

Thursday, December 18, 2014

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Christina Aguilera, 34; Katie Holmes, 36; Brad Pitt, 51; Steven Spielberg, 68.

**Happy Birthday:** Do your best to manipulate personal and professional situations to suit your needs. Staying on top of the possibilities that exist will be half the battle. As long as you don't rely on others to stand watch over your responsibilities, you will make gains from the changes you carefully put into play. Protect against physical mishaps or altercations. Your numbers are 6, 11, 22, 28, 31, 34, 47.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Re-evaluate your relationships with others. It's best to make needed changes before the year comes to a close. New beginnings will motivate you to take charge of your life and head in a direction that will make you happy. ★★

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Say what's on your mind. Make travel plans that will allow you to spend time with the ones you love. You'll find some interesting items to purchase, but be careful not to spend too much. Charity begins at home. ★★

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You will face some uncertainty regarding your work or your relationship with one of your peers. Go above and beyond the call of duty and you will have less to worry about. Your effort will impress someone who can influence your future. ★★

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You'll come up with some excellent ideas that will please the ones you love. Shopping for that special someone will pay off. Enjoy the festivities going on around you, or plan your own little gathering. ★★★★★

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel, go shopping or spend time finishing last-minute projects that need to be put to rest before the year comes to a close. Don't let an emotional situation at home paralyze you from following through with your plans. ★★

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Just say "yes." Keep

life simple, precise and free of drama. Holding things together is something you do well, and with friends and family feeling the stress that often surfaces at this time of year, your steadiness will be welcomed. ★★★★★

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Listen attentively, but don't sign up for something that isn't in your best interest. What you do to help a cause will be impressive if you offer your time and expertise. Donations will soon be forgotten. Make a difference. ★★

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotions will surface and nostalgia will set in. Remember, the past year will bring both fond and sour memories. Do your best to digest what's happened and reflect on the outcome before heading into the upcoming year. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your plans in motion. Tie up loose ends and prepare to make your way to a night out with friends or some family fun. Decorating or making positive changes to your home will get you in a festive mood. ★★

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put more effort into tidying up loose ends and clearing up both professional and emotional matters that have been playing on your mind. Romance will help you clarify your feelings and enhance your personal future. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your emotions in check. Now is not the time to bring up uncertainties regarding a partnership. Step back and take a moment to rethink how you should move forward. Strive for equality and you will find happiness. ★★

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Wanting to help those less fortunate is admirable, but do so by offering your time or services, not your hard-earned cash. Impulse purchases or donations will leave you in a precarious economic position when payments are due. Love is on the rise. ★★★★★