

Horoscope

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Deal with sensitive issues and solve problems. Being compassionate and understanding will encourage honesty, trust and resolution in others. Choose intelligence over aggression, and you'll receive unexpected rewards.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Take pride in what you do. A change may tempt you, but don't act in haste.

Focus on fitness, honing your skills and enforcing a practical plan.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- An old acquaintance will extend information that will change the way you think or do things. A heart-to-heart discussion will improve a meaningful relationship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Slow down and take

time to absorb information before you try to tackle pressing situations. Taking care of your needs first is in your best interest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- If you share your intentions with someone special, you'll develop a plan that will bring you closer to achieving a longtime dream. A positive lifestyle adjustment will add to your happiness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Keep an open mind, but don't believe everything you hear. Arguments won't solve anything, but intelligence and compromise will help you keep the peace. Make self-improvement a priority.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Work with someone

like-minded to build a solid foundation for new prospects. A positive change at home will bring you closer to a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Move things around and clear a space to work on a project that excites you. Personal gains look promising. Commit to something or someone who will contribute to your happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- If you express your thoughts and feelings, you will find out where you stand. Information you receive will help you make a positive change to how you live and work.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Take a step back and focus on self-improvement, personal gain and taking

better care of yourself. Refuse to get involved in an unnecessary argument with someone who is looking for a fight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Make a change that will put a smile on your face. Treat yourself to something special. Discuss your plans and be open to suggestions. You'll receive valuable information.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Take physical action if you want to get things done. Set high expectations and deliver what you promise. Do the work and reap the rewards. Don't give in to temptation or shortcuts.

Crossword

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Helper: Abb.
 - 5 Big hit
 - 10 "The lady — protest too much"
 - 11 Soda can feature
 - 13 On the sheltered side,
 - 14 Dawn goddess
 - 15 Cinema snack
 - 17 Meditation sounds
 - 18 Like the bone in a portherhouse steak
 - 19 Morse E Form
 - 20 1040 org.
 - 21 Eat in style
 - 22 Dark wood
 - 25 Trait carriers
 - 26 Store event
 - 27 Assn.
 - 28 Attempt
 - 29 Beat to the story
 - 33 Unit of resistance
 - 34 Beyoncé, for one
 - 35 Warhol's field
 - 37 Test

- DOWN**
- 1 Make suitable
 - 2 Songs for one
 - 3 Two-time NBA MVP
 - 4 Captain Curry
 - 5 Command Queeg's
 - 6 Some tires
 - 7 Pitcher's place
 - 8 Was a replace-ment

- Saturday's answer**
- 9 Estrogen, for one
 - 12 Wallpos
 - 16 Nashville's Grand Ole
 - 21 Readers of secret messages
 - 22 Prevents, legally
 - 23 Paints the town red
 - 24 Washing-ton's capital
 - 25 Sticky stuff
 - 27 Waiter and Winfield
 - 29 Bender
 - 30 Sprite
 - 31 Steer clear of
 - 32 Titled women
 - 36 Small worker

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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.

6-22 CRYPTOQUOTE

I Y G O T V G Y D W B P F Z T
U Y Q L Z V N L Y F P W Z W
T N T C Q L Z V Z O Z D Q T D Q
Q Z T V W Y H L Z V R L P B G .

— L Z D V C N T V G K Z Z R L Z V
Saturday's Cryptoquote: MY FATHER GAVE ME THE GREATEST GIFT ANYONE COULD GIVE ANOTHER PERSON, HE BELIEVED IN ME. — JIM VALVANO

Jumble

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

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ENUQE

SAYSS

MMLUEB

LEOVRT

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Answer here:

Jumbles: ICING SADLY VOYAGE APPEAL
Answer: Heading west from Iowa into Nebraska, they could see the prairie — PLAIN AS DAY

Alder on Bridge: Play the card known to be held

By Phillip Alder

That would be a tough twosome to take on in a general knowledge quiz. In a bridge setting, though, it can be important to play the card that you are known to hold. How does that apply in this four-spade contract?

West led the club 10: jack, ace, eight. After East shifted to the heart eight, what did declarer do?

North's two-diamond response was natural and game-forcing. With a diamond to lose, South could afford to concede only one trump trick. The initial plan was to hope that East started with royal-10-third or any beneficial doubleton. Declarer would expect to play first low to his nine, then low to the jack.

So, South won with dummy's heart ace and played a spade to his nine, losing to West's queen. Now West led another heart. Declarer won and played a diamond to the queen and ace. After winning East's diamond return on the board, South called for dummy's second spade. What happened then? Declarer was getting ready to play the jack. Just in time, South hit the brakes. What was the spade position? East could not have started with K-10-2. If he had K-10-4-2, the contract was unmakeable. But if he had 10-4-2 ... Declarer put up his ace to bring down West's king and make his contract. East should have played the spade 10 on dummy's seven, the card he was known to hold from the first round of the suit.

North 06-22-20
♠ 7 3
♥ A 6
♦ K Q 9 6 5
♣ K J 4 3

West
♠ K Q
♥ 10 7 5 3 2
♦ J 3
♣ Q 10 9 6

East
♠ 10 4 2
♥ 8 4
♦ A 8 4 2
♣ A 7 5 2

South
♠ A J 9 8 6 5
♥ K Q J 9
♦ 10 7
♣ 8

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South 1♣
West 2♥
North 3♣
East 2NT
South 3♣
West 4♣
North 4♣
East 4♣
South 4♣
West 4♣
North 4♣
East 4♣
South 4♣
West 4♣
North 4♣
East 4♣

Opening lead: ♣ 10