

Horoscope

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Own whatever you do.

Be proud of who you are and what you stand for.

An accomplishment will result if you are accepting of others and true to yourself and your beliefs.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Stick to a plan. Refuse to let anyone interfere in your life. Someone will try to persuade you to take part in indulgent behavior or engage in something that isn't to your benefit.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Stay strong and don't let anyone interfere in your life. Someone will try to persuade you to take part in indulgent behavior or engage in something that isn't to your benefit.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Keep your eye on what you want and be willing to accept minor adjustments moving forward. Intelligent compromise will help seal a deal.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Put more energy into brainstorming.

## Crossword

**CROSSWORD**  
By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**  
1 Ice cream unit  
6 Plumbing piece  
10 "It's a wonderful life"  
director  
11 Sports setting  
13 Chemically inactive  
Sides in turf  
14 Pine's kin  
15 Relaxing retreat  
16 Use a chair  
19 Pinot grigio, for one  
22 Oxygen: Prefix  
23 Finished  
24 Pretentious people  
27 Attire  
28 Window section  
29 Write  
30 Sub with  
35 Relieve (of)  
36 Binary base  
37 Pool unit  
38 Steer clear of

**DOWN**  
1 Futuristic genre  
2 "Be quiet!"  
3 Musical drama  
4 Hockey's Bobby  
5 Fall guys  
6 Heathen  
7 Radio's Glass  
8 Thoughtful  
9 Car parts  
12 Fall flowers  
17 Golf goal  
Prefix  
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**Saturday's answer**

20 Clothing brand  
21 Value group  
24 Church topers  
25 Indigenous  
26 If challenged  
27 "Mellow" singer  
29 Mouth part  
31 Checkout line count  
32 Omit phonetically  
33 Entered the marathon  
34 News-paper essays  
39 Word on a bill  
41 Keats poem

By Phillip Alder

**Saturday's Cryptoquote:**

WHEN YOU RISE IN THE MORNING, GIVE THANKS FOR THE LIGHT, FOR YOUR LIFE, FOR YOUR STRENGTH.

— TECUMSEH

**Alder on Bridge: Do you believe in points or winners?**

By Phillip Alder

First today, look at the West hand and the auction. Would you double four spades?

North made a well-judged three-spade rebid. If you count short-suit points, North got 2 for the singleton, making his hand worth 15 points. Alternatively (my preference), the hand had only six losers: two spades, one heart, one diamond and two clubs. Again, this justifies the jump-rebid. South raised to game, not certain it would make, but feeling optimistic.

At the table, West doubled, thinking it was his birthday.

West led the spade ace and found the dummy troubling. His best chance was

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your relationships with others. Let people know they are appreciated in order to get the help you need to do things your way.

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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.

10-8

**CRYPTOQUOTE**

P L Z Z O B B P N L J Z O B U L K R N . . .  
O B K B ' Q Z L L T Z L I B K . . .  
S . S . C G R P B . . .

Saturday's | Jumbles: RATIO CLANG PONCHO HANDLE Saturday's | Answer: "A-CHORD-ING" TO PLAN

## Jumble

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

**HCIET**



**EGBIE**



**UNAAGI**



**YSIGNA**



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And to my nephews, I leave  
Levi Strauss & Co.  
what a great  
uncle!  
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A true  
family  
business.  
Twinkie  
GIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Sign up to learn  
something new or visit a place that you find relaxing  
or inspiring. Time spent with a loved one or working  
on personal growth or fitness is favored.

North	K 5 3 2	10-08-18
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	K Q J 3 2	
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	2	East
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	A 5 2	
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	A 9	
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	10 9 6 5	
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	4	
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	K J 6	
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	Q 10 8 5 4	
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	9 7	
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	South	
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	Q 10 8 7 6 4	
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	4	
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	K J 6	
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	Q 10 8	
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	3 ♠	
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	??	

Dealer: North  
Vulnerable: North-South  
South West North East Pass  
South West North East Pass  
1♣ Dbl. 3♣ Pass  
1♦ 4♣ Pass  
Opening lead: ♠??

a club shift, hoping partner had the queen. South would have won with his 10, drawn the missing trump and led his singleton heart. Then West could have only won and cashed the diamond ace to concede minus 790.

In reality, West shifted to a low heart ace at trick two. Declarer won with dummy's jack, cashed the spade king and tried a diamond to his jack. West took that trick and led the diamond ace, but South ruffed on the board, trumped a heart, played a club to the ace and ruffed another heart, bringing down the ace. Declarer trumped his diamond king, discarded his remaining clubs on the heart king-queen and claimed an overtrick for plus 990. Winners are worth more than points.