5 2		
♥ K J 5 3		♥ A Q 10 8 6 4		
♦ A		♦ 8 2		
♣ 9 8 6 4 2		♣ A 5 3		
South				
♠ Q 10 8 3				
♥ 7				
♦ K Q J 10 9 7 5				
♣ Q				
Dealer: East				
Vulnerable: Both				
South	West	North	East	
			1♥	
2♦	3♥	Dbl.	4♥	
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead: ♦ A				