Year of the Horse forecasts

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The Rat

The Year of the Horse will be a challenging one for Rats, but if you take time to strengthen relationships with family and friends, they will help see you through the tough patches. The outlook is not all bleak, however. Wily



rodents who pay close attention to detail will find opportunities throughout the year.

■ Metal Rat: Use your great charm and good taste to reach out and network with new people, as this can help you achieve your ambitions. Be wary of the amount of time

spent socializing, and do not ignore your partner, or the relationship will start to unravel.

- Water Rat: The Year of the Horse would be a great year for you to seek out your dream of additional education. Though others may criticize your vision, you should stay the course; your well thought-out plan will bring you closer to your goals.
- Wood Rat: Check your ego at the door, Wood Rat, and listen to the people you trust. They have your best interest at heart and will help guide you toward your goals without overextending yourself.
- Fire Rat: It's a good idea to keep a close eye on your finances this year. Your optimism and enthusiasm with a project could cause you to overlook crucial details, which could lead to monetary woes.
- Earth Rat: Loosen up those tight purse strings this year and spend a little of that extra disposable income on loved ones. They will feel appreciated and your relationships will strengthen. Remember to guard your reputation carefully, as it is one of your greatest assets.

The Ox

There are exciting times ahead this year for Oxen, and confident Oxen who are open to change will find many great opportunities in their professional and personal life; on the other hand, placid bovines who do not react quickly





- Metal Ox: This looks like the year your hardworking nature could be rewarded. Remember to keep an open mind or you may miss the opportunity when it arises.
- Water Ox: Keep active and maintain a healthy

lifestyle in the Year of the Horse, and don't forget to take a little "you" time. This will keep you from wearing yourself out in your zealous quest to achieve your goals.

- Wood Ox: Throw off the yoke of hard work occasionally to socialize with friends. The year promises to be a great one to build relationships that will see you through good times and bad.
- Fire Ox: Dial back that arrogance and try some diplomacy. When the right people pay attention, things in your life will begin to blossom.
- Earth Ox: Your financial picture is looking bright this year, Earth Ox. Your aversion to risky ventures and your patience will see you closer to achieving your dreams.

The Tiger

After a tough Year of the Snake, Tigers can breathe a sigh of relief as the Horse comes galloping in. The year promises to be a good one for Tigers, so long as they work hard and don't expect success to come to them without them even lifting a paw.

■ Metal Tiger: Your competitive nature and enthusiastic self-confidence will be noticed by those in power, which can lead to more responsibility and opportunities. Just be sure to demonstrate that you can be flexible or you

may run into a snag.

- Water Tiger: Romance is in the air for the Water Tiger. Use your natural ability to relate to others as well as your sensitivity to strengthen an existing relationship or enter into a new one.
- Wood Tiger: Money matters should show improvement this year due to your superior ability to evaluate a situation, which could lead to a better financial position. A wise Wood Tiger will set some of this largesse aside, for when times aren't as bountiful.
- Fire Tiger: There will be opportunities to expand your social circle this year, as people will be drawn to your optimism and vitality. These new friends may just be the connections you need to open doors to your goals.
- Earth Tiger: Maintaining focus on important tasks and shutting out distractions will enable the Earth Tiger to draw ever nearer to their desires. Help in achieving a goal may come from an unexpected source, who will be won over by your dedication and sense of responsibility.

The Rabbit

Opportunities are hopping all around the Rabbit in 2014, and the most difficult task may be to keep from being overwhelmed by them all. Share your good fortune with loved ones and the year will be even sweeter. Be sure

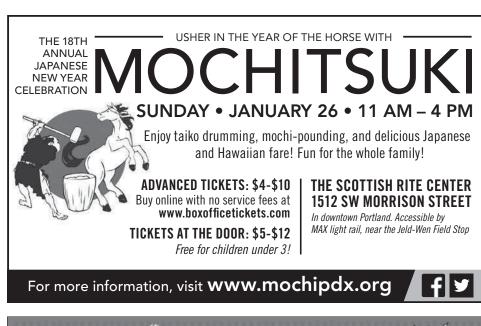


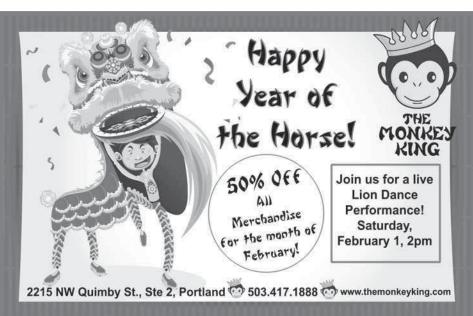
to plan some downtime to keep stress levels low and energy up.

■ Metal Rabbit: Your strong self-confidence will be justified as people begin to take notice of your work and respond with new opportunities. Keep an open mind about

the advice of others, as it may bring you even closer to your most valued goals.

■ Water Rabbit: Be sure to spend plenty of quality time with family and keep loved ones in the loop on Continued on page 13







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