

Year of the Sheep forecasts

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■ **Earth Rooster:** It's time to practice patience, Earth Rooster. Though you have long labored with little to show for it, your hard work is being noticed and there should soon be recognition of your efforts.

The Dog

For the most part, the Year of the Sheep should prove to be a good one for the Dog. New relationships and old ones should blossom in 2015, and this will be key to personal and professional satisfaction. The year won't be all Milk Bones, though; avoid trouble by resisting impulsivity and keeping a leash on your temper.

■ **Metal Dog:** A project may feel like it's at a stall during the Year of the Sheep.

Keep your larger goals in mind, though, and remember all your hard work is a foundation for future rewards.

■ **Water Dog:** Your sympathetic nature and diplomacy will be of great use when helping others resolve conflicts this year. This skill will attract notice and may lead you down some interesting paths; however, don't hesitate to pull back if your wellbeing is at stake.

■ **Wood Dog:** Love is in the air for the loyal Wood Dog. If you are unpartnered, keep yourself open to meeting new people, even if you don't initially believe they are your type, and romance may bloom. For dogs who have a mate, be sure to spend time with your partner to reconnect and experience a deepening of the relationship.

■ **Fire Dog:** It may feel like you are toiling away to no avail this year, but recognition of your efforts will eventually come your way. Stay the course, keep your growl in check, and things will improve. Finding a mentor to guide you will speed the process along.

■ **Earth Dog:** It's a busy year for you, Earth Dog, so don't lose track of good friends and family and make a point to check in with them. Be sure to listen if they tell you that you need to take a break; they have your best interest at heart.

The Pig

The Year of the Sheep will be a mixed bag for the Pig. On one hand, exciting new experiences and people will enter your life, while on the other, some challenges may occur. Such difficulties can be overcome through a positive attitude, increased focus on tasks, and utilizing lessons learned, even from perceived failures.

■ **Metal Pig:** Some major challenges may occur during this wild and woolly year. If you can stay the course and weather the storm with your optimism intact, you will find yourself in a much better situation with smooth sailing ahead.

■ **Water Pig:** While your generosity is highly regarded by family and friends, be sure to take your own needs into account as well. Setting limits with others and making sound investments will keep your finances in good shape during the Year of the Sheep.

■ **Wood Pig:** Your past hard work and your excellent people skills may bring you notice this year, Wood Pig. Keep an open mind and you may find yourself with new opportunities.

■ **Fire Pig:** The new year will bring some interesting and wonderful people into your life. Whether they are in your personal or professional worlds, avoid coming on too strong and let things progress organically. Relationships thus formed will be lasting and may lead to great opportunities.

■ **Earth Pig:** Though your year may not pan out to be a rich one in terms of money, a clear-sighted Earth Pig can find a wealth of opportunities to learn new skills, increase knowledge, and network with others. Becoming more rounded in this way will lead to increased good fortune in the future.

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Lunar New Year events

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show, and booths offering food, products, and services. For info, call (503) 771-9560 or visit <www.portlandchinesetimes.com>.

Lunar New Year at Hing Hay Park

Feb 21, 11am-4pm, Hing Hay Park (423 Maynard Ave S, Seattle). Celebrate the Year of the Sheep at the Chinatown-International District Lunar New Year Festival. The event features lion and dragon dances, a taiko performance, a children's costume parade, entertainment, food, and more. For info, call (206) 382-1197 or visit <www.cidbia.org>.

Tet Festival at Seattle Center

Feb 21-22, 11am-7pm, Seattle Center (305 Harrison St, Seattle). Attend *Tet Nguyen Dan* — the Vietnamese New Year — presented by Seattle Center Festival in partnership with Tet in Seattle. Tet Festival 2015 ushers in the Lunar New Year with lucky money, a lion dance, performances, food, a cooking competition, a health fair, arts and crafts classes, martial arts demonstrations, and more. For info, call (206) 684-7200, or visit <www.seattlecenter.com> or <www.tetinseattle.org>.

Lunar New Year at Uwajimaya Plaza

Feb 22, 12:30-2:30pm, Uwajimaya Plaza (10500 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Beaverton, Ore.). Watch Lunar New Year performances held in honor of the Year of the Ram at Uwajimaya. The Sunflower Chinese Dance Troupe kicks off the event at 12:30pm, a lion dance begins at 1:15pm, and yo-yo demonstrations and folk dancing are held at 2:00pm. For info, call (503) 643-4512 or visit <www.uwajimaya.com>.

CCBA Lunar New Year celebration

Feb 23, 6pm, Wong's King Seafood Restaurant (8733 SE Division St, Portland). Join members of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA) for a Lunar New Year celebration. The program features an eight-course dinner, a lion dance, and a raffle. A portion of the ticket price benefits the CCBA scholarship program. For info, call (503) 288-3819, e-mail <chungs4@yahoo.com>, or visit <www.ccbaportland.org>. To buy tickets, call Mary at (503) 590-5815.

Lunar New Year events at Multnomah County Libraries

Feb 23 & 28; Feb 23, 6-7:30pm, Holgate Library (7905 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland); Feb 28, 2-4pm, Midland Library (805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland). Celebrate the Lunar New Year and welcome the Year of the Sheep with cultural performances, educational activities, and traditional treats. For info, call (503) 988-5389 (Holgate) or (503) 988-5392 (Midland), or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

"Chinese Lantern Festival Traditions: Jiaozi and Tangyuan"

Feb 27, 6:30pm, Portland State University School of Business



NEW YEAR CULTURAL FAIR. The 2015 Chinese New Year Cultural Fair, held February 21 at the Oregon Convention Center, features lion and dragon dances, martial arts demonstrations, Chinese folk dance and music, a Chinese puppet show, booths offering food, products, and services, and more. (AR Photo/Jan Landis)

Administration, Room 490 (631 SW Harrison St, Portland). Attend "Chinese Lantern Festival Traditions: Jiaozi and Tangyuan," an opportunity to make *jiaozi* and *tangyuan*, traditional Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival treats. The event is free and open to the public. For info, call (503) 725-9810 or visit <www.pdx.edu/confucius-institute>.

VCA Chinese New Year

Feb 28, 5:30-9:30pm, Skyview High School (1300 NW 139th St, Vancouver, Wash.). Enjoy food, performances, red envelopes, and a raffle at the Vancouver Chinese Association's (VCA) Chinese New Year celebration. For info, call (360) 834-1858, e-mail <vca_usa@yahoo.com>, or visit <www.vca-usa.org>. To buy tickets (required), call (360) 719-2118.

Northwest China Council New Year Gala

Mar 7, 5-9pm, Wong's King Seafood Restaurant (8733 SE Division St, Portland). Attend the Northwest China Council's annual Chinese New Year Gala ringing in the Year of the Sheep. The event features a dinner, live and silent auctions, a lion dance, live music, and the presentation of the Flying Horse Award to Charles and Rosaline Hui. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 973-5451 or visit <www.nwchina.org>.

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