Year of the Rat forecasts

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Also strive to achieve a sense of harmony.

■ **Metal Monkey**: Consider volunteering during the Year of the Rat. Your efforts to help others should increase your self-worth and may lead to new relationships.

■ **Water Monkey**: Focus on a specific skill this year to create a solid foundation for the future.

■ **Wood Monkey**: Be wise when taking on new tasks or assessing dangerous situations.

■ **Fire Monkey**: During this Rat Year, surround yourself with positive people.

■ **Earth Monkey**: Organize your personal and professional schedules to help stay on top of this Year of the Rat.

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The Rooster

The Year of the Rat will be a year of success and improvement. Be prepared to use your talent and enthusiasm to take positive steps where needed. Remember to surround yourself with friends and family, as good things will follow, but also keep your emotions in check.

■ **Metal Rooster**: Travel to a special place — near or far — when the opportunity arises.

■ **Water Rooster**: Take on an unforeseen task this year.

■ **Wood Rooster**: The Year of the Rat may present new responsibilities.

■ **Fire Rooster**: This year is an important one to spend time strengthening relationships with family and friends.

■ **Earth Rooster**: Composure and moderation will be needed to navigate the 2020 Year of the Rat.

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The Dog

The Year of the Rat should be a successful one for the friendly, understanding, and responsible Dog. Be ready for real growth opportunities, as they will pop up unexpectedly. Friends may play an essential role throughout the year; rely on them for support during success or failure.

■ **Metal Dog**: Be sure to spend time with the important people in your life to deepen relationships.

■ **Water Dog**: Important life decisions may surface this year.

■ **Wood Dog**: Big plans and high aspirations may appear on this year's agenda, Wood Dog.

■ **Fire Dog**: Feel free to travel, but be cautious when choosing destinations.

■ **Earth Dog**: A big decision is on the horizon. Be confident and rational when evaluating potential options and outcomes.

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The Pig

Although your year has passed, Pig, watch for opportunities that pop up during the coming Year of the Rat. The opportunities may present themselves in unusual places, so keep your eyes open and do everything possible to stay focused.

■ **Metal Pig**: Take time to assess your life, but be careful not to get hung up on past mistakes. Self-reflection may lead to a new and better path to pursue.

■ **Water Pig**: Opportunity may come knocking this year. Be sure to act promptly after consulting trusted friends.

■ **Wood Pig**: Seek advice from experienced individuals if you hit a roadblock.

■ **Fire Pig**: The Year of the Rat may present many activities to keep you busy and also help plan for the future.

■ **Earth Pig**: Investing in education or expanding your horizons may help propel you to a more desirable place.

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California Supreme Court Justice Chin to retire

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clarity. They are also often stated with good humor and a collegiality that I'm sure his colleagues will miss," said Wilson in a news release issued by the court.

Asian Americans are well represented in the legal profession. But a study by California Supreme Court Justice Goodwin Liu and Yale University law students showed they are sorely underrepresented in the profession's top ranks.

Justice Joyce Kennard, who retired in 2014, was the first Asian American named to the California Supreme Court.

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woman is a friend who had been invited to an event at the palace, and that some guests had been allowed to drive into the grounds. The newspaper included audio clips of the interview in an online video post.

The issue went viral last week. One Weibo user said the rich and powerful can do whatever they want in China. Some questioned why the woman had privileges not accorded to visiting heads of state, who must get out of their vehicles and walk into the palace, the *Global Times* said.

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