

HOROSCOPE

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Capricorn (Dec. 24-Jan. 19) Now that the New Year is over, it's time to change your wicked ways. At least until February. You can do it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Stop jumping to conclusions and find a way to take care of your own shelf. Everyone else will be better for it. So will you.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) It's going to be a bright and sunny day. Not. It's going to be cold and wet and dark. Don't let your heart follow.

Aries (March 21-April 20) Find some time to be delightful, the weather outside is frightful — X-mas tunes still stuck in your head. They're better off dead. Revive your life with some new tunes and get your jingle on already.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) One is the loneliest number. Two is the craziest. Being alone isn't all that bad. Enjoy it. You'll be bogged down soon enough. Cynical, but true.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) You are the wind beneath someone else's wings. Make sure the pilot knows exactly what's happening up there in the cockpit. No need to follow someone on down. You only got one life to live.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Try to avoid puddles, and going without a morning cup of coffee, and you'll be fine.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) Now, I'm not going to say it's been all for nothing, but nothing is what you'll get if you don't go for something.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) Your future would be a whole lot clearer if the stars could be seen. Take comfort in the unknown.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Thank you, thank you, thank you. For being just the way you are. Perfecto!

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It's times like these when I wish I had something fun to say. But I don't. So, well, try to find some peace in the madness. Find your inner bliss.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 23) If you continue to swim up stream than all you're going to get is a hollow kind of feeling. It's OK to need others, and for others to need you. It takes a village, right? Find the village person inside of you and dance the night away.



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The dark clouds have cleared for 'Rain'

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Lorraine "Rain" Duchalard, sits down for her interview not to talk so much about herself, but to talk about her customers. To say thank you to the people she's known who have helped her, and to Street Roots, where she has worked selling the newspaper for a little over a year. And a special thanks to Frank Cobb, another vendor, who, when she was just starting out, offered her some words of advice.

"There was a point where I was selling Street Roots, and no matter what I did it didn't work," Rain says, thinking back. "I was busting my butt and it wasn't working. And then I see Frank, and he says, 'Perseverance, patience. Stand there and smile. Do your best and it will get better.' And it did! He would say, 'Hang in there. Smile more!' Next thing you know, boom, someone bought a paper for \$20, and I knew that I'm going to make this work."

Today, Rain sells outside of Zupan's on Belmont Avenue, where she has come to know her customers and make enough income to support her housing. She is a little shy, but inside is a great optimist — and a jokester, as her friends will tell you.

But it wasn't too long ago that she was homeless, divorced and unemployed, with two daughters, living in and out of shelters, trying to find work and stability. Rain has a hearing disability, and mental and physical

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Rain Duchalard**

health challenges, and, of course, the economy wasn't helping her chances at finding a job, she says.

A year and a half ago, she found herself at Sisters of the Road Café, where she read about selling Street Roots in the Rose City Resource guide. She headed down to the office to check it out.

"I went there and first thing I did was read the paper," Rain says. "And within two minutes of reading the first article, a smile came to my face, and I knew I wanted to do this."

She secured a subsidized apartment, and she's now waiting for her Social Security Insurance to come through. She receives assistance on rent, she says, but the money from sales keeps her utilities turned on — mandatory in subsidized housing. It means having clean clothes, toilet paper, food, and a cell phone to stay connected with her daughters, who she says were at her side through it all, keeping her focused on getting back on their feet. "It's my kids that gave me the strength," she says, with emotions welling in her eyes.

"My girls have always been proud of me, and they knew I was doing the best that I

can. They knew why we were homeless and what I was doing about it. They knew that this too shall pass."

Rain says she deals with a lot of assumptions from people while she's vending the paper, but what is most important, even more important than selling the paper, is people acknowledging her when she says "hi."

She also often gets asked why she sells the paper.

"Street Roots makes me happy. It's my breath of fresh air. I feel like I'm giving back. I'm doing something, not only for myself, but for society at large ... It's about educating people about what it really means to be homeless. They need to know what poverty looks like, what it is. Out here, 56 percent of people who are homeless are families, like me and my girls. We're not drug addicts. We're not abusers. I don't even smoke cigarettes or drink coffee."

The newspaper, and others like it around the world, are changing the world for the better, says Rain. "You see it in myself and the fellow vendors. I've seen how far my life has come in the year and a half because of Street Roots."

For the coming year, Rain says she's going to continue to survive — and sell Street Roots more often.

"I'm going to hold my head up high," she pledges, "And I'm going to say 'thanks' more."

Answers to puzzles on page 16

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