

# Horoscope

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Taking a unique approach to an old idea looks promising. Refuse to let a past connection interfere with your life. Avoid extreme situations and overindulgent individuals.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- A change regarding how you earn your living or handle money is favored. Refuse to let anyone push you in a direction that will leave you at a loss.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- A change of attitude or approach will give you the leverage you need to gain support. The proper protocol will be necessary to avoid a setback. A partnership is overdue for an adjustment.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Don't trust anyone with information that is sensitive. Take more time to assess your health and finances. Take care of professional responsibilities in order to avoid complaints.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Use common sense and offer alternatives that are in line with what's best for everyone. A positive change at home will ensure that you don't disrupt a relationship.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- As long as you can keep the peace without having to do something that may jeopardize your position, reputation or opportunities, you'll come out on top. Romance is favored.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Spend more time helping others and less time trying to manipulate situations to suit your needs. Relationships require trust, patience and equality to stand the test of time.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Invest in something that will help you raise your earning potential. Physical fitness is favored. A meaningful relationship will undergo a change that leads to added benefits.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Get things done on time in order to avoid criticism. If you do a good job, it will lead to rewards. Take care of your responsibilities, and live up to your promises.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Make personal

improvements. Use your intelligence to come up with an idea that will help you get ahead. Physical fitness is encouraged.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- By taking a unique path, you will discover the talents and skills you didn't realize you possessed. A change of plans will work in your favor, and an opportunity will bring you closer to someone special.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- What you accomplish will far exceed your expectations and set a precedent that will give you the incentive to combine your working and living spaces to achieve optimum efficiency and lower your overhead.

## Crossword

### CROSSWORD

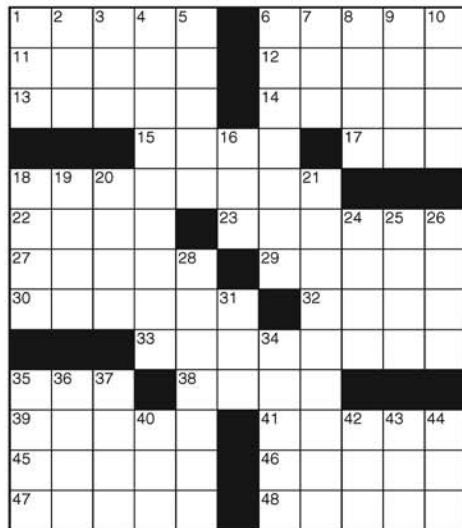
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 2 Sense of self
  - 1 Twin of Romulus
  - 6 Bank offerings
  - 11 Hollywood worker
  - 12 "Adam Bede" author
  - 13 Israel's Meir
  - 14 Audacity
  - 15 Historic times
  - 17 Friend of Frodo
  - 18 In the outdoors
  - 22 Town
  - 23 Wild
  - 27 It's in vein
  - 29 Danger
  - 30 Boring tools
  - 32 Equips
  - 33 Travel bag
  - 35 Spying org.
  - 38 Verve
  - 39 Improvise on stage
  - 41 Wrong
  - 45 Mandy of "This Is Us"
  - 46 Variety show
  - 47 Beg
  - 48 So far
- DOWN**
- 3 Singer
  - 4 Experiences
  - 5 Intent look
  - 6 Photog's cover
  - 7 Bullring cry
  - 8 Broad-casts
  - 9 Flaring star
  - 10 Goblet part
  - 16 Braying animal
  - 18 "Dancing Queen" group
  - 19 Doozy
  - 20 Marsh hopper
  - 21 Defeats
  - 24 Opera solo
  - 25 Band's bookings
  - 26 Different
  - 28 Defeated decisively
  - 31 Knight's title
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  - 35 Scout's base
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Saturday's answer

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## Cryptoquote

A XYDLB AAXR  
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.

9-21 CRYPTOQUOTE

M G Z K N M W N D V V X U Z D A G C Z

E L B X P I V D M A X C B X T

D W D N M B Z E X Z G T N E N M N B K

E X . — D C T H X P G H T X

Saturday's Cryptoquote: I FIND THE GREAT THING IN THIS WORLD IS NOT SO MUCH WHERE WE STAND AS IN WHAT DIRECTION WE ARE MOVING. — O.W. HOLMES

## Alder on Bridge: Defending when seeing 28 cards

By Phillip Alder

Novelist Holly Lisle wrote, "If you don't accept responsibility for your own actions, then you are forever chained to a position of defense."

When a bridge player is on defense, he usually takes responsibility for his actions -- although sometimes he needs to be guided by his partner.

Today's deal occurred during the bronze-medal playoff in the Polish League Final Four. This was the first live bridge event in Poland since the coronavirus lockdown. It was played in Warsaw over the last weekend of June.

Sitting East and West were Wlodzimirz Starkowski and Michal Kwiecien. They defeated four spades. Looking at all 52 cards, can you see how they did it after West led the

diamond ace?

East's three-diamond response was preemptive. With game-invitational values or more, he would have responded two no-trump. This pushed North-South into the thin game.

Upside-down signals have been the norm in Poland forever. They even lead low from doubletons and the middle card from a tripleton.

Under West's diamond ace, East signaled with the 10, the high card showing an odd number and the very high card being a suit-preference signal for hearts. So, at trick two, West shifted to a heart.

Declarer played a trump off the board, but East hopped up with the king and returned his second heart. Then, when West got in with his spade ace, he gave his partner a heart ruff.

## Jumble

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



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Print your answer here:



(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: LYRIC MESSY VORTEX AUTUMN  
 Answer: Ben Franklin was able to invent bifocals because of his ability to — "VISUAL-EYES"



THE DOG WITH THE FLEA PROBLEM TOLD THE SMALL PARASITIC INSECTS TO ---

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

		North	09-21-20
		♠ Q 10 9	
		♥ A K Q	
		♦ 8 7	
		♣ K 9 8 3 2	
West		East	
♠ A 8		♠ K 6 4	
♥ 10 9 5 4		♥ J 8	
♦ A K Q 9 3		♦ 10 6 5 4 2	
♣ 7 5		♣ J 6 4	
		South	
		♠ J 7 5 3 2	
		♥ 7 6 3 2	
		♦ J	
		♣ A Q 10	
		Dealer: West	
		Vulnerable: Both	
South	West	North	East
	1♦	Dbl.	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♣	All Pass
Opening lead: ♦ A			