blame it on the stars



ARIES (21 Mar-20 April) It's hard to meditate in a trombone factory but, if you're smart, you'll give it a shot. Pretty people come and go, exciting distractions abound, as do chances to let your ego make an ass of you. Nothing's more stale than an old grudge, nothing's fresher than a new challenge, unless it's a change of perspective. Examine your reality for truth masquerading as illusion. Then act accordingly.



TAURUS (21 April-20 May) Work continues to be the center your chaos revolves around. Change is afoot. The question becomes: should you embrace it or stand your ground? Expect the unexpected and look for keys to new understanding hiding in plain sight. Spend some time cleaning out closets, put your mental and physical space in order, and be aware that what you whistle for might come.



GEMINI (21 May-20 June) The winds of the universe are blowing at your back. The challenge is knowing which sails to set. Your decision may be influenced by a new, and very significant, player. Most of the great lessons in life are delivered by our mates and you'd be a crashing nitwit to underestimate vour new teacher. Or confuse the real nature of the pairing. Think long, think hard, do good.



CANCER (21 June-22 July) Happy solar return. Resist the urge to go manic and start believing your own press releases. Being cute is one thing, having substance is another. Step away from the mirror long enough to notice other people and acknowledge their needs. Invoke your nurturing spirit and don't be damped by bogs at work. Positive forces are building, selfishness is in decline.



LEO (23 July-22 August) The bobsled run to your birthday has begun. Matters unsettle, waters come to a boil. Seek seclusion whenever possible and spend the quiet in self examination. Take each habit down from the shelf, dust it off and see if it still works. Be ruthless with your faults and expect nothing but the best from yourself. Something very large and very good is



VIRGO (23 August-22 Sept) The issues are work and money. Face them. There's a good chance you'll be paying for a bonehead mistake. Take your lumps and learn. Apply new seriousness to your work and look at the relationships that make it easier. Accept the possibility you've run a horse to its knees and need to move on. Recognize the idiocy of making snap decisions. Sort matters



LIBRA (23 Sept-22 Oct) The roll you've been on continues. Luck, good or bad, is the part of karma that surprises us. What comes to you is yours, for good or ill, and what's yours right now is pretty good stuff. Accept good fortune with grace and repay it with generosity. Expect a new opportunity. Greet it with open arms and a magnifying glass. Clarity in all things, especially responsibiliy.



SCORPIO (23 Oct-22 Nov 22) Big magic is afoot. Unless you behave badly, you're poised on the edge of positive change. Change is another name for growth which is what Dylan meant by "those not busy being born are busy dying." Power is never misplaced, but it can be used unwisely. Meditate on the meaning of appropriate action and seek the counsel of trusted companions.



SAGITTARIUS (23 Nov-21 Dec) Whatever the month is, it won't be boring. New people come to the dance, new opportunities arise, old habits die hard. When times are good, it's smart to take stock and figure out what you did that worked. Don't confuse your circumstances with blind luck, or imagine you can step in front of speeding trucks. Take care of the small things, the large ones follow.



CAPRICORN (22 Dec-19 Jan) Fits and starts in your professional life, progress is steady by jerks, new alliances further goals. New love, or a pronounced deepening of an established one, change your perspective on the world. Compete with nothing but your own personal best and cooperate with those on the same path. Watch for misunderstanding, make sure it's not your own.



AQUARIUS (20 Jan-18 Feb) Tumultuous is the word we're looking for. The first rule of nature, that the only constant is change, could have been discovered by watching Aquarians. Avoid going off half-cocked, practice patience and self restraint, blow no bridges before their time. Love may not be what you imagined but it is what it is. No fault, no blame, no error. The most enduring bond is friendship.



PISCES (19 Feb-20 March) The engines of intuition are running full bore. Read signs carefully and remember what a great role illusion plays in your life. Surface and substance aren't always identical twins. Watch your words and your back, examine the roots of attraction, buy nothing that's too much of a bargain. Recognize forces not under you control and behave as impeccably as you can





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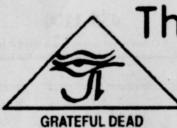
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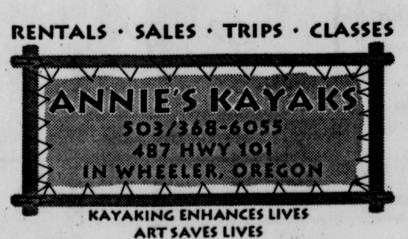
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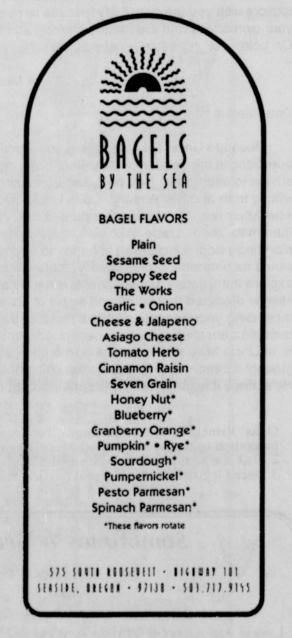
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