

## Star Gazer

By Esther Arce

Collectively there is a strong desire to reform existing political, economic, and business institutions in order to create new power structures. It's easy to think big and act large, but are you grounded in reality? Conservation first is what's called for this May.

Mercury in retrograde motion the last half of the month will throw a wrench in anyone's plans. Lost or crossed messages are more likely to occur now. This time is notorious for causing computer glitches, mechanical difficulties, and car malfunctions, and this one will effect electronic equipment especially. Expect delays or changes to travel plans. Even with the best intentions, you may run into quite a bit of disagreement during this time. This doesn't necessarily mean that you're wrong but you may need to reexamine your position. If it's difficult to reach a compromise, consider delaying any negotiations or discussions. This is not the best time for putting your money into new investments, and it's definitely not the best for buying a new car. Trust your instincts; if something feels off-kilter, it probably is.

### Aries

You're challenged to put a plan into action. Just make sure you chose something that you're willing to complete. You'll have to deal with your nemeses, patient, as you won't be able to force anything to happen. Have you ever wondered why it only happens if it doesn't matter? Then it comes without effort.

### Taurus

Happy birthday! The next year promises lots of opportunities for advancement, but only with some effort on your part. The hardest thing is deciding what you really want out of life now. Ever try to get a Taurus to change their mind once it's made up? Not impossible, but quite difficult.

### Gemini

There is a good opportunity for breakthrough but it'll more than like come in an unexpected way. If you have made such a strong commitment to a particular position that you are unwilling to see it challenged, you may be quite upset by some of the reactions you get. Do what you do best; keep an open mind.

### Cancer

Spring is here and it's time to come out of your shell. Shed your shyness for a little while and make an effort to meet some new friends or take a chance on love. You've been working hard; now let someone else take care of you for a little while. You'll still be needed in the morning.

### Leo

With mars moving into your sun sign this month you'll have plenty of impulsive energy directing you. Just make sure that you're not jumping in with both feet first and your eyes closed. It's time to step up to the challenge and be the leader you know you were always meant to be.

### Virgo

Your powers of concentration and your willpower are strong now. This is a favorable time for pursuit of long-range goals and ambitions. Go with the flow as you experience some setbacks this month, and don't be surprised if you have to alter some of your plans. It's a good thing you're so changeable.

### Libra

You'll want to get some balance and moderation in your life this month. Be a bit more careful with your pocketbook as it can be easy to spend everything you have. Your appetite for art, romance, and beauty can lead to some very pleasurable experiences.

### Scorpio

It's a good time for uncovering secrets; something you're really good at. Make sure you have all the information first before making a decision as not everything is as it appears. Use your strong intuition to sense out the truth. You'll be glad of it in the end.

### Sagittarius

It's time to plan or set off on your next great adventure. There are new places to see, people to meet, and things to learn. You really should be out there. The trick is to do it in a way you've never done before.

### Capricorn

You're at the start of some major transformations in your life. It's okay to want power and control, but not at the expense of something greater. The end doesn't always justify the means. Use your brilliant mind to come up with a solution that makes winners out of all.

### Aquarius

Your love of freedom may be challenged by someone who wants you to do things their way. Instead of your usual rebellious response, you might want to listen as they may actually be right, and you may not have a choice this time anyway. You'll get your chance to do things your way soon enough.

### Pisces

Trying to make up your mind about something can be very difficult for you, but take comfort in knowing that you can still change your mind. And you probably will. A few times as a matter of fact. Test your artistic skills in some writing. The more fantastical, the better.

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## For Rent

### House For Rent

Spacious, 4 bedroom, 2 bath house, approximately 1,900 square feet. Plenty of storage with unfinished basement and garage. Nice big lot. Call for an appointment 503-429-4006, ask for Craig or Theresa. NOHA accepted. \$1,200 month, first and last months rent plus \$600 security deposit required.

### For Rent

1 bedroom \$525 month/deposit and Studio \$450 month/deposit. NOHA Tenants OK. 409 Rose Ave. Call (503)939-7863 \$40 Application Fee.

## Help Wanted

### Vernonia: The Band needs your help!

Please come to the 2nd Annual Band Garage Sale, Saturday May 17th, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Middle School. Lots of great stuff at Fantastic prices. All proceeds benefit Vernonia's 5th Grade, Middle and High School Bands. For donations, please call 429-6040.

## Lost & Found

### Lost & Found Flood Items

Did you find something during the flood? Haven't been able to locate the owner? Columbia County Flood Relief is starting a file of found items. If possible, bring them a photo and description of the item, and they will try to match up owners with lost items that floated away. Contact Susan at 503-429-4948 for lost and found items. jewelry repair.

## Resources

### Need food assistance?? We're willing to help.

Vernonia Cares Food Bank, 627 Adams Ave. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays. 10:00am to 2:00 pm. 503-429-1414.

## Announcements

Robert J. and D'Lisa L. Watts are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda JoLynne Watts to Travis Lee Graham, son of Anthony T. and Marla A. Paden. The wedding ceremony will be held on Saturday May 10 at Real Life Christian Church in Corneleus.

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