

# Horoscope

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Avoid impulsive actions. Think matters through and show compassion for others. How you handle situations will determine how well you do. Speak up, be fair and know when to compromise.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Help a cause you believe in or someone you value. If you show uncertainty, you will confuse or mislead someone you need on your team. Stick to the truth and avoid gossip.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Let your intuition guide you. Your gut feeling won't let you down and will save you from making an unnecessary mistake. You have plenty to gain if you are proactive.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Pay attention to what's

going on at work or in your field. Gather information, take courses, enlist in trials and aim to solve problems. Step up and do what's right.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Make decisions instead of letting someone dictate what you can pursue. Use intelligence and insight to take advantage of information that comes from a legitimate source.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- You can take action without spending money or getting involved in a joint venture. Romance is on the rise, and sharing the evening hours with someone special will be rewarding.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You'll take one step forward and three steps back if you let someone interfere

with your plans. Do your own thing and structure your day to suit your needs. Be smart with your money.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- A learning experience will have an impact on how you approach work. Refuse to let anyone discourage or tempt you. Arm yourself with information and skills to give you an edge in a competitive market.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Focus more on what you know and less on being physical. It's best to outsmart anyone who stands in your way with facts, figures and words. Put your money and possessions in a safe place.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Uncertainty regarding

someone close to you will surface. Be frank, share your thoughts and listen carefully. Don't be fooled by compliments; cut to the chase and find out where you stand.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Evaluate what's inspired and consider what's ahead before you get into a spirited discussion. A wait-and-see attitude might be best when it comes to professional situations.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Balance and compromise will be necessary when dealing with opposition. A unique solution will appease everyone and give you the freedom to reach your goal. Be conscious of your budget.

## Crossword

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS** 44 Relaxing resorts

45 Soccer or softball

**DOWN** 1 Thick cuts

2 Eagle's claw

3 Wise saying

4 Tiara

5 Caught some z's

6 Informal language

7 Research site

8 Oblivious

9 Senior citizen,

often

27 Ranch animal

28 Uncle's wife

29 Take to court

30 Movie technique

35 Print measures

36 Clumsy one

37 Blend

38 Attack

40 Select group

42 Treasure stash

43 "Message received"

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#### Saturday's answer

12 Return address

17 Soggy name

20 Ham it up

21 Complete

24 Most buddy

33 Bishop's topper

34 Use, as force

39 Eggs, in Latin

41 Cut off

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## Cryptoquote

**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.

### 1-25 CRYPTOQUOTE

C G W K N Q W I N J Y Q H D F W

H L E A W B W S Q H C W I N J Q B D Z W

C G W K N Q W C G W Q W D F D L

B D Z W C N A W B W S Q H C W

— **NYQHG UDLZQWI**

**Saturday's Cryptoquote:** A GREAT DEAL OF INTELLIGENCE CAN BE INVESTED IN IGNORANCE WHEN THE NEED FOR ILLUSION IS DEEP.  
— SAUL BELLOW

### By Phillip Alder

Double fit, at least eight cards combined in each of two suits, do not give bridge players fits. Quite the opposite, they love them because they provide more tricks than the base point-count suggests. Then the hard part can be deciding which of the two fits to make the trump suit.

Today's deal, of course, is an example. How would you and your partner bid the North-South hands? South opens one spade, and North raises to two spades. (North has a maximum, and the Losing Trick Count says that he is worth a game-invitational raise, but unless that club suit is useful, the hand will prove disappointing to partner. Starting with two spades seems right.) What should happen after that?

## Jumble

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

**SEGSU**

**NADKR**

**PRIELT**

**SAQHUS**

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

Jumbles: LOGIC USHER SPLICE HANGAR (Answers tomorrow)  
Answer: The terrestrial gastropod mollusk was in a lazy mood and feeling a bit — SLUGGISH

## Alder on Bridge: Describe strength and fit correctly

South might jump to four spades, but that is unnecessarily precipitate. It is better to rebid three clubs. Yes, North will think that is a help-suit game-try, which might be made with a weaker suit, but South is interested in his partner's club holding.

Typically, North would either sign off in three spades or jump to four spades. Here, though, his hand could not be better. He should raise to four clubs, announcing the delicious double fit. South should then see the expediency in bidding six clubs, not six spades, because the diamond ruff(s) will be in the shorter trump hand.

In six clubs, South takes five spades, one heart, five clubs and one diamond ruff in his hand. Even if North has only four clubs, a second diamond ruff will provide a 12th trick.

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North  
♠ K 10 3  
♥ 5 4  
♦ 8 7 2  
♣ K Q 9 4 3

West  
♥ 7 4  
♠ Q 8 6 3  
♦ A K 10 9  
♣ 10 7 6

East  
♠ 6 5 2  
♥ K J 10 9  
♦ Q J 5 4 3  
♣ 8

South  
♠ A Q J 9 8  
♥ A 7 2  
♦ 6  
♣ A J 5 2

Dealer: South  
Vulnerable: Both

South 1♣  
West Pass  
North Pass  
East Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A