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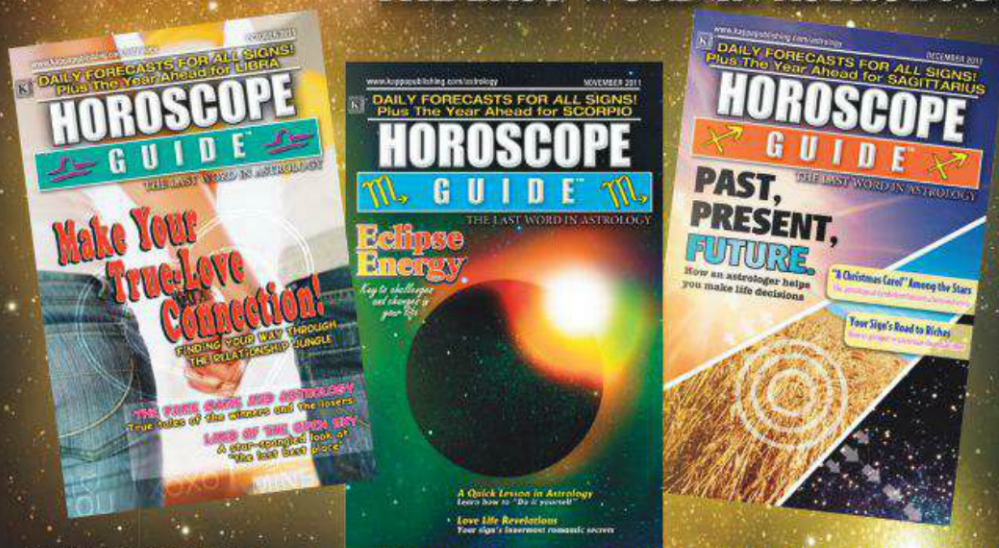
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A week-by-week overview for your sign

★ **ARIES:** The back of your mind...wake-up call...easy money...peace and quiet.

★ **TAURUS:** Clashes...praise from above...free to be you...creative spirit.

★ **GEMINI:** Lie low...terms of endearment...what a week for a daydream...world vs. home.

★ **CANCER:** Dreams vs. reality...fresh start...hope on the horizon...poetic.

★ **LEO:** Cash control...flash point...confusion...solutions...

★ **VIRGO:** Cool it...giving...working partnership...time to relax.

★ **LIBRA:** Time off...party vibes...financial sidetrack...party echo.

★ **SCORPIO:** Too much fun...payback...in sync...warm and fuzzy.

★ **SAGITTARIUS:** Life contrasts...family secrets...to the rescue...all wrapped up.

★ **CAPRICORN:** Talk, talk...a new financial start...quiet time...relaxing.

★ **AQUARIUS:** Money to burn...a new you...life's ladder...a giving mood.

★ **PISCES:** The hurrier you go...secrets revealed...knowledge fatigue...romantic daydreams.

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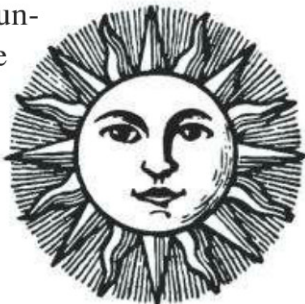
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Editor's Note

Happy Chinese New Year! Each year, Pat Strickland adds a little extra spice to her Starscope column by giving us a quick run-down of the meaning of the Chinese New Year for each sign. See page 70 for your own Oriental Astrology tip for the year ahead — and thanks Pat!



Along with our usual features for all signs such as the Weekly and Daily Guides (pages 90-113), and our special Year Ahead for the sign of the month, this time it's Aquarius (pages 62 to 69), you'll find:

- "Keep True Love Alive" by Lynn Paulus, with personal stories about both everyday people and celebrities about their efforts to make their special relationships last. Added to this is advice for your Sun sign on how to keep your own love life on track.

- "Breakdowns, shakedown, and takedown!" is about something familiar to us all, good old retrograde Mercury. This planet will be moving backward three times during the year ahead, and causing all kinds of communication mischief. If you want to be prepared to deal with it, read Elizabeth Summers' advice for your sign.

Don't forget to dig into the puzzle section starting on page 49, and thanks for dropping by *Horoscope Guide*. Visit us again soon!

Ken Irving

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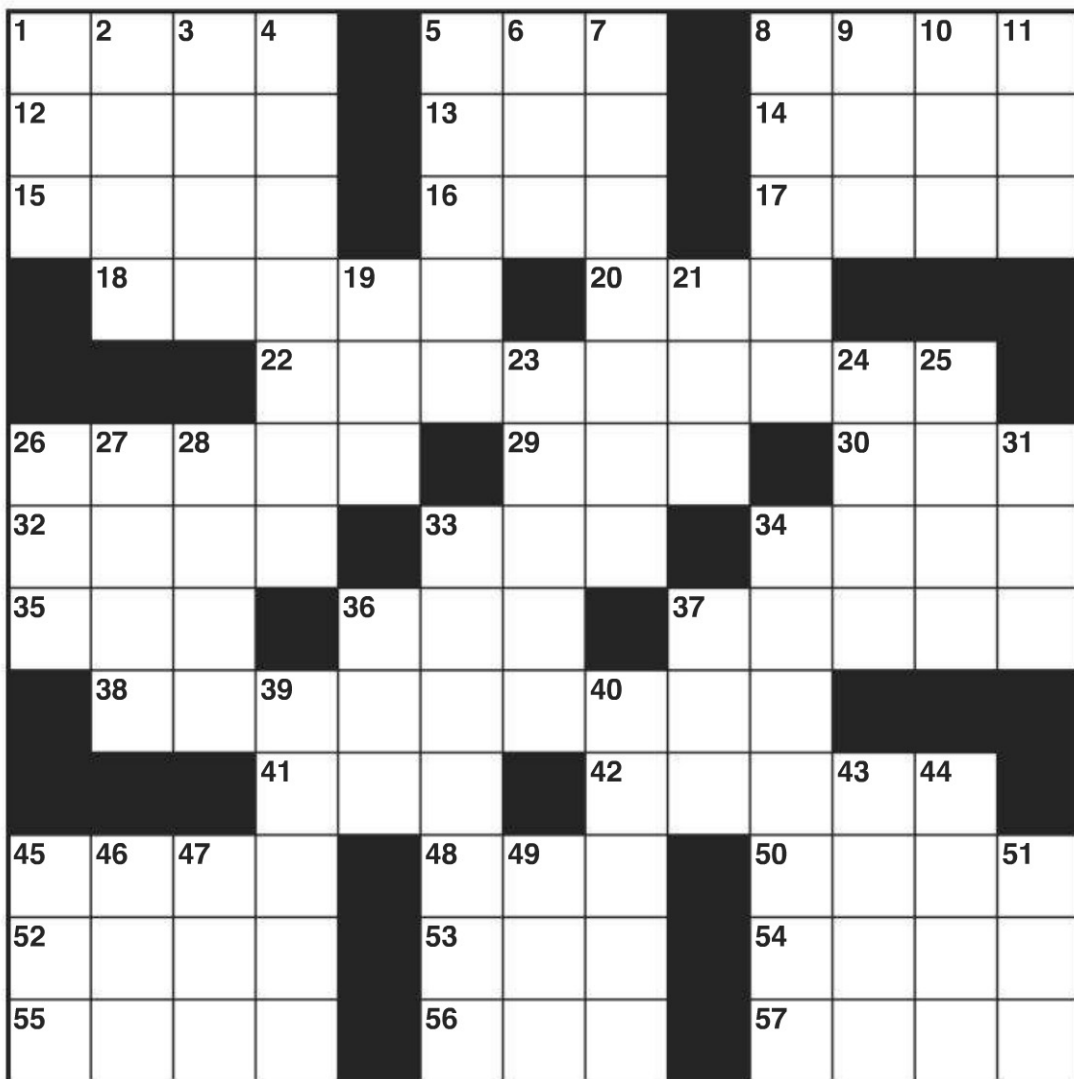
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Astro-Crosswords

by Lisa R. Bremus



ACROSS

1. 2012 Nickelodeon film featuring AQUARIUS Avan Jogia
5. Spanish river
8. Song for AQUARIUS Shakira: "Truth or ___ (On the Dancefloor)"
12. An operatic song by AQUARIUS Mozart
13. TV network for AQUARIUS Oprah Winfrey
14. "Premium ___" stars AQUARIUS Joseph Gordon-Levitt
15. Talk show host Griffin
16. Six in Salerno
17. Newts
18. Song for Beyonce: "Ring the ___"
20. Autobiography by AQUARIUS Langston Hughes: "The Big ___"
22. Hit song for AQUARIUS Sam Cooke (2 wds.)
26. AQUARIUS Elizabeth of "Silent House"
29. Atom
30. Foot part
32. Pigeon sounds
33. Country music network
34. "Yours, Mine and ___" stars AQUARIUS Rene Russo
35. AQUARIUS actor Selleck
36. Nickname of AQUARIUS long distance runner Steve Prefontaine
37. TV series starring AQUARIUS Gabriel Macht
38. Entertainer
41. Hospital dept.
42. AQUARIUS Robin Zander is the lead singer for "___ Trick"
45. AQUARIUS Lincoln and namesakes
48. Broadcaster of AQUARIUS Benny Hill's TV shows
50. Christmas log
52. TV series starring AQUARIUS Damian Lewis: "___ land"
53. Oscar winner Melissa
54. Children's author Blyton
55. Earth rotates on it
56. TV "Tarzan"
57. Dish by AQUARIUS Guy Fieri: "Double Jack ___"

DOWN

1. Zodiac symbol
2. Region
3. New album for AQUARIUS Alicia Keys: "___ on Fire"
4. 2012 film starring AQUARIUS John Travolta
5. Mag associated with AQUARIUS Helen Gurley Brown
6. Female sheep
7. AQUARIUS star of 2012's "Wanderlust"
8. Song by AQUARIUS Sarah McLachlan: "One ___"
9. Farewell in Frankfurt: "___ Wiedersehen"
10. Alphabet sequence
11. Indifferent sounds
19. AQUARIUS NBA star Harper
21. German one
23. New Broadway musical by AQUARIUS Sheryl Crow
24. Decorative case
25. Particular type
26. Fall mo.
27. Didn't know: "Out of the ___"
28. Comedy starring AQUARIUS Jack Lemmon: "___ Like It Hot"
31. Suffix denoting female
33. 2012 film starring AQUARIUS Justin Timberlake: "___ with the Curve"
34. Single for AQUARIUS Adam Lambert: "Never Close ___" (2 wds.)
36. Mil. rank
37. Type of enzyme
39. "The Dark Knight ___" stars AQUARIUS Christian Bale
40. "Star Trek" role for AQUARIUS DeForest Kelley
43. Uncle's wife
44. Dance position for AQUARIUS Anna Pavlova
45. Exclamation
46. DVD by AQUARIUS Jillian Michaels: "Kick___ Fastfix"
47. Record label
49. Actress Barbara ___ Geddes
51. Abbr. for Edward

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Book Reviews

by Kenneth Irving

***The Secret Language of Astrology*, by Roy Gillett. Watkins Publishing, London, watkinspublishing.co.uk. 176 pages, paper (large format), \$19.95.**

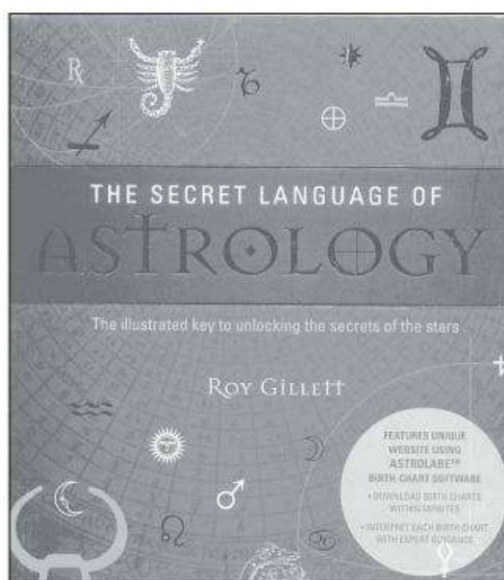
A first impression of this book, should you happen to come across it in a bookstore (remember those?), might be that it belongs to the genre known as “coffee table” books, something that is at least partially true. The book is nicely designed, replete with sometimes breathtaking graphics, and printed on heavy, glossy stock, so certainly it would make a handsome addition to one’s living-room decor just for that fact alone. But while it is certainly not a textbook or a technical work on astrology, it is in fact quite useful as an introduction to the subject.

This is because the author, Roy Gillett, happens to be a practicing astrologer with many years of experience spent studying astrology and practicing the craft of using it to counsel clients. He has also been involved in software development, is President of

the Astrological Association of Great Britain, and if anyone reading this in the U.S. has been to an international gathering such as the United Astrology Conference (UAC), you will have had a chance to see him lecture. So even if the text of the book is written at an introductory level, what it says is well-informed.

One interesting feature of the book is that it is paired with a web site — just type the name of the book into a Google search box, and you’ll find it. The site is as nicely designed as the book, and the two complement each other well. One problem with some books of this genre is how to make the information they contain useful to whoever reads it, and that means at the very

least that the reader needs a basic birth chart. In the pre-computer days that need would be addressed with pages and pages of tables in an appendix, and in the post-computer age I’ve often had to review books that had a disk stuck in them, for the do-it-yourselfers brave enough to cope



with the process of installing and running the software it contained. As often as not I myself couldn't install it, and when I could it didn't produce much useful information for the effort.

Now it is easy enough these days to get a chart online, and an accurate chart at that, so if you have a favorite site you use for that purpose you might do that if you plan to read this book, though you should still visit the site, which has extras beyond the chart. You'll find the process of setting up a chart for yourself at secretlanguageofastrology.com very easy. The chart itself is from Astrolabe, which advertises its software in our pages. What you end up with is a nice printout that includes the chart and a brief paragraph of interpretation for each planet in the sign it held at the time and place of your birth, and you can use that to understand better what the book says, not to mention understanding yourself better as well. It would have been nice if the aspects could have been marked on the chart, as though aspect lines are shown, the type of aspect isn't indicated. Minor "what ifs" like this, however, don't detract from the book's overall value and usefulness.

Though the book as a whole provides a very thorough rundown of the basics of astrology and how they come together in an actual birth chart, in its 18-page introduction it gives a knowledgeable, but all too brief, history of astrology, along with a defense of what astrology actually is and what it does. If you occasionally get skeptical feedback when you mention your interest in astrology to others you'll find this part of the book useful. The introduction also gives a brief survey of various

types of astrology you may come across in your studies, though the subject of this book is of course the standard astrology used in most Western countries. There is a nicely organized resource section in the back that will give you further reading and help you find ways of connecting with others who share your interest.

The Secret Language of Astrology is both entertaining and educational. Though it is a feast for the eyes and fun to thumb through, it is not just another pretty coffee-table book. It provides a helpful learning experience, giving readers insight into both astrology and themselves.

Quick Reviews

***Minor Aspects Between Natal Planets*, by Emma Belle Donath. AFA, astrologers.com. 108 pages, paper, \$18.95.**

This is a reissue of a book written in 1981 based on articles that appeared mostly in a now defunct journal, *Stellium Quarterly*, and its author died at an unfortunately early age in 1992. Even though the title and the cover blurb indicate that it is about minor aspects such as the vigintile, novile, and quindecile, it actually gives interpretations for all possible combinations of the Sun, Moon, and planets for 28 different aspects, including the major aspects such as conjunctions, trines, etc. It also lays out a system for building one's own interpretations and provides suggested keywords for waxing and waning aspects. Quite an interesting book, and worth study.

Archetypes of Astrology, by Ena Stanley. ACS Publications, (astro-com.com), 168 pages, paper, \$15.95.

This book could well be titled something like “an introduction to modern Western astrological thinking,” as it is very much steeped in the combination of psychology and mythology that has ruled astrology perhaps since the late 1960s. Even though many new and competing intellectual currents have poured like a

flood into astrology in the last couple of decades, the psychological-astrological viewpoint remains as vibrant as ever. Though there are other places someone wanting a window into the astrological mind might start, this one has much to recommend it. One thing it will do for most readers, but especially those who are just getting a start with astrology, is to help them get past the clutter of keywords that boggle the beginner’s mind. ☆

This Month’s Crossword Puzzle Solution

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Your Personal Day Key

February, 2013

A clue to the individual significance of current dates based on the Moon's relationship to your Sun sign and decanate of birth. Harmonious days are for positive action, personal days are helpful for personal matters, and challenging days should be reserved for attending to routine tasks.

Born	Harmonious	Personal	Challenging
Mar. 21-Mar. 30	4, 8, 15, 18, 23	12, 13	6, 20, 27
Mar. 31-Apr. 9	5, 9, 16, 18, 23	13	1, 7, 21, 28
Apr. 10-Apr. 20	6, 10, 17, 19, 24	14	1, 8, 22
Apr. 21-Apr. 30	6, 10, 18, 20, 25	14, 15	2, 8, 23
May 1-May 10	7, 11, 18, 21, 26	15, 16	3, 9, 23
May 11-May 20	8, 12, 19, 22, 26	16, 17	3, 10, 24
May 21-May 31	8, 13, 20, 23, 27	17, 18	4, 10, 25
June 1-June 10	1, 9, 13, 21, 23, 28	18	5, 11, 26
June 11-June 20	1, 10, 14, 22, 24	19	6, 12, 26
June 21-July 1	2, 10, 15, 23, 25	19, 20	6, 13, 27
July 2-July 12	3, 11, 16, 23, 26	20, 21	1, 7, 13, 28
July 13-July 22	3, 12, 17, 24, 26	21, 22	1, 8, 14
July 23-Aug. 1	4, 13, 18, 25, 27	22, 23	2, 8, 15
Aug. 2-Aug. 12	1, 5, 13, 18, 26, 28	23	3, 9, 16
Aug. 13-Aug. 22	1, 6, 14, 19, 26	24	3, 10, 17
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Sept. 3-Sept. 13	1, 3, 7, 16, 21, 28	25, 26	5, 11, 18
Sept. 14-Sept. 22	1, 3, 8, 17, 22	26	6, 12, 19
Sept. 23-Oct. 3	2, 4, 8, 18, 23	27	6, 13, 20
Oct. 4-Oct. 13	3, 5, 9, 18, 23	1, 27, 28	7, 13, 21
Oct. 14-Oct. 22	3, 6, 10, 19, 24	1, 28	8, 14, 22
Oct. 23-Nov. 2	4, 6, 10, 20, 25	2	8, 15, 23
Nov. 3-Nov. 12	5, 7, 11, 21, 26	2, 3	9, 16, 23
Nov. 13-Nov. 21	6, 8, 12, 22, 26	3	10, 17, 24
Nov. 22-Dec. 2	6, 8, 13, 23, 27	4	10, 18, 25
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Dec. 22-Dec. 31	2, 8, 10, 15, 25	6	13, 20, 27
Jan. 1-Jan. 10	3, 9, 11, 16, 26	7	1, 13, 21, 28
Jan. 11-Jan. 19	3, 10, 12, 17, 26	7, 8	1, 14, 22
Jan. 20-Jan. 29	4, 10, 13, 18, 27	8	2, 15, 23
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Feb. 9-Feb. 18	1, 6, 12, 14, 19	9, 10	3, 17, 24
Feb. 19-Feb. 29	2, 6, 13, 15, 20	10	4, 18, 25
Mar. 1-Mar. 10	3, 7, 13, 16, 21	11	5, 18, 26
Mar. 11-Mar. 20	3, 8, 14, 17, 22	11, 12	6, 19, 26



BY THE NUMBERS

Your kabalistic message for February

Use the meanings of the numbers in combination with planetary energies to make the most of your life. Work to take advantage of the positive vibrations and to neutralize the less positive ones.

To reduce a number to its most basic essence, add all its digits together until only one digit remains. For example, if you were born on the 23rd of any month, you add 2 plus 3 and learn that your own vibration is a 5. People born on the 5th and 14th are also fives because 5 is of course itself, and 1 plus 4 also equals 5. To calculate these numbers for each month, we first determine the year's vibration, then the month's.

According to the principles of numerology, the year 2013 reduces to the number 6 ($2 + 0 + 1 + 3 = 6$). Six is a number that has to do with sharing, listening to others, reflecting, and ultimately heading towards, or implementing, change. This is the year to think carefully about the events that have occurred in your life, your present situation, and how you want to see the future unfold. Your life may be completely satisfying, which is a signal to continue in the same direction. If, however, you are dissatisfied with your present situation, then reflect on what you have done, where you want to go, and, most important, what you can do to make it happen. Change will occur slowly but surely.

Determining the numbers for each month is very straightforward. January is 1, February is 2, and so on. November is 11, reduced to 2; and December is 12, reduced to 3. We add the number for the current year to the number for this month plus your own birth day number (1st, 2nd, 3rd...31st)

to calculate your vibration for the month. It's a good way to give you an idea of what to expect in the next four weeks.

FOR THOSE BORN ON THE 1st, 10th, 19th, and 28th of any month

Neptune-9 vibrations will bring your generosity to the forefront this month, so make a list of all the activities you are best suited for that would benefit others. Find an organization that will benefit from your skills. Perhaps you'll decide to volunteer your time at a hospital, animal shelter, or home for senior citizens. Whatever it is that you finally decide upon, be proud of the fact that you have made altruism part of your daily lifestyle.

FOR THOSE BORN ON THE 2nd, 11th, 20th, and 29th of any month

Sun-1 vibrations will make you feel like the world is your oyster, and you can accomplish anything you wish. Cultivate that feeling, so that it allows you to build a foundation for the months to come, rather than have it falter if for some reason one of your projects does not succeed in the way you want it to. Just go back to the drawing board, and begin again with revisions and improvements. You can achieve whatever you put your mind to.

FOR THOSE BORN ON THE 3rd, 12th, 21st, and 30th of any month

Moon-2 vibrations come with the realization that Valentine's Day is not just meant for romantic couples, but applies to families whose love gets them through thick and thin. Take the time to celebrate with your family, and arrange for a special

outing so that you can all get together and have fun. Arrange a gathering that includes those you see all the time, as well as those you see less often. Just be sure to remind family members to set aside the day, so that there will be no excuses.

**FOR THOSE BORN ON THE 4th,
13th, 22nd, and 31st of any month**

Jupiter-3 vibrations always mark a time when opportunities seem to appear without you even pursuing them. The key is not merely finding the opportunities, however, but taking advantage of them and making them work for you. You may want to look over your resume, and spruce it up with your latest accomplishments as well as your volunteer efforts. Do your research about each position that may come your way, and you will be ready to make the best impression possible.

**FOR THOSE BORN ON THE 5th,
14th, and 23rd of any month**

Saturn-4 vibrations may force you to work overtime this month, even though you may have family responsibilities and community meetings that are on the schedule as well. The good news is that you will be able to multitask in a way that allows you to divide your time among all your activities. The key is careful planning, and making the most of your time. On Valentine's Day, reward your efforts by celebrating with the one you love, and making your time together extra special.

**FOR THOSE BORN ON THE 6th,
15th, and 24th of any month**

Mercury-5 vibrations will arouse your desire to learn as much as you can about a multitude of subjects, that you may not have had time for up until now. You have so many interests, but you may finally learn how to prioritize your time better, so that you can actually delve into areas that require concentration. Set aside time to look around for courses either online or at

a nearby school. You may get a Valentine's Day surprise that will aid in your studies.

**FOR THOSE BORN ON THE 7th,
16th, and 25th of any month**

Venus-6 vibrations will be prominent as Valentine's Day takes center stage, and everyone around you seems to be in the mood for love and romance. You may want to look and feel especially attractive, so why not get a new hairdo, or add simple but smart accessories to your wardrobe. Plan an intimate evening with the one you love at your favorite restaurant. If you are not attached, get together with long-time friends with whom you have shared many experiences.

**FOR THOSE BORN ON THE 8th,
17th, and 26th of any month**

Uranus-7 vibrations always bring something special into your life when you least expect it, so be prepared for a Valentine's Day surprise that turns out to be wonderful, but something completely different from what you might expect. During the rest of the month, you may decide to do something spontaneous like participating in a sport that you would never have thought that you were capable of doing. You may actually enjoy the physical challenges, and you might even have more talents and skills than you imagine.

**FOR THOSE BORN ON THE 9th,
18th, and 27th of any month**

Mars-8 vibrations will encourage you to take part in a competition that you never thought you would qualify for. It could be an art or photography contest, or even training for a marathon. In any event, this is the time to challenge yourself, and take a leap of faith that you can be adept at something you once had only a fleeting interest in. All it requires is dedication on your part, and putting aside the time to practice and train for whatever it is that you want to do. ☆

YOUR FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY HOROSCOPE

February 2013

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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24	25	26	27	28		

by Pat Strickland

This feature gives common traits and talents for people born on a specific day of the month, along with a message for the next 12 months and a celebrity born on that day

1 *Ambitious, original, one-of-a-kind.* You are entering a new phase of life. Be ready to make a change. Your best times for love are February, May, and July. Arrange your home to suit your personality. Ruling planet: Sun. Gem: Diamond. (Clark Gable, actor)

2 *Perceptive, fair, wise.* A new challenge will test your stamina, but it could lead to a great opportunity. Don't allow lazy people to drain you. Be open to new ideas and experiences. Ruling planet: Moon. Gem: Pearl. (Farrah Fawcett, actress)

3 *Inventive, dynamic, magnanimous.* You become bored easily. You need companions who stimulate your intellect. Explore new places, concepts,

activities. Bring more stability to your home life. Ruling planet: Uranus. Gem: Lapis. (Blythe Danner, actress)

4 *Dazzling, enigmatic, unconventional.* Some people view you as a role model. Keep this in mind if you are tempted to do anything dishonest. Avoid risky investments. Be cautious in matters of love. Ruling planet: Mars. Gem: Ruby. (Clint Black, singer)

5 *Expressive, attractive, articulate.* Your creativity is at a high point, so earn money through your talents. A child, pet, or loved one may be especially important in your life now. Protect your lungs. Ruling planet: Mercury. Gem: Emerald. (Ken Follett, author)

6 *Loving, wise, philosophical.* You have leadership abilities. Use them where they can bring the greatest benefits. Be grateful for your blessings instead of craving material things. Ruling planet: Venus. Gem: Sapphire. (Ronald Reagan, U.S. President)

7 *Fair, humanitarian, imaginative.* Increased self-confidence enables you to take more control over your life. You can achieve great things if you are organized in your approach. Avoid power plays. Ruling planet: Pluto. Gem: Tanzanite. (Charles Dickens, writer)

8 *Eager, searching, driven.* You tend to be attracted to danger, which can get you into trouble. You need to be cautious in romance and financial matters. Nurture old friendships. Ruling planet: Saturn. Gem: Onyx. (James Dean, actor)

9 *Kind, powerful, energetic.* You are a pioneer at heart, and can succeed if you stay focused. Don't take on other people's debts. Protect your privacy. Follow your instincts in love and family matters. Ruling planet: Mars. Gem: Carnelian. (Alice Walker, author)

10 *Bold, admired, creative.* You can achieve great things if you pursue specific goals. Sometimes you send out mixed signals that confuse your associates. Learn to be a better communicator. Ruling planet: Sun. Gem: Diamond. (Robert Wagner, actor)

11 *Mysterious, sensitive, intelligent.* The spotlight is on your career, status, income, and creativity. Put your talents to work where they can do some good. Risky romance can bring sorrows. Ruling planet: Pluto. Gem: Tourmaline. (Thomas Edison, inventor)

12 *Purposeful, focused, ambitious.* Your versatility pays off this year, so gain distinction by doing what you do best. Avoid negative thinking and addictive substances. Follow your instincts. Ruling planet: Neptune. Gem: Peridot. (Judy Blume, author)

13 *Daring, unpredictable, changeable.* While dealing with important issues and difficult people, you learn how to be a better communicator. Expand your mind through travel, reading, and conversation. Ruling planet: Uranus. Gem: Lapis. (Jerry Springer, TV show host)

14 *Witty, intelligent, personable.* Your sense of humor makes you an amusing companion. Never settle for second best in a partnership. If you marry, choose someone loyal and kind. Ruling planet: Mercury. Gem: Emerald. (Jack Benny, comedian)

15 *Fun-loving, expressive.* A new friend or interest keeps you busy. You can find fulfillment in pleasant relationships and work you enjoy. Build a network of supportive friends. Ruling planet: Jupiter. Gem: Amethyst. (Galileo Galilei, astronomer)

16 *Capable, dreamy, spiritual.* Get serious about your future! Choose activities and associates that enhance your self-esteem. You make headway through positive thinking and persistence. Ruling planet: Neptune. Gem: Aquamarine. (LeVar Burton, actor)

17 *Sturdy, ambitious, determined.* You can become a respected person in your profession or group. Loyalty may become an issue at home or on a job. Don't expect perfection from yourself or others. Ruling planet: Saturn. Gem: Onyx. (Michael Jordan, athlete)

18 *Quirky, memorable, unique.* Get your priorities in order. Speed and carelessness can cause accidents. Protect your private time and any relationships you value. Don't neglect people who have helped you. Ruling planet: Mars. Gem: Ruby. (John Travolta, actor)

19 *Radiant, inspiring, independent.* Relationships are not always easy for you, especially those based upon love or sex. You can simplify your life by merely simplifying your needs. Ruling planet: Sun. Gem: Diamond. (Lee Marvin, actor)

20 *Moody, intuitive, sensitive.* Focus on the pursuit of one or two specific goals. Avoid accepting new obligations. Take it easy at the time of each Full Moon. Make your home a haven of peace. Ruling planet: Moon. Gem: Pearl. (Rihanna, singer)

21 *Free-spirited, unpredictable, daring.* Your views on life are slowly changing. New experiences and your growing self-confidence help you to make an important decision. Choose wisely. Ruling planet: Jupiter. Gem: Amethyst. (Kelsey Grammer, actor)

22 *Dynamic, generous, unconventional.* If you are thinking about making a long-distance move, be sure you know what you're getting into. Bring more stability into your personal life. Ruling planet: Uranus. Gem: Aventurine. (Drew Barrymore, actress)

23 *Articulate, expressive, searching.* You have talent and a great capacity for love. Become the best you can be. Stay away from people who have been abusive or disloyal. They will make you unhappy. Ruling planet: Mercury. Gem: Emerald. (Peter Fonda, actor)

24 *Loving, sentimental, yearning for love.* Relationships are always important to you, but even more so now. If an alliance ends, then it has served its purpose. Move forward and stay optimistic. Ruling planet: Venus. Gem: Sapphire. (James Farentino, actor)

25 *Intense, spiritual, deep.* Getting along well with people is important now. Treat all with respect, but don't be a doormat! Banish self-doubt and negative thinking. Protect your feet and ankles. Ruling planet: Neptune. Gem: Peridot. (George Harrison, musician)

26 *Mesmerizing, powerful, generous.* Your personal magnetism and intellect can take you far in life. Aim high when setting goals. Grab any opportunity to improve yourself or your life. Ruling planet: Saturn. Gem: Rainbow obsidian. (Johnny Cash, singer)

27 *Vibrant, alluring, active.* You are ready to try something different. Explore new places and possibilities. Create your own opportunities. Don't neglect your spiritual needs. Protect your head. Ruling planet: Mars. Gem: Ruby. (Henry Longfellow, poet)

28 *Appealing, articulate, amusing.* You can be rather fussy at times. Don't be a nag. You are ascending the ladder of success. Get your career and home life in order. Aim for balance in these sectors. Ruling planet: Sun. Gem: Diamond. (John Turturro, actor)

29 *Authentic, kind, good with children.* You are being groomed for leadership. Spend time with wise people who know more than you about life. Protect any alliances you value. Ruling planet: Moon. Gem: Moonstone. (Jimmy Dorsey, bandleader) ☆

YOUR ACTION GUIDE

A special perspective on selected daily aspects throughout the current month. An “f” before an aspect indicates it tends to be favorable. An “a” indicates the aspect tends to be adverse. When no letter appears, the aspect tends to be neutral. All times are EST.

Friday, February 1

f 8:02 p.m. *Moon trine Mercury*. You can be persuasive when discussing relationships.

8:53 p.m. *Mars enters Pisces*. This transit is good for going on a retreat, doing research, or other quiet activities.

9:46 p.m. *Venus enters Aquarius*. During this four-week transit, you can enjoy relaxing with your friends.
F 11:17 p.m. *Venus semisextile Mars*. You may feel very affectionate toward someone close.

Saturday, February 2

7:01 a.m. *Moon enters Scorpio*. Things can get intense. Strong feelings or hidden motives can affect behavior. Protect your privacy.

f 10:45 a.m. *Moon trine Neptune*. If you have work to do that can benefit from imaginative thinking, do it now.

3:44 p.m. *Moon parallel Mercury*. People may be sensitive to criticism if they identify with their ideas.

SUNDAY, February 3

a 8:56 a.m. *Sun square Moon*. You may have trouble getting along with the opposite sex.

f 3:20 p.m. *Venus semisextile Neptune*. Let your talents shine.

Monday, February 4

10:45 a.m. *Moon enters Sagittarius*. Today and Tuesday, learn more about the world and other cultures.

a 9:32 p.m. *Moon opposite Jupiter*. Avoid taking on any new obligations. Don't overdo anything.

Tuesday, February 5

9:57 a.m. *Mercury enters Pisces*. Get in touch with the spiritual part of your nature.

f 3:42 p.m. *Sun sextile Moon*. Spend some time alone doing quiet things.

11:38 p.m. *Venus parallel Pluto*. Don't try to force a loved one to make a commitment.

Wednesday, February 6

12:54 p.m. *Moon enters Capricorn*. Take care of business. Be professional.

f 2:07 p.m. *Venus sextile Uranus*. Be on the lookout for an unexpected opportunity.

6:00 p.m. *Mercury conjunct Neptune*. Don't make any life-changing decisions. You may lack vital information.

f 7:21 p.m. *Moon sextile Mars*. You have the energy to do small personal tasks.

a 10:36 p.m. *Moon square Uranus*. Erratic behavior can cause problems.

Thursday, February 7

f 7:43 a.m. *Moon sextile Saturn*. You can comfortably interact with elders, parents, bosses, and mentors.

f 8:57 p.m. *Sun semisextile Moon*. Do a favor for a parent or an older friend.

Friday, February 8

12:56 p.m. *Mercury conjunct Mars*.

You can quickly make decisions about your private life.

2:16 p.m. *Moon enters Aquarius*. Pursue goals. Review priorities. Spend time with your friends or groups.

f 8:29 p.m. *Sun parallel Moon*. Body and soul are in a sweet attunement. Enjoy!

f 11:14 p.m. *Mercury semisextile Uranus*. You may have a bright idea or a flash of insight.

Saturday, February 9

a 9:12 a.m. *Moon square Saturn*. You may receive a chilly response from someone who thinks he knows more than you.

f 10:49 a.m. *Mars semisextile Uranus*. Do something you wouldn't usually do.

5:16 p.m. *Moon parallel Neptune*. Some people are more sensitive than usual.

SUNDAY, February 10

f 2:20 a.m. *Sun conjunct Moon (New Moon)*. It's Chinese New Year, a good day to begin a new enterprise.

4:19 p.m. *Moon enters Pisces*. The next few days are good for quiet spiritual activities.

8:28 p.m. *Moon conjunct Neptune*. Rest. Listen to soothing music or read an inspirational article.

Monday, February 11

f 12:03 p.m. *Moon trine Saturn*. Take an honest look at your recent actions and achievements. Give yourself credit for even the smallest of victories.

f 1:04 p.m. *Moon semisextile Venus*. Treat your body to a massage, back rub, pedicure, or herbal bath.

Tuesday, February 12

f 2:15 p.m. *Mercury trine Saturn*. You can make good, practical plans and decisions.

8:51 p.m. *Moon enters Aries*. Energy, activity, beginnings, and

impatience are associated with this Moon sign.

Wednesday, February 13

f 9:00 a.m. *Moon sextile Jupiter*. Life is good! Take a positive approach to people, events, and activities.

a 4:34 p.m. *Moon square Pluto*. Go with the flow of events. Don't force issues or become involved in others' conflicts.

f 9:12 p.m. *Moon semisextile Mercury*. Private chats can be informative.

Thursday, February 14

f 12:51 a.m. *Moon sextile Venus*. For some, this time brings an opportunity for romance.

f 10:35 p.m. *Sun sextile Moon*. Plan your schedule of activities for the weekend.

Friday, February 15

5:08 a.m. *Moon enters Taurus*. See to your financial affairs and material needs this weekend.

f 1:17 p.m. *Mars sextile Pluto*. You have the strength to tackle almost any problem.

Saturday, February 16

f 11:14 a.m. *Mars trine Saturn*. Spend some time relaxing with old friends.

f 1:20 p.m. *Moon sextile Mercury*. Talking about the good old days can be interesting.

SUNDAY, February 17

a 3:30 p.m. *Sun square Moon*. This is a poor time for mixed meetings. You may have problems with the opposite sex.

4:50 p.m. *Moon enters Gemini*. Ideas, mental work, and communication are emphasized. Read. Gather facts.

a 10:19 p.m. *Moon square Neptune*. Don't automatically believe everything you hear or read.

Monday, February 18

7:01 a.m. *Sun enters Pisces*. For the

next four weeks, work on the area of your life associated with Pisces.

12:02 p.m. *Saturn turns retrograde in Scorpio.* Not a good time to start a new business. Use methods that have worked well for you in the past.
a 8:02 p.m. *Moon square Mars.* Take your time, whatever the activity.

Tuesday, February 19

f 1:47 p.m. *Moon trine Venus.* You can enjoy relaxing with a caring friend.

Wednesday, February 20

5:44 a.m. *Moon enters Cancer.* Home and personal life are emphasized. Some people are more emotional than usual.

f 10:04 a.m. *Sun trine Moon.* Do some pleasant activity at home or with your family.

a 6:52 p.m. *Moon square Uranus.* You may find obstacles where least expected.

Thursday, February 21

f 12:47 p.m. *Moon trine Mars.* You may be expecting something exciting to happen. Enjoy the rush!

f 9:08 p.m. *Moon trine Mercury.* This is a good time to discuss family affairs with an appropriate person.

Friday, February 22

a 8:39 a.m. *Moon quincunx Venus.* You may want something, or someone that can only be had for a high price.

5:11 p.m. *Moon enters Leo.* Have fun this weekend! Do the things you enjoy. Give a party. Relax with your children.

Saturday, February 23

a 4:41 a.m. *Mercury turns retrograde in Pisces.* Errors and misunderstandings can occur. Examine all documents.

a 2:19 p.m. *Moon quincunx Pluto.* If you have to change plans because someone else has a special need, be gracious.

SUNDAY, February 24

a 11:50 p.m. *Moon opposite Venus.* A poor night for romance and social events. Children or loved ones may be cranky.

Monday, February 25

1:52 a.m. *Moon enters Virgo.* See to routine obligations and health needs. Meet your deadlines.

a 3:34 p.m. *Sun opposite Moon (Full Moon.)* Respect the opinions of others, as you may learn something new.

9:02 p.m. *Venus enters Pisces. Venus enters Pisces.* This transit boosts the imagination, compassion, and psychic abilities.

f 10:05 p.m. *Moon trine Pluto.* You may have a pleasant interlude alone or with someone special.

Tuesday, February 26

a 12:22 p.m. *Moon opposite Mercury.* Decisions made now are likely to be based on emotions, not logic or reason. Don't make any life-altering moves or decisions.

a 1:12 p.m. *Moon opposite Mars.* Take your time, whatever you do. Impatience can lead to accidents, injuries, misunderstanding.

Wednesday, February 27

8:01 a.m. *Moon enters Libra.* Today and tomorrow do pleasant activities with your partner or favorite companion.

a 8:11 p.m. *Moon opposite Uranus.* Be sensitive to the feelings of the people close to you. Unexpected alienation can occur.

f 9:35 p.m. *Moon trine Jupiter.* A confusing day ends on a positive note.

Thursday, February 28

8:36 a.m. *Venus conjunct Neptune.* Sentiment rules your emotions now.

a 2:57 p.m. *Moon quincunx Mercury.* Don't make any life-changing decisions today. ☆



LOVE, MONEY, HEALTH FORECAST

by Kenneth Johnson

Moving planets in the sky this February present new and ever-changing patterns representing dynamics, frustrations, opportunities and inspiration for us. This column describes your Sun sign in the light of these changes to provide insights to cope comfortably with the changing scene.

ARIES

★**LOVE:** *First Week.* It's the old familiar "friends or lovers?" theme setting the tone for February, though perhaps a bit more intensely than usual. *Second Week.* And on that same note, this week's New Moon may hold more than a few surprises. *Third Week.* You may seem to be quite magnetic these days, so make the best of it and enjoy. *Fourth Week.* This month's Full Moon may bring to light certain aspects of your romantic outlook that you'd rather not face, but go ahead and face them anyway. It's to your advantage to bring everything out into the open.

★**MONEY:** Even though the planets

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aren't romping through your houses of personal finances and career this month, that's no good reason to just sit on a log. The over-all planetary picture supports the long-term rather than the short, so start making plans for your financial future. Even though Aries may be more famous for starting than for finishing, powerful Pluto is likely to ensure that you will hang in there till the end.

★**HEALTH:** It's clear sailing this month, without any bothersome beasties to pester your house of health. It may be a bit early for spring cleaning, but the energy is there and it ought to be used. The Full Moon near the end of the month is especially likely to fill you with a sense of power and potential when it comes to staying healthy, so be open to new possibilities in terms of exercise, diet, and other health-oriented routines.

TAURUS

★**LOVE:** *First Week.* With Saturn securely parked in your house of romance for some time to come, you will need to mind your p's and q's and act

with integrity at all times. *Second Week.* This week's New Moon places the focus squarely in the workplace. Is there someone you'd like to get to know a little better? *Third Week.* A quiet week leaves you some space to breathe, so be sure to breathe deeply. *Fourth Week.* The Full Moon of the 25th may galvanize you into energy and make you shine in social situations. Considering how reticent Taureans can sometimes be, this is probably a good thing.

★**MONEY:** This could be a banner month for you in terms of both career activity and personal finance, and a banner month for money is always music to Taurean ears, right? Jupiter has turned around in your house of cash and is starting to gather speed; you might as well join him and dance to the same tune. Investments are favored now, and this is an excellent time to let yourself be noticed at work as well, especially during the first half of the month.

★**HEALTH:** While this may not be the most exciting recreational month you've ever experienced in the course of a lifetime, it isn't likely to be the worst, either. An ounce of prevention really is worth a pound of cure, and that sort of frugality sits well with a Taurean temperament, so simply exercise ordinary caution and all should be well when it comes to health.

GEMINI

★**LOVE:** *First Week.* February begins quietly; you may find books and ideas to be more exciting than relationships. *Second Week.* Attractions call from far away; foreign people and foreign places may tantalize your romantic imagination now. *Third Week.* Your taste for the

exotic grows stronger as Venus sounds her siren song in favor of the distant and the dreamy. *Fourth Week.* In the end, however, you will probably cancel that expedition to the Amazon in favor of staying home, which is precisely where this week's Full Moon keeps your romantic instincts centered.

★**MONEY:** Your outlook this month is likely to be "full speed ahead" — and, for the most part, with good reason, as Jupiter seems to be spinning webs of good luck and good fortune all around you. Yet there is a limit to luck and a need for caution, primarily in the workplace rather than in your personal investments. Make sure that your ideas are sound and practical before you broach them to others — pipe dreams and illusions are distinctly unhelpful now.

★**HEALTH:** Last month's dance between Jupiter and Saturn continues into February. Yes, you're still under a bright protective glow — it may be snowing on everyone else, but the Sun is shining over your head. Don't risk losing the gift of good health by doing anything foolish, especially in the cold days of February, when coughs, chills, and sneezes can sneak up on you without fair warning.

CANCER

★**LOVE:** *First Week.* Consider focusing your attention on matters other than romance this month. Venus isn't doing you any favors right now. *Second Week.* Last week's advice goes double or better for this second week in February. If you play with fire, you are likely to get burned. And no, we're not talking about your kitchen stove. *Third Week.* Since

you have a little time on your hands, try making a list of all the things you do right in a relationship, and all the things you do wrong. *Fourth Week*. Okay, you can finally emerge from your Cancerian shell and generate some new activity. Your best bet is to gravitate toward anything that stimulates your mind.

★**MONEY:** You may feel like the king or queen of the world this month — or at least like the new financial genius on the block. While your ideas may be truly inspirational, they also need to be tested in the hard school of practicality. Take the time to communicate with others and get a second opinion on your schemes and visions. Oh, and by the way, make sure you choose people whose Sun isn't in Cancer — they may be seeing the same Uranian visions that you are.

★**HEALTH:** Though your basic instinct may be to stay at home like any good Cancer, this could be an active and energetic month for you if you give it the opportunity. Since there are no dark clouds in your houses of health — and since any clouds you see will probably have silver linings — you may as well get with the program and start having fun.

LEO

★**LOVE:** *First Week*. Venus is your best friend right now. Those “in search of” will find plenty of possibilities to spark their interest. Those in a long-term partnership may benefit by rekindling the fires of romance. *Second Week*. A New Moon in your house of love makes it unlikely that this will be a stay-at-home week. Romance beckons. Go ahead and follow. *Third Week*.

Charm and magic just won't leave you alone—but then again, why would you want them to? *Fourth Week*. Exercise some of that famous Leo generosity and splurge wildly (but not too wildly) on the one you love.

★**MONEY:** While Leos may be inclined to believe that they can always do things better on their own, this is a month to draw upon the wisdom and advice of friends when it comes to financial matters. Lend an ear and ponder; it will do you quite a lot of good. The Full Moon on the 25th of the month may inspire you to believe that your ship has finally come in — and you just might be right.

★**HEALTH:** Watch yourself and be alert; while there is nothing particularly threatening, there is a need for caution in health matters. You may feel highly energized this month as the Sun and Venus cast their gaze upon your Sun sign. Be sure to pay attention to the health and well-being of loved ones and other people who are part of your life; some may need your support.

VIRGO

★**LOVE:** *First Week*. This may not be the most romantically inspiring time for you, but that's okay — all things must pass. Catch up on those movies you've been wanting to rent. *Second Week*. The same holds true for this week. Your concerns are likely to be more oriented toward self than others. *Third Week*. You can wake up from your nap now. The energy is about to change. *Fourth Week*. The Moon shines full in Virgo this week and lights up your love life. You've had your restorative moments in your private hideaway.

Now let the world know you have arrived.

★**MONEY:** After a relatively quiet period, it may feel as if someone has turned on the energy switch this month. And someone has — fortunately for you, it's Jupiter, the planet of abundance and good fortune. Work hard — just like a Virgo. If you pay attention to financial issues this month, you are likely to make a great deal of progress.

★**HEALTH:** With both Venus and the Sun ensconced in your house of health this month, you are likely to feel that you are at your best right now. And you probably are. The only cautionary note is to enjoy all things in moderation. Don't overdo the good times. Virgos are likely to leave the party early in any case; this month might that might be a very good idea.

LIBRA

★**LOVE:** *First Week.* Excitement is what you crave, but excitement comes in two varieties — stimulating and challenging. Congratulations. This month leans toward the first type. *Second Week.* Since Venus is your ruling planet, be nice to her. This week, she's likely to enjoy a night out on the town. You might enjoy it too. *Third Week.* The month rolls along, and so do you. Cherish your romantic interludes; right now, they are likely to be just what you want. *Fourth Week.* Of course, everything must be enjoyed in moderation. This final week of February might be just as exciting as the earlier weeks — but the light of the Full Moon may also reveal some of the challenges and issues that need to be addressed in your romantic world.

★**MONEY:** As with last month, your financial picture should be built on the safe and the secure. If you simply must try something new and different, however, you may wish to think about foreign investments. If you do, you're likely to have some help from Jupiter, the planet of prosperity. Even so, it's not a good time to take many risks.

★**HEALTH:** Although February doesn't show any major health difficulties for you, it's possible that you may still be thinking there's something amiss. Hypochondria is a definite possibility now, thanks to dreamy Neptune's somewhat skewed vision of reality. By all means, don't neglect the basics and do check out potential problems with your health-care giver, but don't be surprised to find out that there's really nothing wrong.

SCORPIO

★**LOVE:** *First Week.* Stay warm in the winter by creating a romantic glow in your home. Break out the cookbooks and put another log in the fireplace. *Second Week.* Scorpio can be pretty deep; sometimes that's a lot of fun, and sometimes it isn't. This week, let your deepest thoughts illuminate your love life. Let your feelings shine. *Third Week.* The mellow mood continues, but soon it will be time to stop reflecting and begin acting. *Fourth Week.* Okay, you can leave the warmth and safety of your kitchen and your fireplace now. Possibilities beckon and the unattached may find new relationship opportunities hidden in seemingly ordinary places.

★**MONEY:** Some months are more exciting than others, and this February is likely to be less exciting than most. If

you simply attend to business, however, business should repay the favor and attend to you. Sometimes no news is good news, so just do your job, collect your pay, and enjoy. More active months lie ahead, but for now, you could try catching up with your nap schedule.

★**HEALTH:** Uranus is still in your house of health, so you might as well get used to those energy bursts that it brings. This is certainly the time to take up a new sport or other health-centered activity. But do be careful — they say there’s a daredevil streak in every Scorpio, and you may be inclined to test those stormy waters; Uranus can make you feel invulnerable, but don’t be fooled.

SAGITTARIUS

★**LOVE:** *First Week.* The planets are treating you right this month, so fear not. Forge ahead with the confidence that love won’t steer you in the wrong direction. *Second Week.* A New Moon equals new beginnings, and the Moon is new this week. Those in search of partnership are more likely to find it by seeking out those with whom you share similar ideas. *Third Week.* Does your partner or your date enjoy the same films, music, and books that you do? This is the week to explore all these avenues of communication. *Fourth Week.* Love and work may interfere with each other now. You may have to allow work to win. No worries — it’s just a temporary thing.

★**MONEY:** Think about partnership. No matter how much you may prefer to go it alone and make your own decisions, there are times when we can all benefit from the cooperation and advice

of others. This is one of those times. If you’re about to forge ahead into new territory, you may prefer to bring a friend along with you. At this particular time, two heads are definitely better than one.

★**HEALTH:** Good old Sagittarius — always Sunny and bright. February gives you no good reason to change your cheerfully Jupiterian outlook, as there are no difficulties afflicting your houses of health right now. The springtime is waiting underneath the frost, but you don’t need to wait along with it. Get outside and have some fun.

CAPRICORN

★**LOVE:** *First Week.* You may suddenly feel inspired to spend generously on someone you love, and that’s fine — up to a point. *Second Week.* As the New Moon edges Venus, your generous instincts get an even bigger boost. *Third Week.* Although your romantic mood may not be on the wane, other commitments may seize a great deal of your time this week. *Fourth Week.* Capricorns are supposed to be “the practical ones,” but this week’s Full Moon may charm you into dreams of distant lands and exotic romance.

★**MONEY:** This could be the month for you to shine at one of the things Capricorn does best — making money. The Sun and Venus moving through your house of finance may leave you absolutely giddy with possibilities, especially around the 10th of the month, when a New Moon in your money house urges the whole thing into action.

★**HEALTH:** With jolly Jupiter in your house of health, you shouldn’t have many worries in terms of your sense of

well-being. The problem is: You might not have much get-up-and-go, either. Jupiter can be satisfied with snacks and TV, but that doesn't mean that you have to follow his lead and become a couch potato. Thank him for the good health, then get busy.

AQUARIUS

★**LOVE:** *First Week.* Venus leaps into your Sun sign at the very beginning of the month, turning your thoughts to love and romance. *Second Week.* This week, those romantic notions may turn into passionate realities; the New Moon promises new possibilities for the single and a renewal of "good vibes" for those who aren't. *Third Week.* The feeling of charm and magic continues through this week as well. *Fourth Week.* Though the Full Moon may bring to light certain "reality checks" in your love life, don't let it spark you into disappointment or discontent; the overall picture is still a rosy one.

★**MONEY:** This is a positive financial month for Aquarians on several different fronts. Move forward and fear not. The force is with you (yes, really). With Mars in your personal money house, however, you may have a tendency to be a bit heavy-handed. It isn't really necessary to step on anyone else's toes in order to get what you want, however. That should be easy.

★**HEALTH:** With the Sun quite literally shining in your birth sign, you can expect to feel the need for plenty of action and activity. Go right ahead. This is the perfect time for you to focus some major attention on creating or maintaining healthful habits. If the weather refuses to cooperate, you might consid-

er getting your hands on one of those indoor gyms.

PISCES

★**LOVE:** *First Week.* Your romantic imagination may be way ahead of your practical priorities right now, so be sure to add a dollop of realism to your fantasies. *Second Week.* If your dreamy Piscean spirit hasn't yet awakened to the here and now, this week's New Moon should do the trick. Those who are on the lookout for love may be swimming in stormy waters; things are not always what they seem. *Third Week.* Have you recovered from last week's dose of reality? Let's hope so. The outlook is about to change. *Fourth Week.* And here it comes! The Moon shines full in your house of romance. You can set aside those sore feelings from the weeks before. This time the magic is likely to be for real.

★**MONEY:** This is the time for you to shape those financial dreams into solid realities. Any project which can be carried on at home is especially favored this February, so turn on your computer and let the ideas start to roll. Be sure to pause for a reality check every now and then, however, as Uranus and Neptune may both be encouraging you to reach a little farther than is purely practical.

★**HEALTH:** Wouldn't it be nice if you could escape the wintry skies and exchange them for something brighter? A quick getaway to warmer climes and a buoyant ocean cruise would be just perfect right now, if you could manage it. If not, at least make an effort to maintain your usual health routines, as they may very well prove their worth right now. ☆



Tomorrow's News

Headlines in the Making

February
2013

by Anthony Grady

If you take a look at the aspect sidebar you might get the idea that this is a month for hustling and bustling, but when everyone is hustling and bustling at the same time (and especially if they're doing so to make money or to acquire property) it's not too long before conflict develops. If there is anything helpful in the month's aspects at all, it comes not from the planets but from the lunar phase charts set for Washington, D.C. The message there is that whatever the outer planets do to affect us during the month ahead, they are not likely to shake up the country itself. This is because the outer planets are not all that prominent in those charts for Washington, though they do put in an appearance here and there.

The strongest pressure from the outers comes in the Last Quarter and New Moon charts. In the first, on the 3rd of February, Mars and Neptune can be seen hovering above the Ascendant but well into the 12th house. In the New Moon

chart, though, you can see Jupiter on the Descendant squared by Mars and Neptune, with Uranus in the picture by its close aspect to Jupiter, and thus to the Ascendant-Descendant. This seems to indicate a struggle between the U.S. and a serious adversary, and perhaps one seen as a threat to homeland security. In other words, as far as the nation's capital is concerned this set of aspects could show an effort to repel a threat from someone wanting "more land, more possessions, and more influence."

Just as a first impression, the closest fit to this type of scenario seems to be Iran, and indeed according to Nick Campion's *The Book of World Horoscopes*, the chart for the Islamic Republic of Iran (proclaimed on a radio broadcast by Ayatollah Khomeini on April 1, 1979, at 3:00 p.m. Tehran time — 10:30 a.m. GMT) has the Moon at 6°46' Gemini, square Saturn at 8° Virgo. Iran is of course not simply America's

Key Aspects for February 2013

A quick overview of the aspects and a general look at how they apply to the month ahead. All dates are based on EST/CDT.

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23	♀	retro.	♃
24	☉	♌	♆
25	☉	□	♃
	♀	enters	♃
26	♀	♌	♂
28	♀	♌	♆

That conjunction of Mars and Neptune on the 4th is part of an underlying “zip, bang, boom” from the beginning of the month through the 15th as Mars touches off first Neptune and then the Uranus-Jupiter sextile. But just as quickly as this set of contacts begins to break up, Mars begins to activate the Saturn-Pluto sextile, the effect of which lasts until around the 21st. So despite all the noise we can see in the column on the left, the big deal, as always, lies with the outer planets. Mercury and Venus of course follow a path similar to that of Mars, but not with the same force and energy.

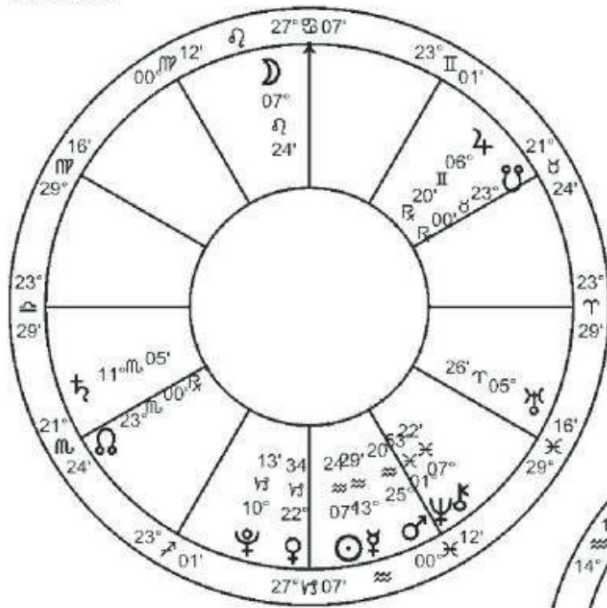
Mars with Jupiter-Uranus tends to make people want more—more land, more possessions, and more influence. Mars with Saturn and Pluto as a follow-up to that can make the need for all of those things more urgent, turning a seemingly successful venture into a less successful one. At best, someone spurred on by the first combination can end up working desperately toward those goals when the second combination kicks in. At worst, things gained with the first combination can be lost with the second.

adversary, but also the world’s adversary in respect to its nuclear program, so it seems likely that some overt action on the part of Iran, the U.S., or perhaps Israel could take place under this New Moon.

In fact, the two Mars patterns mentioned in the aspect sidebar work together in this respect, as the Jupiter-Uranus

contacts indicate bold action followed by the destructive effect of Mars, Saturn, and Pluto acting together. One thing that is always uncertain when we see patterns such as this is that we can’t always be sure who is doing what to whom, and if we include a look at the planets on the most-used birth date for the U.S. (July 4, 1776) the most obvious connection to all

**Tropical
Placidus**



Last Quarter ➤
February 3, 2013, 8:56 a.m. EST
Washington, DC

➤ **Full Moon**
January 26, 2013, 11:38 p.m. EST
Washington, DC



of the above is a single planet, Uranus, which is in the tenth degree of Gemini. Is that enough to bring these two countries into conflict? We will have to keep a close watch on this, but one would think we'd know the answer at least by the time of the Full Moon on February 25.

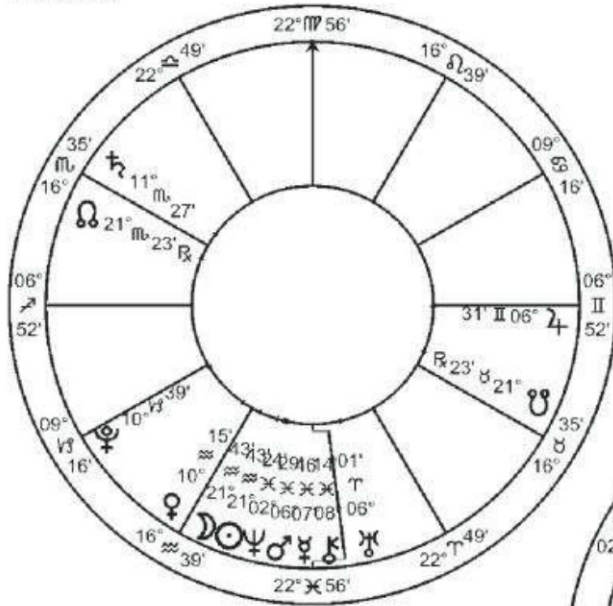
And then of course by the end of the month when that Full Moon happens, Mercury will have gone into its retrograde period, so anyone expecting to settle differences between one nation and another by using either force or the threat of force will have an extra unpredictable factor to deal with. Problems could include not only the traditional difficulties with communication but also mechanical breakdowns that affect the outcome. So while on the one hand the planets seem set to encourage either

military or sharp diplomatic action, what is given with one hand is taken with another.

Since the Mercury retrograde occurs five days after Saturn goes retrograde and just two days after Sun conjoins Neptune, the typical Mercury issues are likely to be more obvious than usual right around the retrograde itself. This gives an extra caution to anyone (or any country) feeling the need to be grabby or to rattle sabers. Being overly assertive, or even aggressive may work of course, but it could just as easily backfire quite severely.

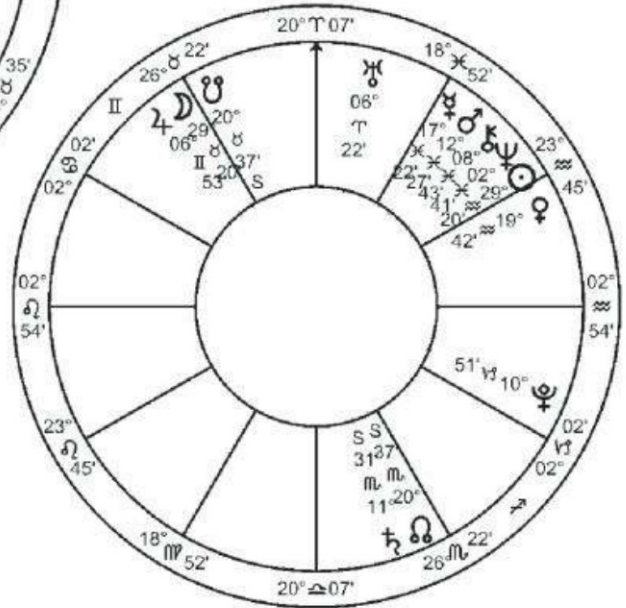
The above also applies to the average person as well. Leaving aside the obvious jitters that would accompany some kind of conflict at the national level, in our everyday dealings with the people

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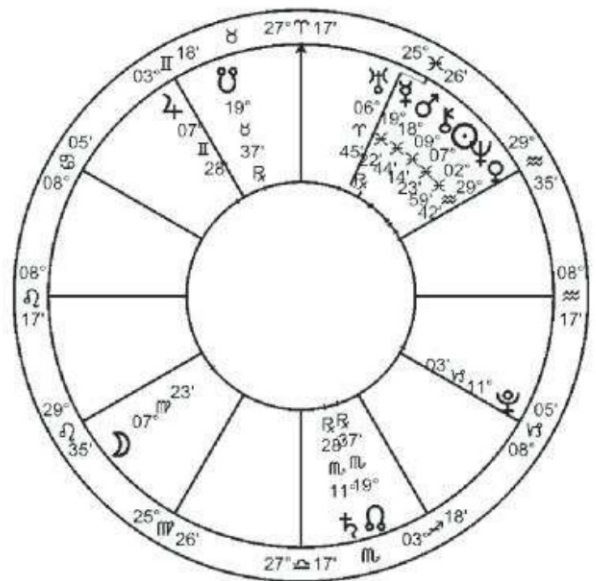
New Moon
February 10, 2013, 2:20 a.m. EST
Washington, DC

First Quarter ➤
February 17, 2013, 3:30 p.m. EST
Washington, DC



around us we might find ourselves tempted to take simple disagreements to the next level. On the other hand, even if we remind ourselves to keep the peace we may run into people who are bent on doing anything but that. But, all things considered, the last half of the month is a time to lie low and maybe spend some “alone time” watching the daily news to see how these aspects and retrogrades are affecting the rest of the world.

The last aspect of the month provides an interesting contrast to all that went before, as Venus-Neptune always brings on a sentimental and romantic mood. Anyone who has been unhappy earlier in the month may calm down a little by the 28th, or at least we can hope so. ☆



Full Moon
February 25, 2013, 3:26 p.m. EST
Washington, DC



LUNAR FORECAST

The power of the New Moon in your horoscope

A New Moon occurs when the Moon and the Sun are in the same sign at the same degree — usually once a month. It is a time of concentrated energies and new beginnings. A New Moon occurs in the sign of Aquarius on February 10 at 2:20 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). How will it affect you?

ARIES March 21-April 20

When the New Moon appears in your solar 11th you may muster the energy to look up old friends with whom you have not been in touch with for some time. You may even get the incentive to organize a reunion though it is difficult to arrange for everyone to be in the same place at the same time. If you put your best foot forward, and take a few deep breaths, someone will come to the rescue. Together you will arrange for the best reunion anyone could hope for.

TAURUS April 21-May 20

You may be at a crossroads where your career is concerned, so be prepared to strategize about changes you would like to make at this present position or at a new one. The New Moon in your solar 10th will provide you with ideas for initiating new projects, so come forward and express them. If you get a good response, you may decide to ask for a promotion. But if the response is lukewarm, get in touch with your contacts, as you may be moving on.

GEMINI May 21-June 20

With the New Moon in your solar 9th, don't be surprised if someone comes along who wants to mentor you and give you

pointers about how to improve your coping skills. Things might feel more stressful than usual, and this month is the perfect time to learn new skills, especially those that will enable you to find strength within yourself, and to be strong for those you love. It may also be time to learn skills in a classroom setting, or attend an informative lecture or seminar.

CANCER June 21-July 22

When the New Moon falls in your solar 8th, business opportunities that you once would not touch with a ten-foot pole, may suddenly become appealing. That does not mean you are going to jump in, but it does mean that you will look at them very seriously. Be discriminating and do extensive research, but don't make any decisions on your own. Ask a financial advisor, or even a friend who has entrepreneurial experience, who may be able to help you sort out the many possibilities.

LEO July 23-August 22

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and this month's New Moon in your solar 7th will put you in the mood. Plan a special evening for you and your partner, and do something original so that the person you love knows how much he or she means to you. If you are not attached, show someone you love — a child, sibling, parent, or friend — that this day is not just for romantic partners but for anyone who has made your life more meaningful.

VIRGO August 23-September 22

Use this month's New Moon in your

solar 6th to your advantage by committing yourself to a new exercise plan that will challenge you more than you are used to. Even though going to a gym, running, or even kick-boxing may require concentrated effort, you may feel more motivated than ever before. While you are at it, add more fruits and vegetables into your diet, and drink lots of water. Feeling lighter and fitter will prepare you for the extra hours you may have to put in at work.

LIBRA
September 23-October 22

The New Moon in your solar 5th will make you feel playful and romantic, making for an exciting and energetic Valentine's Day. Find an exotic restaurant that makes you feel as if you are actually in another country. Who knows? It may inspire you and your honey to plan a foreign vacation! You may even decide to go out with a few other couples so that you can have a lively time. If you are unattached, go out dancing with friends, or go to a concert. Musical evenings guarantee a great time.

SCORPIO
October 23-November 21

With the New Moon in your solar 4th, family ties are more important than ever, so straighten out any misunderstandings that interfere with your usual harmony. It is very easy for you to become emotional, so do your best to remain objective and fair when you have to mediate between two family members. Let them work out their differences on their own, and if you have a point of view, stand back and just lend your support. They will develop ways to work out their differences.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21

The New Moon in your solar 3rd will make you feel restless, so channel that feeling in a positive way. Take a few weekend trips this month so that you can explore charming and quaint places that are within driving distance. New friends will enter

your life and old ones may suddenly get in touch with you from out of the blue. Iron out any differences you may have with siblings, so that misunderstandings finally get resolved.

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19

You may be able to come up with a budget that you and your family can agree upon. With the New Moon in your solar 2nd, you may have to make some tough choices and cut out many perks that are not necessary. Shop in stores that are more economical, and you may even change the foods you eat, so that you can maintain a healthy but more economical lifestyle. Once you do, you will be pleasantly surprised to see how much stress will be eliminated.

AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18

Along with the New Moon in your solar 1st comes an injection of self-confidence and the desire to network and make new contacts who share many of your current interests. Valentine's Day may make this month even sweeter, as someone special takes you out for a night on the town. Enjoy the attention while you can, since the take-away from the month is that if you make yourself more visible, and take interest in others whom you meet, they will surely want to get to know you.

PISCES
February 19-March 20

Reflect on the time that you devote to your own endeavors and the time that you have spent thinking of others before yourself. With the New Moon in your solar 12th, you will probably correct that imbalance, and will make a concerted effort to volunteer whatever time you have to spare to your favorite charity or organization. You might simply help a friend out by babysitting or running some errands. There are many ways to reach out without donating money. ☆

The New ASTROLOGY

by Kenneth Irving

With the skies in the nettlesome grip of Uranus square Pluto, a few columns ago I took a look at previous Uranus-Pluto squares, noting among other things the disturbing theme of a square that occurred in the 1930s. It so happened that the exact dates of the square were very close to the dates of key events that brought Hitler to power and gave him a legal license to do anything he wanted to do. The thought there was not that Hitler was necessarily on the horizon either in this country or anywhere else, but then “anywhere else” could, for example, include all of those countries that threw out dictators during the “Arab Spring.” Removing a dictator and the political system he built creates a vacuum, and though there is obviously a strong movement toward democracy, that vacuum gives to the bad guys just as much of an opportunity as it gives to the good guys.

The riots we saw during September of last year give a clear indication of that because the trigger for them was not, as first reported, an ugly anti-Islamic video but rather a struggle between two Islamic political parties (one very hard-line and one more moderate) in Egypt. The video, accompanied by the lie that it was sponsored and paid for by the U.S. government, was pumped onto the airwaves from a TV station owned by hard-liners. The intention was “...to use public anger to pull these states to the right,” with “these states” referring here to Egypt and other Islamic countries. That quote is from “The Sources of Salafi Conduct” found at foreignaffairs.com.

Even though the article points out that the hard-line group in question, the Salafists, are a well-funded minority everywhere they exist, and the article also says they don’t aspire to power, I’ll leave it to the reader to look at the history of both violent and nonviolent takeovers of governments and judge the soundness of that idea. I’ll close this part of my discussion by pointing out that this site allows non-subscribers to read only the first few paragraphs, and I’m not a subscriber.

What I really want to get down to is something pointed out by a colleague, Ken Bowser, which is that there can be a difference between a waxing and a waning aspect, something I agree with and should have paid attention to. In a look I took some time ago at the effect of aspects on the stock market, I noticed that in some cases the effects of certain aspects were almost mirror images of each other. In other cases this doesn’t happen, but it does mean that when we’re looking at aspects we should at least distinguish between waxing and waning, and I think this is especially true when we don’t have a lot of cases to deal with. So here is the picture concerning Uranus-Pluto squares from now back to 1800:

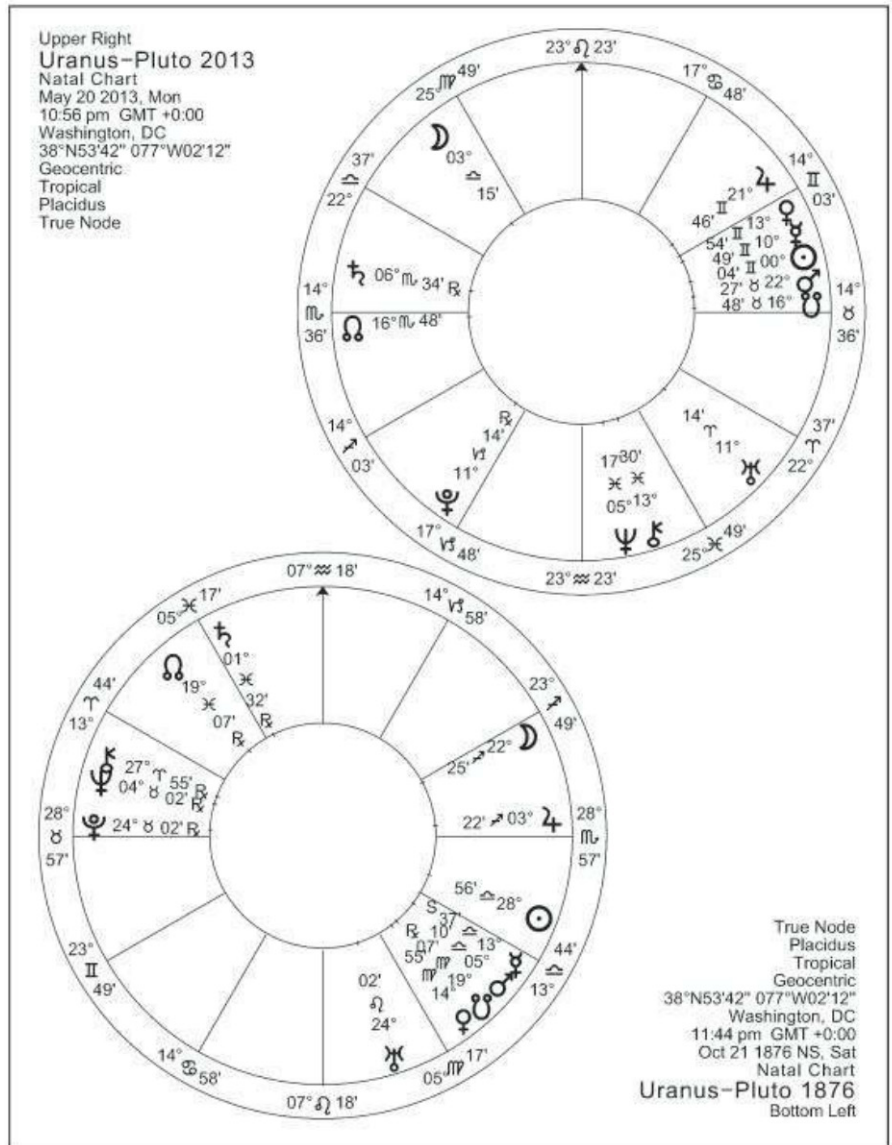
January 1820 to September 1821: Waning
October 1876 to August 1877: Waxing
April 1932 to January 1934: Waning
June 2012 to March 2015: Waxing

This is interesting for two unexpected reasons. The first is the contrast between the two

waning periods. Maybe if I were better at world history I could find a common thread, but in the U.S. the period covered in the aspect is right in the middle of “The Era of Good Feelings,” when President James Monroe managed to create at least the appearance of a political system in which partisanship was melting away — something that turned out not to be so. In fact, right at the beginning of that period, in January of 1820, two bills admitting Missouri and Maine to the union as slave and free states, respectively, eventually became the Missouri Compromise. This was an advance warning of undercurrents that would not only inspire a return to partisanship but would also lead to the Civil War some years later. This compromise is often seen as disadvantageous to the South.

And this is where the comparison between 1876 and 2012 becomes interesting, as the disputed election of 1876 began with a similar compromise, but one advantageous to the South, in that it ended Reconstruction and marked the beginning of the Jim Crow laws. One key feature of those laws was a series of devices such as poll taxes and phony literacy tests set up to prevent newly freed blacks from voting. Such practices were banned by the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (which, by the way, passed into law with Uranus and Pluto less than two degrees away from a conjunction that became exact in early October). So here we are with a

waxing Uranus-Pluto square with one facet of that law on its way to the Supreme Court, reportedly to be considered in the current term. Though the law in one sense applies to all states, it has specific provisions for states that meet certain requirements that indicate a prior history of voting discrimination. As you might guess, most of these are in the South, harkening back to Uranus-Pluto contacts of yesteryear, and the sectional differences that have dogged the republic since its founding, and which may come back to haunt us in controversial court decisions in 2013, and possibly even through 2015. Keep your eyes on the coincidence of exact conjunction dates with the Supreme Court calendar: 6/24/12, 9/19/12, 5/20/13, 11/01/13, 4/21/14, 12/15/14, and 3/16/15. ☆



Keep True Love Alive

*Advice from the heart on how
to make your romance last*

by Lynn Paulus



An acquaintance of mine, someone I work with, came to the office one morning looking a little shaken up. The night before she had had a visit from her sister, who ended up crying so hard that she could hardly get the words out to explain what was upsetting her. However, between sobs, out came the word “divorce,” and my friend was stunned. Her sister’s wedding had been planned for over a year, and cost a fortune, and it seemed to everyone that she had found true love that would last. Now, just two years after the wedding ceremony, the dream of love, the one her sister had been so enthralled by, was over.

Her sister left several hours later, after being comforted with hugs, a listening ear, and a slice or two of a chocolate pound cake. As soon as the door shut, my friend sat down, now tearful herself, and looked at her sister’s wedding photos. There she was with her new husband, and the two were beaming at each other. My friend just shook her head. How could the marriage have gone so wrong so fast!

My friend told me that this was even more difficult for her than one might expect because she knew well that when she’d had trouble in her own marriage, she had taken steps to try to keep the dream of love alive for both her and her spouse. Maybe her sister just wasn’t as committed to the idea of making her marriage work, or maybe she was and just didn’t know what to do.

Often when people hear that a friend or relative’s romantic relationship has ended, the first reaction they experience is one of surprise, even if the couple was known to be having problems. Celebrity couples are certainly not exempt from this rule of course, and in fact media gossips often emphasize that no one can ever know what happens behind closed doors in a marriage. Couples who are consid-

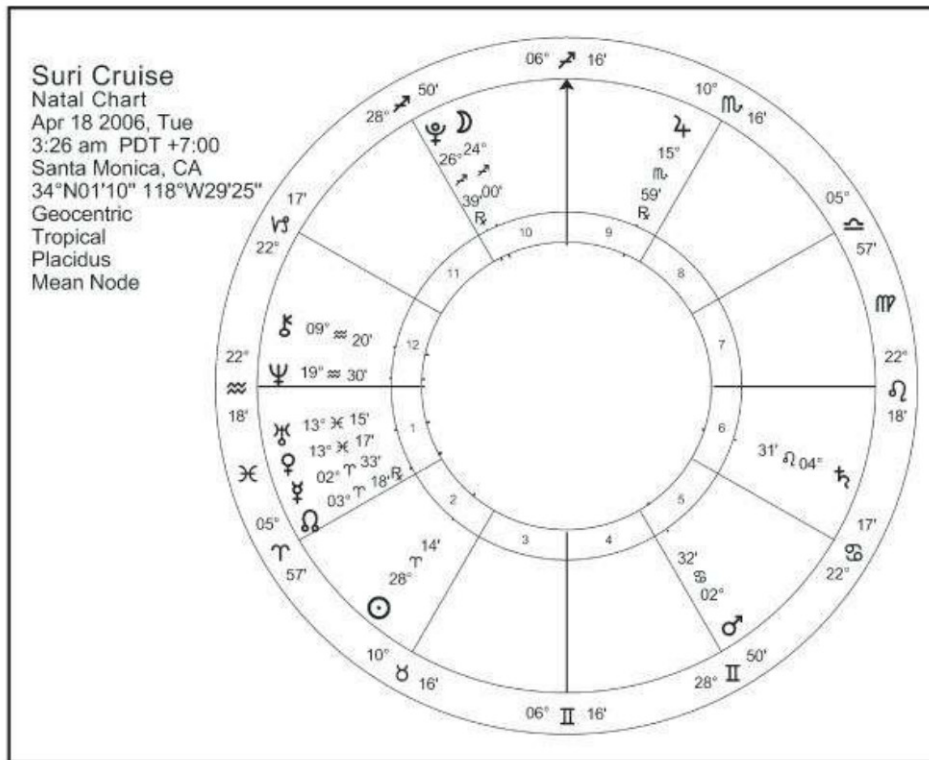
ered to be happily ensconced may secretly be miserable, once they get home and away from the social scene.

For example, when Katie Holmes filed for divorce from her Hollywood superstar husband Tom Cruise, the news sent shock waves through the media. The fact that the A-list couple was parting ways made headlines — not just in the tabloids, but also in mainstream news outlets such as CNN. On the day the news broke, June 29, 2012, the Sun was exactly opposite Pluto, the planet of catastrophic transformation. Both were square Uranus, the planet that rules shock and surprise. Certainly the newsflash hit like a thunderbolt. There had been no reports in the media of trouble between the couple, though since the day the two had started their public romance, some people in the media had questioned the legitimacy of their union.

Some tabloids suggested that the “TomKat” partnership was put together by Tom’s public relations team in an effort to give Cruise, a Hollywood power player, a storybook romance, one that would put to rest rumors about his sexuality. From time to time a tabloid magazine or two would report that he was gay, Cruise would sue the publication and, since the tales have no basis, he would win the lawsuits. Yet the rumors would still float up out of the media gutter from time to time anyway.

Before meeting Katie Holmes, Tom Cruise had been first married for three years to actress Mimi Rogers, and then to actress Nicole Kidman for almost ten years. Nicole and Tom adopted two children, Isabella and Connor, during the course of their relationship. After the marriage with Nicole ended, Tom dated Penelope Cruz, a Spanish actress, for several years.

Tom met Katie in the spring of 2005,



At the time the news hit the airwaves that they were breaking up, the transiting Moon was in Scorpio. Scorpio is the sign associated with secrecy and privacy. Katie may have been afraid that if Tom knew of her intentions beforehand, he would try and derail her attempt to end the

and started a well-publicized courtship. Tom famously jumped on Oprah Winfrey's couch during an appearance on her talk show, in order to emphasize his love for Katie. On June 17, 2005, Tom asked Katie to marry him while they were visiting Paris. Before the ceremony could take place, the couple had a daughter, and Suri Cruise was born on April 18, 2006, at 3:26 a.m. in Santa Monica, California. Seven months after their daughter's birth, the couple made it official, getting married in a castle in Italy on November 18, 2006. The ceremony was held according to Tom's Scientology beliefs, a religion that Katie had joined when she started dating Tom.

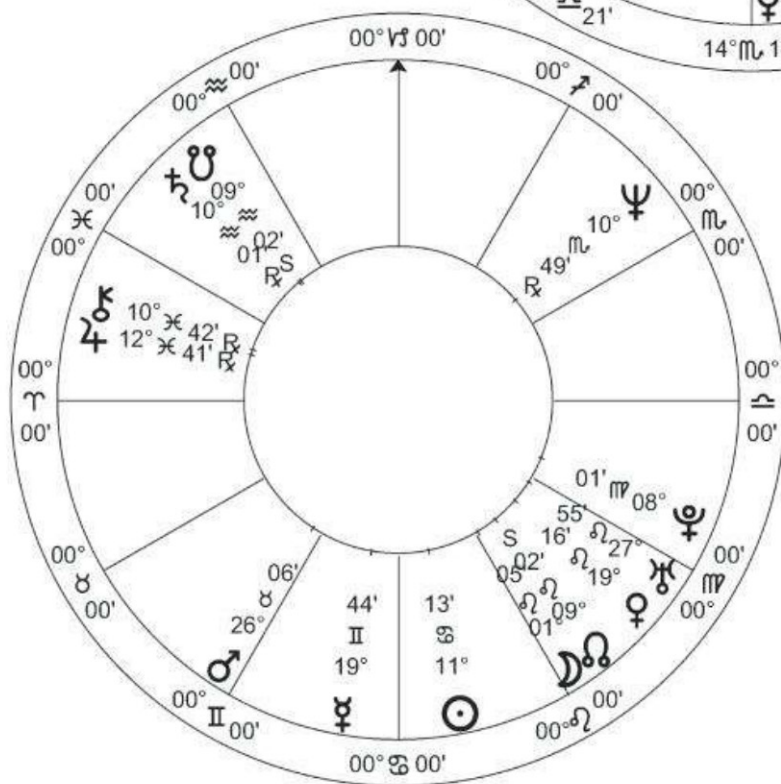
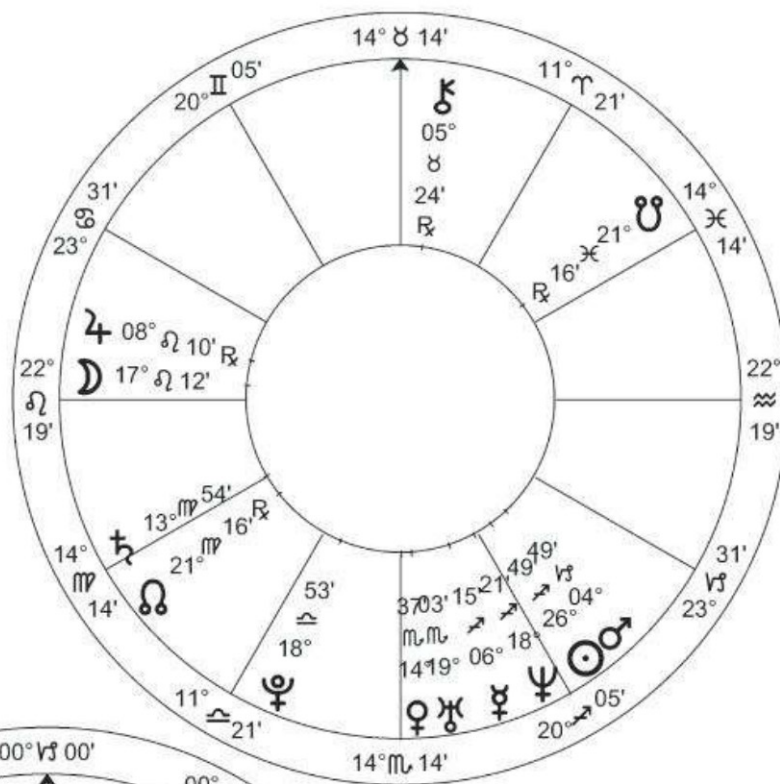
Five and a half years after the wedding, Katie filed for divorce without even telling Tom first, and understandably he was reportedly stunned by the news. Katie's dad, a divorce lawyer, was said to have orchestrated the entire process, from getting Katie an apartment in New York City, to helping her ditch a series of cell phones so Tom and his Scientology cohorts couldn't trace her calls to him.

marriage.

The divorce papers were sealed, but it was said by media gossips that Katie had lost her initial enthusiasm for Scientology, and no longer wanted to be part of the organization. She also reportedly wanted her daughter, Suri, to be kept away from the Scientology religion, at least until she was an adult. Katie also reportedly wanted to be free of Tom and the life she had led with him, and to have the chance to be her own person. Quite a statement from someone who had been photographed holding hands with her husband as recently as one month before she filed for divorce.

Let's take a look at the relationship of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes to see how their charts match up. According to her birth certificate obtained by the late Lois Rodden, Katie Holmes was born on December 18, 1978, at 9:32 p.m. EST in Toledo, Ohio. Leo is her rising sign, and her Moon, the barometer of her emotional life, is also in the sign of the fiery and at times ferocious Lion. Her Sun, the detailer of her identity and basic person-

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Katie Holmes
 Natal Chart
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 True Node



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 Jul 3 1962, Tue
 Natal Chart
Tom Cruise (no time)
 Bottom Left

ality, is in outgoing and outspoken Sagittarius. This lady's three astrological power points, her Sun, rising sign, and Moon, are all in Fire signs, which means that she possesses lots of drive, desire, and ambition!

People who have Leo as their Sun sign

or rising sign often love to be in love, so Katie may adore dining by candlelight, and holding hands with her lover. Initially, Katie may have been swept off her feet by Tom's handsome appearance, his star quality, and his luxurious lifestyle. Tom flew Katie all over the

world in his private jet and bestowed lavish gifts on her, something that would make an impression on any woman, and especially a woman with Katie's romantic makeup.

Tom Cruise, born Thomas Cruise Mapother IV on July 3, 1962, in Syracuse, New York, birth time unknown, is a sensitive and moody Cancer, a Water sign. Water can put out fire, so perhaps in the end Katie may have felt that he dampened her spirits as well as her enthusiasm for life. In fact, Katie's associates did report that she felt Tom controlled her life to such an extent that she felt oppressed.

Tom's Mars is at 26 Taurus conjunct the fixed star Algol, a placement of great intensity. Mars is the planet that indicates our sexual drive, our energy level and the way in which we express anger. This is an indication that Tom wants to have his own way in most situations, and his marriage would be no exception. It's no surprise that with all of her Fire-sign emphasis Katie eventually rebelled against his heavy-handedness.

Tom's Mars is closely square Katie's 22 Leo Ascendant, so as time went by she may have felt that he opposed her needs and wants. Tension in the relationship may have sprung up. Reportedly the couple fought over Suri, the daughter they both adore, and in a kind of reversal of the marital situation, Katie is said to have believed Tom was too lenient with Suri, and she wanted to impose a stricter schedule on her daughter.

Suri, a lively Aries with eccentric Aquarius as her rising sign, was often photographed wearing high heels and makeup, starting from the time she was four years old. Suri's Moon at 24 Sagittarius is closely conjunct her mother's Sun at 26 Sagittarius. Katie and Suri share a strong bond and they seem to be

closely in sync. A Sun and Moon conjunction often occurs between life-long friends, since they are on the same page, mentally and emotionally.

Suri also shares a strong connection with her dad. Her Venus at 13 Pisces is conjunct his Jupiter, the planet of blessings, and his Chiron. Tom certainly does want to protect his daughter from all harm, and wants to be sure she is happy and healthy. He may feel that by letting Suri have what she wants, he is giving her the freedom to enjoy herself. Tom may be a more lenient dad to Suri than he was a congenial husband to Katie!

Of course, no one (except for Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes) really knows the full details of how and why the marriage of these two celebrities played out. Tom may have been an exemplary husband to his wife, but Katie is an independent Sagittarius. She may have been suffering from the proverbial seven-year-itch when she decided to end her relationship with Tom. The urge to be free of the marriage bond could have been due more to her restless feelings than to bad behavior on Tom's part.

Even though they are now divorced, Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes will be involved with each other for years to come, since they share in the parenting of Suri, the daughter they love. Katie's Jupiter, the planet of optimism, is at 8 Leo, conjunct Tom's North node at 10 Leo, an indicator of good fortune. Over time, the two may become friends again, especially as Suri grows up.

Now read your Sun sign below, to discover how astrology can help you keep the dream of love alive in your relationship.

Aries: You possess a fervent love nature. When you care for someone, that person is the happy recipient of your very

ardent emotions. No matter how busy your life becomes, your lover has the top spot in your agenda. If your partner becomes unhappy or discontented, take steps to show him or her just how important the relationship is to you. Postpone the weekend chores, and whisk your lover off to a romantic weekend getaway. Stay at a quaint bed and breakfast in the country, or book a room with a view of the seashore. Make sure that your lover knows that you have put everything in your life on hold in order to concentrate on being together.

Taurus: You have an affectionate nature. If you sense that your partner is feeling out of sorts, immediately go to this person, and give him or her a loving hug. If problems arise in the relationship, consider asking your partner if he or she wants a massage. In order to get the association back on track, buy some scented oil, and when your partner is tired from a long day working at his or her job, offer this person a back rub. Think about signing up at a spa for a couple's massage. It may help your relationship to be able to relax together, as you hold hands across the massage tables, and have your aches and pains soothed by the masseuse.

Gemini: One of the main goals of your life is to meet a soul mate. After all, your zodiac symbol is that of the Twin! When you finally find your romantic other half, your joy is limitless. Once you connect with your love twin, you want to know everything about this person, starting from the day he or she was born. If you sense that distance is starting to creep into the relationship, think about visiting the neighborhood in which your lover grew up. Walk past the house he or she lived in as a child, and travel to his or her old playground. You may find that the

relationship is rejuvenated by taking a trip down memory lane together.

Cancer: You overflow with nurturing feelings. You truly try to take care of your lover's needs. You will make your partner a hot cup of coffee or tea in the morning, and be sure that he or she wears a sweater if the weather turns chilly. When trouble arises, think about cooking a special meal for your beloved partner. Take the time to make the dishes he or she really loves. Before your lover gets home, buy a few scented candles, and light them at dinner time. When you sit down to the meal with your partner, turn off the lights and eat by the warm glow of the flame, accompanied by soft music playing in the background.

Leo: You have a big heart and a generous nature. When you are in love, you spare no expense to show your lover a good time. You enjoy bestowing gifts on your beloved, even when it's not a special occasion. Being in love is the only reason you need to buy jewelry or sporting equipment for your special someone. If the relationship begins to lose its luster, think about giving your partner a gift from the heart. Compose a love poem in your lover's honor, indicating the deep feeling that you possess for him or her. Leave the love missive on top of the pillow that your lover sleeps on at night, so he or she can read it before drifting off to slumberland.

Virgo: Anyone who is lucky enough to have a relationship with you receives a lot of solicitous attention on a daily basis. You are always willing to listen to your partner's cares and worries, and you take his or her dilemmas very seriously. When tension arises in the relationship, think about sitting down

together for an in-depth discussion of the issues. Allow your innate analytical nature to probe into the reasons the partnership has hit a rough patch. If your own analysis isn't enough, consider going to an expert for couple's counseling. The advice of an experienced therapist may shed light on the nature of the problem, and help to restore the relationship to full health!

Libra: Falling in love is one of your favorite activities. You may have had a special someone from the time when you were in nursery school. In fact, you will continue to send valentines when you enter your golden years, no matter how old you may be. Having a partner that you can call your own makes you feel very happy indeed! If you sense that your relationship is starting to be on shaky ground, look for ways to make the union more solid. Let your life partner know that you only have eyes for him or her. Remind this person that you honor your commitments, and that you have freely chosen to be together with, and committed to, your mate.

Scorpio: Passion is your middle name. When you decide to bestow your intense feelings on someone special, that person is truly blessed. You will give your mind, heart, body and soul to your beloved. You know the meaning of the word devotion! If trouble should arise with your lover, think about taking a step back from the relationship. It's possible that you are too absorbed in the partnership to be objective. When issues occur, it may help you to get a better grasp of the situation if you ask for some personal space. Look for a quiet nook in which to process your thoughts and feelings, and a solution may come to you, as you quietly reflect about the matter.

Sagittarius: You have a very adventurous nature. The urge to travel hits you when you are still in the cradle! When you fall in love, you want to show the world to the object of your affections. As you explore new cultures with your lover, the bond between you deepens and grows. One of the ties that bind you together is the experiences that you have shared as a couple. If the relationship hits a sour note, think about staying home together a bit more. Put your travel brochures in a desk drawer, and putter in the backyard together for the afternoon. Plant an herb garden on the kitchen sill with your partner. Watch television with your lover, snuggling on the couch.

Capricorn: Dependability is your claim to fame in the love game. Your partner knows that when you say you will be home for dinner promptly at 6:00 p.m., you will land on the doorstep just as the clock chimes the hour! If your relationship starts to show cracks in its foundation, consider bolstering the structure of the partnership. Go over the goals you hold for the future with your lover. Let this person know that you are planning on being together for many years to come. Express the thought that no matter how many obstacles you encounter as a couple, you are bound tightly together, and will face all challenges as a team.

Aquarius: Friendship is as important to you as love. Your lover is more than just a romantic partner; he or she is also your companion and best buddy! You must like the person you are linked with, as well as have feelings of love for him or her. If your partner appears to be discontented with the relationship, think about spicing up the physical side of the union. Take the telephone off the hook, close the computer, and put a "do not disturb" sign

on the front door of your residence. Strew red roses on the floor of the bedroom, and don a sexy nighttime outfit. Let your partner know that you are ready to share some intimate moments together as a loving couple.

Pisces: Flexibility is one of your most appealing qualities. You were born knowing how to go with the flow. If your partner asks you to go to a movie, and then changes his or her mind while you are both waiting in line, you are happy to switch gears, and embark on a new course of action. If you begin to feel that your relationship is getting a bit stale, consider incorporating new activities into your life with your lover. Think about joining a bowling team, or sign up for a yoga class together. Start your new activity roster by going to a new art class, and don't stop trying new activities until you find exactly the right ones! ☆

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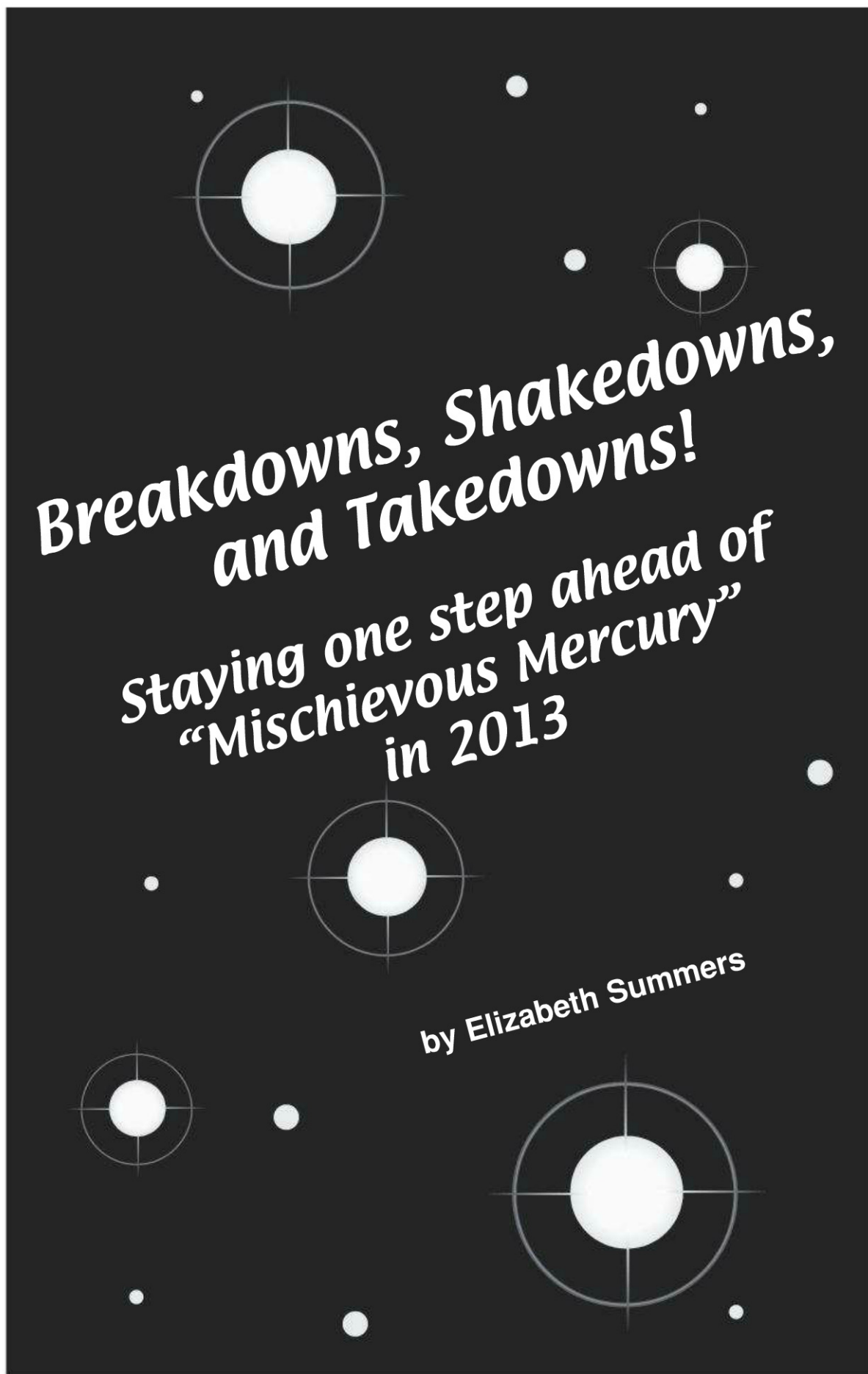


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**Breakdowns, Shakedown,
and Takedowns!**

**Staying one step ahead of
“Mischievous Mercury”
in 2013**

by Elizabeth Summers

Knowledge is power! When you know that your boss is always in a grumpy mood on Monday mornings, you can better prepare to deal with your employer. The knowledge that your Uncle Ned has a drinking problem will enable you to steer your relative toward soda and iced tea (and away from embarrassment) at a family reunion. And if you know when Mercury, the mischievous imp of the heavens, is going to turn retrograde, you are ahead of the game! After all, even people with only a passing interest in astrology know that everything seems to go haywire when Mercury changes from its usual forward movement to its backward “retrograde” motion.

Mercury’s retrograde periods happen three or four times a year, for about three weeks each time. When astrologers speak of a planet turning retrograde, they mean that it appears to be traveling backwards — with emphasis on the word “appears.” Of course a planet never really actually changes direction as it orbits about the Sun, but it only seems to move backward from our vantage point here on Earth. The astronomical explanation for this is somewhat tedious, so we’ll skip it here, as the important thing is what this backward motion does to the basic nature of Mercury.

As viewed from Earth, Mercury is the fastest moving planet in the solar system. Only the Moon, which is not a planet of course, moves quicker than Mercury, the planet of communication. Mercury has had many

names throughout his long reign in the heavens, but is best known as the messenger of the zodiac, though he also has a reputation as the trickster of the zodiac. This is because the Mercury of Greek and Roman mythology couldn’t always be trusted and often engaged in double-dealing with the other gods.

Astrologically, Mercury is the planet that governs the way we communicate with others. Mercury rules all aspects of the way people communicate, from the telephone to computers to satellite dishes to the navigation systems that they have in their cars. In fact, Mercury rules transportation in general, including planes, trains, and automobiles. As the communication planet, Mercury is involved with the mail delivery systems that are in place across the globe, including the buying and selling of postage stamps. Mercury rules the delivery industry in general, from United Parcel to Federal Express, and up to (or is that down to?) and including couriers on bicycles!

Mercury is also known as the salesperson planet. Whenever you buy or sell merchandise, you are acting under the rulership of Mercury. Gemini natives, who are born with Mercury as their personal ruling planet, are often known to have glib tongues, and said to be able to sell snow to Eskimo, as the saying goes. Detail-oriented Virgo is the second zodiac sign ruled by the planet of motion. Many Virgo natives are always in a hurry, since they have somewhere important they must go

to immediately! Mercury is also connected to our relationships with our siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Mercury governs our early childhood education, and our first experiences with teachers.

Little Mercury is known as the planet of the mind, as it governs the way we think. How we process information is based on the natal position Mercury inhabits in our birth charts. Those people born with Mercury in a methodical Earth-element sign such as Taurus, Virgo, or Capricorn, may want a lot of time to think matters through before making a decision. Others who have Mercury in the Fire element signs of Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius may act first, and think later. People with their natal Mercury in the Air element signs of Gemini, Libra, or Aquarius will weigh the pros and cons of taking action, and may change their minds frequently. We'll discuss Water-element Mercury people later, since the Mercury retrograde phase will take place in the element of Water in 2013!

As you can see, Mercury is involved with many aspects of your life, so when Mercury does an about face and turns retrograde, life can start to get pretty complicated! Because of this it's not wise to move to a new house or apartment when Mercury is retrograde. If you have no choice, then make sure you double-check the contents of the moving van before it pulls away from the curb and sets off in search of your new address. Pack all the goods in your home very carefully, and make

sure that you label each and every box accurately.

Traveling during a Mercury retrograde phase involves a lot of extra steps. Diligence must be your keyword! Make sure that your passport is up to date, and store the document safely and securely. All travel tickets need to be scrutinized for errors before you embark on your journey. Of course, you don't want to stand at the boarding gate of your favorite airline, and discover the travel agent has sent you to the wrong destination. Yes, the Antarctic is a lovely spot, but do you really want to go to the coldest part of the planet when your luggage is filled to the brim with sunscreen and swimsuits?

Care of your computer needs to be at the top of your to-do list when Mercury turns retrograde. All important files and documents must be backed up frequently. Be extremely careful before sending emails to others, especially if you are posting a memo to a work colleague. It's not a good idea to write personal emails while on the job during a Mercury retrograde phase, since the contents could easily fall into the wrong hands. You may think you are going to quickly send a missive to your best friend forever regarding your love life, only to discover you inadvertently sent your email to the president of the company!

Communication can easily get scrambled during a Mercury retrograde phase. Bills can get misplaced easily. A friend of mine once put her electric bill in her library book as a place mark, and didn't realize it until

weeks later, long after she returned the book to the library. Someone else had taken out the book, and thoughtfully returned the bill in the mail. Of course, she was late paying it!

Making a large purchase under Mercury retrograde is usually considered to be a big no-no. If you can possibly wait to buy a new automobile, boat, or large appliance such as a washing machine or a refrigerator, try to do so. It's just not worth the hassle of having to deal with late delivery times, and coping with the possibility of damaged merchandise arriving at your door. Once during a Mercury retrograde period, a relative's hot water heater leaked. The unit was unusable and she had to buy a new one. She ordered a model, waited patiently for it to be delivered, and was disappointed when the appliance didn't arrive. When she called the store, she was told the model was out of stock! She had to reorder the item and have another one sent. Believe it or not, that one went to the wrong address! She finally made a trip to a store over 50 miles away from her home in order to buy the appliance directly from the retailer.

As you can see, you need to take special care when Mercury turns retrograde. In 2013, Mercury will turn retrograde three times: from February 23 to March 17; from June 26 to July 20; and from October 21 to November 10.

Mercury will be retrograde in all three of the signs of the Water element during 2013; first Pisces, then Cancer and finally in Scorpio. That

means that in addition to the usual precautions you need to take during a Mercury retrograde phase, there are a few additional safety measures you need to keep in mind.

The Water element is one of great sensitivity. People who are born with their natal Mercury placement in Cancer, Scorpio, or Pisces are often very intuitive. These people are often considered by their friends and families to be mind-readers! Of course there is a downside as well as an upside to any astrological placement. Those with their natal Mercury in the Water element may suffer from fuzzy thinking from time to time, and may act solely on their feelings and disregard logic.

In general, during the time Mercury is retrograde in 2013 in the signs of Pisces, Cancer, and Scorpio, making decisions based on the facts and solely the facts may become difficult. People may see what they want to see, and look at the world through rose-colored glasses. It might be wise to postpone making choices that will affect your life in a major way until Mercury is back on track, and moving forward again.

Finally, it is advisable to take special care around the water during the time Mercury is retrograde in 2013. If you go swimming, whether you are in the ocean, a pond, a lake or a pool, be very vigilant. Use a life preserver if you aren't a good swimmer. Don't go beyond your limitations. If you aren't used to swimming in the deep end of the pool at the local gym, Mercury retrograde isn't the time to start! Be careful when you

are in the shower, or taking a bath in the tub, or on a wet bathroom floor. It's very easy, and more so than usual, to slip and fall.

Now let's take a look at what Mercury retrograde in 2013 means for your Sun sign.

Aries: Family matters may prove to be a big distraction for you during most of 2013. You may finally learn the truth regarding a family secret, possibly in mid-March. This new knowledge will certainly knock your socks off! Trouble may occur when a loved one misunderstands your words in the early part of the summer. Strive to be very clear and accurate when talking to family members this year, especially on subjects that involve sensitive or delicate matters. An inheritance may cause dissension in the family when the autumn rolls around in 2013. It's possible that you will end up in a situation in early November that requires arguing over financial matters with one of your nearest and dearest.

Taurus: You may have difficulty working toward your goals in late February. It's possible that you will feel pulled in two different directions regarding your ambitions. Each path will look very desirable to you! Of course, you can only travel on one road at a time. Nostalgia will be your keyword by the time the summer season hits. However, it's not wise to let your thoughts dwell on the past too much. Don't fall prey to the temptation to idealize times

gone by. Look through old photo albums and enjoy reminiscing, but remember to enjoy the present moment. A former rival may reappear on the scene in the autumn of 2013. Use your common sense and ignore the antics of this person.

Gemini: Issues with someone in authority may pop up in the late winter of 2013. If you don't obey the rules of the road, you may spend quite a bit of time in traffic court at your local City Hall. Talking your way out of a parking ticket won't be as easy as you hope. Be sure you have the correct facts in hand when facing the judge. You may decide to revise your priority list as the summer season begins. After all, why waste your precious time on activities that don't hold any meaning for you? The urge to volunteer your services to others will take hold in late October. Making a difference in the world could become your main mission as 2013 winds to an end!

Cancer: Your travel plans may go awry in late February of 2013. A friend may promise to join you for a visit to a faraway destination, and then renege at the last minute. Have a Plan B ready for your vacation, just in case you discover that you are going to have to travel solo. Choosing a summer wardrobe may prove to be difficult for you in late June. Finding the right color combinations or the perfect hairstyle may cause you hours of anxiety! Remember, it's not wise to compare yourself to the photos of celebrities

in magazines. These people are air-brushed to perfection. One of your hidden artistic talents will come to light in late October.

Leo: An old lover may ask you for a second chance in the middle of the winter of 2013. However, the reasons you broke up in the first place may still hold true. Think carefully before getting back together with your ex-partner. In the early part of the summer of 2013, you may decide to go on a spiritual retreat. It's possible you will take a labyrinth walk in silence, as you contemplate your life scenario. In late October, you may have the opportunity to move back to the neighborhood you once lived in as a child. Before you decide to fill out a change of address card at the post office, remember the old saying, namely that you can't go home again!

Virgo: A business partnership may hit a rough patch in mid-March. The terms of the enterprise you share will have to be renegotiated. Be sure to get your own expert legal advice, before signing any documents relating to the partnership. A cherished project may have to be put on hold as the summer of 2013 begins. Don't fret: the timing isn't right for this particular endeavor. Go back to the drawing board in the matter, and your chances of success will be increased. A relative may ask to use your home as his or her personal hotel in early November. It's possible this person will still be at

your residence as the New Year approaches!

Libra: A minor health ailment may flare up in late February. The methods you used in the past to treat the illness may again prove to be useful. However, it would be wise to schedule a complete physical with your doctor during the winter of 2013. Career matters will occupy your time in early July. It's possible that you will realize that you are in the wrong profession. You may think about training for a new occupation during the summer. Of course, you want to be able to whistle while you work! A financial investment may hit a downturn in early November. Consider pulling out of this particular economic venture. It's not wise to throw more money into a failing moneymaking scheme.

Scorpio: Love lessons may be in store for you during the winter of 2013. You may question the benefits of staying in a romantic situation. Of course, you want to be in a healthy relationship, with someone who is worthy of your time and attention. The chance to go back to school might come your way in late June. You may want to take an enrichment course and learn how to become more assertive, or discover ways to increasing your sixth sense. Learning new skills will help you to achieve your personal ambitions in life! As November rolls around, you may decide to reevaluate your lifestyle. Finding the right life path

will be your goal as the autumn leaves fall.

Sagittarius: A real estate deal may hit a snag in mid-March. It's possible that a structural engineer will discover problems that need attention before you can move into the residence. If you are selling property, be sure to fully disclose any potential problems to a new buyer. Otherwise, you may end up facing an attorney in a court of law after the property changes hands. Your generous side may come into play during the beginning of the summer. A lover may ask you for a loan. Keep in mind that this person may never be able to pay you back! An admirer may suggest a secret rendezvous in late October. Consider the consequences before embarking on a clandestine relationship.

Capricorn: Relationship issues will need a lot of your attention in 2013. A relative may ask for your sympathy in the later part of February. This person will require a listening ear for quite a while. You may have to put your own issues on the back burner, and concentrate on the needs of this person. During the early part of the summer, a life partner may hesitate to share his or her true feelings and thoughts. Don't press your loved one to open up to you before he or she is ready to talk. An estranged friend may want to atone for past mistakes in early November. Of course, it's your choice as to whether or not you

extend forgiveness to your former associate!

Aquarius: Opportunity may knock on your door for a second time in mid-March. You will have a chance to invest in an economic endeavor that you previously passed on. Do your homework, and if the prospect still seems good, consider opening up your wallet. In early July, your job description may change suddenly. It's possible the boss will ask you to take on the duties of a coworker who is leaving. The idea of running for office may pop into your head in the early autumn of 2013. Of course, your abilities will be a welcome addition to the community. By the time November rolls around, your name may be on the roster of local government officials at Town Hall.

Pisces: The question "who am I" may bring you to the self-help section of your local bookstore in late February. You may decide to spend the middle of the winter of 2013 finding out what really makes you tick, and that's good! Self-knowledge is the key to contentment. Avoid the casino during the early part of the summer of 2013. Lady Luck will not be sitting by your side at the roulette wheel, or while you play poker. It's possible that you will reevaluate your religious beliefs in late October. Finding the path of enlightenment will take up the majority of your time and attention, as you investigate various spiritual groups. Of course, you will find the organization that can best suit your needs, eventually! ☆

Aquarius Celebrity Quotes

Here are four quotations from Aquarian novelist Toni Morrison, each written in a different letter-mixup code — that is, each letter *T* in a particular coded quote will stand for a different letter, say *G*, in the decoded quote, and each *G* might stand for a *U*. Look for common words like “the” or “of” to get started. A different code is used for each quotation.

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1. ZKF IQRZRZL GA

YORZFOV ZG R SIMREF YKIZ

RV EGZ ZKF VFCA, ZG

AISRCRIORDF ZKF VZOIEMF

IEJ SLVZRAL ZKF AISRCRIO,

RV ZKF ZFVZ GA ZKFRO

NGYFO.



2. RU ALBY QLTCU TC XTVY UNY ZLEXG'A

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IROX QJCXS CX.

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Aquarius Celebrity Puzzle 1

Ellen DeGeneres: January 26, 1958

Loop the words in the list below that appear entirely in capital letters.

K K K F C A M X N K T B S M
 S I T C O M N I X S T V N Y
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 E D W P M E E V I A N G F O
 I I A C E O I G H S N F D I
 V N M H R T P Q E I I H E N
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 R A N E M I T Y A D A R S H
 A O Z E A L C L H I O E M O
 M W O H S N E L L E V O L W

INTERVIEWS

“KAAA!”

“Seriously...I’m

KIDDING”

Raised in

LOUISIANA

MONOLOGUES

“MR. WRONG”

“MY POINT...And

I Do Have One”

PORTIA de Rossi

ACTIVIST

DEGENERES

SITCOM “Ellen”

“AMERICAN Idol”

Show”

STANDUP

COMMERCIALS

DEVOTED FANS

comedy

DANCING

“The ELLEN

TALK SHOW

DAYTIME

SHOW”

“The Ellen

“FINDING Nemo”

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Aquarius Celebrity Puzzle 2

Alicia Keys: January 25, 1981

Loop the words in the list below that appear entirely in capital letters.

“AS I AM”

“A WOMAN’S
Worth”

Rhythm & BLUES

CLIVE Davis

COLUMBIA

University

“The DIARY of
Alicia Keys”

“DR. DOOLITTLE
2”

“EMPIRE State of
Mind”

“FALLIN”

“The Element of
FREEDOM”

GRAMMY awards

“IF I AIN’T Got
You”

J RECORDS

“KARMA”

KEYBOARD

LYRICS

NAACP Image

Awards

“NO ONE”

G	S	K	C	A	R	T	D	N	U	O	S	J	F	E
E	L	T	T	I	L	O	O	D	R	D	R	D	V	N
R	S	X	E	S	E	F	P	E	D	E	J	I	A	S
I	U	G	R	W	C	O	R	A	C	P	P	A	L	O
F	P	S	C	O	E	I	W	O	I	B	C	R	E	N
N	E	L	E	M	P	O	R	A	V	P	Q	Y	D	G
O	R	R	S	M	M	D	N	Y	S	I	C	G	I	S
L	B	S	E	A	S	O	F	O	L	S	L	I	C	I
M	O	Y	N	S	H	A	F	T	O	O	I	D	T	N
O	W	S	E	U	L	B	Y	U	L	N	V	O	O	A
D	L	C	O	L	U	M	B	I	A	A	E	R	R	M
E	A	R	I	U	M	H	B	G	S	M	U	P	I	I
E	T	N	I	A	I	F	I	B	I	Q	R	W	A	N
R	O	P	R	K	E	Y	B	O	A	R	D	A	N	O
F	T	G	P	E	R	F	O	R	M	I	N	G	K	R

“Girl ON FIRE”

PERFORMING

arts school

PIANO

POEMS

Child PRODIGY

“The SECRET

Life of Bees”

“SHAFT”

“SONGS IN A

MINOR”

SOUNDTRACKS

SUPER BOWL

“TOTAL Request

Live”

VALEDIC-

TORIAN

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Aquarius Celebrity Puzzle 3

Neil Diamond: January 24, 1941

Loop the words in the list below that appear entirely in capital letters.

A R C M C A R E C O R D S S
 C E A G B W A R D E V I L U
 T D R N K R M U N I T A L P
 O W O U E I O U Y S U S V M
 R I L S N L F O U M B I A A
 E N I G T R A G K H M M A C
 S E N N U R U N S L B A N G
 O S E O C A A C O H Y I R I
 P S T S K M S C C I I N Y G
 M I S E Y G D M I H T L V W
 O N S H U T O L U R E O O F
 C G A R O D O I O B E R M M
 R E T I R W M H A G L M R E
 P R Y L O H Y L L O H A A Y

GOLD records
 GRAMMY
 "HOLLY HOLY"
 "I AM, I SAID"
 "KENTUCKY
 Woman"
 Columbia LABEL
 Biggest LIVE
 DRAW
 "Solitary MAN"
 MCA RECORDS
 "MOODS"
 PLATINUM
 "Red RED WINE"
 "SHILO"

ACTOR

concerts

ALBUMS

"Sweet

Christmas SHOW

"AMERICA"

CAROLINE"

SINGER

"Hot AUGUST

"CHERRY,

"SONG SUNG

Night"

Cherry"

Blue"

BANG Records

COMPOSER

TOUR

BROOKLYN

DUETS

WRITER

CAMPUS

EMOTIONAL

Answer on page 56

Aquarius Celebrity Puzzle 4

Sarah Palin: February 11, 1964

Loop the words in the list below that appear entirely in capital letters.

ACTIVIST

ALASKA

“Sarah

BARRACUDA”

(nickname)

BRISTOL

(daughter)

CARIBOU

burgers

Miss

CONGENIALITY

FELLOWSHIP of

Christian Athletes

FIRST female

governor of

Alaska

FISHING

HUNTING

Born in IDAHO

KTUU-TV Alaska

MARATHONS

MAYOR

A C O N G E N I A L I T Y S

K D P I H S W O L L E F G V

T R U A K S A L A K P Z N B

U E A C Y Y P Y D I C F I R

U P J C A O T O P J I U T E

T U M M T R U E P F Z M N S

V B K A I I R N C U U B U I

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K I Z W Y A P I B E P I T N

C C S A O H T I S R S S S A

A A M H A L R H I T R T T T

R N A R I A L S O I G O I I

T D A F C N E I F N D L J O

I S W O K Q G A W D S G W N

John MCCAIN

PIPER (daughter)

POPULIST

REPUBLICAN

RESIGNATION

SARHPAC

SURPRISE pick

TODD (husband)

TRACK (son)

TRIG (son)

WILLOW

(daughter)

YOUNGEST

Alaskan governor

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Aquarius Celebrity Puzzle 5

Michael Jordan: February 17, 1963

Loop the words in the list below that appear entirely in capital letters.

O W S P G A N M V W E P T N
 Y K N L J O L B F P Q D O C
 S T E A L S L E A D E R H H
 T V T Y V U K D P M T E S I
 N Z Y S S I B L M H V Y P C
 E S Q G N D A P C E C P M A
 M P N O V Y R A R A D B U G
 E O D L O E R O B G Y A J O
 S K C F N O O O C J U Y L P
 R E F W L K B A S E B A L L
 O S O I I C T S D B R A R M
 D M N E A S C I P M Y L O D
 N A I T Q D T A L E N T E D
 E N S G K P L A R E N E G H

NBA MVP
 NIKE
 University of
 NORTH
 CAROLINA
 OLYMPICS
 OWNER
 PLAYER
 PLAYOFFS
 PLAYS GOLF
 RECORDS
 ROOKIE of the

Played	ENDORSE-	Year
BASEBALL	MENTS	SPOKESMAN
briefly	GENERAL	STEALS
Charlotte	Manager	LEADER
BOBCATS	GOLD MEDAL	TALENTED
BULLS	GUARD	
CHICAGO	JUMP SHOT	

Answer on page 56

Aquarius Celebrity Puzzle 6

Ashton Kutcher: February 7, 1978

Loop the words in the list below that appear entirely in capital letters.

ACTOR

BEADED

necklace

“BOBBY”

“The

BUTTERFLY

Effect”

“CHEAPER by

the Dozen”

COMMERCIALS

“DOWN to You”

“DUDE, Where’s

My Car?”

“The GUARDIAN”

“GUESS WHO”

HOST

“JUST Married”

KIDS’ CHOICE

Awards

“KILLERS”

MODEL

NIKON ads

“OPEN Season”

“PERSONAL

Effects”

P C O M M E R C I A L S D X

K R S R E L L I K O R A E T

I S O E E O R S P R E A D W

D B E D N T H E X C I P A O

S G O W U I I W P E N D E A

C M O B G C T R S A D R B N

H D T T B U E N W S E U T D

O K X F S Y A R E T E H D A

I P D K N U P R T L R U C H

C R E O T S J I D T A M G A

E H K N A D W A B I E V W L

I I O G H T R O T C A X X F

N I E S T Q P E R S O N A L

A V B U T T E R F L Y N E S

PRODUCER

“PUNK’D”

“REINDEER

Games”

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“TEXAS Rangers”

“THAT 70’s

Show”

TWITTER

“TWO AND A

HALF Men”

“VALENTINE’S

Day”

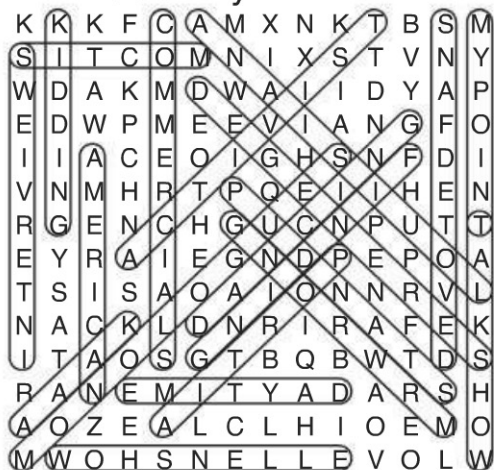
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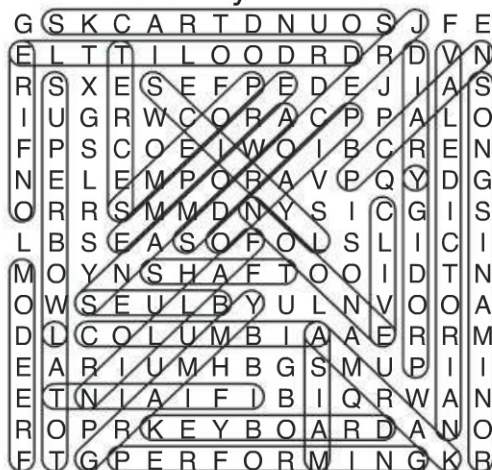
WRITER

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Celebrity Puzzle 1



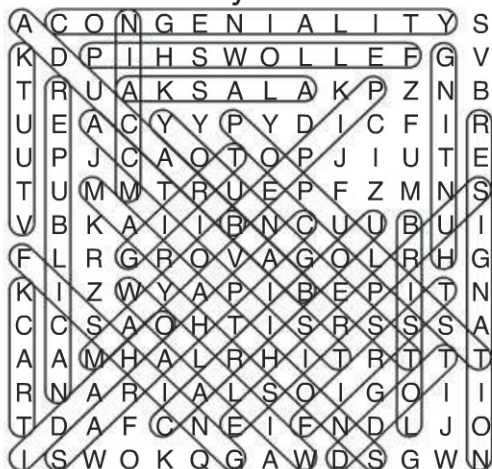
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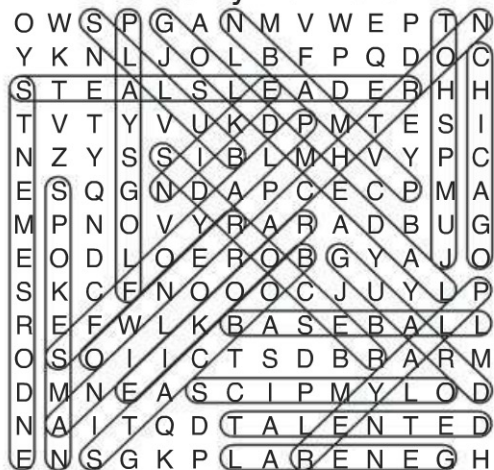
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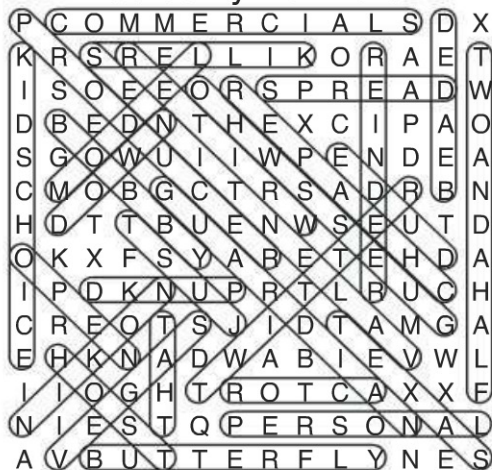
Celebrity Puzzle 4



Celebrity Puzzle 5



Celebrity Puzzle 6



Celebrity Quotes

1. *The ability of writers to imagine what is not the self, to familiarize the strange and mystify the familiar, is the test of their power.*
2. *At some point in life the world's beauty becomes enough. You don't need to photograph, paint, or even remember it. It is enough.*
3. *If there's a book you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it.*
4. *As you enter positions of trust and power, dream a little before you think.*

Lucky Numbers

February	Aspect	ጥ	ዕ	፲	፮	፱	፳	፳፱	፷	፷፯	፻	፻፳	፻፺	
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SAT	2	፳፻፶	833	072	429	287	188	504	573	079	252	942	713	629
SUN	3	፳፻፶	007	436	473	252	818	206	532	254	585	379	242	556
MON	4	፳፻፶	132	947	729	722	533	527	689	565	526	865	793	927
TUE	5	፳፻፶	665	081	624	148	162	056	395	367	544	447	443	708
WED	6	ቀ፳፯	492	812	916	746	654	128	855	506	402	585	774	811
THU	7	፳፻፶	029	207	051	298	532	885	937	287	206	392	619	492
FRI	8	፳፻፶	875	561	545	606	536	668	522	518	156	658	429	851
SAT	9	፳፻፶	994	942	723	043	049	934	553	923	952	218	149	132
SUN	10	፳፻፶	873	527	692	799	696	676	144	226	316	699	235	857
MON	11	፳፻፶	735	663	733	375	226	054	556	832	076	356	354	256
TUE	12	፳፻፶	483	496	805	513	013	685	363	056	175	297	609	098
WED	13	፳፻፶	912	502	241	249	789	247	381	588	943	058	732	417
THU	14	፳፻፶	384	635	711	374	432	405	231	807	631	771	363	463
FRI	15	፳፻፶	113	553	792	847	719	817	103	231	283	788	595	886
SAT	16	፳፻፶	738	022	604	963	892	494	806	141	283	308	522	871
SUN	17	፳፻፶	338	249	811	251	558	604	421	954	035	826	186	842
MON	18	፳፻፶	389	124	373	457	957	205	592	804	924	737	906	155
TUE	19	፳፻፶	934	118	793	567	694	975	453	657	642	947	717	783
WED	20	፳፻፶	164	991	232	231	025	305	102	276	886	706	697	684
THU	21	፳፻፶	363	726	983	741	523	026	583	998	983	787	659	787
FRI	22	፳፻፶	096	209	479	711	637	693	866	204	387	615	657	044
SAT	23	፳፻፶	901	121	981	257	605	761	004	835	786	346	937	062
SUN	24	፳፻፶	142	505	616	231	643	759	071	384	282	097	966	261
MON	25	፳፻፶	136	249	694	808	753	161	867	464	798	756	329	002
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WED	27	፳፻፶	509	433	017	538	588	037	436	819	679	359	389	063
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Dear Joyce

by Joyce Levine

If you would like your question answered in this column, please mail questions to Joyce directly via regular mail or email. Send in your question along with your complete data — date, time, and place (the name of the city or town, the name of the state or province) of birth — from your birth record, memory, etc. Topics in this column range from the personal to the astrological, so feel free to ask about anything, including romantic or marital problems. You can. Only questions that are chosen are answered, and only in the magazine.

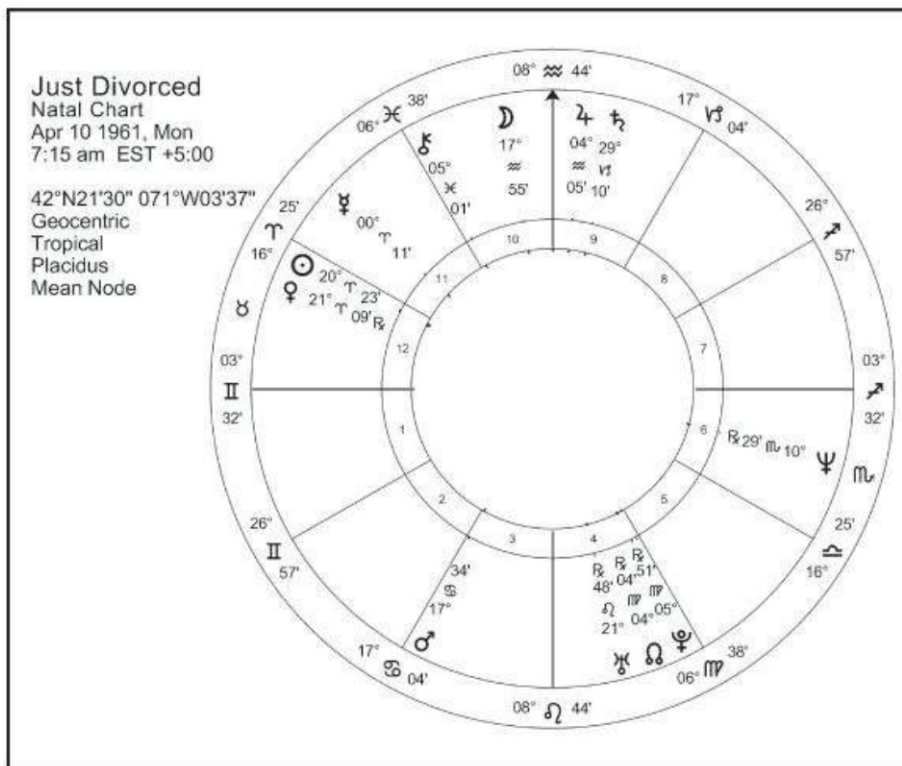
***Dear Joyce:** I recently got divorced after a very difficult marriage. When I was first married, my husband was very financially successful, but then he lost his job. Things went downhill from there. It seems like he turned into a different person. I should also mention that when my husband worked, he traveled a lot on business. It seems like the more he was home, the less I liked living with him. So now I'm feeling discouraged and need some advice about starting over, and building a new relationship. My birth date is April 10, 1961 at 7:15 a.m. EST in]]Boston, MA[. Just Divorced*

Dear Just Divorced: You have Gemini rising; Mercury, Ceres, the Sun, and Venus in Aries; Mars in Cancer, the Moon and Jupiter in Aquarius, Saturn in Capricorn, Uranus in Leo, Pluto in Virgo, Neptune in Scorpio, and Chiron in Pisces. Your astrological chart does show that you have been going through a difficult time for the past few years. Let's examine the birth chart first and then look to see what's going on now.

With Gemini rising and the Moon in Aquarius, you fit easily into any social situation. You're a good conversationalist, and you enjoy meeting people. In some ways you can appear far more outgoing than you really are, but you're very comfortable as long as situations are casual. Aries is a direct, outgoing sign — and having four celestial bodies in Aries can exaggerate this energy. Your tendency is to speak your mind. You can be honest — at times to a fault. Your email didn't mention anything about your appearance, but with a Sun-Venus conjunction, I'm sure that you're quite attractive — and despite being over 50, you'll have no problem attracting the opposite sex.

Your Sun and Venus fall in the 12th house of the horoscope. The natural rulers of the 12th house are Pisces and Neptune. Having planets here places a Piscean overtone on your Sun and Venus. This affects you in two particular ways. First of all, you're far more sensitive than you appear to be. This sensitivity is to yourself and also to others. For better or worse, you "feel" what's going on in your environment. The "energy" of the people around you strongly affects

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past. Saturn transits are like a wake-up call to reality. It's not necessarily that things get worse under these transits. It can be a time of seeing things much more clearly. I suspect that you had your husband on a pedestal for many years, and that under these transits he fell off.

In 2012 and 2013 you have transiting Neptune

your mood. Being around uplifting people can lift you out of the doldrums, but being around negative people can put you under. Because of this, you need a certain amount of time alone to close out the world. Secondly, the Pisces overtones add an element of idealism. You don't want to see anything "bad" in the people you care about. Since we all have faults, it can be difficult for you to deal with people as they are.

Your Sun and Venus square Mars in Cancer, so you can be feisty — at times feistier than you recognize. To complicate matters, your Moon in Aquarius is in a wide T-square with Neptune in Scorpio and Uranus in Leo. This celestial combination adds to your sensitivity, but also heightens a need for freedom. You can't stand to feel trapped. This is very likely why you got along better with your husband when he traveled a lot. His not being around all the time gave you the space you needed.

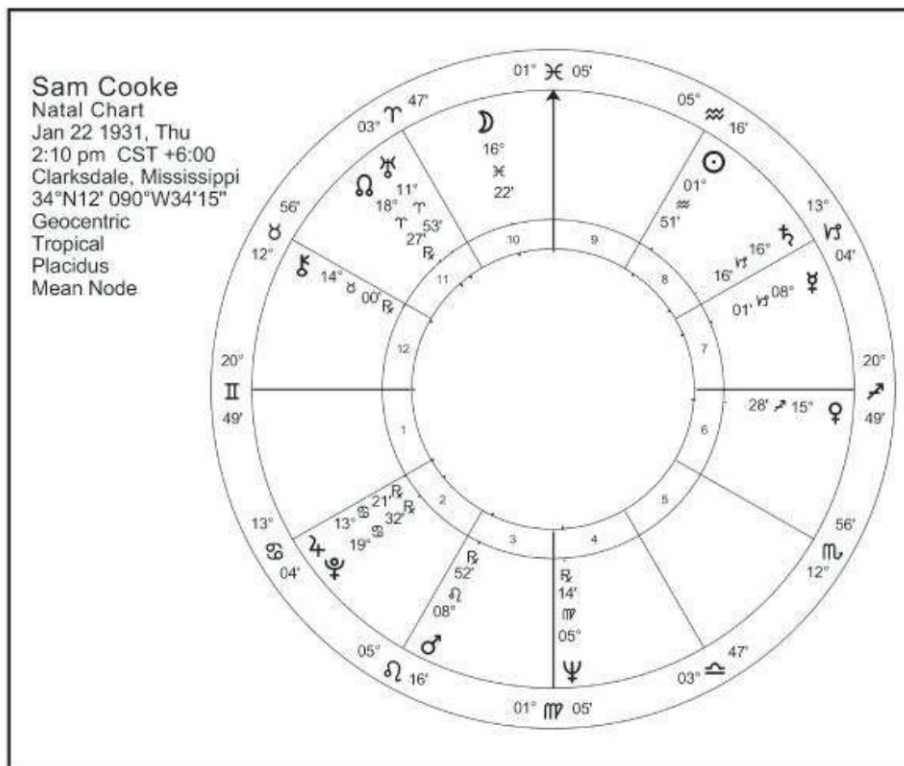
In late 2010, 2011, and 2012 transiting Saturn opposed your Aries planets. It's very likely that at this time you saw your husband differently than in the

tune forming a square to your Ascendant-Descendant axis (the relational axis). Because of this, you may be wondering whether you've made a mistake by getting divorced. Neptune transits make it hard to see situations clearly. There is a tendency to look at situations as better than they are or worse than they are, but it's hard to assess things as they are. You may also have met someone else. All I can say is that if the situation looks too good to be true, it probably is.

This is a favorable period of time for you for meditation or any type of spiritual development, but it's best to avoid making any long-term decisions in 2013.

Dear Joyce: I'm a fan of old music, rhythm and blues. One of my favorite singers was Sam Cooke. He recorded such great songs as "You Send Me" and "Twisting the Night Away." I understand that the manner of his death was disputed. What can you tell me about him? I know that he's an Aquarius. Love R & B

Dear Love R & B. Astrodatbank gives Sam Cooke's birth data as January



Cooke was wildly financially successful. Hit records included “You Send Me,” “Only Sixteen,” “Chain Gang,” “Having a Party,” “Twisting the Night Away.” The 1950 and 1960s were still a time of extreme racial prejudice. Yet, Cooke had 26 top 40 hits between 1957 and 1964 — and three more after his death. Known as the

22, 1931 at 2:10 p.m. CST in Clarksdale, Mississippi (from his birth certificate quoted in a biography by Daniel Wolff). This gives Cooke Gemini rising, the Sun in Aquarius, Moon in Pisces, Mars in Leo, Venus in Sagittarius, Mercury and Saturn in Capricorn, Ceres in Libra, Uranus and the North Node in Aries, Chiron in Taurus, Neptune in Virgo, and Jupiter and Pluto in Cancer.

Cooke was one of eight children. His father was a Baptist minister. Cooke’s singing career started in the church choir when he was a child. He and three of his siblings formed a group. As a teenager, he became a member of a gospel group who performed nationally. Later he joined another more well-known gospel group. His crossover to pop occurred in 1956. At first he tried recording under a different name so as not to lose his gospel fans, but the cover up didn’t work, and he was released from his gospel contract. And later, just as he broke out of gospel into rhythm and blues, Cooke broke out of rhythm and blues and moved into mainstream pop music.

King of Soul, his influence helped the rise of other successful soul music musicians such as Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, and Marvin Gaye.

On a personal level, Cooke was noted to be a womanizer, but also a “first class” guy. The circumstances surrounding his death are still disputed. The official version is at odds with Cooke’s reputation as a first class guy. According to this version, he met a woman at a bar and proceeded to leave with her. The story gets dicey after that. They went to a seedy hotel, where she accused him of trying to rape her. She fled — taking some of his clothes (and his money) with her. Cooke went to the registration half naked and is purported to have attacked the hotel manager. Cooke’s murder was ruled justifiable homicide. The fact that the woman who claimed rape was a known prostitute was not allowed into evidence.

Cooke’s family claims it was a set-up job as Cooke was worth more dead than alive to people he was at that time cutting out of his life. His will was never found. His wife, whom he was planning

on divorcing, became the executor of his estate. His parents and siblings received no money from his estate. His ex-manager and business partner became president and vice-president of Tracey Records, the parent company of Cooke's enterprises. The truth may never be known, but Cooke's astrology chart can shed some light on what happened.

First of all, Cooke has Jupiter and Pluto in Cancer widely conjoined in the money sector of the chart (2nd house). (Bill Gates has this planetary combination in Leo in this sector.) It's associated with making "big money." These planets form trines to the Moon in Pisces in his career sector (10th house). The 10th house has to do with public image; Pisces with music and creativity, and the Moon, with the public and women. All that being said, Cooke had the birth set-up to be a musician popular with the public — and with women in particular.

With Gemini rising, Venus in Sagittarius, and the Moon in Pisces, a roaming eye for the ladies is a distinct possibility. The more difficult planetary placements come from Mercury and Saturn conjoined in Capricorn opposite Jupiter and Pluto conjoined in Cancer, all square Uranus and the North Node in Aries, and Ceres and the South Node in Libra. Both Saturn and the Sun in Aquarius fall in the house of death and inheritances (8th house). This planetary combination sets up the possibility of conflict over money, joint finances, and inheritances.

In looking to see the planetary influences at the time of his death, I looked at the transits to his birth chart and the secondary progressions and solar arcs. Simply defined, to calculate secondary progressions, each day after birth counts as one year of life, so the planetary positions on the day become the progressed chart. Solar arcs are calculated by adding the number of degrees the Sun

has moved in the secondary progressed chart to every planet in the birth chart. Both methods of moving the chart forward, along with transits, indicate what's likely to happen to someone during a particular year.

In his secondary progressed chart, Venus was about one degree past the conjunction to Saturn in Capricorn and opposing the Ascendant in Cancer. The progressed Ascendant had passed the conjunction to natal Pluto. The fact that this had passed made me wonder if Cooke's birth time was actually a few minutes earlier.

Venus rules love, money, and women. The planetary combination could indicate an intense affair. It could indicate divorce. The progressed Venus was in the 8th house of death, as was the solar arc Venus. Solar arc Venus, also in Capricorn, had just passed the opposition to natal Pluto. This certainly can indicate a woman involved in his death, which is what happened regardless of whose story is to be believed.

Transiting Pluto and Uranus were in Virgo at the time at 18 and 19 Virgo. This placed these celestial bodies in between the opposition to Cooke's Moon at 16 Pisces 22 and the square to his Ascendant at 20 Gemini 49. Transiting Neptune was also quincunx the Ascendant. The celestial players in this case are Venus, Pluto, and the 2nd and 8th houses. Interestingly enough, both Pluto and the 8th house are associated with death and inheritance, and Venus and the 2nd house are associated with love and money.

So, was this a plot to kill Cooke to steal his wealth or did all these planetary aspects turn someone who could pretty much have his choice of women into a crazed rapist? With transiting Neptune forming a quincunx to Cooke's Ascendant at the time of his death, we may never know for sure. ☆

Aquarius

Your 12 Months Ahead

February 2013 through
January 2014



by T. H. McMichael

This will be a very interesting year, one in which hard work (Saturn) can pay big dividends over time, while taking a risk or two (Jupiter) may yield you smaller rewards in the here and now. On the other hand, when combined with Neptune, Saturn might limit your cash flow for part of the year, something that, though aggravating, will be corrected over time — it will all balance out in the end. Uranus and Pluto continue to jiggle all of us with their long-term square, but just think of this as getting obstacles out of the way so we can build on the cleared land that remains. Think of the year as a roller-coaster ride in slow motion. Maybe not always to your taste, but doable and, in the end, lots of fun!

Born January 20-29: You start the forecast year ready for fun, with money to burn; by summer, fun's over and work is the thing.

Born January 30-February 8: During the spring, though you may be feeling lucky, don't forget practical matters.

Born February 9-18: Work you do in late August could lead to big things. Don't let yourself be distracted.

Make Hay!

JUPITER was once singled out in the advice of one astrologer by the phrase "make hay while Jupiter shines!" And the astrologer fully intended to make the connection between a friendly Jupiter placement or aspect and money. Since Jupiter will be in your solar 5th, a house of recreation, creativity, and speculation, it will act as a counterweight to some of the advice we see in the Saturn section that follows. From the beginning of your forecast period through the 25th of June, Jupiter will provide you with opportunities to make

Planetary Calendar for Aquarius' Year

Planets entering the signs focus concern on your solar houses (shown next to planet and sign). Each period extends until the planet enters the following sign.

02/01/2013	♂	♋	2	Watch spending	07/20/2013	♀	♎	6	Speak, but carefully
02/01/2013	♀	♋	1	Self-confidence soars	07/22/2013	♀	♏	8	An unexpected gift
02/05/2013	♀	♋	2	Organize personal finances	07/22/2013	☉	♏	7	Partners want control
02/18/2013	☉	♋	2	Ditto	08/08/2013	♀	♏	7	Sign partnership agreements
02/18/2013	♄	♏	10	Career matters slow	08/16/2013	♀	♏	9	Time for a vacation
02/23/2013	♀	♌	2	Avoid financial decisions	08/22/2013	☉	♏	8	Money issues arise
02/25/2013	♀	♋	2	You feel generous	08/23/2013	♀	♏	8	Money decisions needed
03/11/2013	♂	♏	3	Caution in travel	08/27/2013	♂	♏	7	Downplay disagreements
03/17/2013	♀	♌	2	Make financial decisions	09/08/2013	♀	♏	9	A time to learn
03/20/2013	☉	♏	3	Your ideas have power	09/10/2013	♀	♏	10	Praise from higher-ups
03/21/2013	♀	♏	3	Socialize with neighbors	09/20/2013	♃	♏	12	Dreams come alive
04/12/2013	♃	♏	12	Dreams are deep	09/22/2013	☉	♏	9	Something to learn now
04/13/2013	♀	♏	3	A winning communication style	09/29/2013	♀	♏	10	Talk to the boss
04/14/2013	♀	♌	4	Home decoration time	10/07/2013	♀	♏	11	Mix business, pleasure
04/19/2013	☉	♌	4	Take charge of family	10/15/2013	♂	♏	8	Conflict over money issues
04/20/2013	♂	♌	4	Do home repairs	10/21/2013	♀	♏	10	Higher-ups may mislead
05/01/2013	♀	♌	4	Lead family discussions	10/22/2013	☉	♏	10	Ambition is high now
05/09/2013	♀	♏	5	Romance tempts you	11/04/2013	♀	♏	12	Seek quiet time
05/15/2013	♀	♏	5	Think creatively	11/06/2013	♃	♏	6	Service to others slows
05/20/2013	☉	♏	5	Make long-term plans	11/10/2013	♀	♏	10	Talk to the boss again
05/30/2013	♀	♏	6	Discuss workplace issues	11/13/2013	♃	♏	2	Money matters clarify
05/31/2013	♂	♏	5	Raucous fun is your wont	11/21/2013	☉	♏	11	Lead group discussions
06/02/2013	♀	♏	6	Service to others pleases	12/04/2013	♀	♏	11	Ditto
06/06/2013	♃	♏	2	Caution with money matters	12/07/2013	♂	♏	9	Caution in travel
06/20/2013	☉	♏	6	You aim to serve	12/17/2013	♃	♏	3	Think before you speak
06/25/2013	♃	♏	6	Rewards for service abound	12/21/2013	☉	♏	12	Quiet time for you
06/26/2013	♀	♏	6	A time for silence	12/21/2013	♀	♏	12	Ditto
06/27/2013	♀	♏	7	Love comes to you	12/24/2013	♀	♏	12	Double ditto
07/07/2013	♄	♏	10	Ambitions move forward	01/11/2014	♀	♏	1	Emerge from your hideaway
07/13/2013	♂	♏	6	Detail work is demanding	01/19/2014	☉	♏	1	You impress others
07/17/2013	♃	♏	3	Watch what you say					

a little extra money, but don't get too carried away. A little speculation, okay; a lot and you may be asking for trouble. Once Jupiter moves into your solar 6th, rather than money your rewards are likely to come in the form of praise and thanks for services rendered in helping a friend, relative, or perhaps doing service work for a charitable organization.

Ad Astra

SATURN in the solar 10th should remind you of the old saying *As Astra Per Aspera*, a Latin phrase that can be translated as "Through hardships to the stars." Though pessimists will focus on the first part, optimists will tend to focus on the second, but in your current situation you should focus on both. There is great promise for those who have Saturn in this position, and much promise for those who understand that high achievement is possible now, as long as you are willing to put forth the effort of planning and working hard toward your chosen goal. Keep this in mind, as Saturn will be here until 2015.

Unintended Consequences

URANUS in your personal communication sector is certainly problematic. It makes you a creative speaker under just the right conditions, but when Uranus is squared by Mercury, as one example, you might find yourself saying things that upset or offend others, even if that wasn't your intention. And since Uranus is involved in a long-term square to a powerful planet in your "subconscious" solar house, that simply makes such scenarios all the more likely. For now, and in fact until the Uranus-Pluto square ends in 2015, be very careful about speaking off the cuff.

Limitations

NEPTUNE makes a trine to Saturn in Scorpio from the beginning of May to the end of August, something that could limit your cash flow, at least temporarily. The tie-in between a planet in your solar 10th (Saturn) and one in your solar 2nd (Neptune) could at the very least confuse your personal financial situation. This doesn't look like unemployment, but rather sounds like glitches and hitches that might cause a creditor to lose track of your payments, or temporary short-falls on the part of an employer that could slow down payments you are owed. The message here is to be prepared by putting a little extra aside at the beginning of the year.

Linchpin

PLUTO in your solar 12th house, the sector of dreams and the subconscious, among other things, is the center of a good deal of activity during the year ahead. Its long-term square to Uranus has been shaking things up over the last year, and will continue to do so in the year ahead. But a sextile to Saturn that covers the period from mid-August to mid-October adds to the idea that changes are everywhere. For you, change is more of a sense of things to come than a promise for the here and now.

Your Action Timetable

MARS begins this forecast period in your solar 2nd house, Pisces, and ends the period in your solar 9th house, Libra. The dates when it moves into each sign during the year ahead signal a shift in focus for your interests and activities. Right timing and right action are aided by knowing where Mars is and where it's going in relation to your birth sign.

February 1-March 10: You have a need for speed when it comes to acquiring everything from money to property, but don't let yourself be hypnotized by glitz, and do keep a close eye on your spending. Unless you just won the lottery, building up a big credit-card bill that will take years to pay off will not make you happy over the long term. It is easy to think you need more "stuff" now, but the fact is that your eyes are likely to be bigger than your bank account. Leave the plastic at home and only take as much cash as you need.

March 11-April 19: Your head may be full of really great ideas, but unless you are very careful your mouth could interfere with your efforts to present your thoughts to others. You'll have a tendency to be abrupt in your speaking style, and may come across as arrogant even if you don't see yourself that way at all. If you have to present ideas and plans to others, especially in a business setting, put all that Mars energy into the

Powerpoint slides and the written proposals, and try to be laid-back when speaking.

April 20-May 30: Suddenly squeaky hinges seem loud enough to make you jump, and little bits of cracking or peeling paint in shadowy corners will seem as big and as obvious as if they were murals. Mars moving through your home sector is thus not such a bad transit, as you can emerge from the experience with your living environment much better looking. But don't get carried away with major redecorating. All you need is a little WD-40 and a splash or two of paint.

May 31-July 12: With a spotlight thrown on your fun and romance sector, at the very least you may feel the need to be more physically active than usual. Not a bad idea for the most part, unless your secret life as a couch potato has made your body just a little too flabby for the kind of activity your mind is brewing up for you. Work into this Mars period slowly by taking walks and doing other light

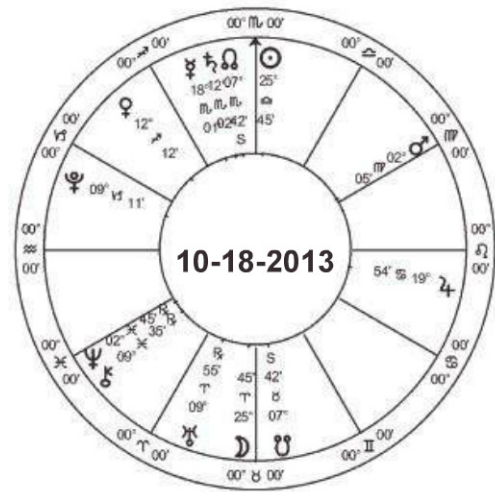
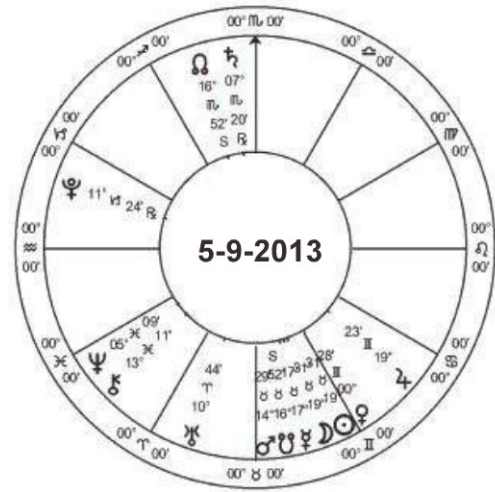
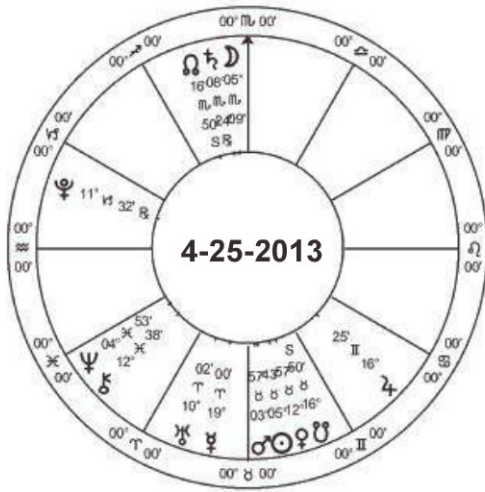
Matters of the Heart

Aquarius in Love: Your sign has the reputation of being a cool customer, a collector of friends but a better lover of humankind than of a life partner. You of course know that is nonsense, as though Aquarians tend to seem a little distant, and even disinterested, this changes very quickly when love is involved. It may take you time to build a relationship up to the true intimacy that you desire in your heart of hearts, but in the end it is the real thing, and no doubt about it.

Playing the field: The best time to find someone more interested in fun and companionship than in taking up housekeeping with you is **May 9 to July 13**. Take care, though, as what you think of as a fling may be more serious to your partner.

Serious singles: Looking for a deeper relationship? Your best chance to connect with that soul mate might be **from July 22 through September 8**.

Love and marriage: Thinking of tying the knot or taking a second honeymoon? Personal aspects to your chart are always the most important, but **June 27 to August 23** is a good time in general for everyone of your sign.



Eclipses in
the Year Ahead
for Aquarius

exercise to get you accustomed to that extra blood flow before you start running, lifting weights, or going on long hikes in the mountains.

July 13-August 26: Speaking of activity, you'll now be right in the thick of detail work that requires long hours and close attention. This may not necessarily be work someone dumps on your desk or scribbles on your to-do list either. Little jobs half finished suddenly grab your attention and you can't rest until they are finished, over, and done. Just as with the home-sector transit, you'll be tempted to do too much. Pace yourself.

August 27-October 13: Even though Mars in your partnership sector can bring some friction between you and certain partners, this isn't wholly negative energy. It may be a bit vexing to have to deal with partners who suddenly seem demanding, but if you actually take the time to work with them and talk things out, you'll be surprised at the possibilities

that open up before you. As this period approaches, take an objective look at how things stand with a spouse or business partner and think about the ways that the two of you can do better together.

October 14-December 6: Much of what we said in the last Mars period applies in this one as well, as it is quite likely that you will have to work out differences with someone close, only this time they will relate specifically to money. Whether it has to do with how to handle the bookkeeping for a business, or where to put funds you are saving up for retirement, decisions need to be made. At the beginning of this period there may not seem to be much agreement, but by the end of it, things should be in good shape.

December 7-July 25, 2014: This is a great time for learning, especially if you need to learn something of a technical or mechanical nature. Overall, you will feel highly curious and ready to investigate just about anything you decide is worthy

Eclipses and Aquarius

Solar and lunar eclipses shine a spotlight on the areas of your chart where they occur, giving you clues to matters that might be highlighted at the time of the eclipse and for some time following. In general, the effect of each eclipse is strongest around the time it happens, and wanes until the next eclipse of that type. The eclipses this year highlight your solar 3rd, 4th, 10th, and 11th, focusing on communication and learning, home life, career and public image, and your ability to carry out cherished plans.

April 25, 2013, Lunar Eclipse (partial), Scorpio/Taurus. Your need to be known in your community or career life is important now. Work on your image.

May 9, 2013, Solar Eclipse (annular), Taurus. A fresh start is possible now with respect to a nagging family issue that may have been holding you back.

May 24, 2013, Lunar Eclipse (appulse), Sagittarius/Gemini. You can be a leader to your peers. Let them know your vision of the future.

October 18, 2013, Lunar Eclipse (appulse). Aries/Libra. Investigate local offerings for courses on subjects that interest you.

November 3, 2012, Solar Eclipse (annular/total). Scorpio. You are bound and determined to make a difference now, and make your mark on the world. Keep a steady course.

of your attention, so dig in and start studying. It may be difficult to discipline yourself to something that you can handle, but the help of a teacher or mentor will keep you on track. Oh, and yes, Mars is in a sector that rules both learning and travel, so take it easy with the latter.

When MERCURY is retrograde in motion, messages and other communications can be delayed, and travel plans often need to be altered on short notice, causing no end of frustration. It's all right to *make* such plans during Mercury retrograde, but you should be cautious about carrying them out until the planet of communication moves direct, and then only after you confirm and reconfirm everything. During this forecast period, dates for Mercury retrograde are: **February 23 (2013)-March 17, June 26-July 20, October 21-November 10.**

VENUS can make you confident about your appearance and attractiveness in any social or romantic situation when it is in a trine, sextile, or conjunction aspect to your sign. Dates for these aspects during this cycle are: **February 1-25, March 21-April 14, May 9-June 2, August 16-September 10, October 7-November 4.**

Month by Month

February—The main thing on your mind for most of the month is likely to be money. Mars in your personal finance sector right from the beginning of the month is a big temptation to spend on things you want, and Venus in the same place by the 25th is a big temptation to spend your money on gifts for friends and loved ones. In between, Mercury and the Sun also move into the same place, and then go retrograde there on the 23rd. Do you hear the alarm bells ringing? You should.

March—Whatever damage might have been done by last month's financial

temptations, you will have a good opportunity until the 20th to begin to straighten it out. Before the 17th, just make plans to settle outstanding bills and perhaps make some changes in your accounts and then after that date, with Mercury direct once again, go ahead and carry out your plans. Mars in your local travel house from the 11th onward cautions you to be extra careful.

April—If you took our suggestion to pitch your ideas and plans to others, you will find your ability to do that enhanced after the 13th, but you need to be careful not to push too hard and not to be too direct in refuting whatever criticism you may receive. In the second half of the month, focus on your living environment and ask yourself if there are things you can do around your house or apartment to make it a better place to live.

May—Toward the end of last month, the suggestion to improve things at home may have had you in a decorating mood. Mars entered your home sector on the 20th of April and won't leave until the end of this month, and that could have you ready to do quite a bit more. Rather than decorating, repairs are likely to be the focus now, but even if you think that things would be really nice if you could just knock out a wall or two, or maybe add a room, or paint the living room purple, just take it easy. Trying to do too much will just leave lots of fix-it jobs undone by the end of the month.

June—The urge to serve may come upon you now, so if you are already involved in projects that lend a helping hand to others, no doubt you'll be more deeply involved by the end of this month. In fact, you could be so involved that you end up getting a reward or to for what you have done, or at the very least a hearty thanks from someone that you did not expect. Avoid financial commitments now, as things may not be as they seem in this department of your life.

July—Your prospects for advancement in a career or in a leadership position in a social group may be better than in the recent past, but caution is called for in making any big moves. This is especially true during the period from the 17th through the 20th when both Uranus (in your personal communication sector) and Mercury are retrograde. This makes it all too easy to blurt out things that others are thinking but don't want to say, and believe it or not, they don't want you to say it either. It won't win you any points, so just keep it to yourself.

August—In the first three weeks of this month, you'll have a good opportunity (or possibly several) to settle differences and come to agreements (some in writing) between you and a business or romantic partner. It is especially important to do this before Mars enters your partnership house on the 27th, as anything left unfinished at that time may not get finished at all. From the 22nd to the 25th focus on mutual financial decisions you need to make with those partners.

September—For many months now a lot of your concerns have been with matters like home life and partnership, but this month they take a more outward and upward turn. Venus entering your career and public image sector on the 10th brings you praise from a higher-up that promises to develop into something big. Saturn already in that sector has probably prompted you to do the groundwork for making yourself better known and better appreciated, so this is the time to give more serious attention to improving your standing in the community or in any career you're pursuing.

October—By the beginning of this month you have both Venus and Mercury in that career/public sector (your solar 10th), so whatever you may have developed in this area of your life can be completed this month. But it takes effort and

it takes timing, as that Mercury will be retrograde by the 21st, and the cosmic body that would most help your advancement, the Sun, won't show up in the 10th until after that date. Work steadily toward a chosen goal.

November—Between the 10th and the 21st you will have a chance to finish anything you chose to start in regard to your career and public image. Mercury goes direct on the first date, and by the second the Sun will move along to the next house. However, you still have opportunities to improve your standing, as the Sun moving into the 11th can help you develop your aspirations in social and business settings. Networking now is a must if you want to make your mark, so get to it.

December—The networking trend picks up again, from the 4th through the 21st, though there is a slight complication. During much of this time you may not feel a whole lot like mingling with others, so you will have to make choices between the emotions that make you want to hide away, and your mind which tells you that opportunities are waiting for you in the world outside your door. By the way, if you do get out to hang out with others, take care around the 17th when your mouth can get you in trouble. From, say, the 16th through the 18th, laugh at others' jokes, but don't make any of your own.

January—This is a nice finish to your forecast year. Even though you may still feel like hiding yourself away, as the month moves along you may feel more inclined to bring yourself back into a more public life. Early in the month you feel more like talking to people you might have avoided last month, and you may be surprised at how eager they are to listen. By the 19th, when the Sun enters your sign, you will find other people asking you for advice that you are more than ready to give. ☆

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Use Astrology To Find Success and Happiness

by Pat Strickland

The areas of your life associated with Aquarius and Pisces are in the spotlight now. The February 10 New Moon in Aquarius, Mercury in Aquarius through the 4th, and Venus in the same sign February 1-25, bring the possibility of an active social life. Review your priorities and friendships to see if they've been helping you get what you want. If you are unhappy, you may need to make changes. The area of your life associated with Pisces is also in the spotlight. Mars is in Pisces February 1-March 11, along with Neptune. Mercury enters Pisces on February 5, followed by the Sun on the 18th. While all these planets are in Pisces, you can slow down, gather strength, review your situation, and then decide what your next move should be.

Planets in Pisces can take on a rather vague, gentle, dreamy, imaginative quality. Other traits associated with Pisces planets are kindness, compassion, self-sacrifice, and escapism. When Mars is in Pisces, your energy may be slightly low. You need extra rest. Look to your chart to see which area of your life is affected by this Mars transit.

This month two planets turn retrograde, which can slow your progress. On February 18, Saturn turns retrograde in Scorpio until July 7. Mercury is retrograde in Pisces, February 22-March 17. If you plan to travel during this time, confirm the reservations in early February, while both planets are still direct.

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!

According to Chinese astrology, which is based on a lunar calendar, the New Year begins on February 10, with the New Moon in Aquarius. This is a year of the Snake, and all things will be possible. Saving money and being thrifty should be your top priorities. Delusion and deception are common in the year of the Snake. Stay alert! Jupiter in Gemini until late June increases optimism, but Saturn in Scorpio all year adds an undercurrent of suspicion, and can intensify distrust.

To gain the greatest benefits from this year, you must control spending and use your talents wisely. If you are planning to get married or to begin a business partnership, be sure to thoroughly investigate the other person's finances and background before you legalize the alliance.

To learn more about what the planets' movements may mean for you, read the forecast for your Sun sign. If you know your rising sign read that section also, to obtain a more complete forecast.

ARIES SUN SIGN OR ASCENDANT

On February 1, Mars, your planetary ruler, moves into Pisces, your shadowy 12th house, where Neptune resides. On that same day, Venus arrives in Aquarius, boosting your social life and helping you to move closer to your goals. This helpful influence is in effect through the 24th. Conflicts could arise if your desires clash with the desires of your friends or professional associates. The February 10 New

Moon in Aquarius may bring a new friend into your life.

If you want to go on a retreat or just get in touch with your spiritual side, the period of February 5-21 is ideal. Mercury is traveling direct in your sector of contemplation. Be prepared to take a more active role at work in the weeks following the February 25 Full Moon in Virgo. Your workload may be heavier, or your coworkers or helpers may be difficult.

Oriental Astrology Tip: You like to live life to the fullest, but even a feisty Aries occasionally has to slow down a bit. With Mars in your solar 12th house through March 11, you should pace yourself and get plenty of sleep.

Power days: 2, 6, 8, 11, 16, 21.

TAURUS SUN SIGN OR ASCENDANT

Your ruling planet, Venus, is in Aquarius. This influence can be helpful for careers, business, and public life. If you do the right things, you may win the support of bosses, parents, and superiors. While Mars is in Pisces, February 1-March 11, you can actively pursue goals and spend time with your friends and groups. If your desires clash with those of your associates, safeguard your interests. If people expect too much, set boundaries to protect your free time.

Your annual career cycle begins with the New Moon in Aquarius on February 10, which is also the start of the Chinese New Year. If you have any team projects in progress, finish them before Saturn turns retrograde on February 18. Focus on goals while the Sun is in Pisces, February 18-March 20. Avoid speculative ventures, gambling, and risky activities near the 25th, when the Full Moon shines in Virgo. Use any extra energy to do creative work.

Oriental Astrology Tip: If you are success-oriented, you can make headway in your work or public life, thanks to Venus in Aquarius February 1-25. Use tact

and charm, when dealing with executives, parents, business people, and judges.

Power days: 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 16, 21, 25.

GEMINI SUN SIGN OR ASCENDANT

Mercury, your planetary ruler, spends the first five days in Aquarius, drawing attention to your education and beliefs. On February 5, Mercury moves into Pisces, where this planet will be until mid-April. If you expect to travel during this time, make reservations before Mercury turns retrograde on February 23. This planet will be traveling “backward” through March 17.

While Mars is in Pisces, February 1-March 11, the spotlight is on your work, business, or public life. You can make headway by successfully completing jobs that showcase your leadership skills and unique abilities. The February 10 Aquarius New Moon urges you to be open-minded. Before Saturn turns retrograde on the 18th, talk to your employer about your goals and contributions to the firm’s success. The Virgo Full Moon on the 25th reminds you to be sensitive to the feelings of visitors and people who share your home. This need extends through the next two weeks.

Oriental Astrology Tip: You can learn a lot about yourself by keeping a private diary of your thoughts and feelings. Make a note of the high and low points of each day. At the end of each month, review your journal.

Power days: 2, 6, 12, 15, 21, 25.

CANCER SUN SIGN OR ASCENDANT

Your celestial ruler, the Moon, keeps you emotionally active on several fronts this month. Your beliefs or education may be especially important, while several planets are passing through Pisces. While Mars is in that sign, February 1-March 11, you may feel an urge to travel. This is not the best time for a trip, but even one day away from routine can be refreshing. The

Aquarius New Moon on February 10 may put you in touch with someone who is different.

If you have any creative jobs in progress, finish them before Saturn turns retrograde on the 18th. Look for fresh perspectives on life while the Sun visits Pisces, February 18-March 19. The February 25 Virgo Full Moon reminds you that deadlines and little things are important. Avoid heavy physical work on February 10, 20, 25, and 26. Don't waste any time comparing your life to another person's. Be thankful for what you have.

Oriental Astrology Tip: You have great creativity. Be as creative and innovative as you want in all you do, whether it's cooking, decorating a room, or planning a party.

Power days: 1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 16, 21, 23.

LEO SUN SIGN OR ASCENDANT

Your ruler, the life-sustaining Sun, spends the first three weeks in Aquarius, where Venus resides. Strive to strengthen your relationships. Mars is in Pisces, your solar 8th house, February 1-March 11. Mars fuels idealism, but can cause problems. Keep informed about all debts and joint accounts, especially if your financial priorities are different from those of your partner. Make sure that bills, taxes, and insurance are paid on time.

The February 10 Aquarius New Moon may motivate you to make a commitment to someone, or it can bring a relationship matter to a head. If you have any construction jobs or property deals in progress, finish them before Saturn turns retrograde on the 18th. After that, it's best not to start any redecorating or new home construction. Focus on finances while the Sun is in Pisces, February 18-March 20. The Virgo Full Moon on the 25th emphasizes the importance of keeping your finances in order.

Oriental Astrology Tip: You are a generous person. It's only natural for you to

want to be appreciated. If someone seems ungrateful, give yourself a hug or reward. Remember that the most important approval comes from within you.

Power days: 1, 5, 6, 10, 12, 20, 21.

VIRGO SUN SIGN OR ASCENDANT

Your alliances and relationships are in the spotlight while Mars is in Pisces, February 1-March 11. This transit can make you more idealistic than usual about loved ones or others. You have to be realistic about what you can expect from people, and be sensitive to their needs. Be more attentive to your partner and people close to you. They may feel you have been neglecting them. If problems arise, try to resolve them in a reasonable way.

The February 10 New Moon in Aquarius may bring a new job, assignment, or health issue for you to tackle. If you are writing reports, finish them before Saturn turns retrograde on the 18th. Work on strengthening the bonds of affection that link you to your mate, friends, or loved ones, while the Sun visits Pisces, February 18-March 20. The February 25 Virgo Full Moon reminds you that the image you project is important.

Oriental Astrology Tip: You need to reduce the level of stress in your life. An easy way to do this is to get out of the habit of worrying. Most of the things you worry about never happen!

Power days: 2, 6, 12, 15, 21, 25.

LIBRA SUN SIGN OR ASCENDANT

You may feel pressure at work, as Mars is in your solar 6th house, February 1-March 11. Although you have the energy and motivation to meet the challenge, you may be vulnerable to accidents and illnesses. Don't overdo anything, including work. The February 10 Aquarius New Moon provides an outlet for stress. With Venus, your ruling planet, in Aquarius through the 24th, you may add love or creativity to this mix. This is a good time to go to social events or

to entertain friends and loved ones at your home.

After Mercury enters Pisces on February 5, you can use your imagination to brighten your work. Avoid scheduling presentations while Mercury is retrograde, February 23-March 17. Examine all paperwork for errors. The February 25 Virgo Full Moon in your solar 12th house urges you to slow down and gather strength for the busier times that are ahead

Oriental Astrology Tip: You do so many nice things for others. It's time to be good to yourself. Treat yourself to a massage, pedicure, facial, massage, manicure, or herbal bath each week. You've earned some rewards.

Power days: 1, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 25.

SCORPIO SUN SIGN OR ASCENDANT

Home is a good place to be for the first three weeks, while the Sun and Venus are in Aquarius, your solar 4th house. The New Moon on February 10 is in this sector. Your co-ruler, Mars, is in Pisces, February 1-March 11, along with Neptune, increasing creativity. Your appetites are stronger than usual. You want to enjoy your life and have fun. If you are single and searching, you may find love or a new interest. Be careful. Don't hop into bed with a smooth talker you hardly know. If you are already in a relationship, you may be able to spice it up.

Goals and friendships are in the spotlight around February 25, thanks to a Full Moon in Virgo. Plan some outings or informal get-togethers with your closest pals. You may get the urge to splurge on fun, children, or loved ones. Don't break the budget, regardless of how generous you feel.

Oriental Astrology Tip: Your intensely emotional nature can make you vulnerable. Make it a priority to gain control of your feelings. When you have achieved

this goal, you will be stronger and more likely to succeed.

Power days: 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 21, 25.

SAGITTARIUS SUN SIGN OR ASCENDANT

Several planets in Pisces draw attention to your home and personal life. From February 1 through March 11, Mars is in this sign, your solar 4th house. Accidents, fires, arguments, and break-ins can occur at home. Be careful with tools, stoves, and ladders. Lock all outside doors and windows. Test the smoke alarms. Problems can arise if your desires clash with those of visitors or people you live with. Jupiter, your ruling planet, is in Gemini urging you to be sensitive to the needs and feelings of your friends and loved one.

You can connect with a variety of people this month, thanks to the February 10 Aquarius New Moon, and Venus in the same sign through the 24th. You can get better acquainted with your neighbors and relatives.

After Mercury turns retrograde on February 23, examine all paperwork for errors. Misunderstandings can occur within the family. Domestic projects begun then may not go smoothly. The February 25 Virgo Full Moon boosts your ability to succeed in your work or professional life. This is your signal to move forward.

Oriental Astrology Tip: Honestly assess your close relationships, whether personal or business. If the bonds are loose or superficial, decide if the alliances are worth maintaining.

Power days: 1, 7, 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 27.

CAPRICORN SUN SIGN OR ASCENDANT

Saturn, your ruling planet, is in Scorpio, your solar 11th house, drawing attention to your goals, wishes, and social ties. Some friends or associates may support you in the pursuit of goals; other people may dis-

appoint you. The February 10 New Moon in Aquarius can help finances. Venus in Aquarius through the 24th can bring a raise, refund, bills, or small lottery win. If you feel generous, control yourself, especially if luxury items are tempting you!

Misunderstandings can occur after Mercury turns retrograde on February 23. You may have problems with communication, siblings, contracts, neighbors, phones, vehicles, or the Internet. The February 25 Virgo Full Moon invites you to have an adventure. If you can get away, plan a restful vacation or one that includes memorable sightseeing.

Don't automatically believe everything you hear or read. The strong Pisces influence in effect now can confuse people's thinking or trigger deliberate deception. Pluto in Capricorn urges you to think for yourself instead of allowing fools or deceivers to mislead you.

Oriental Astrology Tip: You are an achiever by nature. If opportunity doesn't knock on your door, go out and find it! You have the energy, intelligence, and determination to create your own success.

Power days: 1, 4, 7, 11, 12, 15, 16, 21, 25.

AQUARIUS SUN SIGN OR ASCENDANT

On February 1, the Sun, Mercury, and Venus are in your sign. You are aglow with charm and bright ideas. Grab any opportunity to promote your abilities or favorite causes. Curb your spending while Mars is in Pisces, February 1-March 11; Mercury is in this sector February 5-April 13. The February 10 New Moon in Aquarius gives you enough energy to make a fresh start in at least one sector of your life. At the same time, Uranus, your ruling planet, is in Aries urging you to be brave and openminded.

Communication is important. You may be able to resolve longstanding problems

with your sibling, cousin, or neighbor by taking a fresh approach to the matter. Two retrograde planets can slow progress. After Saturn turns retrograde on February 18, don't start any new business or construction. Avoid major purchases, examine all documents after Mercury turns retrograde on February 23.

Oriental Astrology Tip: Don't go to extremes in any interest, relationship, or activity. Aim for moderation in all things. Don't be too quick to trust people with your love, money, or personal information.

Power days: 4, 6, 9, 11, 14, 15, 21.

PISCES SUN SIGN OR ASCENDANT

Mars in Pisces February 1-March 11 boosts your energy and initiative. You may be active physically, mentally, or emotionally. Get all the facts before you make any snap decisions. People who meet you may think of you as capable, assertive, sexy. You can accomplish many things, working on your own behalf. Take the time to rest around February 10, when the Aquarius New Moon brightens your 12th house. Venus here through the 24th invites you to plan some romantic evenings with your mate.

The February 25 Full Moon in Virgo places your relationships in a spotlight into early March. This can be good for some situations, but not necessarily at work or in your finances. Now that Neptune, your ruling planet, is in Pisces, you may feel more compassionate toward your family or dear ones. This is not a good time to allow a friend, lover, or relative to move with you. Protect your privacy.

Oriental Astrology Tip: You may be able to overcome a longstanding problem if you approach it from a different angle. Often, when you view a conflict or obstacle from a fresh perspective, you can see a way around it.

Power days: 2, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 16, 20, 21. ☆

Astrology for The New Age

A Cosmic
Perspective on Your
Personal Transits
For February 2013

by Tim Lyons

My notes tell me that I haven't spoken about Venus all that much in recent columns. I will do so now, for I've heard that we all need more love in our lives, and as most of us have probably discovered, you don't find much of it out on the street.

"But wait!" you object. "You see love all the time on the street, and in all sorts of forms, ranging from romance magazines to — well, you know."

Which brings us to a couple of interesting questions: What, after all, is love? And how do you recognize it when you encounter it? The first one seems unanswerable in its present form, because probably no one knows what love "is," even if each of us can probably say, more or less, what happens when we feel love. I find myself thinking of a line from one of Greg Brown's songs ("One Wrong Turn") on his album *The Poet Game*: "Love is every day, doing this, that, this." We may not know what love is, but we can generally recognize love when we encounter it, by recognizing what that mysterious *love* induces we mysterious humans to do.

A fellow named Jesus once said that one should love one's neighbor as oneself (though, unless I misremember, even Jesus didn't tell us what love *is*). Interesting, but perhaps neighbor-love differs in some significant way from partner-love or love of one's god, or of one's children, or even of one's morning coffee (which, admit it, many of you say you love). Some will say that love differs in important ways from infatuation, and some will see the "love" of

the young as merely infatuation, but I feel on shaky ground in making any solid assertions about that. After all, I have a hard time telling what's going on in my own heart and head without passing judgments on what goes on in the hearts and heads of "the young" (and, to tell the truth, not knowing quite what that last phrase refers to). Back in the dark ages, when I qualified as "young," I perhaps had a better sense of "true love" than I do now (but, as the Sage from Hibbing once sang, "I was so much older then; I'm younger than that now").

Now that we know what we don't know, we can proceed, assured in the conviction that we will probably not end up with a good idea of what "love" is. In proceeding, we hear, swirling around what we can loosely refer to as "the collective," all sorts of assertions about love, assertions telling us that love lasts, or hurts, or doesn't have to say that it's sorry, or that it knows no fear, or that it needs no recompense (I made that one up), and on and on. I can't say for certain, of course, but I feel somewhat confident that all of those assertions limit our ideas of love and thus probably don't hold up to scrutiny.

For example, we might say that love *lasts*, perhaps that it lasts *forever*. We should perhaps tread carefully on that ground, for though most people who love each other will probably continue to love each other for quite some time, the fact that a relationship ends may not necessarily mean that the people *didn't* love each other, and that it lasts doesn't necessarily mean that they *do*. This may seem strange, and I

don't mean to suggest that we should value short-lived connections over longer-lasting ones, but only that we can locate some relationships in which love doesn't seem to lead to long-term commitment. Perhaps love arises moment by moment (no doubt as we "do this, that, and this").

Though astrologers often take Venus as a symbol of love, we know that Venus by herself doesn't ensure long-term commitment. In myth, Venus (Aphrodite) seemed to have all sorts of affairs. Further, astrologers see the Moon, not Venus, as a symbol of the home and of security. Whereas both Cancer and Taurus (the Moon's dignity and exaltation respectively) emphasize security of some sort (with Cancer having to do with the home and Taurus with rootedness), only one of Venus' rulerships does. Venus, of course, rules two signs, Libra and Taurus, and whereas the latter has to do with the aforementioned rootedness, Libra has a somewhat dubious connection to such matters. Rather, Libra has a more direct connection with social standards (via Saturn, Libra's exalted ruler), suggesting that in a society where the standard has to do with commitment, Venus will want to enter into relationships with a socially-validated commitment. In societies with different values, Venus might act quite differently.

Furthermore, legalized commitments such as we find in marriages, don't necessarily ensure fidelity in all areas. One might even argue that if we put too much weight on the legalized commitment, we push the passion out of the relationship. Thus we see, in many parts of the world, a kind of culture of momentary enjoyment existing outside of marriage. We might say that in such cases, marriage continues as a lunar containment having to do with home and nurturance, while Venus finds her place in very different arenas.

None of this means, of course, that you can't have an intimate relationship with strong lunar and Venusian energies.

Certainly we see Venus and the Moon many relationships. However, though Venus and the Moon share a connection through stable and earthy Taurus, suggesting that deep sensuality can go hand in hand with stability, they also rule signs that square each other. Cancer and Libra clearly differ in important ways, with Cancer more given to private feeling and Libra to a public display of beauty.¹ This suggests that we should certainly not assume that love brings security, or long-term commitment, or family life, or anything else.

But, of course, what "is" love? I've used Venus as a symbol of love, but should we accept that? Venus magnetizes; beauty does that in our world. Thus women deemed beautiful draw a lot of attention; we could say the same thing for beautiful cathedrals, songs, and so forth. And the beauty may have many qualities about it. A tornado has its own beauty even if it brings destruction. Our term *infatuation* suggests that we can get caught up in the magnetic quality of a person or situation; we may even see that infatuation as love. I don't know whether we should see this as a mistake or not. (I do know, or at least have read, that infatuation comes from roots meaning "to make foolish" and that many fools in literature seem more wise than the serious and purportedly non-foolish. Seriously.)

However, we can find some basis in mythology for the notion that not all love brings stability. In his *The Great Mother*, a study of that archetype, Eric Neumann suggests that the Feminine has two characters, which he calls the elementary and the transformative. He writes:

As elementary character we designate the aspect of the Feminine that as the Great Round, the Great Container, tends to hold fast to everything that springs from it and to surround it like an eternal substance. Everything born of it belongs to it and remains subject to it; and even if the individual becomes independent, the

*Archetypal Feminine relativizes this independence into a nonessential variant of her own perpetual being.*²

This character of the feminine seems closely aligned with the lunar energies, and even more closely aligned with Cancer and Taurus, because of these signs' connections to stability, home, and motherhood. Neumann writes, "The elementary character...is the foundation of that conservative, stable, and unchanging part of the feminine which predominates in motherhood."³

He contrasts the elementary character with the "transformative character," which he characterizes as:

*...the experience of a different fundamental psychic constellation, which is also connected with feminine symbolism. In the transformative character, the accent is on the dynamic element of the psyche, which, in contrast to the conservative tendency of the elementary character, drives toward motion, change, and, in a word, transformation. In psychic development the transformative character is at first "dominated" by the elementary character and only gradually throws off this domination to assume its own independent form. The transformative character is already clearly at work in the basic function of the Maternal-Feminine, in the gestation as well as the bearing of children.*⁴

But though at first the transformative character lies contained within the elementary (as, for example, in the natural changes that take place within all living things), with a "differentiation of consciousness," it begins to take on its own form, characterized by "movement and unrest." Again, though the transformative character appears clearly during puberty, pregnancy, and what Neumann calls "the blood mysteries" connected to psychobiological development, it

Venus and Your Birth Uranus

Venus is in Aquarius this month from the 1st to the 26th. During that time she makes challenging aspects to natal Uranus for anyone with that planet in the Fixed signs.

Transiting Venus conjoins natal Uranus in Aquarius for those born: 4/1/1995-6/8/1995, 1/12/1996-3/10/2003, 9/14/2003-12/30/2003.

Transiting Venus squares natal Uranus in Taurus for those born: 6/6/1934-10/9/1934, 3/27/1935-8/7/1941, 10/4/1941-5/14/1942.

Transiting Venus opposes natal Uranus in Leo for those born: 8/24/1955-1/27/1956, 6/9/1956-11/1/1961, 1/10/1962-8/9/1962.

Transiting Venus squares natal Uranus in Scorpio for those born: 11/21/1974-5/1/1975, 9/8/1975-2/17/1981, 3/20/1981-11/16/1981.

also appears in a woman's "experience of her own creativity."⁵ Men experience this as provocative:

*In addition to...situations in which woman experience the transformative character in her own body, there are others where it operates in her relation to a thou. The male experiences this aspect of the Feminine directly and indirectly as provocative, as a force that sets him in motion and impels him toward change.*⁶

All of this may seem a long way from our discussion of love — and of Venus, our astrological interest for this column — but it seems to me that though the Taurean element in Venus has a close connection what Neumann calls the elementary character of

the archetype, the Libran side seems more closely connected to the transformative character. Certainly a woman's Venus provokes a man in every sense (not simply via physical attraction, but often through exposing the man to another point of view) even as it symbolizes the woman's self-valuation. Thus when we talk of Venus, we do not necessarily speak of long-term relationships, home, children, security, or other issues connected primarily with the Moon. We speak, often, of the quality of the feminine that arouses and moves one toward change (Libran cardinality), whether by "one" we mean the woman herself or the man.

The transformative character of the feminine — the feminine as arousing or moving the masculine — has a long history and appears in the literary traditions of many cultures. For example, the Muses, sometimes three in number and sometimes nine, generally serve as inspirations toward creativity. Greek myth associates each of the nine muses, all feminine, to specific arts, sometimes even to specific musical chords or to elements in the creative process. Poets often invoked the muses as they created, and even when they didn't do so literally, the muse energy permeates their work (as in Dante's *The Divine Comedy*). Considered this way, the transformative character of the feminine has much to do with all creative enterprise.

So should we equate Venus with love? Probably not. We would do better to connect her to magnetism and inspiration, to bringing the dormant into action, to arousing the potential into actuality, to giving form to the nameless impulse.⁷ Robert Hand sees Venus as connected to "'non-coercive bonding,' the energy that draws different entities, elements, people, groups, ideas (etc.) together to form a more encompassing whole. Certainly, when we love we feel drawn to the loved object (or, of course, person); certainly, when we feel inspired to create we want to bring different elements

together. Venus doesn't tell us about the value of either the elements drawn together or the value of what results once the drawing-together has taken place. Venus symbolizes the quasi-magnetic power that does the drawing, not the work that results.

Venus-Uranus Interactions

Since we've talked about the connection — or lack of connection — between love and stability, we might as well talk about Venus and Uranus. But of course, if Venus symbolizes magnetizing — not only what a person magnetizes but what he or she feels drawn to — perhaps we shouldn't speak of "love" at all. And if we speak of magnetizing, we should leave it as an open question whether, if Joe feels magnetized to Sally, Joe has magnetized her or the other way around. (Magnetism teaches us that it takes two to tango; scientists might call it *polarity*, but we call it something else.)

When transiting Venus makes an aspect to natal Uranus, something Venusian in the world contacts something Uranian in oneself. The "something Venusian" may mean "some beautiful woman," but I think we should say, rather, that "something Venusian" refers to anything that magnetizes. We symbolize the magnetizing force as a beautiful woman (Venus, Aphrodite) because we find that particular manifestation of magnetic energy easy to visualize. In fact, we don't even have to visualize it. We can just observe it in action!

But magnetism seems an essential element of our world. Some see the planet itself as a magnet, and if the physicists have spoken truly, we find magnetism just about everywhere. We know that lodestones point in specific directions, suggesting that the planet itself does a lot of magnetizing. Scientists tell us that atoms, the so-called building blocks of the material world, hold together because of magnetic energy. Chemists tell us that things change at the molecular level because molecules exchange charged particles. And anyone

who's kept his or her eyes and sense open knows quite well that some people feel a great "magnetic" attraction to some others! Hurrah!

In this case, it seems that the attractive energies of the world, found in the transitory events we encounter during transits and such, stimulate the psychic energy that astrologers call Uranus, an energy that, to speak metaphorically, has its own magnetic quality. Much depends, during this transit, on how we have lived our lives in recent months or years. If we have ignored our inherent freedom of mind, we may attract and feel attracted to people who seem to embody such freedom. Perhaps we don't look all that closely at them, so we feel that such freedom brings undiluted good and plenty. No doubt in our highly structured society such energy seems inviting, even if some will see it as irresponsible.

Insofar as we seek some sort of reliable connection in these Uranian attractions, we court disappointment. These transits often seem to teach us through a kind of privation. We can't grab hold of the Uranian energy, and we will want to do so to the extent that we haven't taken responsibility for the Uranus within: for our inner creative daemon, our capacity to create a world for ourselves, and our responsibility to do precisely that. Of course, that brings a lot to the table. Which of us can say that we have lived entirely by our creative ideas, that we've made no compromises to society?

Sometimes the Uranus within seems to do the magnetizing: it magnetizes something one values, something that seems magnetic. In such a case, though, we may find ourselves chary of committing to that which we magnetize; we may find ourselves playing the role of Uranus, living by the instinct for freedom and trying to ignore that which we magnetize and value, for we may see (accurately, quite likely) that once we value someone or something, we will feel some commitment to it. If we want to write a symphony (a Venusian thing, in

some ways), we must commit ourselves to writing it down; if we want to have a relationship with someone we value, the relationship will take time (Saturn) to develop; if we want to get married, even to someone to whom we feel enormous attraction and whom we greatly value, we know that we'll have to come down out of the sky.

These transits present wonderful opportunities for us to see the link between our necessary connection to creative freedom and our just-as-necessary connection to that which magnetizes us. Obviously, the two can work together, as Venus can inspire and draw out inner capacities, while Uranus can encourage us to break free of limitations. Wonderful! However, as part of the feminine complex of symbols, Venus retains her connection to earth, while Uranus prefers the great and limitless sky! Venus wants to inspire creative action here on the ground, whether through physical attraction, a drive to sculpt, or simply by relating to the constant creation going on all around us all the time. (We see there the relation, spoken of above, between the elementary and transformative characters of the Feminine.) In this way, she challenges Uranus — she challenges something within each of us, something that loves freedom — to bring that love into the world of transformation.

Notes

1. This public display needn't involve sex or flirtation, though it can. Libra wants the aesthetic to permeate the public sphere in some way, wants to have beauty on display, though not necessarily through one's person.

2. Eric Neumann, *The Great Mother: an Analysis of an Archetype* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1955), 25.

3. Neumann 26.

4. Neumann 29.

5. Neumann 31.

6. Neumann 32.

7. Note, here, the influence of Saturn, connected to Venus through Libra. ☆



Planting by the Moon

An unvarying tradition in astrology is the idea that the phases and signs of the Moon govern the ebb and flow of our lives. Among the most-used Moon rules are those that have to do with planting, harvesting, and related gardening activities. Though these rules were originally used by people in rural settings, they are true whether you do your gardening on a farm, in an urban backyard, in a window planter, or even in a simple flowerpot in your living room.

On these two pages you will find the basic planting rules for the month of February. Even if you've never planted by the Moon, most of these rules are easy enough to apply. So all it takes to raise a good "crop" is knowing a little about lunar lore, and giving your plants the care they deserve!

31st from 1:35 a.m. through 2nd to 7:01 a.m. Full Moon, Libra. Fair for harvesting hay, etc.; good for fruit, root crops. Plant perennials for beauty.

2nd from 7:01 a.m. through 4th to 10:45 a.m. Full Moon and Last Quarter, Scorpio. Good for perennial, biennial, bulbs, root separations, cuttings.

4th from 10:45 a.m. through 6th to 12:54 p.m. Last Quarter, Sagittarius. Good for harvesting hay, etc.; fair for fruit, root crops.

6th from 12:54 p.m. through 8th to 2:16 p.m. Last Quarter, Capricorn. Fair for perennial, biennial, bulbs, root separations, cuttings.

8th from 2:16 p.m. through 10th to 2:20 a.m. Last Quarter, Aquarius. Fair for harvesting hay, etc.; good for fruit, root crops.

10th from 2:20 a.m. through 10th to 4:19 p.m. New Moon, Aquarius. Do routine work.

10th from 4:19 p.m. through 12th to 8:51 p.m. New Moon, Pisces. Good for annuals, yield above soil.

12th from 8:51 p.m. through 15th to 5:08 a.m. New Moon, Aries. Do routine work.

15th from 5:08 a.m. through 17th to 4:50

p.m. New Moon and First Quarter, Taurus. Fair for annuals, yield above soil.

17th from 4:50 p.m. through 20th to 5:44 a.m. First Quarter, Gemini. Do routine work.

20th from 5:44 a.m. through 22nd to 5:11 p.m. First Quarter, Cancer. Good for annuals, yield above soil.

22nd from 5:11 p.m. through 25th to 1:52 a.m. First Quarter, Leo. Do routine work.

25th from 1:52 a.m. through 25th to 3:26 p.m. First Quarter, Virgo. Plant annuals for beauty.

25th from 3:26 p.m. through 27th to 8:01 a.m. Full Moon, Virgo. Plant perennials for beauty.

27th from 8:01 a.m. through 1st to 12:33 p.m. Full Moon, Libra. Fair for harvesting hay, etc.; good for fruit, root crops. Plant perennials for beauty.

Do routine work

10th from 2:20 a.m. through 10th to 4:19 p.m., 17th from 4:50 p.m. through 20th to 5:44 a.m., 12th from 8:51 p.m. through 15th to 5:08 a.m., 22nd from 5:11 p.m. through 25th to 1:52 a.m.

Fair for harvesting hay, etc.; good for fruit, root crops

31st from 1:35 a.m. through 2nd to 7:01 a.m., 8th from 2:16 p.m. through 10th to 2:20 a.m., 27th from 8:01 a.m. through 1st to 12:33 p.m.

Good for harvesting hay, etc.; fair for fruit, root crops

4th from 10:45 a.m. through 6th to 12:54 p.m.

Fair for annuals, yield above soil

15th from 5:08 a.m. through 17th to 4:50 p.m.

Good for annuals, yield above soil

10th from 4:19 p.m. through 12th to 8:51 p.m., 20th from 5:44 a.m. through 22nd to 5:11 p.m.

Plant annuals for beauty

25th from 1:52 a.m. through 25th to 3:26 p.m.

Plant perennials for beauty

31st from 1:35 a.m. through 2nd to 7:01 a.m., 25th from 3:26 p.m. through 1st to 12:33 p.m.

Fair for perennial, biennial, bulbs, root separations, cuttings

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Good for perennial, biennial, bulbs, root separations, cuttings

2nd from 7:01 a.m. through 4th to 10:45 a.m.

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The Horoscope Guide Ephemeris

YOUR COSMIC TIMETABLE

February 2013

All positions are for Mid-night EST. The longitudes table indicates each planet's daily position in the signs. The declinations table shows each planet's placement north or south of the celestial equator. "R" in a planet's listing in the longitude table indicates that it begins retrograde motion on that date, or may indicate retrograde status at the beginning of the month. "D" means that the planet has resumed its forward (direct) motion in the signs. Exact times for all of these phenomena are given in the Hourly Guide and in the Planning Calendar on the pages following this one.

YOUR DAILY HOURLY GUIDE

Comments: Lawrence Johnson
Calculations Kenneth Irving

Aspects are effective several hours before and several hours after they become exact. All times are for EST/CDT. Add 1 hour for EDT. Subtract 1 hour for CST/MDT, 2 hours for MST/PDT, 3 hours for PST.

Key to Symbols

♄/♅	Conjunction/Eclipse	0°
♌	Semisextile	30°
♋	Sextile	60°
□	Square	90°
△	Trine	120°
⋈	Quincunx	150°
♄/♅	Opposition/Eclipse	180°
///#	Parallel/Contraparallel	
N	North Declination	
S	South Declination	
♁	Retrograde	

♈	Aries	☉	Sun
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♊	Gemini	☿	Mercury
♋	Cancer	♀	Venus
♌	Leo	♂	Mars
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♒	Aquarius		
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Feb.	EST	Aspects			Commentary
1 FRI	12:03 am	☾ ⋈	△ ☉	12°30' ♁	On the first day of February, most of the day's aspects are dreamy and friendly. Then this evening, Venus cools in Aquarius as Mars steams up in Pisces, two things that make it an interesting time for love and passion. We may not quite get what we want in those two departments, but the thrill of the chase will probably be enough to keep us all very busy.
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	8:02	☾ ⋈	△ ♀	23°45' ♁	
	8:53	♂	enters	♁	
	9:46	♀	enters	♁	
11:17	♀ ♁	♌ ♂	0°05' ♁		
2 SAT	1:37 am	☾ S	// ♂	12°23' S	Saturday could be a kind of downhill day, but not in a bad way. Those rough parallels and aspects of Mars, not to mention the Moon entering Scorpio, could have the day beginning with doubts about commitments and alliances both romantic and otherwise. But when these contacts begin to ease away as Moon trines Neptune, the afternoon aspects may leave us not quite sure how to make up our minds. Light entertainment in a quiet evening ends the day.
	4:42	☾ S	// ♄	12°53' S	
	7:01	☾	enters	♏	
	7:38	☾ ♏	△ ♂	0°21' ♁	
	7:57	☾ ♏	□ ♀	0°32' ♁	
	10:45	☾ ♏	△ ♀	2°08' ♁	
	3:44 pm	☾ S	// ♀	14°35' S	
	4:59	☾ ♏	⋈ ♅	5°42' ♈	
6:07	☾ ♏	⋈ ♃	6°21' ♊		
3 SUN	1:13 am	☾ ♏	♁ ♀	10°27' ♐	Sunday may be a good time to tie up all kinds of loose ends, and yes we say this because it's a Last Quarter day. One of those ends may not tie so well, though, as sentimental feelings could interfere with decisions about an important relationship.
	2:44	☾ ♏	♄ ♄	11°19' ♏	
	4:58	☾ S	// ☉	16°25' S	
	8:56	☾ ♏	□ ☉	14°54' ♁	
	3:20 pm	♀ ♁	♌ ♀	2°10' ♁	
4 MON	7:31 am	☾ ♏	□ ♀	28°06' ♁	Though Monday morning may have us in a somewhat neutral if upbeat mood, by the time we get to all of that Mars-Neptune stuff we may feel quite frazzled, overworked, and put upon. It is altogether fortunate that as these aspects begin to wane in strength, Venus, Uranus, and Jupiter begin to take over the cosmic show. This bodes well if we have plans for the entertainment, as between the earlier "frazzle" and the later "friendly" we are more than ready to be entertained. Almost anything will do!
	10:45	☾	enters	♁	
	2:24 pm	☾ ♁	□ ♂	2°09' ♁	
	2:29	☾ ♁	□ ♀	2°12' ♁	
	2:45	☾ S	// ♀	19°45' S	
	3:56	♂ ♁	♄ ♀	2°12' ♁	
	4:40	☾ ♁	♁ ♀	3°29' ♁	
	7:47	☾ S	// ♀	20°03' S	
	8:32	☾ ♁	△ ♅	5°47' ♈	
9:32	☾ ♁	♄ ♃	6°23' ♊		
5 TUE	12:42 am	♀ S	// ♄	12°53' S	Dreams that awaken us on Tuesday may be a little tedious and even depressing, but that will put most of us in the mood to answer the creative invitation delivered as Mercury enters Pisces. Moon-Sun tells us that we can count on cooperation from those around us in anything we wish to do.
	4:28	☾ ♁	♌ ♀	10°31' ♐	
	5:55	☾ ♁	♌ ♄	11°22' ♏	
	9:57	♀	enters	♁	
	3:42 pm	☾ ♁	♁ ☉	17°13' ♁	
	11:38	♀ S	// ♀	19°44' S	
6 WED	12:46 am	♂ S	// ♀	11°14' S	Perhaps the near absence of aspects before early afternoon will give us a chance to rest up before the onslaught that follows. All things considered, it's not so bad that it all begins with Venus-Uranus, a quirky ro-
	12:54 pm	☾	enters	♐	
	2:07	♀ ♁	♁ ♅	5°52' ♈	
	4:30	☾ ♐	♁ ♀	2°11' ♁	

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	4:41	♃	♆	♆ ♀	2°17' ♋	mantic aspect if there ever was one. On the other hand, since what follows is a series of aspects that link (directly or indirectly) Mercury and Neptune, we may find ourselves confused about who we love and why. As we move toward evening, the struggle to answer such questions continues, but by day's end we are likely to be philosophical about it.
	6:00	♃	♋	♃ ♀	2°17' ♋	
	7:21	♃	♆	♆ ♂	3°54' ♋	
	10:36	♃	♆	♃ ♃	5°53' ♎	
	11:23	♃	♆	♃ ♀	6°21' ♎	
	11:31	♃	♆	♃ ♃	6°26' ♎	
	11:47	♃	♆	♃ ♃	19°44' ♎	
7	12:57 am	♀	♎	♃ ♃	6°26' ♎	All of yesterday's questions about love could haunt our dreams, though in a very pleasant way, so we wake on Thursday with a vision in mind and a sense that we can get things done. As the day proceeds, Moon-Saturn and Sun-Moon keep us on the practical straight and narrow.
THU	4:20	♃	♆	♃ ♀	19°24' ♎	
	6:20	♃	♆	♃ ♃	10°34' ♎	
	6:31	♃	♆	♃ ♃	11°13' ♎	
	7:43	♃	♆	♃ ♃	11°25' ♎	
	8:57 pm	♃	♆	♃ ♃	19°28' ♎	
8	12:25 am	♃	♆	♃ ♂	10°39' ♎	Even though Friday is a workday for many, we may find ourselves distracted by people who just want to waste our time by arguing pointlessly about every little thing. It's best to get as far from these people as possible, especially by late night when Mercury Uranus could make us say something we would rather not say, just to get rid of them.
FRI	12:56 pm	♃	♆	♃ ♂	5°16' ♋	
	2:16	♃		enters ♎	♎	
	6:09	♃	♎	♃ ♀	2°22' ♋	
	8:29	♃	♆	♃ ♃	14°40' ♎	
	11:14	♃	♆	♃ ♃	5°58' ♎	
	11:32	♃	♆	♃ ♂	5°37' ♋	
9	12:07 am	♃	♎	♆ ♃	5°58' ♎	For a day when we should be relaxing, we are likely to find ourselves scurrying instead. The two key aspects of the day—Mercury-Jupiter and Mars-Uranus—are both confrontational and somewhat accident-prone. This should serve to warn us that taking anything for granted now, from promises made to whether or not that stuff on the sidewalk is ice, could have us a little regretful later on. Though we may want to relax and wind down as the day comes to a close, the Moon parallels to Neptune and Mars give us restless energy.
SAT	12:13	♃	♎	♃ ♀	6°02' ♋	
	12:58	♃	♎	♃ ♃	6°29' ♎	
	5:24	♃	♎	♃ ♀	9°10' ♎	
	7:07	♃	♆	♃ ♃	6°30' ♎	
	7:26	♃	♆	♃ ♃	12°54' ♎	
	7:50	♃	♎	♃ ♀	10°38' ♎	
	9:12	♃	♎	♃ ♃	11°27' ♎	
	10:49	♃	♆	♃ ♃	5°59' ♎	
	5:16 pm	♃	♆	♃ ♃	11°11' ♎	
	11:21	♃	♆	♃ ♂	10°05' ♎	
10	2:20 am	♃	♎	♃ ♃	21°43' ♎	This New Moon Sunday begins with a powerful need to start something new and different, "to boldly go" where no one has gone before. By the time the Sun rises we may find ourselves quite distracted by romantic and creative thoughts, especially after the Moon enters Pisces and kisses Neptune!
SUN	3:11	♃	♆	♃ ♃	6°32' ♎	
	5:15	♃	♆	♃ ♀	8°58' ♎	
	10:03	♀	♎	♃ ♃	10°40' ♎	
	4:19 pm	♃		enters ♋	♋	
	8:28	♃	♆	♃ ♀	2°26' ♋	
11	1:42 am	♀	♎	♃ ♃	11°29' ♎	After all that kissing at the end of yesterday it would be nice if on this Monday the planets were nudging us even more in the direction of romance. However, this is not to be, as the most durable and therefore the strongest aspect of the day is Venus square Saturn. At the very least this means most of us will be in a slightly melancholy mood, ready to be off by ourselves and not inclined to hang out with other people.
MON	2:41	♃	♆	♃ ♃	6°04' ♎	
	3:33	♃	♆	♃ ♃	6°34' ♎	
	4:56	♃	♆	♃ ♂	7°22' ♋	
	9:00	♃	♆	♃ ♀	9°44' ♋	
	10:40	♃	♆	♃ ♃	10°41' ♎	
	12:03 pm	♃	♆	♃ ♃	11°29' ♎	
	1:04	♃	♆	♃ ♀	12°04' ♎	
	5:37	♃	♆	♃ ♃	1°48' ♎	
12	12:59 am	♃	♆	♆ ♀	10°42' ♎	Tuesday's dominant aspect, Mercury trine Saturn, affects our minds more than our moods. Sharp, fact-based thinking seems to dominate events today, and by this evening when the Moon enters Aries, we are ready to put the day's big ideas into action.
TUE	10:12	♃	♆	♃ ♃	24°04' ♎	
	11:44	♃	♆	♃ ♃	1°48' ♎	
	2:15 pm	♃	♆	♃ ♃	11°30' ♎	
	8:51	♃		enters ♎	♎	
13	1:26 am	♃	♆	♃ ♀	2°31' ♋	Wednesday presents us with nothing but lunar aspects, meaning that we can't pick one out of the crowd as somehow more influential than the rest. In
WED	8:05	♃	♆	♃ ♃	6°10' ♎	
	9:00	♃	♆	♃ ♃	6°40' ♎	

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	12:29 pm	♃	N	# ♀	6°30' S	fact, what is most important today is the outer planet groupings being emphasized. Jupiter and Uranus make us feel lucky early in the day, but later on Mars, Pluto, and Saturn have us in a realistic mood, and ready to get work done.
	1:46	♃	♄	≍ ♂	9°14' ♋	
	4:34	♃	♄	□ ♀	10°45' ♁	
	5:58	♃	♄	≍ ♃	11°30' ♌	
	9:12	♃	♄	≍ ♀	13°15' ♋	
14 THU	12:51 am	♃	♄	≍ ♀	15°11' ♌	On Thursday, no matter what the weather forecasts, Sun parallel Saturn and south of the equator will likely put a chill in the air. Moon contraparallel Neptune adds to the prospect of a blustery day, so be ready to bundle up!
	1:46	♃	N	# ♂	8°50' S	
	4:30	☉	S	// ♃	12°54' S	
	3:40 pm	♃	N	# ♀	11°07' S	
	10:35	♃	♄	≍ ☉	26°37' ♌	
15 FRI	1:23 am	♃	N	# ☉	12°36' S	The early lunar aspects on Friday repeat yesterday's Sun-Saturn theme, perhaps making the start of the day chilly both in body and spirit. As the day moves along, however, Moon in Taurus lends a note of grace to everything we do, and Mars-Pluto may help to heat things up, at least just a little. In the early evening, smiles and a feeling of confidence light up the night.
	3:26	♃	N	# ♃	12°54' S	
	5:08	♃		enters	♃	
	10:12	♃	♃	≍ ♀	2°37' ♋	
	1:17 pm	♂	♋	≍ ♀	10°48' ♁	
	5:23	♃	♃	≍ ♁	6°17' ♄	
	6:23	♃	♃	≍ ♃	6°47' ♀	
16 SAT	2:20 am	♃	♃	△ ♀	10°49' ♁	There is nothing like the positive Mars-Saturn aspect we see right in the middle of this Saturday to get us moving. What we end up doing may be trivial in a sense—cleaning out the basement or garage, for instance—but it will be done to a fare-thee-well. It's good to keep busy, because though it's the weekend the aspects don't seem to favor socializing.
	3:13	♃	♃	≍ ♂	11°16' ♋	
	3:44	♃	♃	♂ ♃	11°31' ♌	
	7:23	♃	N	# ♀	16°27' S	
	11:14	♂	♋	△ ♃	11°31' ♌	
	1:20 pm	♃	♃	≍ ♀	16°21' ♋	
	5:48	♃	♃	□ ♀	18°35' ♌	
17 SUN	3:30 pm	♃	♃	□ ☉	29°21' ♌	Sunday, the day of a First Quarter, should have us working productively, but with the Moon in Gemini later, and squaring Neptune in Pisces, we may be too busy dealing with confusion to get much done.
	4:50	♃		enters	♀	
	10:19	♃	♀	□ ♀	2°42' ♋	
	11:28	♃	N	# ♀	19°43' S	
18 MON	5:49 am	♃	♀	≍ ♁	6°24' ♄	Emotionality takes a vacation starting on this Monday. This is because of the emphasis by two masculine bodies (Sun and Saturn) on two feminine signs. For at least the next month most of us may tend to think more than we feel, so to speak. And in fact from mid-day onward that may also be true of us today. Avoid conflict this evening.
	6:54	♃	♀	♂ ♃	6°56' ♀	
	7:01	☉		enters	♋	
	12:02 pm	♃		retro.	11°32' ♌	
	2:56	♃	♀	≍ ♀	10°53' ♁	
	4:15	♃	♀	≍ ♃	11°32' ♌	
	8:02	♃	♀	□ ♂	13°23' ♋	
19 TUE	6:39 am	♃	♀	□ ♀	18°36' ♋	On Tuesday, the Sun and Neptune may literally have us in a fog. However, the weather itself may be rather mild.
	10:51	☉	S	// ♀	11°03' S	
	1:47 pm	♃	♀	△ ♀	22°07' ♌	
20 WED	5:44 am	♃		enters	♁	For much of the daytime on Wednesday, the aspects are both cooperative and creative, meaning that we can get a lot done by working with others. Toward evening, however, we may find ourselves at odds with others and not sure of which way to turn. The late Moon-Jupiter suggests relaxing at home is best.
	10:04	♃	♁	△ ☉	2°09' ♋	
	11:23	♃	♁	△ ♀	2°48' ♋	
	5:38 pm	♃	N	# ♀	19°43' S	
	6:52	♃	♁	□ ♁	6°31' ♄	
	8:02	♃	♁	≍ ♃	7°06' ♀	
21 THU	2:18 am	☉	♋	♂ ♀	2°50' ♋	As Thursday is dominated by Sun-Neptune and the Mercury-Uranus contraparallel, it's best to avoid meetings and discussions. Not only is confusion likely to prevail, but we may find that our ability to say what's on our minds suffers as well. It is all too easy to say the wrong thing with the best of intentions.
	3:43	♃	♁	♂ ♀	10°57' ♁	
	4:51	♃	♁	△ ♃	11°31' ♌	
	12:32 pm	♀	S	# ♁	1°59' N	
	12:47	♃	♁	△ ♂	15°31' ♋	
	9:08	♃	♁	△ ♀	19°44' ♋	
22 FRI	8:39 am	♃	♁	≍ ♀	25°36' ♌	Friday is likely to be a quiet and dreamy T.G.I.F. time. Those who work in offices will be looking for excuses to clock out early.
	5:11 pm	♃		enters	♁	
	10:47	♃	♁	≍ ♀	2°54' ♋	

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23 SAT	2:33 am	☽ ♏	♄ ☉	4°51' ♋	'Nuff said about a Saturday with Mercury retrograde. If our time is not taken up repeating ourselves and asking others to repeat themselves, we may be tending to sick machines and looking for lost items that are actually in plain sight. Luckily the early run of aspects through Moon-Jupiter may have us in an upbeat mood. This afternoon is best given over to practical tasks.	
	4:41	♃	retro.	19°47' ♋		
	6:00	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	6°39' ♎		
	6:47	☽ ♏	♁ ♀	13°46' ♏		
	7:13	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	7°17' ♏		
	1:09 pm	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	12°52' ♏		
	2:19	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	11°00' ♏		
3:16	☽ ♏	☐ ♃ ♄	11°30' ♏			
24 SUN	1:23 am	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	11°00' ♏	There are some nice vibes on Sunday that steer us toward working with others to achieve a common goal. Despite that, as the day wears on and Sun-Uranus approaches we may find ourselves at odds with others and ready just to go home and sit down. The evening is good for love, but watch your ego!	
	2:40	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	17°32' ♋		
	6:52	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	19°47' ♋		
	12:16 pm	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	9°13' ♏		
	11:28	☉ ♋	♁ ♃	6°44' ♎		
	11:50	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	28°54' ♏		
25 MON	1:52 am	☽	enters	♏	A Monday given over to Venus-Saturn, a Full Moon, and a prideful square of Sun to Jupiter tells us that it's best to find a way to work and play on our own. Until Venus crosses over into Pisces this evening, we need to find a way to occupy ourselves productively while simultaneously escaping from the problems and peevishness of others. Romance may come calling with Venus' sign change, but it could end up with couples discussing budgets and bills. There will be plenty of hugging and kissing if we want, but it will be difficult to keep our minds on love.	
	7:21	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	2°59' ♋		
	10:09	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	5°20' ♏		
	11:39	♀ ♏	♁ ♃	12°51' ♏		
	2:16 pm	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	6°46' ♎		
	3:26	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	7°24' ♋		
	3:34	☽ ♏	☐ ♃	7°29' ♏		
	5:26	☉ ♋	☐ ♃	7°29' ♏		
	9:02	♀	enters	♋		
	10:05	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	11°03' ♏		
10:50	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	11°29' ♏			
26 TUE	3:21 am	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	2°04' ♏	Tuesday's opposition of a retrograde Mercury to Mars is likely to rule the day, so watch what you say and double-check what you think you hear. People are not likely to be intentionally offensive today, but it is all too easy for us to both give offense and take offense. Silence is both golden and peaceful now.	
	4:09	♃ ♋	♁ ♃	19°09' ♋		
	7:29	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	1°17' ♏		
	12:22 pm	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	18°59' ♋		
	1:12	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	19°27' ♋		
	8:46	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	1°19' ♏		
27 WED	12:45 am	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	2°06' ♏	Wednesday is a mix and a muddle, as the Moon swings back and forth between dreaminess and high energy, peacefulness and fractiousness. It's the kind of day that we just want to get through in order to see what's on the other side. As it happens, that "other side" is a nice late Moon-Jupiter trine. Switch on the Blu-Ray and watch a musical.	
	8:01	☽	enters	♏		
	11:35	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	2°00' ♋		
	1:28 pm	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	3°04' ♋		
	1:54	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	4°39' ♏		
	8:11	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	6°53' ♎		
	9:35	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	7°41' ♏		
28 THU	1:22 am	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	9°49' ♋	Venus conjunct Neptune this Thursday is a nice way to close out a month. Everyone is likely to feel sentimental and romantic even during those times when everything seems to be going wrong at once. It would be extra nice if the evening aspects took us in the same direction, but it appears that nervous energy rather than thoughts of love is likely to be the main theme.	
	3:37	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	11°06' ♏		
	4:12	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	11°27' ♏		
	6:29	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	7°48' ♏		
	8:36	♀ ♏	♁ ♃	3°06' ♋		
	2:57 pm	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	17°35' ♋		
	9:24	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	21°17' ♋		
	11:53	☽ ♏	♁ ♃	10°56' ♏		

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1	☽	♏	10:06 p.m.	8	☽	♏	5:55 a.m.	14	☽	♏	7:20 p.m.	22	☽	♏	7:19 a.m.
2	♀	♏	12:02 p.m.	10	☽	♏	7:44 a.m.	17	☽	♏	6:34 a.m.	24	☽	♏	4:29 p.m.
4	☽	♏	2:07 a.m.	12	☽	♏	11:43 a.m.	19	☽	♏	7:29 p.m.	26	☽	♏	11:00 p.m.
6	☽	♏	4:31 a.m.	13	☽	♏	6:28 a.m.	21	♀	♏	7:39 p.m.				

ROMANCE, RELATIONSHIPS, SOCIALIZING
First date, make friends: 2, 3, 9, 10, 15-17, 23, 24.
Dances, parties: 1, 4-6, 15-19, 27, 28.
Do a friend a favor: 15-17, 20-22.
Entertain guests: 1, 4-6, 20-22, 27, 28.
Friendly visits: 1, 4-6, 15-17, 20-22, 27, 28.
Get married: 2, 3, 9, 10, 15-17, 23, 24.
Give dinner parties: 20-22.

MONEY, BUSINESS, CAREER

Apply for a job: 4-6, 23, 24.
Make a presentation: 1, 4-6, 18, 19, 23, 24, 27, 28.
Advertise, start new business: 10, 18, 19.
Write letters for best reception: 4-6, 18, 19, 25, 26.

Seek favors, promotions, credit: 4-6, 23, 24.
Collect debts: 1, 7, 8, 13, 14, 20-22, 27, 28.
Buy real estate: 2, 3, 9, 10, 15-17, 23, 24.
Sell real estate: 4-6.

Legal matters: 1, 4-6, 27, 28.

Sell manuscripts: 18, 19.

Sign papers, contracts: 18, 19, 25.

Long term renting: 2, 3, 9, 10, 15-17, 23, 24.

SPORTS, RECREATION, HOBBIES

Sports and exercise: 2-6, 13, 14.

Fishing: 3-16.

Photography: 1, 15-17, 27, 28.

PERSONAL MATTERS

Buy appliances: 15-17, 23, 24.

Buy a pet: 25, 26.

Economical food buys: 4-6, 20-22.

Buy car, do major repairs: 2, 3, 9, 10, 15-17, 23, 24.

Buy computer, TV, etc.: 1, 9, 10, 18, 19, 27, 28.

Okay for travel: 1, 4-6, 18, 19, 27, 28.

Caution in travel: 2, 3, 11-14.

Buy clothes: 1, 4-6, 15-17, 23, 24, 27, 28.

Do not wear clothes first time: 2, 3, 23, 24.

Start project requiring self-discipline: 13, 14, 25.

Buy shoes: 11, 12.

Permanent for difficult hair: 10, 15-17, 23, 24.

Haircut to stimulate growth: 11, 12, 20-22.

Haircut to slow growth: 2, 3, 9.

Manicure: 4-6, 18, 19.

HEALTH MATTERS

Consult doctor: 4-6, 18, 19.

Dental work (cleaning, etc.): 10, 15-17, 23, 24.

Dental (extractions): 18, 19, 25.

Eye examination: 4-6, 13, 14, 18, 19.

Start diet: 1, 4-6, 9, 26-28.

Beauty treatments: 1, 4-6, 15-17, 27, 28.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Begin home construction: 9, 10, 15-17, 23, 24.

Move into new home: 10, 15-17, 23, 24.

Choose furniture: 15-17, 23, 24.

Clean house: 2, 3, 7, 8.

Sewing: 1, 4-6, 13-19, 25-28.

Baking: 1, 7, 8, 13, 14, 20-22, 27, 28.

Canning: 2, 3.

Dehydration or drying: 1, 4-6, 9, 27, 28.

Pour concrete: 2, 3, 9.

Paint: 2, 3, 9.

Aspects		Signs	
♄/♅	Conjunction/Eclipse	♈	Aries
♅	Sextile	♉	Taurus
♄	Square	♊	Gemini
♁	Trine	♋	Cancer
♄/♅	Opposition/Eclipse	♌	Leo
		♍	Virgo
		♎	Libra
		♏	Scorpio
		♐	Sagittarius
		♑	Capricorn
		♒	Aquarius
		♓	Pisces
Phases		Planets	
●	New Moon	☉	Sun
◐	First Quarter	☾	Moon
○	Full Moon	☿	Mercury
◑	Last Quarter	♀	Venus
		♂	Mars
		♃	Jupiter
		♄	Saturn
		♅	Uranus
		♆	Neptune
		♇	Pluto

Conjunction aspects are **power** aspects that join two planetary natures. Trines and sextiles are **progress** aspects that help two planets to work together. Squares and oppositions are **challenge** aspects that combine planets in a stressful way.

February 2013

BEST FOR LOVE

Aries: 2, 3, 23, 24.

Taurus: 4-6, 25, 26.

Gemini: 1, 7, 8, 27, 28.

Cancer: 2, 3, 9, 10.

Leo: 4-6, 11, 12.

Virgo: 7, 8, 13, 14.

Libra: 9, 10, 15-17.

Scorpio: 11, 12, 18, 19.

Sagittarius: 13, 14, 20-22.

Capricorn: 15-17, 23, 24.

Aquarius: 18, 19, 25, 26.

Pisces: 1, 20-22, 27, 28.



ARIES

March 21st to April 20th

YOUR FEBRUARY GUIDE

1st-8th: The back of your mind. A jittery feeling that seems to be nagging at you all week could be due to Mars, Mercury, and Neptune getting together in your solar 12th. Visions of money problems may be dancing in your head, but the fact is that your uneasy suspicions are most likely not due to anything out there in the real world. Try to relax, take it easy, and perhaps talk over your fears with someone who currently is more in touch with reality than you are.

9th-16th: Wake-up call. The New Moon in Aquarius on the 10th will probably wake you up and bring you back to reality as you find a chance to get a fresh start in a personal project you may have dropped some time ago. The key in this case is to avoid trying to do everything yourself, as the more help you get, the more quickly things will move along. That Mars that was bugging you last week now tosses a helpful trine to Pluto in your career sector on the 15th. Move on up!

17th-23rd: Easy money. Easy *about* money is probably a better way to put it, as the First Quarter in your personal finance sector on the 17th and Saturn easing into a sleepy retrograde in your joint financial house the next day allow you to write your own ticket where money is concerned. These are not “get rich” configurations, mind you, but rather just give you an edge when making or signing agreements involving money.

24th-28th: Peace and quiet. The jitters you may have had during the first week are not only long gone, but the Full Moon of the 25th involves Venus in a way that is likely to be pleasant and soothing. You’ll feel like hiding yourself away as much as possible, so indulge that urge as long as it doesn’t interfere with your daily responsibilities. On the 28th, Venus conjunct Neptune may give you pleasant romantic dreams, so if you can manage to sleep in and enjoy them, do so!

DATES	LUCKY STAR	TODAY'S KEYWORD	COLORS TO WEAR	YOUR BEST TIMES* FOR SUCCESS
Friday, 1st	Moon	Inquisitive	Off White	9:19 p.m. to 11:27 p.m.
Saturday, 2nd	Pluto	Alteration	Dark Navy	5:07 a.m. to 7:07 a.m.
Sunday, 3rd	Mars	Action	Rouge	3:11 p.m. to 5:03 p.m.
Monday, 4th	Mercury	Immaturity	Mahogany	1:15 a.m. to 3:07 a.m.
Tuesday, 5th	Sun	Circumstance	Wheat	11:11 p.m. to 1:11 a.m.
Wednesday, 6th	Uranus	Elation	Powder Blue	11:07 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Thursday, 7th	Venus	Pleaser	Forest Green	4:47 p.m. to 6:47 p.m.
Friday, 8th	Neptune	Wariness	Violet	1:07 p.m. to 2:51 p.m.
Saturday, 9th	Saturn	Obligations	Fog	8:47 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.
Sunday, 10th	Jupiter	Respect	Burnt Amber	6:35 a.m. to 8:43 a.m.
Monday, 11th	Venus	Lifestyle	Lime	4:31 p.m. to 6:31 p.m.
Tuesday, 12th	Pluto	Transition	Dark Blue	4:27 a.m. to 6:27 a.m.
Wednesday, 13th	Sun	Zeal	Maize	10:39 p.m. to 12:39 a.m.
Thursday, 14th	Saturn	Refusal	Frost Gray	8:27 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.
Friday, 15th	Mercury	Realization	Puce	6:15 p.m. to 8:23 p.m.
Saturday, 16th	Jupiter	Insurance	Brownish Orange	6:11 a.m. to 8:19 a.m.
Sunday, 17th	Uranus	Disobedience	Baby Blue	10:23 a.m. to 12:31 p.m.
Monday, 18th	Moon	Sensitivity	White	8:11 p.m. to 10:19 p.m.
Tuesday, 19th	Mars	Noise	Carmine	2:07 p.m. to 3:59 p.m.
Wednesday, 20th	Neptune	Placidity	Dark Magenta	12:19 p.m. to 2:03 p.m.
Thursday, 21st	Jupiter	Happy news	Dark Peach	5:51 a.m. to 7:59 a.m.
Friday, 22nd	Neptune	Disappointment	Fuchsia	12:11 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.
Saturday, 23rd	Saturn	Leadership	Dark Gray	7:50 a.m. to 9:58 a.m.
Sunday, 24th	Sun	Weather	Marigold	9:54 p.m. to 11:54 p.m.
Monday, 25th	Uranus	Perplexity	Ultramarine	9:50 a.m. to 11:58 a.m.
Tuesday, 26th	Pluto	Elevation	Dark Chocolate	3:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 27th	Venus	Ease	Kelly Green	3:26 p.m. to 5:26 p.m.
Thursday, 28th	Mars	Envy	Brick Red	1:30 p.m. to 3:22 p.m.

* Eastern Standard Time

DAY-BY-DAY FORECAST FOR ARIES

1st Fri.—It's part of your personality to be where the action is, Aries. Mars enters Pisces, your house of behind-the-scenes activity (the 12th), making it best for you to remain in the background.

2nd Sat.—Classified information is making its way to you, especially regarding group dynamics and like-minded individuals. Shared finances can be problematic; both parties are not on the same page.

3rd Sun.—Tried and true maxims take center stage as you learn the hard way not to spend over your head and find yourself in debt. Taxation, insurance, and credit cards can easily get the better of you.

4th Mon.—Mars conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of charity, convalescence, privacy, and self-undoing (the 12th). Acts of sabotage are energized, but so is benevolence with no strings attached.

5th Tues.—Mercury enters Pisces, making it difficult to organize information and to travel short distances without mishap. Leave the fact-checking to a trusted ally to avoid any further confusion.

6th Wed.—Venus in Aquarius sextiles Uranus in Aries, making opportunity knock to join new social circles and make new friends. Throw in a dash of adventure, and you're already off and running.

7th Thurs.—Venus trines Jupiter, rolling out the red carpet for local public relations campaigns, networking, and day trips with colleagues. Enjoy the jaunt and spread your message far and wide.

8th Fri.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, accelerating fantasy, confusion, and literary pursuits. Someone is talking a blue streak but silence is preferred; messages are subtle and rife with nuance.

9th Sat.—Mercury squares Jupiter, creating chatterboxes who mix meanings either through misunderstanding, language barriers, or lack of scope. But the message comes through anyway.

10th Sun.—The New Moon in Aquarius triggers events in your house of friendships, group effort, worthy causes, and visionary goals (the 11th). Humanitarian outreach becomes an important issue.

11th Mon.—Venus in Aquarius squares Saturn in Scorpio, bringing fund-raising through collaboration and camaraderie into focus. Hard work and persistence reap the positive results you desire.

12th Tues.—Mercury trines Saturn, clearing the cobwebs in communication and logic. Researching a complicated topic reveals layers of information and insight. Clues and deductive reasoning follow suit.

13th Wed.—Brushing up against powerful authority figures highlights your impatience and dislike of taking direction. Tackling a task alone and at your own speed produces better results than teamwork.

14th Thurs.—Launching a project with you as the spearhead is an idea whose time has come. You'll take command and control as you generate an atmosphere of good will and productivity. Gung ho!

15th Fri.—Mars in Pisces sextiles Pluto in Capricorn, opening a window of opportunity for

compassion and redemption among colleagues. Teamwork can produce extraordinary results.

16th Sat.—Rash spending on your part can make you lose sight of the accounts receivable and accounts payable. You're living in the moment, so sort out the pesky details when you're ready.

17th Sun.—Conflicting stories from different sources can leave you scratching your head for accuracy. Cars and commutes can be problematic, and messages are misdirected or misinterpreted altogether.

18th Mon.—Saturn stations and turns retrograde in your house of joint assets, credit-card spending, taxation, insurance, and debt (the 8th). Look for a turn of events in the areas of borrowing and lending.

19th Tues.—You judge people by their willingness to get up and go, and today you'll encounter others from every walk of life who do just that. Self-made individuals rivet your attention.

20th Wed.—Volatile emotions rise to the surface, especially in matters of home and hearth. Mom or Pop can be easily irritated and use you as a sounding board. The discord is merely a flash in the pan.

21st Thurs.—The Sun conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of charity, camouflage, behind-the-scenes activity, and self-undoing (the 12th). You'll give the shirt off your back to anyone in need.

22nd Fri.—Your domestic environment provides the sanctuary you seek to escape the pressures that surround you. Collapsing in your comfy chair with your favorite food brings a sense of inner calm.

23rd Sat.—Mercury stations and turns retrograde in Pisces, your house of sabotage and self-undoing (the 12th). Detailed information can unravel right before your eyes, leaving you to pick up the threads.

24th Sun.—The line between friendship and romance becomes a blur, and boundaries can be crossed despite appearances to the contrary. Spending time with the younger set brings out the child in you.

25th Mon.—The Full Moon in Virgo shines in your house of medical matters, diet, exercise, people in your hire, and pets (the 6th). Attention to detail is needed in these areas, along with more organization.

26th Tues.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, heightening any mayhem that may be in your midst, but with rapid repartee and sharp humor. Sweep sarcasm and gossip under the carpet as soon as possible.

27th Wed.—Impulse and action brush up against logic and civility, leaving you in the middle to make informed decisions. Use your confrontational nature to fight for justice and fair play and all goes well.

28th Thurs.—Venus conjoins Neptune in Pisces, bringing you love and compassion in an endless stream. Cupid's arrow is swift and sure, bringing you romance that rivals any Hollywood epic.



TAURUS

April 21st to May 20th

YOUR FEBRUARY GUIDE

1st-8th: Clashes. Watch what you say and listen carefully to what others say in the week ahead, as it will be all too easy for everyone to misunderstand everyone else. For you, the focus in particular will be on differences with partners (especially around Last Quarter on the 3rd), and on social and professional groups you belong to. Make a resolution to keep your cool at all times, speak clearly, and to avoid assuming that you fully understand what those around you mean.

9th-16th: Praise from above. Around the date of the New Moon in Aquarius (the 10th), a heavy positive emphasis on your career and public image could bring you praise of one sort or another. This could be anything from congratulations from the boss for a job well done to finding out that you're up for a community service award of some kind. Whatever it happens to be, it will leave you feeling good.

17th-23rd: Free to be you. The day after the First Quarter in your sign, Saturn goes retrograde in your partnership sector, and the effect of both cosmic events will be to give you the feeling that restraints that were holding you back have now been lifted. This may have something to do with the way in which you were singled out last week, perhaps giving you a boost in the eyes of someone close to you. Don't feel too free, though, as Mercury retrograde at week's end can trip you up.

24th-28th: Creative spirit. The Full Moon in Virgo on the 25th May add a dash or two of spice to your newfound feeling of freedom, as it highlights the sectors involved with creative vision and your hopes for the future. Your own inspired look forward into your own future may act as an inspiration to others to dream their own dreams. Because of this, you may find yourself asked to take a leadership position of some kind. This one is your choice.

DATES	LUCKY STAR	TODAY'S KEYWORD	COLORS TO WEAR	YOUR BEST TIMES* FOR SUCCESS
Friday, 1st	Sun	Celebrity	Maize	11:27 p.m. to 1:27 a.m.
Saturday, 2nd	Pluto	Destiny	Onyx	5:07 a.m. to 7:07 a.m.
Sunday, 3rd	Mars	Breakup	Red	3:11 p.m. to 5:03 p.m.
Monday, 4th	Venus	Dalliance	Fern	3:07 a.m. to 4:59 a.m.
Tuesday, 5th	Neptune	Sentiment	Wisteria	1:19 p.m. to 3:03 p.m.
Wednesday, 6th	Mercury	Criticism	Forest Brown	1:07 a.m. to 2:59 a.m.
Thursday, 7th	Moon	Softhearted	Antique White	8:55 p.m. to 11:03 p.m.
Friday, 8th	Uranus	Peculiarity	Sky Blue	10:59 a.m. to 1:07 p.m.
Saturday, 9th	Jupiter	Juxtaposition	Tangerine	6:39 a.m. to 8:47 a.m.
Sunday, 10th	Saturn	Leadership	Mid Gray	8:43 a.m. to 10:51 a.m.
Monday, 11th	Mercury	Paperback	Raw Sienna	6:31 p.m. to 8:39 p.m.
Tuesday, 12th	Mars	Anger	Candy Apple	2:35 p.m. to 4:27 p.m.
Wednesday, 13th	Uranus	Change	Marine Blue	10:39 a.m. to 12:47 p.m.
Thursday, 14th	Venus	Pastimes	Chartreuse	2:27 a.m. to 4:19 a.m.
Friday, 15th	Moon	Housework	Silver	8:23 p.m. to 10:31 p.m.
Saturday, 16th	Sun	Friendship	Lemon Chiffon	10:27 p.m. to 12:27 a.m.
Sunday, 17th	Saturn	Chores	Slate Blue	8:15 a.m. to 10:23 a.m.
Monday, 18th	Neptune	ESP	Hot Pink	12:27 p.m. to 2:11 p.m.
Tuesday, 19th	Pluto	Overcoming	Jet Black	3:59 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.
Wednesday, 20th	Jupiter	Jokes	Pumpkin	5:55 a.m. to 8:03 a.m.
Thursday, 21st	Moon	Melancholy	White	7:59 p.m. to 10:07 p.m.
Friday, 22nd	Sun	Advice	Yellow	10:03 p.m. to 12:03 a.m.
Saturday, 23rd	Pluto	Aloof	Dark Blue	3:42 a.m. to 5:42 a.m.
Sunday, 24th	Uranus	Division	Cadet Blue	9:54 a.m. to 12:02 p.m.
Monday, 25th	Mars	Loyalty	Scarlet	1:42 p.m. to 3:34 p.m.
Tuesday, 26th	Neptune	Loved ones	Primrose	11:54 a.m. to 1:38 p.m.
Wednesday, 27th	Mercury	Books	Red Brown	5:26 p.m. to 7:34 p.m.
Thursday, 28th	Saturn	Safety	Steel Gray	7:30 a.m. to 9:38 a.m.

* Eastern Standard Time

DAY-BY-DAY FORECAST FOR TAURUS

1st Fri.—You'll give your all for something you believe in as Mars enters Pisces, your house of teamwork, and humanitarianism (the 11th). Commit to a worthy cause, Taurus.

2nd Sat.—You can be possessive at times, and now your significant other is giving you a dose of your own medicine. Career matters can take precedence anyway; you have no time to play cat and mouse.

3rd Sun.—Yesterday's silence treatment can become more intense as you weave in and out of a mystery. Solutions are not in the offing without confrontations that place everyone's cards on the table.

4th Mon.—Mars conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of humanitarian outreach (the 11th). You'll literally give the shirt off your back to help someone, but you may be surrounded by delusional people.

5th Tues.—Mercury enters Pisces, sending you on yet another mission to spread the word for a noble endeavor. Confusing questions may arise, so read the fine print before you launch your campaign.

6th Wed.—Venus in Aquarius sextiles Uranus in Aries, opening a window for Cupid to shoot an arrow from behind the scenes. A person in your place of employment can suddenly put a gleam in your eye.

7th Thurs.—Venus in Aquarius trines Jupiter in Gemini, highlighting an interest in creating multiple streams of income. Technology comes to the forefront in implementing your plan; do the research.

8th Fri.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, lacing communications with a mixture of sarcasm and razor-sharp wit. Arguments can erupt among groups, but the fracas is over as soon as it begins.

9th Sat.—Mercury squares Jupiter, creating roadblocks in fund-raising efforts. A situation may seem to be out of control, but positive results appear on the horizon despite all of the problems.

10th Sun.—The New Moon in Aquarius triggers events in your house of parents, authority figures, and your career (the 11th). An unusual event transpires in one of these matters by the end of the month.

11th Mon.—Venus in Aquarius squares Saturn in Scorpio, creating confrontations that can be tense and lacking in compassion. Romantic pursuits are chilly at best, and suspicion and jealousy lurk.

12th Tues.—Mercury in Pisces trines Saturn in Scorpio, opening the communication lines to yesterday's dilemmas. Someone may share information that sheds new light on old conundrums.

13th Wed.—Retreating to your private interests serves as your escape route from the rat race, but once you close the door on the world another set of problems can stare you in the face. Divide and conquer.

14th Thurs.—Engaging with individuals from a background different from your own demands that you find a common ground at the bargaining tables. You're an expert at the language of business.

15th Fri.—Mars in Pisces sextiles Pluto in

Capricorn, opening a window of opportunity for a group of like-minded individuals to discover a new concept and explore it together. Transform through learning.

16th Sat.—A conflict of interests arises between dipping into your own finances or using someone else's for investments or loans. Possessiveness and suspicion come into play, and neither party yields.

17th Sun.—You're in the market for creating multiple streams of income but be advised to avoid mixing business with friendship. Someone is saying one thing and doing another, driving you mad.

18th Mon.—Saturn stations and turns retrograde in Scorpio, your house of open confrontations and relationships (the 7th). Your partner can have a secret or two and take on the persona of James Bond.

19th Tues.—Discussing a financial plan with the top brass gets you noticed and admired for your savvy business acumen. Implementing technology for specific purposes streamlines the operation.

20th Wed.—Having a heart-to-heart with someone behind closed doors brings revelations that add new dimensions of meaning. This information can defuse a potentially volatile situation; use diplomacy.

21st Thurs.—The Sun conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of acquaintances, group dynamics, visionary goals, and humanitarian outreach (the 11th). Work for a cause, with no strings attached.

22nd Fri.—In-laws, academics, or cross-cultural individuals can present scenarios that send you searching for information and answers to pertinent questions. Spiritual pursuits capture your interest.

23rd Sat.—Mercury stations and turns retrograde in Pisces, your house of clubs and colleagues (the 11th). Communication goes awry in these areas, creating delays in launching a particular project.

24th Sun.—A parent or older family member dramatizes past experiences but creates a pleasant narrative. A boss in your place of employment is a charmer but keeps everyone at arm's length.

25th Mon.—The Full Moon in Virgo shines in your house of children, adolescents, risk, romance, and recreation (the 5th). You're nitpicking in these matters whether you're aware of it or not. Lighten up.

26th Tues.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, making verbal sparks fly among friends. Worthy causes get a dose of sarcasm despite your good intentions. Use the volatile language for an altruistic purpose.

27th Wed.—Overindulgence can send you to the medicine cabinet or the seclusion of your bedroom. Decisions in your daily grind create more dissension than you bargained for; work for a compromise.

28th Thurs.—Venus conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of humanitarianism (the 11th). Acts of selflessness characterize your actions as you seek to help the needy without prejudice, bias, or payback.



GEMINI

May 21st to June 20th

YOUR FEBRUARY GUIDE

1st-8th: Lie low. With lots of Mars, Mercury, and Neptune action in your solar 10th, this is a good time *not* to tangle with anyone in authority. This is particularly true on the 3rd and 4th, and the combination of Mars conjunct Neptune in Pisces, and the Last Quarter in Scorpio make clashes in the workplace almost a certainty. But the key word here is “almost,” since as long as you keep an even temper you can either prevent such events, or defuse if they if others cause them.

9th-16th: Terms of endearment. The New Moon in your solar 9th this week, along with Venus in the same place, could bring you into contact with a very pleasant situation. Someone at a distance either admires or likes you, and could make an offer you don’t want to refuse. If that’s not the case, though, this is a good time to do some future planning for a vacation in a place you’ve always dreamed about but have never visited.

17th-23rd: What a week for a daydream. You may find yourself lost in daydreams in the week ahead, and though you may get a lot done despite this, your mind will always be elsewhere. If you have a day job and it’s possible to take some time off, do so, but if not try to arrange your time so you’re not in view of any higher-up for very long at a stretch. By the end of the week, you will be out of the woods and fully “awake” as Mars trines Saturn.

24th-28th: World vs. home. The Full Moon on the 25th may require you to make a decision about how to divide your time between your public life (including work) and your private life. There may or may not be any particular event that brings you to this point, as it could be just a nagging feeling you’ve had that a few adjustments are called for. Over this month in particular, at times you seemed to bounce like a billiard ball from the tense to the pleasant, so maybe a little stability is called for.

DATES	LUCKY STAR	TODAY'S KEYWORD	COLORS TO WEAR	YOUR BEST TIMES* FOR SUCCESS
Friday, 1st	Sun	Admiration	Lemon Chiffon	11:27 p.m. to 1:27 a.m.
Saturday, 2nd	Mercury	Openness	Carob Brown	1:23 a.m. to 3:15 a.m.
Sunday, 3rd	Uranus	Providence	Ultramarine	11:19 a.m. to 1:27 p.m.
Monday, 4th	Moon	Inquisitive	Cream	9:07 p.m. to 11:15 p.m.
Tuesday, 5th	Neptune	Conscience	Cerise	1:19 p.m. to 3:03 p.m.
Wednesday, 6th	Saturn	Obligations	Slate Blue	8:59 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.
Thursday, 7th	Venus	Elegance	Green	4:47 p.m. to 6:47 p.m.
Friday, 8th	Jupiter	Eminence	Coral	6:43 a.m. to 8:51 a.m.
Saturday, 9th	Pluto	Bravado	Dark Slate	4:39 a.m. to 6:39 a.m.
Sunday, 10th	Mars	Experience	Scarlet	2:43 p.m. to 4:35 p.m.
Monday, 11th	Mercury	Jumpiness	Earth	6:31 p.m. to 8:39 p.m.
Tuesday, 12th	Pluto	Renewal	Black	4:27 a.m. to 6:27 a.m.
Wednesday, 13th	Saturn	Refusal	Pewter	8:31 a.m. to 10:39 a.m.
Thursday, 14th	Jupiter	Judgment	Tawny	6:19 a.m. to 8:27 a.m.
Friday, 15th	Moon	Peace	Antique White	8:23 p.m. to 10:31 p.m.
Saturday, 16th	Uranus	Movement	Aqua	10:27 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.
Sunday, 17th	Venus	Pleaser	Fern	4:07 p.m. to 6:07 p.m.
Monday, 18th	Sun	Ideals	Buttercup	10:19 p.m. to 12:19 a.m.
Tuesday, 19th	Mars	Scruples	Brick Red	2:07 p.m. to 3:59 p.m.
Wednesday, 20th	Neptune	Complaint	Amethyst	12:19 p.m. to 2:03 p.m.
Thursday, 21st	Venus	Merriment	Kelly Green	3:51 p.m. to 5:51 p.m.
Friday, 22nd	Saturn	Understanding	Fog	7:55 a.m. to 10:03 a.m.
Saturday, 23rd	Mercury	Paperwork	Mocha	5:42 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.
Sunday, 24th	Jupiter	Voyage	Orange	5:38 a.m. to 7:46 a.m.
Monday, 25th	Moon	Comfort	Eggshell	7:42 p.m. to 9:50 p.m.
Tuesday, 26th	Sun	Pilgrimage	Gold	9:46 p.m. to 11:46 p.m.
Wednesday, 27th	Mars	Discipline	Rouge	1:34 p.m. to 3:26 p.m.
Thursday, 28th	Pluto	Recovery	Walnut	3:22 a.m. to 5:22 a.m.

* Eastern Standard Time

DAY-BY-DAY FORECAST FOR GEMINI

1st Fri.—Embracing new ideas is second nature to you, Gemini. Venus enters Aquarius, your house of higher education, cross-cultural interests, and legal issues (the 9th). Get the facts and spread the word.

2nd Sat.—Your aptitude for multitasking can increase your earning capacity when you implement a careful strategy. People in your hire play it close to the vest, and furry friends need lots of downtime.

3rd Sun.—Minor medical issues seem to come from nowhere, throwing a monkey wrench into your daily routines. Going off your usual diet or exercise regimen has consequences at a later date.

4th Mon.—Mars conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of authority figures and your career (the 10th). A boss may be operating under a delusion, creating confusing conditions in your workplace.

5th Tues.—Mercury enters Pisces, producing a lot of confusion among the powers that be. Your communication skills may be put on hold for a brief period of time, throwing you entirely off course.

6th Wed.—Venus in Aquarius sextiles Uranus in Aries, opening a window of opportunity for you to discuss noteworthy topics with academic or like-minded individuals. New perspectives are presented.

7th Thurs.—Venus trines Jupiter, rolling out the red carpet for you to revel in political, humanitarian, or literary discourse. You're in your element as you try out theories and explore options.

8th Fri.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, creating an atmosphere of irrational communication and exaggerated facts. The top brass are unable to grasp a particular problem and solve it without drama.

9th Sat.—Distorted information is sorted out after breaking down the components and analyzing them. The puzzle pieces eventually fall into place and dilemmas are fixed with swift action. All's well.

10th Sun.—The New Moon in Aquarius triggers activity in your house of higher learning, international travel, legal issues, and in-laws (the 9th). An unusual and humane event occurs in one of these areas.

11th Mon.—Venus in Aquarius squares Saturn in Scorpio, causing minor details in your daily rounds to impede the progress of your intellectual outreach. Schedules, deadlines, and responsibilities prevail.

12th Tues.—Mercury in Pisces trines Saturn in Scorpio, removing yesterday's obstacles and replacing them with a bridge to success. Look beneath the surface of a complicated issue for further information.

13th Wed.—A friend or colleague from a group or organization may go out on a limb for a new cause or quest. Throw a lifeline if necessary, or at least lend a willing ear; your input is welcomed and valued.

14th Thurs.—Your employer may facilitate your education through seminars or hands-on training through technology. You'll learn the new techniques in record time and teach them to others.

15th Fri.—Mars in Pisces sextiles Pluto in Capricorn, creating an opening for you to launch a career project using resources other than your own. The result can have a transformational effect on you.

16th Sat.—Retreating from a nerve-wracking routine allows you to relax and rejuvenate. Use the downtime to organize your work flow to be more productive. Medical matters need your attention.

17th Sun.—Processing information is the same as breathing to you, but make every effort toward accuracy in transmitting messages. Meanings are easily misinterpreted and facts become distorted.

18th Mon.—Saturn stations and turns retrograde in your house of your diet and exercise, people who work under you in any capacity, pets, and your daily grind (the 6th). Pressures increase; prepare.

19th Tues.—Yesterday's stressors melt into today's social atmosphere of sharp wit and storytelling. Raconteurs are in your midst and will engage you in a verbal volley if you're so inclined, and you are.

20th Wed.—A spontaneous jaunt with a colleague can cost more than you bargained for, as last-minute expenses appear from nowhere. Save for a rainy day before you burn a hole in your pocket.

21st Thurs.—The Sun conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of parents, authority figures in general, and your career (the 10th). One of these matters becomes kaleidoscopic, losing its moorings. Hang on.

22nd Fri.—You'll divulge information with a dramatic flair as your winged feet discover new places and people in your local neighborhood. Your penchant for communication puts you in the spotlight.

23rd Sat.—Mercury stations and turns retrograde in Pisces, your house of career, rank, and status (the 10th). Details slip through the cracks in your messages to the top brass; debate with Mom and Pop.

24th Sun.—Your chameleon tastes and appearance bring a tug of war over how to present yourself. Dress classically, as a teenager, or arrive in formal attire? Such questions result in a Mutable dilemma.

25th Mon.—The Full Moon in Virgo shines in your house of home, hearth, real estate, and Mom and Pop (the 4th). A thorough housecleaning is in order, along with developing a strategy for improvement.

26th Tues.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, your house of your career (the 10th). Sharp insight along with a touch of sarcasm spruces up your place of employment; tempers flare and then subside.

27th Wed.—Keeping the peace among colleagues can end up with Cupid's arrow flying around the fracas. If it strikes you, don't be surprised if making commitments seems a bit out of your reach.

28th Thurs.—Venus conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of career, rank, and status (the 10th). Climbing the ladder of success loses its appeal, and your thoughts turn to serving others selflessly.



CANCER

June 21st to July 22nd

YOUR FEBRUARY GUIDE

1st-8th: Dreams vs. reality. Though a nagging little voice tells you that there are wonderful things waiting for you somewhere on the horizon, Saturn in your 5th and Mars in Pisces tangling with Mercury and Neptune tell you that current reality is much different. Not that you don't have something to look forward to, but it's just that for now you have to get down to the hard work of your daily routine.

9th-16th: Fresh start. The New Moon in Aquarius on the 10th occurs in your house of joint investments, signaling that money you either hold or owe with a partner can be of benefit to you now. This is not a "windfall" scenario, but it does indicate an opportunity to reinvest at a better interest rate, or perhaps lower the interest rate you have on a loan. Pluto in your partnership house may make this a bit difficult, but with the right attitude you can do what you have to do.

17th-23rd: Hope on the horizon. First Quarter in Taurus on the 17th puts you in a good mood, as you feel that this up-and-down month may be turning the corner toward something interesting. Maybe so, and maybe not, but it's the feeling that's the thing in this case. Feeling good about who you are and where you are going in life is right at the top of your list of things to do. Don't feel so good that you become a blabbermouth, though. Mercury retrograde on the 23rd!

24th-28th: Poetic. Even though Venus conjunct Neptune occurs right at the end of the month, you'll feel its misty, sentimental vibes sneaking toward you all week. The Full Moon in Virgo, your personal communication sector will help you give expression to what this aspect makes you feel. A writer or a poet? You'll be more eloquent than usual. A painter? Your colors will be glowing and vibrant.

DATES	LUCKY STAR	TODAY'S KEYWORD	COLORS TO WEAR	YOUR BEST TIMES* FOR SUCCESS
Friday, 1st	Moon	Fortunate	White	9:19 p.m. to 11:27 p.m.
Saturday, 2nd	Venus	Poise	Chartreuse	3:15 a.m. to 5:07 a.m.
Sunday, 3rd	Uranus	Alert	Azure	11:19 a.m. to 1:27 p.m.
Monday, 4th	Neptune	Mystique	Orchid	1:23 p.m. to 3:07 p.m.
Tuesday, 5th	Mercury	Talk	Carob Brown	6:55 p.m. to 9:03 p.m.
Wednesday, 6th	Mars	Discipline	Russet	2:59 p.m. to 4:51 p.m.
Thursday, 7th	Jupiter	Worldview	Tangerine	6:47 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.
Friday, 8th	Saturn	Age	Steel Gray	8:51 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.
Saturday, 9th	Sun	Freedom	Daffodil	10:55 p.m. to 12:55 a.m.
Sunday, 10th	Pluto	Force	Licorice	4:35 a.m. to 6:35 a.m.
Monday, 11th	Uranus	Liberation	Robin's Egg	10:47 a.m. to 12:55 p.m.
Tuesday, 12th	Mercury	Paperwork	Toffee	12:43 a.m. to 2:35 a.m.
Wednesday, 13th	Jupiter	Opulence	Burnt Amber	6:23 a.m. to 8:31 a.m.
Thursday, 14th	Mars	Experience	Brick Red	2:27 p.m. to 4:19 p.m.
Friday, 15th	Pluto	Renewal	Black	4:15 a.m. to 6:15 a.m.
Saturday, 16th	Venus	Daydreams	Sage	2:19 a.m. to 4:11 a.m.
Sunday, 17th	Moon	Sympathy	Ivory	8:15 p.m. to 10:23 p.m.
Monday, 18th	Neptune	Wariness	Purple	12:27 p.m. to 2:11 p.m.
Tuesday, 19th	Sun	Principles	Lemon Chiffon	10:15 p.m. to 12:15 a.m.
Wednesday, 20th	Saturn	Gripe	Light Gray	8:03 a.m. to 10:11 a.m.
Thursday, 21st	Sun	Ownership	Buttercup	10:07 p.m. to 12:07 a.m.
Friday, 22nd	Neptune	Supernatural	Fuchsia	12:11 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.
Saturday, 23rd	Mercury	Openness	Earth	5:42 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.
Sunday, 24th	Moon	Indifference	Vanilla	7:46 p.m. to 9:54 p.m.
Monday, 25th	Jupiter	Credibility	Orange	5:34 a.m. to 7:42 a.m.
Tuesday, 26th	Venus	Laughter	Forest Green	1:38 a.m. to 3:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 27th	Mars	Commendation	Cherry	1:34 p.m. to 3:26 p.m.
Thursday, 28th	Pluto	Certainty	Dark Blue	3:22 a.m. to 5:22 a.m.

* Eastern Standard Time

DAY-BY-DAY FORECAST FOR CANCER

1st Fri.—Your home is your sacred sanctuary, Cancer. Mediating domestic disputes may occupy your time as you strive to make your domestic environment as stress-free as possible. Negotiations follow.

2nd Sat.—Your patience with the younger generation may be stretched to the limit. The best way to blow off steam is to indulge in your creativity or escape into your favorite form of entertainment.

3rd Sun.—Romantic pursuits are taken seriously, despite age gaps or disparate backgrounds. If Cupid's arrow hits the bull's-eye be sure to keep your word or prepare to face the consequences.

4th Mon.—Mars conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of higher education, cross-cultural interests, spiritual pursuits, and legal issues (the 9th). An impractical approach paves the road to disillusionment.

5th Tues.—Mercury enters Pisces, underscoring fuzzy thinking in ethical, international, or academics. A philosophical interest can stimulate exploration of new ideas, but don't expect any tangible results.

6th Wed.—Venus in Aquarius sextiles Uranus in Aries, opening a window of opportunity to borrow or lend money or resources to your best advantage. Interest rates or insurance premiums catch your eye.

7th Thurs.—Venus trines Jupiter, enabling you to develop a savvy financial plan and keep it under wraps for the time being. Gather all information as necessary and let it simmer on your back burner.

8th Fri.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, stimulating your intellectual curiosity to another level. In-laws or instructors can open new doors of discovery, and an itch to travel may need to be scratched.

9th Sat.—Mercury squares Jupiter, stretching your horizons beyond your everyday experiences, yet everything falls into place in your new perspective. Spending quality time alone nourishes your soul.

10th Sun.—The New Moon in Aquarius triggers events in your house of shared assets and possessions, credit-card spending, taxation, insurance, and debt (the 8th). Use your business savvy.

11th Mon.—Venus in Aquarius squares Saturn in Scorpio, bringing a reality check about excessive spending and potential budget cuts. "Eat it up, wear it out, make it or do without" is your credo.

12th Tues.—Mercury in Pisces trines Saturn in Scorpio, enabling you to do some detective work on a child, adolescent, romantic, or recreational pursuit. Get to the bottom of a hidden problem and solve it.

13th Wed.—A parent or boss is moving at top speed and expects you to keep up the pace no matter what. Launching a new project demands all your concentration, and patience is nowhere to be found.

14th Thurs.—Providing food and shelter to anyone in need is part of your personality, but you're apt to give the cold shoulder to individuals who

are down on their luck due to their own mismanagement.

15th Fri.—Mars in Pisces sextiles Pluto in Capricorn, building a bridge between cross-cultural individuals who seek to reach a compromise. You'll quickly discover that all roads lead to Rome.

16th Sat.—Solid friendships are weighed against rocky romances. Playing two for the seesaw can create more emotional upheaval than you bargained for; step back and watch the warring factions.

17th Sun.—Gossip behind closed doors can create a ruckus if you don't step in and untangle a twisted situation. Withdrawing into your shell is your best refuge from the noisy confusion surrounding you.

18th Mon.—Saturn stations and turns retrograde in Scorpio, your house of risk, romance recreation, children, and adolescents (the 5th). These matters come under close scrutiny and require hard work.

19th Tues.—A conversation in strict confidence can shed new light on old problems and provide a handy solution. Helping hands appear from behind in financial matters and set the records straight.

20th Wed.—Your emotions can send you on a roller coaster ride without going to an amusement park. Prepare to run the gamut of the human condition today as your feelings take you to parts unknown.

21st Thurs.—The Sun conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of international travel, higher education, media, and spiritual pursuits (the 9th). Your compassion overflows and forgiveness reigns.

22nd Fri.—If a traditional philosophy doesn't answer your deepest questions, embracing an unorthodox point of view can shed new light on old dilemmas. Keep an open mind; keep searching.

23rd Sat.—Mercury stations and turns direct in Pisces, your house of higher education, legal and ethical issues, international travel, and exploration (the 9th). An interpretation can become twisted.

24th Sun.—You tend to play it safe when it comes to spending on yourself, but buying a luxury item on the spur of the moment puts a special smile on your face. Your eye for quality comes through.

25th Mon.—The Full Moon in Virgo shines in your house of cars, commutes, communications, siblings, and neighbors (the 3rd). Criticism and skilled assistance take center stage now.

26th Tues.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, giving you sharp insight and a sharp tongue to go with it. Piercing wit and sarcasm characterize your conversations, so use your famous sense of humor.

27th Wed.—Finding a happy medium between your place of employment and your domestic environment can be a challenge, but you'll favor your home sweet home instead of career issues.

28th Thurs.—Venus conjoins Neptune in Pisces, highlighting your artistic talents and bottomless insight into humankind. Impractical romance can appear on the horizon, but so can unconditional love.



LEO

July 23rd to August 22nd

YOUR FEBRUARY GUIDE

1st-8th: Cash control. With the Sun in the sign opposite yours until it changes sign on the 18th, it's obvious that a good deal of your time will be taken up dealing with an important partnership in your life. This could be a marriage, a live-in love, or a business partner, among other possibilities, but any or perhaps all such relationships will have a common theme: control. More to the point, your partner will tend to want more control over some part of the partnership. A good bet: money.

9th-16th: Flash point. The New Moon in Aquarius on the 10th brings last week's message to the forefront, as you may be required to renegotiate who does what in concern to joint funds. Your "others" money house is very active right now, and not necessarily in a happy way, but despite both this and the lunar phase, don't just roll over and let the other person do what he or she wants. Take a stand, but be diplomatic.

17th-23rd: Confusion. On the 18th the Sun enters Pisces (your solar 8th), conjoins Neptune there on the 21st, and then Mercury goes retrograde in that sign on the 23rd. Suddenly what seemed a clear, if confrontational, situation with a partner can become a muddle, especially if you've yielded too much control to the other person. If anything, it may turn out that your partner isn't quite as smart as the both of you thought. Take a step back and survey the damage.

24th-28th: Solutions. Even though a Full Moon is an opposition and therefore supposedly a "bad" aspect, the Full Moon on the 25th in your two financial houses may provide both you and your partner with the insight to find a solution — together — to financial matters the two of you have been dealing with all month long. That solution won't fall out of the sky, however, as it will take sitting down together and talking things over to arrive at a suitable way out of your problems.

DATES	LUCKY STAR	TODAY'S KEYWORD	COLORS TO WEAR	YOUR BEST TIMES* FOR SUCCESS
Friday, 1st	Saturn	Defeat	Steel Gray	9:19 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.
Saturday, 2nd	Neptune	Tears	Reddish Purple	1:31 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Sunday, 3rd	Jupiter	Laughs	Dark Peach	7:03 a.m. to 9:11 a.m.
Monday, 4th	Venus	Partnership	Chartreuse	3:07 a.m. to 4:59 a.m.
Tuesday, 5th	Pluto	Control	Deep Burgundy	4:55 a.m. to 6:55 a.m.
Wednesday, 6th	Mercury	Bickering	Earth	1:07 a.m. to 2:59 a.m.
Thursday, 7th	Mars	Privilege	Maroon	2:55 p.m. to 4:47 p.m.
Friday, 8th	Uranus	Unfinished	Aqua	10:59 a.m. to 1:07 p.m.
Saturday, 9th	Moon	Casualness	Chrome	8:47 p.m. to 10:55 p.m.
Sunday, 10th	Sun	Pilgrimage	Canary	10:51 p.m. to 12:51 a.m.
Monday, 11th	Mars	Readiness	Cinnamon	2:39 p.m. to 4:31 p.m.
Tuesday, 12th	Neptune	Mercy	Cerise	12:51 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.
Wednesday, 13th	Uranus	Honesty	Azure	10:39 a.m. to 12:47 p.m.
Thursday, 14th	Sun	Career	Medium Yellow	10:35 p.m. to 12:35 a.m.
Friday, 15th	Pluto	Recovery	Charcoal	4:15 a.m. to 6:15 a.m.
Saturday, 16th	Moon	Housework	Lily White	8:19 p.m. to 10:27 p.m.
Sunday, 17th	Mercury	Excitement	Chocolate	6:07 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
Monday, 18th	Jupiter	Distractions	Tangerine	6:03 a.m. to 8:11 a.m.
Tuesday, 19th	Venus	Gift	Fern	3:59 p.m. to 5:59 p.m.
Wednesday, 20th	Saturn	Simplicity	Fog	8:03 a.m. to 10:11 a.m.
Thursday, 21st	Mars	Sexuality	Red	1:59 p.m. to 3:51 p.m.
Friday, 22nd	Mercury	Neutrality	Mahogany	12:03 a.m. to 1:55 a.m.
Saturday, 23rd	Sun	Listening	Dark Yellow	9:58 p.m. to 11:58 p.m.
Sunday, 24th	Venus	Image	Spring Green	1:46 a.m. to 3:38 a.m.
Monday, 25th	Saturn	Enigma	Cloudy Blue	7:42 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.
Tuesday, 26th	Uranus	Cheekiness	Powder Blue	9:46 a.m. to 11:54 a.m.
Wednesday, 27th	Pluto	Disagreement	Jet Black	3:26 a.m. to 5:26 a.m.
Thursday, 28th	Neptune	Poetry	Lilac	11:46 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

* Eastern Standard Time

DAY-BY-DAY FORECAST FOR LEO

1st Fri.—You like to be in the spotlight, Leo. Outsiders who want to get too close, however, must step back in line; you decide who approaches you and who doesn't. Your significant other remains aloof.

2nd Sat.—A parent or older family member seeks old-school solutions to current domestic problems. Detective work is necessary if you want to get to the bottom of a complicated issue; start digging.

3rd Sun.—A friend or colleague from a group or organization takes on the role of Mama or Papa Bear. Whether serving as a shoulder to cry on or providing food and drink, your deepest needs are nurtured.

4th Mon.—Mars conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of shared income and assets, credit-card spending, taxation, insurance, and debt (the 8th). Focus on these areas before they get away from you.

5th Tues.—Mercury enters Pisces, placing cobwebs in both written and verbal communication. Simple transactions can become a ball of confusion due to minor mistakes, missing signatures, or wrong dates.

6th Wed.—Venus in Aquarius sextiles Uranus in Aries, making it easy for others to entice you to jump on a bandwagon, especially in the areas of legal issues, higher education, or cross-cultural pursuits.

7th Thurs.—People who work under you in any capacity are secretive and suspicious and give you the creeps. Pets have their own agenda and plan to see it through, and your health regimen needs attention.

8th Fri.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, stimulating your sixth sense to intuit information that is mostly unavailable to the rest of us. Psychic flashes need attention; they come through for a reason.

9th Sat.—Mercury squares Jupiter, placing roadblocks in your path pertaining to information or travel. Detours end up working in your favor, providing details that would otherwise slip through the cracks.

10th Sun.—The New Moon in Aquarius shines in your house of relationships, encounters, and confrontations (the 7th). Unusual circumstances occur, requiring you to keep others at arm's length.

11th Mon.—Venus in Aquarius squares Saturn in Scorpio, making it hard to find a happy medium in relationships. One party demands passion while the other prefers a more casual and aloof approach.

12th Tues.—Mercury trines Saturn, enabling you to probe the depths of a complicated issue and arrive at the naked truth. An older family member may not cooperate with your scrutiny and analysis.

13th Wed.—Taking direction from others is not one of your strong points. Anyone who tries to boss you around today will get the message that you are at no one's command but your own. Enough said.

14th Thurs.—You can be as serene as a purring kitten when you want to be, and that's the position you'll take as you contact specific people, press the right buttons, and watch everything fall into place.

15th Fri.—Mars in Pisces sextiles Pluto in Capricorn, opening a window of opportunity for you

to redraw the line between need and greed. A private assessment of priorities brings some revelations.

16th Sat.—Yesterday's breakthroughs can create a conflict over where to invest your time and energies. The question is whether to focus on career advancement or to engage in home improvement.

17th Sun.—Robbing Peter to pay Paul can become a juggling act that requires an acute sense of timing and attention to detail. Minor points of information can slip through the cracks, so read the fine print.

18th Mon.—Saturn stations and turns retrograde in your house of home, hearth, real estate, and family roots (the 4th). A parent can experience a sharp turn of events, and you'll have to step up to the plate.

19th Tues.—Your ability to take control of a complicated situation takes center stage as you organize information and delegate duties to appropriate individuals in the chain of command. All work together.

20th Wed.—People in your midst are inclined to discuss topics and opinions until the cows come home, but it's in your best interest to be an innocent bystander and absorb the situation. Learn from listening.

21st Thurs.—The Sun conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of shared assets and income, credit-card spending, taxation, insurance, and debt (the 8th). Watch interest rates before your money disappears.

22nd Fri.—Retreat into privacy and spend some quality downtime alone. Use this opportunity to regroup and reassess your own priorities as you take a break from organizing everything around you.

23rd Sat.—Mercury stations and turns retrograde in Pisces, your house of combined assets, borrowing and lending, transformation, and debt (the 8th). Review your credit statements and insurance policies.

24th Sun.—Your mate maintains a touch-and-go attitude while you have enough enthusiasm to fill a room. Aesthetic decisions can put you in gridlock; a game of give and take is the only way to go.

25th Mon.—The Full Moon in Virgo shines in the house of your income and possessions (the 2nd). Circumstances dictate that you count the pennies, despite any feelings of entitlement or love of luxury.

26th Tues.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, turning your attention back to shared assets and spending on credit. You can have the good life without daily extravagance; adjust as necessary.

27th Wed.—Put sugar in what you say and salt in what you hear, as news travels fast, but its meaning can be misconstrued. Taking sides in an ethical issue can result in more trouble than you bargained for.

28th Thurs.—Venus conjoins Neptune in Pisces, placing rose-colored spectacles over matters of romance, borrowing and lending, and shared expenses in general. Good fortune comes with a price tag.



VIRGO

August 23rd to September 22nd

YOUR FEBRUARY GUIDE

1st-8th: Cool it. Mars and Mercury tangling with Neptune and then with each other set off sparks in your partnership house on the 4th, 6th, and 8th. Though that means that the month begins on a cautionary note, if you can stay cool and not react to someone's anger, you should make it through this brief stormy period very well. One thing that may help is Saturn in your communication sector, as it slows to become retrograde later in the month. Restraint is the name of the game.

9th-16th: Giving. Having survived (we hope) last week without too much upset, you'd think it would be time to relax, but not so. The New Moon in Aquarius in your work and service sector on the 10th could put you in the mood to give your time to help a friend, relative, or just to get involved in some type of community service. Venus is in the same sector, so you are really in a giving mood, expecting nothing in return.

17th-23rd: Working partnership. Mars, one of the planets that may have had you dodging earlier in the month, could have you right in the middle of a very dynamic partnership this week. A three-way contact of that planet with Saturn and Pluto puts you in the mood to get things done, yet at the same time you want to tackle any job before you in a new and different way. A close partner may take the lead on the practical side as you tend to the creative elements.

24th-28th: Time to relax. This has been a busy month, especially in the realm of your relationships with partners, but between the Full Moon in your sign on the 25th and Venus conjunct Neptune on the 28th you will feel hard pressed to feel anything but sociable and romantic. Even though all of this happens in the middle of a work week, if you have a day job (paid or unpaid) arrange to take some time off. Have fun!

DATES	LUCKY STAR	TODAY'S KEYWORD	COLORS TO WEAR	YOUR BEST TIMES* FOR SUCCESS
Friday, 1st	Pluto	Boldness	Onyx	5:11 a.m. to 7:11 a.m.
Saturday, 2nd	Neptune	Mildness	Magenta	1:31 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Sunday, 3rd	Venus	Grandiloquence	Lime	5:03 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.
Monday, 4th	Jupiter	Benevolence	Dark Peach	6:59 a.m. to 9:07 a.m.
Tuesday, 5th	Mercury	Fairness	Earth	6:55 p.m. to 9:03 p.m.
Wednesday, 6th	Uranus	Honesty	Ultramarine	11:07 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Thursday, 7th	Sun	Happiness	Lemon Chiffon	11:03 p.m. to 1:03 a.m.
Friday, 8th	Moon	Grace	Sandstone	8:51 p.m. to 10:59 p.m.
Saturday, 9th	Saturn	Return	Mid Gray	8:47 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.
Sunday, 10th	Mars	Validation	Burnt Umber	2:43 p.m. to 4:35 p.m.
Monday, 11th	Uranus	Distress	Baby Blue	10:47 a.m. to 12:55 p.m.
Tuesday, 12th	Jupiter	Joviality	Persimmon	6:27 a.m. to 8:35 a.m.
Wednesday, 13th	Pluto	Elevation	Charcoal	4:23 a.m. to 6:23 a.m.
Thursday, 14th	Venus	Kindness	Forest Green	2:27 a.m. to 4:19 a.m.
Friday, 15th	Moon	Patience	Eggshell	8:23 p.m. to 10:31 p.m.
Saturday, 16th	Saturn	Viability	Pewter	8:19 a.m. to 10:27 a.m.
Sunday, 17th	Sun	Ambition	Marigold	10:23 p.m. to 12:23 a.m.
Monday, 18th	Mercury	Haste	Brown	12:19 a.m. to 2:11 a.m.
Tuesday, 19th	Mars	Sexuality	Ruby Red	2:07 p.m. to 3:59 p.m.
Wednesday, 20th	Neptune	Commiseration	Cerise	12:19 p.m. to 2:03 p.m.
Thursday, 21st	Uranus	Elation	Sky Blue	10:07 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Friday, 22nd	Mars	Loyalty	Crimson	1:55 p.m. to 3:47 p.m.
Saturday, 23rd	Venus	Pastimes	Viridian	3:42 p.m. to 5:42 p.m.
Sunday, 24th	Sun	Principles	Sunshine	9:54 p.m. to 11:54 p.m.
Monday, 25th	Jupiter	Optimism	Tangerine	5:34 a.m. to 7:42 a.m.
Tuesday, 26th	Mercury	Adroit	Carob Brown	11:46 p.m. to 1:38 a.m.
Wednesday, 27th	Moon	Home	White	7:34 p.m. to 9:42 p.m.
Thursday, 28th	Neptune	Quiet	Primrose	11:46 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

* Eastern Standard Time

DAY-BY-DAY FORECAST FOR VIRGO

1st Fri.—Providing service to others is your stock in trade, Virgo. Mars enters Pisces, your house of relationships (the 7th), so you're on double duty as you give skilled assistance with no strings attached.

2nd Sat.—Communications can be terse because you need to get down to business and keep your nose to the grindstone throughout the day. Those around you may be seeing only what they choose to see.

3rd Sun.—Connecting with the right people who can provide you with the information you need puts everything in its proper place and gives you peace of mind. Neighbors or siblings have a secret or two.

4th Mon.—Mars conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of relationships and open confrontations (the 7th). Unrealistic individuals are front and center, and you'll be the one to give them a reality check.

5th Tues.—Mercury enters Pisces, making you silent in certain matters as you diligently go about your business. Your instructions may fall upon deaf ears, and you know actions speak louder than words.

6th Wed.—Venus in Aquarius sextiles Uranus in Aries, giving you an opportunity to learn a new skill to add to your already impressive roster. Pets are quirky, upbeat, and need more exercise than usual.

7th Thurs.—Venus trines Jupiter, making your performance on your job stand out among your coworkers. The powers that be take notice of your unassuming quest for absolute perfection.

8th Fri.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, making your significant other read between the lines of problematic situations with astute observations and sarcasm. Someone is talking up a storm; is it you?

9th Sat.—Mercury in Pisces squares Jupiter in Gemini, enabling you to untangle a web of confusion and explain to an authority figure with ease and finesse. As usual, you made order from chaos. Bravo!

10th Sun.—The New Moon in Aquarius triggers events in your house of medical matters, diet and exercise, pets, and your daily grind (the 6th). Another opinion is needed to fix a quirky health problem.

11th Mon.—Venus in Aquarius squares Saturn in Scorpio, placing emotions on the back burner as you tend to the endless details in your daily routine. Obstacles appear in romantic pursuits; pay attention.

12th Tues.—Mercury trines Saturn, putting you and your mate on the same page as you tackle complicated problems and solve them with efficiency and skill. All the puzzle pieces fall into place.

13th Wed.—Impulse buying can throw a monkey wrench into your shared assets, but your eagle eye will crunch the numbers with precision. Vacation or entertainment ventures can strain the budget.

14th Thurs.—Cupid's arrow points you to a self-

contained extremist with intelligence to spare and a way with words. Commitment must be total, so it's your choice whether to love or to leave.

15th Fri.—Mars in Pisces sextiles Pluto in Capricorn, building a bridge to success in romance and relationships. Joining forces with another like-minded individual will result in a successful venture.

16th Sat.—People espousing philosophical theories will get a wide berth from you, because you're only interested in practical outcomes in the here and now. Fact-checking becomes a high priority.

17th Sun.—A parent or boss is saying one thing and doing another, leaving you to pick up the pieces of mixed messages or unfinished tasks. Your organizational ability is your saving grace; remain calm.

18th Mon.—Saturn stations and turns retrograde in Scorpio, your house of siblings, neighbors, commutes, and communications (the 3rd). Delays and frustrations occur in these matters; hang on.

19th Tues.—The powers that be are noticing your multitasking and self-effacing efficiency. A person who works under you may champion a cause, and furry friends provide sufficient companionship.

20th Wed.—A friend or colleague who is going through a difficult time can use your clear-eyed analyses and skilled assistance in tackling the problem. Bring chicken soup, and then grab the dustpan.

21st Thurs.—The Sun conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of confrontations and relationships (the 7th). You're encountering the needy and demonstrating unconditional love through service.

22nd Fri.—Retreat to your favorite place of rest and relaxation and unwind from the day's activities. Avoid taking on more work or responsibility; you already have enough on your plate. Decompress.

23rd Sat.—Mercury stations and turns retrograde in Pisces, placing cobwebs in communication, especially with your significant other. Encounters are deeply confusing or have language barriers.

24th Sun.—Reaching compromises can be an uphill climb, particularly where aesthetic or financial issues are concerned. Pamper yourself with small treats and let the rest of the world pass you by.

25th Mon.—The Full Moon in Virgo shines in your house of your appearance and perspective (the 1st). Paying meticulous attention to the form and function of clothing streamlines your wardrobe.

26th Tues.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, creating rapid repartee with your partner that is laced with astute observations. Humor and sarcasm lurk between the lines, and you're both off and running.

27th Wed.—Discrepancies in accounts receivable and accounts payable need your critical eye and painstaking attention to detail. You'll find the mistakes and balance the books like a professional.

28th Thurs.—Venus conjoins Neptune in Pisces, infusing you with compassion and a need to merge with a person, place, or worthy cause. Kindness is a virtue, but martyrdom lurks in the shadows.



LIBRA

September 23rd to October 22nd

YOUR FEBRUARY GUIDE

1st-8th: Time off. A quick look at the month tells us that this would be a fine time to get away from it all. For one thing, you still have Jupiter in your travel house, the 9th, and it is making a pleasant sextile aspect to Uranus in your partnership sector. For another thing, your work and service sector is crowded with unhappy planets being rude — Mars, Mercury, and Neptune are really hitting heavily on each other this week. A month off would be nice, but this week off will do.

9th-16th: Party vibes. A nice counterweight to last week's carrying on by the three planets mentioned is this week's New Moon in Aquarius, your creative sector. Venus is hanging out in the same space, offering the possibility of some romantic involvement, or at least a pleasant social event of some kind, with you as the instigator. Actually, we take it back about just taking a week off. Perhaps make it two?

17th-23rd: Financial sidetrack. The First Quarter in Taurus on the 17th highlights an interesting three-cornered contact among Mars, Saturn, and Pluto that links your personal finances, home and family, and work life. After all the happy stuff last week, this looks like a pressing money issue that you and yours must deal with. It may or may not be an emergency in the most extreme sense of the word, but you will need to give it your attention.

24th-28th: Party echo. Toward the end of last week, Sun conjoined Neptune and Mercury went retrograde. Fun, huh? It just means that if you didn't get that little money matter taken care of, it may hang around causing problems until Mercury goes direct next month. In the meantime, Venus moves into Pisces on the Full Moon day (the 25th) and then ends up conjunct Neptune on the 28th. This is kind of an echo those early "party vibes," ending the week on an up note.

DATES	LUCKY STAR	TODAY'S KEYWORD	COLORS TO WEAR	YOUR BEST TIMES* FOR SUCCESS
Friday, 1st	Sun	Showiness	Daffodil	11:27 p.m. to 1:27 a.m.
Saturday, 2nd	Saturn	Solid	Agate Gray	9:15 a.m. to 11:23 a.m.
Sunday, 3rd	Venus	Love	Fern	5:03 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.
Monday, 4th	Jupiter	Comprehension	Persimmon	6:59 a.m. to 9:07 a.m.
Tuesday, 5th	Pluto	Paragon	Deep Purple	4:55 a.m. to 6:55 a.m.
Wednesday, 6th	Neptune	Relaxation	Reddish Purple	1:15 p.m. to 2:59 p.m.
Thursday, 7th	Uranus	Disclosure	Marine Blue	11:03 a.m. to 1:11 p.m.
Friday, 8th	Mars	Argument	Burgundy	2:51 p.m. to 4:43 p.m.
Saturday, 9th	Moon	Subtlety	Snow	8:47 p.m. to 10:55 p.m.
Sunday, 10th	Mercury	Excitement	Puce	12:51 a.m. to 2:43 a.m.
Monday, 11th	Neptune	Tenderhearted	Violet	12:55 p.m. to 2:39 p.m.
Tuesday, 12th	Moon	Illusion	White	8:35 p.m. to 10:43 p.m.
Wednesday, 13th	Uranus	Perplexity	Marine Blue	10:39 a.m. to 12:47 p.m.
Thursday, 14th	Mercury	Bills	Chocolate	12:35 a.m. to 2:27 a.m.
Friday, 15th	Jupiter	Satisfaction	Orange	6:15 a.m. to 8:23 a.m.
Saturday, 16th	Venus	Generosity	Sage	2:19 a.m. to 4:11 a.m.
Sunday, 17th	Pluto	Fortitude	Dark Navy	4:07 a.m. to 6:07 a.m.
Monday, 18th	Mars	Aggression	Carmine	2:11 p.m. to 4:03 p.m.
Tuesday, 19th	Saturn	Perseverance	Slate	8:07 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday, 20th	Sun	Dignity	Sunshine	10:11 p.m. to 12:11 a.m.
Thursday, 21st	Pluto	Boldness	Dark Chocolate	3:51 a.m. to 5:51 a.m.
Friday, 22nd	Uranus	Change	Cobalt Blue	10:03 a.m. to 12:11 p.m.
Saturday, 23rd	Mars	Prospects	Ruby Red	1:50 p.m. to 3:42 p.m.
Sunday, 24th	Mercury	Conversation	Mocha	11:54 p.m. to 1:46 a.m.
Monday, 25th	Moon	Youthfulness	Cream	7:42 p.m. to 9:50 p.m.
Tuesday, 26th	Jupiter	Fortune	Bittersweet	5:30 a.m. to 7:38 a.m.
Wednesday, 27th	Sun	Status quo	Lemon	9:42 p.m. to 11:42 p.m.
Thursday, 28th	Saturn	Routine	Dark Gray	7:30 a.m. to 9:38 a.m.

* Eastern Standard Time

DAY-BY-DAY FORECAST FOR LIBRA

1st Fri.—Making decisions is not your cup of tea, Libra. Mars enters Pisces, your house of your daily grind (the 6th), demanding that you take a casual approach to an everyday matter. How convenient.

2nd Sat.—You're being more secretive with your expenses, and demand privacy in your accounts receivable and accounts payable. Prying eyes will get a lecture on your favorite subject: fair play.

3rd Sun.—You're having to eat it up, wear it out, make do, or do without, and finding that frugality is not as bad as you thought. Your love of aesthetics and luxury are placed on hold for the moment.

4th Mon.—Mars conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of medical matters, diet and exercise, people who work under you, pets, and your daily grind (the 6th). Caution: Fog ahead. Wait for a reality check.

5th Tues.—Mercury enters Pisces, making it more difficult to separate the wheat from the chaff. Information is full of loopholes and disconnects, and you're unable to get a clear picture of a problem.

6th Wed.—Venus in Aquarius sextiles Uranus in Aries, signaling Cupid to send you off the beaten path for a romantic escapade. Attractions to unorthodox or free-thinking people stimulate your mind.

7th Thurs.—Venus trines Jupiter, triggering your impartial mind to discuss legal and ethical issues until the cows come home. Academic or cross-cultural individuals can keep your scales bouncing.

8th Fri.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, giving sarcasm and wit to those below you in the chain of command. Pets are communicative and energetic and nervous tension can wreak havoc all around.

9th Sat.—Mercury in Pisces squares Jupiter in Gemini, causing someone in your midst to make a mountain out of a molehill, but there you go—running damage control and keeping everyone happy.

10th Sun.—The New Moon in Aquarius triggers events in your house of risk, romance, recreation, and the younger set (the 5th). Kids are experimental and want to push the envelope. So do you. Go for it!

11th Mon.—Venus in Aquarius squares Saturn in Scorpio, putting a damper on yesterday's frolics. Reality hits you in the wallet, and you have to live and play within your means. Make fun homespun.

12th Tues.—Mercury trines Saturn, enabling you to dissect a complicated issue and arrive at new conclusions. Pets shower you with unconditional love, and chores are postponed for another day.

13th Wed.—Your partner appears to be aloof and unavailable, but always in a hurry. You can't make up your mind whether or not to jump on the bandwagon, and the endless rushing confounds you.

14th Thurs.—Romantic interests maintain a casual feeling of touch and go, yet the ties that bind are rooted in responsibility and commitment. Cooperation is your middle name; you'll get it in return.

15th Fri.—Mars in Pisces sextiles Pluto in Capricorn, giving you an opportunity to stream-

line your household chores into a more workable routine. Delegate certain duties to boost overall efficiency.

16th Sat.—Your partner is inclined to behave in an unpredictable manner and embrace a more radical point of view. Confrontations with co-workers can be unusual and may be conducted at arm's length.

17th Sun.—Someone is engaging in double-peak and causing confusion and emotional distress. Pets may begin a new diet or exercise regimen or need firmer discipline. Charm may equal deception.

18th Mon.—Saturn stations and turns retrograde in Scorpio, your house of your personal assets and income (the 2nd). Redraw your boundary line between need and greed and then adjust your spending.

19th Tues.—Cross-cultural people and languages capture your interest and spark a romantic attraction in the process. Legal and ethical debates are operating at full speed, with you in the role of mediator.

20th Wed.—A boss can play the role of Mama or Papa bear, but feelings for coworkers are on again, off again. Approaching the bargaining tables with your partner leads to negotiations and compromises.

21st Thurs.—The Sun conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of medical matters, diet, exercise, pets, and your daily grind. Minor points in these areas are forgotten altogether or swept under the carpet.

22nd Fri.—Friends and colleagues are openhearted and generous but have a deep need to fish for compliments. A parent or older family member is inclined to manipulate the situation.

23rd Sat.—Mercury stations and turns retrograde in Pisces, throwing the minor details in your daily routine into free-fall. Overindulgence in sweets or stimulants can have unforeseen repercussions.

24th Sun.—While spending time with a colleague you may get the impression that you're on a date. Aesthetic decisions are more difficult than usual because so many factors need to be considered.

25th Mon.—The Full Moon in Virgo shines in your house of solitude, sabotage, charity, and behind-the-scenes activities (the 12th). Spend downtime alone to get organized and clean your home or office.

26th Tues.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, making people under you in the chain of command witty or sarcastic. Pets have more energy than the law allows and will make their needs known to you.

27th Wed.—Verbal volleys during a confrontation range from tactful diplomacy to lightning bolts of irascibility. Take a few deep breaths before you play peacemaker in the high-voltage atmosphere.

28th Thurs.—Venus conjoins Neptune in Pisces, tempting you to indulge in cosmetic or spa treatments while you put your responsibilities on hold. Find your favorite escape route and disappear for a while.



SCORPIO

October 23rd to November 21st

YOUR FEBRUARY GUIDE

1st-8th: Too much fun. With Saturn in your sign and about to go retrograde halfway through the month, you're not in a mood for high-spirited fun. On the other hand, you've got a kind of full house with Mars, Mercury, and Neptune all horsing around in your fun house, the solar 5th. This has all the elements of the kind of fun that goes just a little too far, so try hard to listen to your Saturnian good sense this week. Stay home and play Parcheesi or something.

9th-16th: Payback. If you did what we advised last week, you'll probably be all rested and refreshed. If not, well, Mars square Jupiter on the 10th could be some payback in the form of a bruise or two (ouch) and maybe some damaged recreation equipment. The New Moon on the same day tells you that someone will be there to help you pick up the pieces. Help is definitely on the way.

17th-23rd: In sync. Perhaps because of last week's events and perhaps for some other reason, you find yourself on the same wavelength with a loved one in regard to many and sundry things the two of you have to deal with. This is a good time to solve problems and settle mutual issues, but time's a-wasting because Mercury goes retrograde on the 23rd. Sit down at the kitchen table and say what's on your mind because there is no better time than the period from the 17th to the 22nd.

24th-28th: Warm and fuzzy. Even though Mars is still hanging around in your solar 5th, it is mostly removed from the action. Instead, Sun has now moved in, and by the 25th Venus will have arrived as well. When the Full Moon highlights this house and the one opposite on that same day, positive thoughts and pleasant hopes for the future are likely to be the result. Not only that, but the Venus-Neptune conjunction on the 28th may end the month on a romantic note. Nice!

DATES	LUCKY STAR	TODAY'S KEYWORD	COLORS TO WEAR	YOUR BEST TIMES* FOR SUCCESS
Friday, 1st	Uranus	Jealousy	Cerulean	11:27 a.m. to 1:35 p.m.
Saturday, 2nd	Mercury	Realization	Earth	1:23 a.m. to 3:15 a.m.
Sunday, 3rd	Moon	Good-natured	Eggshell	9:11 p.m. to 11:19 p.m.
Monday, 4th	Pluto	Renewal	Licorice	4:59 a.m. to 6:59 a.m.
Tuesday, 5th	Neptune	Virtue	Primrose	1:19 p.m. to 3:03 p.m.
Wednesday, 6th	Venus	Creativity	Green	2:59 a.m. to 4:51 a.m.
Thursday, 7th	Jupiter	Jokes	Brownish Orange	6:47 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.
Friday, 8th	Mars	Assertion	Rouge	2:51 p.m. to 4:43 p.m.
Saturday, 9th	Saturn	Issues	Gray Blue	8:47 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.
Sunday, 10th	Sun	Showiness	Gold	10:51 p.m. to 12:51 a.m.
Monday, 11th	Pluto	Alteration	Onyx	4:31 a.m. to 6:31 a.m.
Tuesday, 12th	Sun	Assurance	Bright Yellow	10:43 p.m. to 12:43 a.m.
Wednesday, 13th	Saturn	Opposition	Fog	8:31 a.m. to 10:39 a.m.
Thursday, 14th	Mercury	Haste	Puce	12:35 a.m. to 2:27 a.m.
Friday, 15th	Neptune	Placidity	Hot Pink	12:39 p.m. to 2:23 p.m.
Saturday, 16th	Jupiter	Grandiosity	Tangerine	6:11 a.m. to 8:19 a.m.
Sunday, 17th	Mars	Fervor	Scarlet	2:15 p.m. to 4:07 p.m.
Monday, 18th	Venus	Elegance	Viridian	2:11 a.m. to 4:03 a.m.
Tuesday, 19th	Moon	Moodiness	Ivory	8:07 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.
Wednesday, 20th	Uranus	Perplexity	Robin's Egg	10:11 a.m. to 12:19 p.m.
Thursday, 21st	Venus	Luxury	Moss Green	3:51 p.m. to 5:51 p.m.
Friday, 22nd	Mars	Enterprise	Brick Red	1:55 p.m. to 3:47 p.m.
Saturday, 23rd	Pluto	Passion	Black	3:42 a.m. to 5:42 a.m.
Sunday, 24th	Saturn	Integrity	Pewter	7:46 a.m. to 9:54 a.m.
Monday, 25th	Mercury	Neutrality	Toffee	5:34 p.m. to 7:42 p.m.
Tuesday, 26th	Sun	Hopes	Marigold	9:46 p.m. to 11:46 p.m.
Wednesday, 27th	Uranus	Superiority	Blue	9:42 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.
Thursday, 28th	Neptune	Quiet	Fuchsia	11:46 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

* Eastern Standard Time

DAY-BY-DAY FORECAST FOR SCORPIO

1st Fri.—Passion is your stock in trade, Scorpio. Romantic interests are impractical but you're not one to be swayed. Conditions in your domestic environment are pleasant with a feeling of touch and go.

2nd Sat.—The Moon transits Scorpio, your house of your appearance and perspective (the 1st), giving double emphasis to your persona of mystery and intrigue. Dark glasses and a leather jacket are a must.

3rd Sun.—Taking control of a situation in your home puts you in the role of matriarch or patriarch, whether you seek it or not. You're calling the shots; that's all that matters for the moment. Be humane.

4th Mon.—Mars conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of risk, romance, recreation and the younger generation (the 5th). Speculation is a slippery slope; kids are deceptive, and romance is unrealistic.

5th Tues.—Mercury enters Pisces, sweetening your speech with poetic allusions and pie-in-the-sky expectations. The wool may be pulled over your eyes through the suspension of disbelief; get a grip.

6th Wed.—Venus in Aquarius sextiles Uranus in Aries, opening a window of opportunity to spend quality time with a parent or older family member. Home improvements are innovative and unusual.

7th Thurs.—Venus trines Jupiter, rolling out the red carpet for you to engage in financial planning for future security. Mom and Pop can provide helpful insight with insurance policies and tax breaks.

8th Fri.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, creating rapid repartee in romance. Your sweetheart is sharp, witty, and doesn't miss a beat. Kids have all the answers but they ask the wrong questions.

9th Sat.—Mercury in Pisces squares Jupiter in Gemini, creating discord that inevitably ends up with mutual agreement and smiles all around. Negotiations surmount obstacles and compromises reached.

10th Sun.—The New Moon in Aquarius triggers events in your house of sports, speculation, sweethearts, and creativity (the 5th). Unusual jaunts in Bohemian lairs bring eye-opening experiences.

11th Mon.—Venus in Aquarius squares Saturn in Scorpio, placing roadblocks in your pursuit of fun and games. Responsibilities stare you in the face but your Scorpio gaze stares back. Guess who wins?

12th Tues.—Mercury in Pisces trines Saturn in Scorpio, unraveling a complicated situation so that all the puzzle pieces fit perfectly in place. Mysteries are solved with logic; it's elementary.

13th Wed.—Going through the motions of your daily grind makes you feel as if you're moving on fast forward with no time to catch your breath. Stop and smell the roses and pay attention to your health.

14th Thurs.—The ties that bind may cover wide distance but are strong just the same. Opportunity knocks for family gatherings; open

the door and revel in familiar faces, shared interests, and memories.

15th Fri.—Mars in Pisces sextiles Pluto in Capricorn, building a bridge of communication between you and a child or teenager. Creative pursuits produce noteworthy results, and romance is sizzling.

16th Sat.—Whether you want to admit it or not your partner is bringing sound business acumen to the table and it's in your best interest to pay close attention. Verbal banter brings new insight to old issues.

17th Sun.—Someone is exaggerating a situation beyond proportion and distorting the facts to boot. Criticism falls on deaf ears, and doublespeak emerges in conversations about borrowing and lending.

18th Mon.—Saturn stations and turns retrograde in Scorpio, your house of your appearance and perspective (the 1st). Suspicion is a watchword for you, but don't let mistrust become your mantra.

19th Tues.—Communication lines are open and buzzing, especially with a parent or older family member. Repartee is light and breezy, without your usual intensity and depth. Enjoy the chat.

20th Wed.—Medical matters can take an unexpected turn of events, and people under you in the chain of command are reactionary. The slightest provocation can send a pet spinning out of control.

21st Thurs.—The Sun conjoins Neptune in Pisces, creating a flood of compassion for a child or a sweetheart. Financial speculation is unrealistic and recreational gambling needs to be avoided.

22nd Fri.—A sibling, neighbor, or carpool pal may engage in cloak and dagger but it's not your style to play this game with amateurs. An inclination to spend heavily on credit can pose a temptation.

23rd Sat.—Mercury stations and turns retrograde in Pisces, throwing a monkey wrench into your communication with sweethearts and the younger set. Don't sign the dotted line and don't commit.

24th Sun.—Indulge Mom, Pop, or a boss in a trip down memory lane as they boast of past and present experiences and achievements. A tug of war ensues between getting personal and being impersonal.

25th Mon.—The Full Moon in Virgo shines in your house of friendships, group dynamics, visionary goals, and humanitarian outreach (the 11th). You'll get down to the nitty-gritty for a worthy cause.

26th Tues.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, making a smart mouth come from a smart mind. Teenagers tell it like it is and so does your sweetheart, like it or not. Witty sarcasm rules the day.

27th Wed.—Recent pressures impel you to retreat behind closed doors to relax, rejuvenate, and get a new perspective. Minor problems in your daily grind need your attention, but put them on hold.

28th Thurs.—Venus conjoins Neptune in Pisces, creating a scenario from a Hollywood romance to characterize your love life. Passion and desire ebbs and flows like the tide in an eternal rhythm.



SAGITTARIUS

November 22nd to December 21st

YOUR FEBRUARY GUIDE

1st-8th: Life contrasts. As lucky as you may feel with Jupiter in your partnership sector and Uranus in your speculative sector, the fact is that other factors may have you too busy to take advantage of it. A crowded home sector sees Mars and Mercury conjoining Neptune and each other, all of which means you will be giving most of your attention to family issues this week. Frayed nerves and hurt feelings may need to be dealt with. It can be done, but you need to keep on it.

9th-16th: Family secrets. Even though the Aquarius New Moon's emphasis on communication has a helpful side to it, it is what needs to be communicated that challenges you now. Mars, Saturn, and Pluto combine in three different houses to suggest that someone close is keeping secrets, and you will have to work through the suspicions and cryptic statements to get at the facts.

17th-23rd: To the rescue. As you might have guessed from what we said about last week, your involvement in current family matters is quite important, something reinforced by the Sun entering that sector on the 18th, and Mercury going retrograde on the 23rd. The message here is that if you don't take charge and bring things out in the open before that second date, issues now hanging in the air will remain there. It's time for you to get down to cases.

24th-28th: All wrapped up. Well, at least we can hope those issues we've been mentioning are all wrapped up. If not, they will just have to get a time-out and go sit in the corner. The key aspects that finish the month, from the Full Moon of the 25th to a nice Venus-Neptune conjunction in your home sector on the 28th say it's time to pay attention to loving and being loved. And while you're at it you might want to plan a little social activity at home to round things out.

DATES	LUCKY STAR	TODAY'S KEYWORD	COLORS TO WEAR	YOUR BEST TIMES* FOR SUCCESS
Friday, 1st	Uranus	Providence	Aqua	11:27 a.m. to 1:35 p.m.
Saturday, 2nd	Moon	Solace	Eggshell	9:15 p.m. to 11:23 p.m.
Sunday, 3rd	Pluto	Privacy	Onyx	5:03 a.m. to 7:03 a.m.
Monday, 4th	Venus	Day spa	Citron	3:07 a.m. to 4:59 a.m.
Tuesday, 5th	Jupiter	Respect	Brownish Orange	6:55 a.m. to 9:03 a.m.
Wednesday, 6th	Neptune	Music	Purple	1:15 p.m. to 2:59 p.m.
Thursday, 7th	Saturn	Pride	Cool Gray	8:55 a.m. to 11:03 a.m.
Friday, 8th	Mars	Dependability	Burgundy	2:51 p.m. to 4:43 p.m.
Saturday, 9th	Sun	Exertion	Bright Yellow	10:55 p.m. to 12:55 a.m.
Sunday, 10th	Mercury	Dexterity	Earth	12:51 a.m. to 2:43 a.m.
Monday, 11th	Sun	Freedom	Lemon	10:47 p.m. to 12:47 a.m.
Tuesday, 12th	Mars	Readiness	Candy Apple	2:35 p.m. to 4:27 p.m.
Wednesday, 13th	Saturn	Melodrama	Gray Blue	8:31 a.m. to 10:39 a.m.
Thursday, 14th	Mercury	Hobbies	Forest Brown	12:35 a.m. to 2:27 a.m.
Friday, 15th	Moon	Faithfulness	Sandstone	8:23 p.m. to 10:31 p.m.
Saturday, 16th	Jupiter	Heroism	Tawny	6:11 a.m. to 8:19 a.m.
Sunday, 17th	Neptune	Slowdown	Fuchsia	12:31 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Monday, 18th	Uranus	Results	Robin's Egg	10:19 a.m. to 12:27 p.m.
Tuesday, 19th	Venus	Beloved	Leaf Green	3:59 p.m. to 5:59 p.m.
Wednesday, 20th	Pluto	Paragon	Jet Black	3:55 a.m. to 5:55 a.m.
Thursday, 21st	Mercury	Discussion	Raw Sienna	5:51 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.
Friday, 22nd	Sun	Circumstance	Gold	10:03 p.m. to 12:03 a.m.
Saturday, 23rd	Uranus	Cheekiness	Cadet Blue	9:58 a.m. to 12:06 p.m.
Sunday, 24th	Neptune	Mystery	Magenta	12:02 p.m. to 1:46 p.m.
Monday, 25th	Jupiter	Well-being	Pumpkin	5:34 a.m. to 7:42 a.m.
Tuesday, 26th	Saturn	Development	Slate Blue	7:38 a.m. to 9:46 a.m.
Wednesday, 27th	Mars	Scruples	Scarlet	1:34 p.m. to 3:26 p.m.
Thursday, 28th	Moon	Softhearted	Silver	7:30 p.m. to 9:38 p.m.

* Eastern Standard Time

DAY-BY-DAY FORECAST FOR SAGITTARIUS

1st Fri.—You're always on the move, Sagittarius. Dashing from pillar to post in your local neighborhood highlights your adaptability and your communication skills. Friends are on every corner.

2nd Sat.—Shared confidences behind closed doors can pack a wallop, so prepare to keep the secrets in your quiver. A sibling or neighbor could use a helping hand and you're ready to offer your own.

3rd Sun.—Retreating from the rat race enables you to relax and rejuvenate on your own terms. Compromise is not your cup of tea today as you seek privacy and solitude despite offers to socialize.

4th Mon.—Mars conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of home, hearth, real estate, and Mom and Pop. Conditions in your domestic environment are confusing at best with a potential for water damage.

5th Tues.—Mercury enters Pisces, highlighting the need for open and honest communication with family members. Denial of certain issues can accelerate a downward spiral; honesty is the best policy.

6th Wed.—Venus in Aquarius sextiles Uranus in Aries, bringing an opportunity for a casual social conversation that morphs into a heart-to-heart. You're making no judgments.

7th Thurs.—Venus trines Jupiter, bringing cause for celebration and an appreciation for commonplace experiences. Free-thinking individuals stimulate you to reach for new goals; the younger set beckons.

8th Fri.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, bringing you sharp insight into issues concerning family or property. Someone's rapier wit and sharp sense of humor can lighten your load; your optimism shines.

9th Sat.—Mars squares Jupiter, creating roadblocks to moving forward in a situation, only to have them removed piece by piece through serendipity. Outsiders have the best intentions and want to help.

10th Sun.—The New Moon in Aquarius triggers events in your house of cars, commutes, communications, siblings, and neighbors (the 3rd). Technological upgrades occur in one of these areas.

11th Mon.—Venus in Aquarius squares Saturn in Scorpio, making an obstacle course of your romantic pursuits. Behind-the-scenes gossip only adds to your frustration, but hold your fire for now.

12th Tues.—Mercury in Pisces trines Saturn in Scorpio, clearing the air for awkward but truthful communication. The truth comes out, and you'll tell it like no one else. Your integrity comes on strong.

13th Wed.—Impatience causes frayed nerves and abrupt comments. Combine this agitation with rash spending and unruly adolescents and you'll need to hold on to your hat. Peace reigns later this evening.

14th Thurs.—Opportunity knocks for an unusual change of pace, and embracing it works in your favor. Your open mind and endless curiosity will have a feast of information to satisfy them.

15th Fri.—Mars in Pisces sextiles Pluto in Capricorn, building a bridge between you and

advancement through family members or real estate upgrades. Home repairs fall into place without fuss or bother.

16th Sat.—Your inclination toward overindulging can present minor health problems that creep up from behind. Maintaining a tradition comes into focus, and furry friends are your Rock of Gibraltar.

17th Sun.—Information can become distorted and blown out of proportion unless someone applies the brakes and brings things under control. Write lists and make an effort to stay organized.

18th Mon.—Saturn stations and turns retrograde in Scorpio, your house of solitude, sabotage, self-undoing, and charity (the 12th). Hard lessons come home to roost when you're in private quarters.

19th Tues.—Your partner or significant other talks a blue streak and appears to have all the news of recent activities. Correspondence is pleasant and upbeat as long as you sidestep probing for details.

20th Wed.—Financial speculation can take sudden twists and turns so avoid rolling the dice in any form. Rambunctious children or teenagers need firm discipline, and romance suddenly turns rocky.

21st Thurs.—The Sun conjoins Pisces, your house of family and the ties that bind (the 4th). Forgiveness flows like a river toward those who need a second chance with blessings all around.

22nd Fri.—Premonitions and hunches are coming on like gangbusters and it's in your best interest to pay attention to them. Reassessing your values becomes a top priority; remember to count the change.

23rd Sat.—Mercury stations and turns retrograde in Pisces, casting a heavy fog over domestic matters. Real-estate problems are difficult to isolate and even harder to solve. Put your paperwork on hold.

24th Sun.—Plans for a grandiose long-distance journey may need to be pared down to a feasible, local jaunt. In-laws have big plans but could use some input; academic, legal, and ethic issues are hot topics.

25th Mon.—The Full Moon in Virgo shines in your house of authority figures and your career (the 10th). A boss is inclined to nag and nitpick, and painstaking attention to detail is required in your job.

26th Tues.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, making a parent or older family member more outspoken than usual. Someone's sharp sense of humor hits the nail right on the head; sarcasm lurks.

27th Wed.—A sweetheart may behave in a freedom-loving and rebellious manner while a friend bends over backward to keep the peace. Romance can occur suddenly when you wander off the beaten path.

28th Thurs.—Venus conjoins Neptune in Pisces, favoring artistic pursuits in your place of employment. Cupid's arrow from a higher-up may land at your desk, as in a Hollywood movie.



CAPRICORN

December 22nd to January 19th

YOUR FEBRUARY GUIDE

1st-8th: Talk, talk. Since your attention is likely to be focused on the state of your personal finances right now it may be more than a little irritating to be talking to people about things that don't interest you at all. However, with Mars, Mercury, and Neptune all sparring with each other in your personal communication sector, it's all too easy to let that irritation show. The best solution might be to say as little as possible, or nothing at all if you can manage.

9th-16th: A new financial start. The New Moon in Aquarius (your personal financial sector of course) gets you away from the madding crowd and back to your effort to take charge of your finances. This gives you a chance to focus on the things you need to do to bring bills and bank accounts in line, and to make sure they stay there. Jupiter in your solar 5th should help you in this effort, but it could also be a distraction.

17th-23rd: Quiet time. The key features of this week are the Sun entering your communication sector (18th), conjoining Neptune (21st), and Mercury going retrograde (23rd). All of this taken together indicates that this is not a very good time for committing to anything, and particularly not for signing anything. Instead, keep to the sidelines and avoid any situation that requires making a decision that might affect your long-term well-being.

24th-28th: Relaxing. Despite the fact that ram-bunctious Mars is still in your communication sector, it is not terribly active by this time, and the Sun rules this roost for now anyway. The Full Moon of the 25th may give you the opportunity to acquire some special knowledge from someone you know. Venus entering the opposite solar house on the same day gives a decidedly artistic tilt to your learning process. Venus conjunct Neptune on the 28th echoes that theme.

DATES	LUCKY STAR	TODAY'S KEYWORD	COLORS TO WEAR	YOUR BEST TIMES* FOR SUCCESS
Friday, 1st	Moon	Reprieve	Antique White	9:19 p.m. to 11:27 p.m.
Saturday, 2nd	Mercury	Evaluation	Toffee	1:23 a.m. to 3:15 a.m.
Sunday, 3rd	Saturn	Development	Mid Gray	9:11 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.
Monday, 4th	Uranus	Cheekiness	Powder Blue	11:15 a.m. to 1:23 p.m.
Tuesday, 5th	Jupiter	Justice	Brownish Orange	6:55 a.m. to 9:03 a.m.
Wednesday, 6th	Pluto	Higher power	Dark Chocolate	4:51 a.m. to 6:51 a.m.
Thursday, 7th	Neptune	Placidity	Reddish Purple	1:11 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.
Friday, 8th	Sun	Distinction	Lemon Chiffon	10:59 p.m. to 12:59 a.m.
Saturday, 9th	Venus	Romance	Lime	4:39 p.m. to 6:39 p.m.
Sunday, 10th	Mars	Damage	Rouge	2:43 p.m. to 4:35 p.m.
Monday, 11th	Venus	Creativity	Kelly Green	4:31 p.m. to 6:31 p.m.
Tuesday, 12th	Moon	Sleep	Silver	8:35 p.m. to 10:43 p.m.
Wednesday, 13th	Mercury	Talk	Raw Sienna	6:23 p.m. to 8:31 p.m.
Thursday, 14th	Saturn	Understanding	Slate Blue	8:27 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.
Friday, 15th	Jupiter	Laughs	Caramel	6:15 a.m. to 8:23 a.m.
Saturday, 16th	Sun	Success	Sunshine	10:27 p.m. to 12:27 a.m.
Sunday, 17th	Uranus	Instability	Sky Blue	10:23 a.m. to 12:31 p.m.
Monday, 18th	Pluto	Disturbance	Deep Purple	4:03 a.m. to 6:03 a.m.
Tuesday, 19th	Neptune	Impressions	Amethyst	12:23 p.m. to 2:07 p.m.
Wednesday, 20th	Mars	Mission	Cinnamon	2:03 p.m. to 3:55 p.m.
Thursday, 21st	Sun	Ownership	Bright Yellow	10:07 p.m. to 12:07 a.m.
Friday, 22nd	Mercury	Quiz	Red Brown	12:03 a.m. to 1:55 a.m.
Saturday, 23rd	Jupiter	Enthusiasm	Tawny	5:42 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.
Sunday, 24th	Pluto	Stubbornness	Blue Black	3:38 a.m. to 5:38 a.m.
Monday, 25th	Saturn	Real	Steel Gray	7:42 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.
Tuesday, 26th	Uranus	Remorse	Robin's Egg	9:46 a.m. to 11:54 a.m.
Wednesday, 27th	Mars	Loyalty	Burgundy	1:34 p.m. to 3:26 p.m.
Thursday, 28th	Moon	Belief	Sandstone	7:30 p.m. to 9:38 p.m.

* Eastern Standard Time

DAY-BY-DAY FORECAST FOR CAPRICORN

1st Fri.—You have a sharp eye for quality, Capricorn. Venus enters Aquarius, your house of your income and possessions (the 2nd), giving you a taste for the contemporary or exotic. Indulge it.

2nd Sat.—Opinions and input from like-minded individuals offer insight to any aesthetic or fashion decisions. Preferences may clash, but you'll find a way to satisfy yourself and make ends meet.

3rd Sun.—Helping a friend get through a difficult time reaps benefits at a later date. You're a tireless worker for a worthy cause, but you want all the facts at your fingertips before you roll up your sleeves.

4th Mon.—Mars conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of cars, commutes, communication, siblings, and neighbors (the 3rd). One of these matters is mired in confusion; unrealistic expectations abound.

5th Tues.—Mercury enters Pisces, adding another layer to yesterday's bewilderment. Puzzle pieces are missing from the big picture and are nowhere in sight. Scrutinize all incoming correspondence.

6th Wed.—Venus in Aquarius sextiles Uranus in Aries, opening a window of opportunity for home improvement with technology or decor. You're looking for bargains and will find them in odd places.

7th Thurs.—Venus trines Jupiter, rolling out the red carpet for you to celebrate some good news. Medical decisions work in your favor; furry friends provide companionship and unconditional love.

8th Fri.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, infusing high drama and boisterous humor into your daily repartee. Siblings and neighbors are more talkative than usual and you're rushing from pillar to post.

9th Sat.—Mercury in Pisces squares Jupiter in Gemini, creating obstacles in communication that disappear once you begin discussing a topic of mutual interest. Once you start, you're off and running.

10th Sun.—The New Moon in Aquarius triggers your house of personal assets and income (the 2nd). An upgrade in technology aids and abets your multitasking ability; it helps you move up the ladder.

11th Mon.—Venus in Aquarius squares Saturn in Scorpio, inclining you to do some research before you donate money to a humanitarian cause. Once you're satisfied, your commitment is all or nothing.

12th Tues.—Mercury trines Saturn, enabling you to focus your concentration without outside interference. Communication with the powers that be is open, friendly, and extremely productive.

13th Wed.—Upsetting circumstances in your domestic environment rattle your nerves but you're keeping a poker face. A parent or older family member needs more help than you bargained for.

14th Thurs.—A sibling or cousin may consider unorthodox forms of education, training, or medical treatment after traditional methods fall short

on delivery. Travel plans have unusual twists and turns.

15th Fri.—Mars in Pisces sextiles Pluto in Capricorn, making opportunity knock from behind the scenes to increase your income, if only on a temporary basis. Adjusting to change is an easy transition.

16th Sat.—The comforts of your home sweet home can create a conflict of interests with pressures in your place of employment. Finding the happy medium comes only from compromise and concession.

17th Sun.—Children or adolescents are inclined to tailor a story according to what they want you to know, omitting vital details. Financial speculation is rife with risk, doubt, and miscommunication. Forget it.

18th Mon.—Saturn stations and turns retrograde in Scorpio, your house of group dynamics and humanitarian outreach (the 11th). Expect a change in your circle of friends, along with many delays.

19th Tues.—Any discrepancies with information over the past few days are now clarified, giving you a fresh agenda with no question marks. Communications and connections are buzzing with news.

20th Wed.—Glitches in your daily grind this morning can throw a monkey wrench into your plans, but you'll recover by mid-afternoon. One of your more unusual abilities comes into focus.

21st Thurs.—The Sun conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of siblings, neighbors, and short-distance travel (the 3rd). A day trip near the water can help you adjust to another perspective.

22nd Fri.—Your partner or significant other plays the role of Mama or Papa Bear, leaving you free to bring home the bacon and collapse in your comfy chair. Bask in the blessings of domestic bliss.

23rd Sat.—Mercury stations and turns retrograde in Pisces, your house of cars, commutes, and communications (the 3rd). Memos and telephone calls are breeding grounds for mixed messages.

24th Sun.—Living the good life means a steady stream of bills landing on your desk. You're prepared to rob Peter to pay Paul, or do whatever it takes to correct a recent episode of extravagant spending.

25th Mon.—The Full Moon in Virgo shines in your house of academics, legal issues, cross-cultural interests, and spiritual pursuits. A fine line of scrutiny in these areas leads to new revelations.

26th Tues.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, inclining you to spread the word on your new philosophy of what is important and what is not. Your sharp insight will attract interested listeners.

27th Wed.—Mom, Pop, or a boss struggles to weigh pros and cons in an attempt to reach an impartial conclusion. Unusual circumstances in your home front need immediate attention to avoid havoc.

28th Thurs.—Venus conjoins Jupiter in Pisces, inclining you to go above and beyond in helping a neighbor, sibling, or cousin. Small acts of charity illustrate that what goes around, comes around.



AQUARIUS

January 20th to February 18th

YOUR FEBRUARY GUIDE

1st-8th: Money to burn. The Sun in your sign until the 18th makes you much sought after, as people are likely to be listening more closely to you than usual, and perhaps asking your advice on solving their particular problems. It's tempting when you are under this yearly spotlight to play the host, wining and dining others, but this year you should be careful. Mars, Mercury, and Neptune in your personal finance house are like sharks in the water. Don't let them eat your cash.

9th-16th: A new you. The New Moon in Aquarius, your sign, on the 10th is a yearly gift from the cosmos that gives you the opportunity to examine where you are in life, consider where you would like to go, and then make plans to head in that direction. Those financial issues from last week are still in the air and should be watched, but other than that you should take a look at how to shape your own destiny over the next year.

17th-23rd: Life's ladder. Saturn in your solar 10th, where it has been for some time, may have instilled some extra ambition in you, as this planet tends to be a ladder climber. When it is stimulated this week by Mars and Pluto in your 12th and 2nd houses, you need to take care that anxiety about money or your job situation doesn't make you act to correct something that frankly isn't a problem. It won't be disastrous if you do something like that, but it might be embarrassing.

24th-28th: A giving mood. On the day the Full Moon highlights both of your financial sectors, you might find your mood toward your money changing a bit. During the first week, you were liable to spend freely to play the host, last week you may have been worried over it, and now you feel like sharing it with others in the form of gifts. This is a nice thing, but be careful to give on a budget, especially when Venus conjoins Neptune on the 28th.

DATES	LUCKY STAR	TODAY'S KEYWORD	COLORS TO WEAR	YOUR BEST TIMES* FOR SUCCESS
Friday, 1st	Venus	Romance	Forest Green	5:11 p.m. to 7:11 p.m.
Saturday, 2nd	Neptune	Secretiveness	Magenta	1:31 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Sunday, 3rd	Mercury	Duality	Carob Brown	7:03 p.m. to 9:11 p.m.
Monday, 4th	Sun	Individuality	Medium Yellow	11:15 p.m. to 1:15 a.m.
Tuesday, 5th	Uranus	News	Sky Blue	11:11 a.m. to 1:19 p.m.
Wednesday, 6th	Saturn	Return	Cloudy Blue	8:59 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.
Thursday, 7th	Pluto	Defensiveness	Onyx	4:47 a.m. to 6:47 a.m.
Friday, 8th	Moon	Indifference	Seashell	8:51 p.m. to 10:59 p.m.
Saturday, 9th	Mars	Test	Burnt Umber	2:47 p.m. to 4:39 p.m.
Sunday, 10th	Jupiter	Distractions	Saffron	6:35 a.m. to 8:43 a.m.
Monday, 11th	Venus	Chances	Emerald Green	4:31 p.m. to 6:31 p.m.
Tuesday, 12th	Uranus	Unfinished	Azure	10:43 a.m. to 12:51 p.m.
Wednesday, 13th	Mars	Greed	Carmine	2:31 p.m. to 4:23 p.m.
Thursday, 14th	Pluto	Boldness	Licorice	4:19 a.m. to 6:19 a.m.
Friday, 15th	Saturn	Acceptance	Slate Blue	8:23 a.m. to 10:31 a.m.
Saturday, 16th	Sun	Protection	Wheat	10:27 p.m. to 12:27 a.m.
Sunday, 17th	Jupiter	Extravagance	Brownish Orange	6:07 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.
Monday, 18th	Neptune	Loved ones	Dark Magenta	12:27 p.m. to 2:11 p.m.
Tuesday, 19th	Moon	Error	Eggshell	8:07 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.
Wednesday, 20th	Mercury	Paperback	Brown	12:11 a.m. to 2:03 a.m.
Thursday, 21st	Neptune	Conscience	Violet	12:15 p.m. to 1:59 p.m.
Friday, 22nd	Moon	Pleasantness	Ivory	7:55 p.m. to 10:03 p.m.
Saturday, 23rd	Uranus	Lucky	Robin's Egg	9:58 a.m. to 12:06 p.m.
Sunday, 24th	Jupiter	Optimism	Persimmon	5:38 a.m. to 7:46 a.m.
Monday, 25th	Pluto	Command	Blue Black	3:34 a.m. to 5:34 a.m.
Tuesday, 26th	Mercury	Talk	Mocha	11:46 p.m. to 1:38 a.m.
Wednesday, 27th	Venus	Regret	Chartreuse	3:26 p.m. to 5:26 p.m.
Thursday, 28th	Mars	Experience	Cinnamon	1:30 p.m. to 3:22 p.m.

* Eastern Standard Time

DAY-BY-DAY FORECAST FOR AQUARIUS

1st Fri.—You're the humanitarian of the zodiac, Aquarius. Venus enters your sign today, emphasizing your friendly demeanor and acceptance of individuals from every walk of life. Tolerance saves the day.

2nd Sat.—An authority figure in your place of employment plays it close to the vest and manipulates with stealth. You may be asked to jump on their bandwagon, but you prefer a more open approach.

3rd Sun.—Traditional methods may yield the best results, despite advances in technology. Guarding certain information can work to your advantage as you keep emotions out of the picture altogether.

4th Mon.—Mars conjoins Neptune in your house of your income and assets (the 2nd). Your spending habits will differ from most as progressive investments capture your interest. Curb your expectations.

5th Tues.—Mercury enters Pisces, inclining you to keep silent about your financial status. Assessing value of some personal possessions can be elusive and misleading; put opinions and estimates on hold.

6th Wed.—Venus in Aquarius sextiles Uranus in Aries, making opportunity knock for upgrades, communication, and transportation. Gatherings with siblings or neighbors are friendly and insightful.

7th Thurs.—Venus trines Jupiter, enabling you to spend quality time with a child or adolescent. Sporting events and educational conversation increases familiarity and forges the ties that bind.

8th Fri.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, inclining you to engage in impulsive spending that may or may not be to your best advantage. Money can slip through your fingers, so economize as necessary.

9th Sat.—Mercury in Pisces squares Jupiter in Gemini, giving extravagance a practical reason and outcome. Frivolity has its purpose and you'll make up for it downstream. Lemons become lemonade.

10th Sun.—The New Moon in Aquarius triggers events in your house of your appearance and overall perspective (the 1st). You'll add another unorthodox and progressive pursuit to your bag of tricks.

11th Mon.—Venus in Aquarius squares Saturn in Scorpio, placing roadblocks in the path of romantic pursuits. Higher-ups are stern and remote as they get down to business with perfunctory behavior.

12th Tues.—Mercury in Pisces trines Saturn in Scorpio, enabling you to wiggle your invisible antennae and intuit what's really going on in the rank and file. Logic and order fall easily into place.

13th Wed.—Cars and commutes leave you nervous and frazzled as you dash from pillar to post. Information is coming at you from all sides, requiring spontaneous decisions and immediate action.

14th Thurs.—Mentoring someone with your specialized knowledge earns you kudos and gets you

noticed and admired, especially from the powers that be. Patience is not one of your virtues today.

15th Fri.—Mars in Pisces sextiles Pluto in Capricorn, opening a window of opportunity for you to work behind the scenes to increase your income, if only temporarily. Discretion comes into focus.

16th Sat.—A parent or older family member sees all but says nothing, while an authority figure in your place of employment can serve as your Rock of Gibraltar. The old guard is not inclined to adapt.

17th Sun.—An atmosphere of high risk permeates the air; if you plan to take a chance on love or on rolling the dice, don't expect consistency. Children and teenagers tell you what they want you to know.

18th Mon.—Saturn stations and turns retrograde in your house of your career and status (the 10th). There's a change in the chain of command, so tread carefully on the ladder. Put ambitions on hold.

19th Tues.—A talk-fest with a lively individual can morph into a romantic attraction, especially if the topics under discussion are musical, artistic, or humanitarian in scope. Call upon your versatility.

20th Wed.—Your quirky habits are noticed, including your dietary preferences and unusual interests. An abrupt interruption in your workflow has a ripple effect that can put your delicate nerves on edge.

21st Thurs.—The Sun conjoins Neptune in your house of your income and possessions (the 2nd). Donating money or items to a worthy cause gives you the satisfaction of helping someone in need.

22nd Fri.—People in your hire are reclusive and touchy but possess a rare sense of humor. Furry friends need more attention than usual; indulge their whims and curl up with your favorite food.

23rd Sat.—Mercury stations and turns retrograde in Pisces, your house of your income and assets (the 2nd). Financial transactions go awry despite your best efforts, and money lent is money lost.

24th Sun.—Aesthetic decisions between you and your significant other end up in a game of two for the seesaw. Reaching a compromise requires more give and take than you bargained for; merge and alter.

25th Mon.—The Full Moon in Virgo shines in your house of joint finances, credit-card spending, taxation, insurance, and debt (the 8th). Read the fine print in these matters and analyze the details.

26th Tues.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, inclining you to launch a new plan of action in your spending habits. "Give some, spend some, and save some" is your new mantra; money ebbs and flows.

27th Wed.—A talk-fest with like-minded individuals escalates to academics, logistics, ethics, legal issues, and cross-cultural interests. The pros and cons of particular topics result in verbal volleys.

28th Thurs.—Venus conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of your possessions (the 2nd), inclining you to give the shirt off your back to a pal or to anyone in need. You're not counting the pennies today.



PISCES

February 19th to March 20th

YOUR FEBRUARY GUIDE

1st-8th: The hurrier you go. As the old saying goes, “the hurrier I go, the behinder I get,” and then there’s the story of the man who jumped on his horse and rode off in all directions at once. These silly bits of trivia could actually describe someone who has Mars, Mercury, and Neptune all making contact with each other in his/her sign this week. You will have a lot of energy but it will be very difficult to keep it in check and focus it. Just do the best you can!

9th-16th: Secrets revealed. It’s difficult to be sure that a New Moon hidden away in the 12th house on the 10th will actually affect your life a great deal, but if it does it will be through the medium of your dreams. Make it a point this week to keep a dream diary if you don’t already do so, and focus particularly on very clear statements dream images make to you. They may seem enigmatic at first, but could be revealing.

17th-23rd: Knowledge fatigue. If you happen to be taking a course or just studying something on your own, after the 18th you may find it difficult to focus on such tasks, at least temporarily. Saturn will go retrograde on that date in your solar 9th, meaning not only that you are likely to just feel tired at the idea of studying, but travel also may not be very appealing. This retrograde period lasts a while, however, so you will get used to it and the feeling will pass.

24th-28th: Romantic daydreams. The Full Moon in Virgo on the 25th highlights your partnership sector on the same day that Venus enters your sign. This puts a very romantic spin on the week ahead, even though other things are happening astrologically. Feeling attractive and being attracted are both part of the package, but being realistic about your romantic chances aren’t. Have your daydreams, but don’t think that others will necessarily go along with them.

DATES	LUCKY STAR	TODAY'S KEYWORD	COLORS TO WEAR	YOUR BEST TIMES* FOR SUCCESS
Friday, 1st	Moon	Contentment	Cream	9:19 p.m. to 11:27 p.m.
Saturday, 2nd	Jupiter	Ceremony	Tangerine	7:07 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
Sunday, 3rd	Venus	Smiles	Green	5:03 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.
Monday, 4th	Uranus	Results	Baby Blue	11:15 a.m. to 1:23 p.m.
Tuesday, 5th	Mars	Pressure	Brick Red	3:03 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.
Wednesday, 6th	Saturn	Rules	Cool Gray	8:59 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.
Thursday, 7th	Neptune	Supernatural	Amethyst	1:11 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.
Friday, 8th	Pluto	Endurance	Deep Purple	4:43 a.m. to 6:43 a.m.
Saturday, 9th	Mercury	Education	Raw Sienna	6:39 p.m. to 8:47 p.m.
Sunday, 10th	Sun	Individuality	Bright Yellow	10:51 p.m. to 12:51 a.m.
Monday, 11th	Neptune	ESP	Purple	12:55 p.m. to 2:39 p.m.
Tuesday, 12th	Sun	Exertion	Lemon Chiffon	10:43 p.m. to 12:43 a.m.
Wednesday, 13th	Venus	Partnership	Kelly Green	4:23 p.m. to 6:23 p.m.
Thursday, 14th	Moon	Devotion	Sandstone	8:27 p.m. to 10:35 p.m.
Friday, 15th	Jupiter	Joviality	Saffron	6:15 a.m. to 8:23 a.m.
Saturday, 16th	Saturn	Credentials	Gray	8:19 a.m. to 10:27 a.m.
Sunday, 17th	Mercury	Text message	Bark Brown	6:07 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
Monday, 18th	Uranus	Travel	Blue	10:19 a.m. to 12:27 p.m.
Tuesday, 19th	Pluto	Control	Charcoal	3:59 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.
Wednesday, 20th	Mars	Assertion	Crimson	2:03 p.m. to 3:55 p.m.
Thursday, 21st	Neptune	Desire	Primrose	12:15 p.m. to 1:59 p.m.
Friday, 22nd	Mars	Breakup	Maroon	1:55 p.m. to 3:47 p.m.
Saturday, 23rd	Mercury	Excitement	Brown	5:42 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.
Sunday, 24th	Moon	Patience	Snow	7:46 p.m. to 9:54 p.m.
Monday, 25th	Uranus	Instability	Sky Blue	9:50 a.m. to 11:58 a.m.
Tuesday, 26th	Pluto	Magnetism	Dark Blue	3:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 27th	Jupiter	Credibility	Bittersweet	5:26 a.m. to 7:34 a.m.
Thursday, 28th	Saturn	Development	Pewter	7:30 a.m. to 9:38 a.m.

* Eastern Standard Time

DAY-BY-DAY FORECAST FOR PISCES

1st Fri.—You don't judge others, Pisces, until you've walked a mile in their moccasins. Venus enters Aquarius, your house of charity (the 12th), sending you off on yet another mission to assist humanity.

2nd Sat.—Academic or cross-cultural people may attempt to make you rethink the difference between helping and enabling. Aesthetic decisions and preferences fall by the wayside as you grope with ethics.

3rd Sun.—Taking a traditional approach to spiritual pursuits may be too rigid for your all-embracing philosophy, but you won't ruffle anyone's feathers in the process. For you, all roads lead to Rome.

4th Mon.—Mars conjoins Neptune in Pisces, your house of your appearance and perspective (the 1st). Establish a solid foundation with a system of checks and balances before you drift off into the clouds.

5th Tues.—Mercury enters Pisces, adding another layer of unreality and confusion. Organizing information becomes a tedious chore, and important details are liable to slip through the cracks.

6th Wed.—Venus in Aquarius sextiles Uranus in Aries, opening a window of opportunity to donate time or money in privacy to a person or a worthy cause. Working behind the scenes suits you fine.

7th Thurs.—Venus trines Jupiter, giving you a cause for celebration regarding Mom, Pop, or an upgrade in your domestic circumstances. Plant ideas and watch them come to fruition downstream.

8th Fri.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, giving you a tendency to accelerate your thinking and communication processes more than usual. Work with a systematic plan or prepare to run in circles.

9th Sat.—Mercury squares Jupiter, causing a parent or older family member to make a mountain out of a molehill or for a household problem to take center stage. Solutions are at hand; implement them.

10th Sun.—The New Moon in Aquarius triggers events in your house of solitude, sabotage, charity, and self-undoing (the 12th). Withdrawing in privacy rejuvenates your batteries; do good and disappear.

11th Mon.—Venus in Aquarius squares Saturn in Scorpio, placing obstacles in your romantic, academic, or legal pursuits. A clash of opinions can create more trouble than you bargained for.

12th Tues.—Mercury trines Saturn, enabling you to streamline your workload into a smooth process. Discussions are logical and are implemented to seek practical solutions to problems.

13th Wed.—Spending time with a friend can make your money slip through your fingers, due to impulse spending on a quick transaction. Avoid financial speculation in all forms for the moment.

14th Thurs.—Alternate forms of education or medical treatments catch your attention, along with animal rescue and environmental conservation. New forms of diet and exercise regimes intrigue you.

15th Fri.—Mars in Pisces sextiles Pluto in Capricorn, making opportunity knock for joining groups of like-minded individuals. Friendships are forged through deep discussions and shared experiences.

16th Sat.—Conflicts of interest arise regarding local versus long-distance travel. Ethical issues reach a stalemate due to the inability to reach a compromise; finances are a tug of war between need and greed.

17th Sun.—You're trying to talk things over but the words get in the way, and mixed messages and distorted meanings throw a monkey wrench into the whole shebang. Avoid making commitments.

18th Mon.—Saturn stations and turns retrograde in the Scorpio, your house of academics, legal issues, cross-cultural interests, and spiritual pursuits (the 9th). Delays and frustrations occur in these matters.

19th Tues.—An accelerated rate of activity in your domestic environment generates discussions that are held behind closed doors. Every effort is made to play fair and to reach impartial conclusions.

20th Wed.—Counting the pennies was never your cup of tea, and today money flows toward recreational events without a second thought. Spontaneous spending can leave you in the lurch.

21st Thurs.—The Sun conjoins Neptune in your house of your appearance and overall outlook (the 1st). Your wardrobe can range from clashing styles and colors to a costume masquerade; pick your fantasy.

22nd Fri.—You're in the mood to nurture children, adolescents, and your sweetheart. Pampering the object of your affections with their favorite things earns you kudos in the role of Mama or Papa Bear.

23rd Sat.—Mercury stations and turns retrograde in Pisces, placing disconnects in the lines of communication. Messages are lost, misinterpreted, or never get through at all. Write everything down.

24th Sun.—People who work under you in any capacity have a flair for dramatic expression and work until the job is done. Furry friends need to be the center of attention and make friends with everyone.

25th Mon.—The Full Moon in Virgo shines in your house of relationships and confrontations (the 7th). Your partner is inclined to criticize and point out minor flaws and exaggerate them; repair as necessary.

26th Tues.—Mercury conjoins Mars in Pisces, giving speed and spice to your dialogues, regardless of clarity or accuracy. Cars and commutes can produce high levels of agitation, confusion, and dismay.

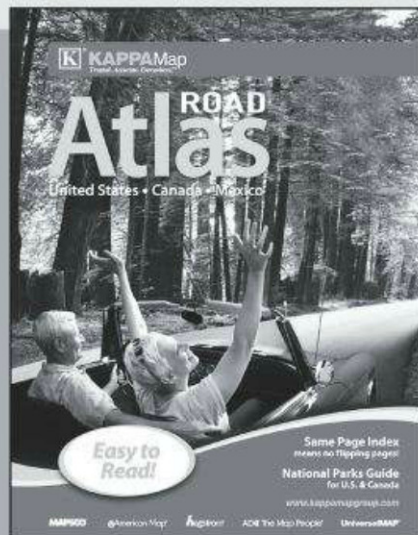
27th Wed.—Your partner is considering everything from various points of view while you're off and running on your own quest. This game of two for the seesaw has a happy ending later this evening.

28th Thurs.—Venus conjoins Neptune in Pisces, placing the rose-colored spectacles firmly in place as you run the gamut of comedy, tragedy, and everything in between. Romance puts you in a swoon.

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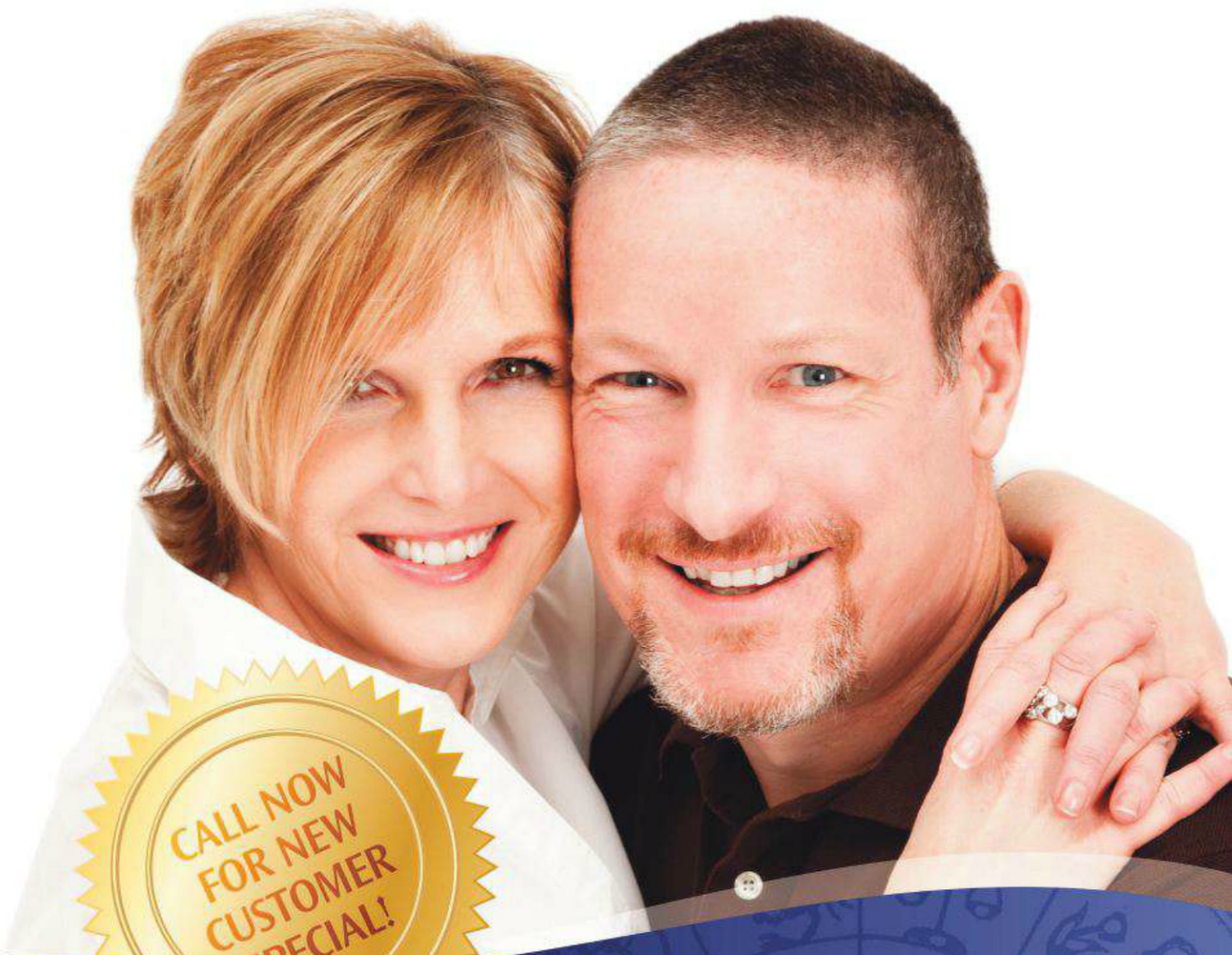
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