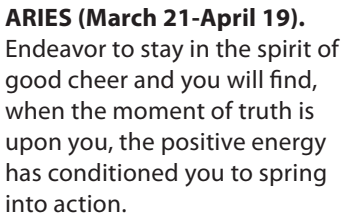


**SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020**



**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Behind the door that's a few steps down the lane exists another world, a world that you will lend some imagination to until you're let in and can get a sense of its reality.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You will be considerate, figuring out what the others need and providing what you can. More than ambition, this humble approach is the manner of being that will bring you the most success.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Generally, most people feel automatically sure of what is reality. Otherwise, they wouldn't be able to go about their day. To question your automatic responses is always an act of growth.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It will occur to you that an area you've focused on seems devoid of juice. There's nothing here for you now, if there ever was. Move on. There are other things to squeeze.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Reciprocal giving has its time and place; however, right now, it's better to accept someone's care and pay it forward to another. This widens the circle of generosity alive in humanity.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're safe to let whimsy have its rule. Wish crazily. There is something of value in far-out or silly dreams. You can assess what is possible later. Right now, let your imagination soar.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).**  
You will be attracted to a sub-

ject appreciated by many and understood by few. When you go deeper, you will learn how you are uniquely equipped to be among those few should you choose to devote focus to this.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Just because you know what is right and good doesn't mean those values are always in the front of your mind. To stay on track, you have to consciously and constantly put your values upfront. A ritual can help.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Don't fight against problems. Struggle wastes energy. Sink to the bottom of a problem as if it were a swimming pool. It won't take much to bounce off the bottom with your toes and resurface to a cleansing breath.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're not in competition with all of the people around you, only some of them. To win the game, you must first realize which people are your teammates and which ones are your adversaries.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Why do people tell you their stories and share with you the intimate details of their lives? It's because your warmth is a heart-opener that they do not get every day.

**SUNDAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 26).** The solar return brings a new freedom of personhood. You'll be who you want to be, learn what you want and follow your own rules in many areas in which you used to feel restricted. A contract is signed in December. Your taste evolves with the experiences of 2021. You'll be part of an award-winning team effort. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 24, 28, 9 and 14.

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28 “Evil Woman” band  
30 British verb ending  
31 Family docs  
32 Miss Piggy’s pronoun  
33 PC program  
36 Ashen  
37 Hit the road  
40 “It’s a Wonderful Life” director  
42 Half of a ’60s group  
43 Public persona  
44 Conical home  
45 Poet Pound  
46 Duel tool  
48 Passing craze  
49 MLB stat  
50 Tolkien creature  
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**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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### Yesterday's answer 7-24

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I THINK THE VIRUS IS AN ELABORATE TRICK TO GET ME TO EXERCISE BY TAKING THE STAIRS.

STAIRS UP ONLY

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Marigold can be the rhythm guitarist, but I think we need a LEAD guitarist, too.

There's a boy here at camp who plays really well...could you ask him to be in our band? I tried earlier but it didn't go so well.

Are you bad at talking to boys?

I'm kinda bad at talking to PEOPLE.

**SPEEDWAGON!!**

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PASTOR JOHN, DO YOU BELIEVE THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH?

THAT'S WHAT JESUS SAID.

RIGHT.

DO YOU THINK THEY'LL WANT THIS THING?

IT IS KIND OF DAMAGED GOODS.

7/14/04

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I HATE THIS JOB BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN PAY FOR THE THERAPY I NEED TO SURVIVE THIS JOB I HATE

M. PATRINOS

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A cartoon panel from 'The Simpsons' showing Bart Simpson and a dog at an ice cream stand. The sign says 'SNO-CONES'. The dog says, 'WE BROUGHT A SNO-SHOVEL.'

[illegible]

JEREMY, DON'T FORGET THE TRASH CANS!

K.

YOU GOT THAT?

I'M FLUENT IN MULTI-ANGLE NAGGING.

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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**Rating: SILVER**

Solution to 7/23/20

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