IT'S IN THE STARS

Your horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Fine tune those powers of concentration and observation during the first week of August. Finish projects started earlier, so you can spend more time with your family around the second week of August. Tie up loose ends by the 16th, then catch up with your rest. By the time the Sun enters Virgo (Aug. 23) you receive votes of confidence and appreciation from admirers of your analytic skills. Your surge of power comes with the moon in your sign, on the 27th. This confidence will carry you through the rest of the month, and the success it brings may encourage you, (dare I say it!) spend money.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Have your fun during the first 2 weeks of August, but be careful not to let distractions feed your tendency to procrastinate. Keep your feet on the ground especially around the 18th.

Set your mind to clearing up unfinished business—get personal accounts in order. By the 28th, you will reap your rewards, just in time to catch up on your rest, for September.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

Any battle will seem like a piece of cake, especially on the fourth. You will get your way.

The week of the sixth is the time to get business done, and your renown powers of persuasion will be most effective on the 13th. Use that weekend (17th) to regenerate.

Proper rest will keep you in top form by weeks and give you the patience you need to deal with other people.

By the end of the month you will have reconciled with love ones—give them a chance.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You still have energy left from July. Don't spread yourself too thin—you'll need your energies for the following week when the moon goes into your sign that Monday (Aug. 6).

Your happy-go-lucky nature will be intensified, and this may make it more difficult for you to realize the consequences of your impulses. These consequences could wave direct effects on your relationships.

Use the 18th to rest, regroup, and place these relationship in their proper perspective. (Money matters become more complicated around the 22nd.)

SPOTLIGHT ON LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22)

Bold daring and proud—Leo is a fixed fire sign. They are steadfast and unswerving in pursuit of their goals.

To strive is a burning passion that does not know defeat—they will not accept failure, which brings disappointment when unrealistic goals are not met.

To exist they must receive love, warmth and affection. Their survival demands that their affection be reciprocated constantly.

It is the sign of creativity, expression and leadership. It is the inheritance sign produced by circumstances of fate and Karma, produced by giving so much of themselves to others.

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Leo energies began last month and reached their peak this first week of August. Catch up on your sleep this week so you can keep up. Your single mindedness is more effective when expressed with purpose and clarity.

You'll need this patience during the second week of August, when you'll need the wisdom to concede that there are other points of view besides your own.

By the time the Sun has left Leo for the month, Aug. 22, you will feel vindicated that you have followed the right path, and you will reap your rewards.

Don't celebrate your wealth with a friend. From Aug 25th the moon will be in Leo. Also, there will be a temptation to extend the power you feel through the end of the month. Sleep is rejuvenation. Do it and don't overcommit yourself. Enjoy your summer.

CARPICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Summer's not over yet, and your labors will be rewards by the 7th. Your ideas for improvements will impress others, especially Virgos. Home life will be comforting around the 17th.

Take your much needed vacation around the 24th. A Taurus native will be very supportive around the 26th, just when you are thinking about impressing someone very influential on the job. "Toot your own horn" for the boss after the 23rd of August.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You are motivated by some intriguing philosophical discussions to learn more about a subject.

By the ninth you may realize how withdrawn you seem to others, and it will make you strangely irresistible.

New approaches to handling money come your way around the 14th. Be cautious.

Remember the polar opposite energies of Leo throughout August easily lend themselves to frustration. Resist negativity.

Your co-workers will be encouraging around the 24th—enjoy it. By the end of the month, you're feeling really low. Take your vacation the weekend of Aug 30 with those who love you dearly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 19)

I hope you were ready for that party, the beginning of August. Take it easy now and don't be swayed by the superficiality, of would be mediators.

Your power period arrives on the 12th. You'll be on target with everything.

After that, its-nose-to-the grindstone week and then much difficulties keeping it there, after the 26th. Give yourself time to breathe-and enjoy all the romance you are destined for by the end of August.

A bit of advice; sleep in the safest escape from the pressures of life—don't hurt your body with any drugs.

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ARIES (Mar. 20-Apr. 29)

ARIES catches all the heat in August, and can easily be consumed by its' intensity. After the 1st weekend in August, slow down and fight the frustration of returning to work. Your party energy will be needed after the 14th, your peak of power and influence. Check your extravagancies around the 17th to insure you'll have the finances to make that trip you'll need around the 24th. If you can't get away, at least make time for entertaining that weekend. Take time off during that last week in time

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By Harriette Lane

THE POETRIE GALLERIE

MY HUSBAND

My Husban's letters
Are full of years
Of hope and untold
Lonliness. There
Are the visits of
Sunshine
That drown out
The dreariness—
But not
The buzzers or
The check out
Time.

My man takes
Pills
That sing him
Tunes of
Sleepless
Nights. If
He dosen't
Take them
He must
Isolate or
Fight.

The color
Has drained
From his face.
The clothes
He wears
All bear
The traces
Of time
From daily
Emptiness .....

Time
Seems to
Piss
On those
She hates;
And the parole
Board
Always be say'n
"NIGGAH!!!
No Date".
Hurry, hurry, hurry
To Wait.

Barbara Jean
OAKLAND, CA.

NONE ARE AS GOOD

I have seen better legs on a penquin
Heard better conversation from a deaf mute
Saw a two year child beat you in a game of checkers
Talk like you got a mouth full of marbles
Had other woman prepare my term papers
To you a comma is a period
Had women chefs prepare my meals
Boiling water confuses you
But I am playing
For in truth I have never seen a
day as bright as when I am with you
Conversation is mellow
Lovemaking is plentiful
With you an hour is a minute
A day is an hour
Many are better
None are as good

Philip Lino Plant
Brooklyn, N.Y.

ROOT SEARCH

I've searched in persistent desperation
while clinging and clawing
to the hopes of finding them.

Grandfather Stallings was kidnapped
and never knew of mother.
father, sisters or brothers.

My grandmother's brother
swiftly departed one day,
a victim of false accusations.

I swore to find these
important branches, and
tack them onto the limb.

Stallings, Johnsons where
thou be, a missing part
of my family tree?

Francis W. Alexander
Ann Arbor, MI

DINNER

He was keen and very smart
He watched me as I watched
He wanted the chicken that was left
And maybe a sip, just a little of that tea
Before the ice melts.
He shuffled trying
Not to mess up his brown suit
In three drops of water he would drown
With Everything enlarged from his safety ground
He was hungry, for he kept licking his feet
He wanted the meat that was left
And maybe a sip, just a little of that tea
Before the ice melts
He was keen and very smart
He watched me as I watched
I gave in and walked away
To give the poor roach its
Dinner that day

Sababu C. Norris
Hampton, VA

ON THE SIDELINES OF HELL

i saw too many of
my brothers go and
serve when the futile
act of aggression called,

In agong I was but a spectator
who watched my brothers die
and cheered when the enemies
had been destroyed and their
kingdoms fall,

Then I heard a million children
weeping from the war which
caused such pain,

But I was but a silent spectator
with open eyes who sadly watched
his tragic world slowly die
in vain.

James E. Kelly
Philadelphia, PA

AIN'T NOTHING BUT A DREAM

It's 1984 and Big Brother is watching
Times are hard,
the streets are rough and
My heart forever lonely

It ain't nothing but a dream
that many strive for and
only a few attain;
So simple yet so difficult
So close,
but never firmly in your grasp

A word that means so much
can cause tremendous hurt and pain
when taken away or never attained

So simple to say, So simple to spell
But so hard to realize that sometimes
Happiness . . .
Ain't nothing but a dream

ERIC WARREN
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