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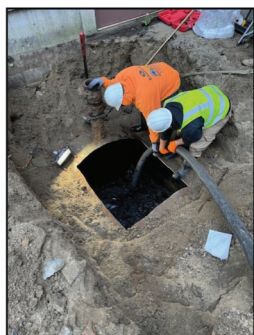


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**THE CHORUS OF KENT COUNTY
SPRING CONCERT**

The Chorus of Kent County will present their Spring concert “Rise Up Singing: A Celebration of Nature & Hope” on Saturday, May 3, at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m. at the West Warwick High School Auditorium, 1 Webster Knight Drive, West Warwick. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door. \$10 for children and under 2-years free. To purchase tickets in advance, call 401-862-3105 or visit www.chorusofkentcounty.com. Please bring a nonperishable food item for Project Hand Up.

**OAK LAWN COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
156th MAY BREAKFAST**

Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church, 229 Wilbur Avenue, Cranston, will hold its 156th May Breakfast on Thursday, May 1st, from 7 – 11am. Clam cakes, scrambled eggs, ham, cornbread, coffee, juice and apple pies. Served family style. First come, first served. Adults/\$10 and Children/10 yrs. and under \$5. Come along and bring a friend!

SPRING CRAFT PROGRAM

On Wednesday, May 7, at 2 pm, children in grades K-3 can join us to make a fun craft at the Coventry Public Library, 1672 Flat River Rd., Coventry. Children will listen to seasonal stories and make a spring bird! Online registration is required. To register, please visit www.coventrylibrary.org.

**CORNERSTONE OF FAITH UMC
MAY BREAKFAST**

Cornerstone of Faith United Methodist Church will hold its May Breakfast on May 3, 1081 Main Street Coventry. Adults/\$8, Children/5-10 \$4, under 5 free. Johnny cakes with all breakfast fixings.



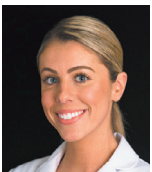
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MAY BREAKFAST AND EASTER SING

Church of the Apostles, 170 Fairview Ave., Coventry is hosting a May Breakfast and Easter Sing on Saturday, May 3, at 9 a.m. Following breakfast, there will be a program of contemporary and traditional praise and worship music. No cost; free will offering accepted at breakfast.

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Martha & Mary's Thrift Shop will hold its rummage sale on Saturday, May 3, and Wednesday May 21, at the Riverpoint Congregational Church, 75 Providence Street, West Warwick, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Kitchen ware, curtains, linen, books, toys, games, puzzles, small baby furniture, craft supplies & more. We also accept donations of gently used clothing, cleaned and in very good condition during Rummage Sale hours. For sale: Children's clothing @ \$.25 each piece, adult clothing @ \$.50 each piece. We do not accept furniture, computers, printers or televisions.

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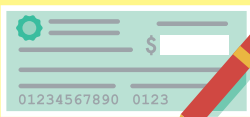
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PINK AND POWERFUL FUNDRAISER

PINK and POWERFUL: A Night for Susan Bedard will be Friday, May 2, 6-10 PM at The Falls Event Center, 3 Bridal Ave, West Warwick. Join us for an inspiring evening to support Susan Bedard in her fight against cancer. Enjoy live music by Dr. Slick, food trucks, raffles, a photo booth, and more! Tickets for a suggested donation of \$50pp. Venmo@SusanBedardFoundation (Include your name & number of tickets). Proceeds benefit the Gloria Gemma Foundation.

SALVATION PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father I
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though I have broken your
laws. I have heartfelt sorrow
for my sins and I ask that you
forgive my sins and direct my
life. I believe Jesus shed his
blood and died for my sins,
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and my Lord. I pray in the
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Amen.

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COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE

Church of the Apostles, 170 Fairview Ave., Coventry, has plots available in its Sowing Seeds Community Garden and is taking applications for the 2025 growing season. Completely fenced in garden area with community hand tools and seedlings to help you get started. Great for families and groups. Learn more and sign up at www.apostlesri.org/sowingseeds.

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SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

The Senior Companion Program trains volunteers to serve isolated older adults in their own homes, Adult Day Centers & other community sites. Senior Companions are matched with a resident in need of socialization and companionship and will serve for 4 hours, 1 day/week at no cost to the participant. For more information, call Lynn at 822-9125.

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With the first hints of the warmer temperatures to come, fields, courts and walking paths came to life Saturday April 19 in Cranston. "This is our first day without jackets," proclaimed Wendy of Coventry who was out walking with her cousin Jess of Cranston and their kids.

Left to right: Lucy, 2, and Timmy, 4, of Coventry enjoyed running and biking around Flanders Park on Sherman Ave with their cousins Aisha, 2 and Mariah 1 of Cranston.

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How to boost home value before selling

People considering buying or selling a home are facing a unique market. The real estate market has been in flux for several years, and high interest rates have made it more expensive to borrow.

The Mortgage Bankers Association is projecting that 30-year mortgage rates will level out to 6.5 percent for the foreseeable future. That means that people who have been waiting for changes in the real estate market could be disappointed, and hesitant buyers may finally just bite the bullet and buy even if mortgage rates are not where

they hoped they'd be in 2025. Homeowners with properties they are considering listing for sale would be wise to make certain changes that will help garner the best prices from buyers.

Make kitchen and bath improvements

The kitchen is the heart of many homes. Real estate agents may recommend that homeowners make minor to moderate kitchen upgrades like resurfacing cabinets, upgrading countertops and changing fixtures or hardware to give the room an overhaul.

prospective home, they want to envision themselves living there, something that is more easily done if the home isn't overrun with the current homeowner's belongings.

Get to painting

Painting a home is a cost-effective renovation with a lot of oomph. Freshly painted rooms appear clean and updated, says HGTV, and that can appeal to buyers. Homeowners should choose neutral colors to accommodate the widest array of potential buyers.

Improve the landscaping

The exterior of a home is the first thing potential buyers will see as they roll up to view a property or look at a listing online. Homeowners should start by evaluating and enhancing the

landscaping. Ensure the lawn is well-maintained and add plants that provide color without a lot of maintenance.

Expand usable space

Homeowners can think about adding to the usable space in a home. This translates into finishing basements or attics or even converting garages to rooms. Or it may involve adding a three-season room.

Homeowners can consider a number of improvements to increase the resale value of their properties.

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Homeowners undoubtedly have an extensive list of projects on their to-do list this spring, and that may include helping their lawns and gardens recover after a long winter. Unpredictable weather, which can include drought and excessive rainfall and everything in between, can take its toll on a lawn. In certain instances, the best solution may be planting new grass. But homeowners can consider these tips before they begin the process of reseeding or replanting their lawns.

little wet and the grass is once again actively growing. Scarifying can remove any lingering weeds from last season and also pull up any moss that might have taken hold over the winter. Without weeds and moss to contend with, freshly planted seeds are in better position to thrive.

note that choosing the correct seed is a vital part of reseeding or replanting a lawn. Choosing seed may sound simple, but it's a potentially complex decision that requires knowledge of the existing grass, including when to plant it. Certain grasses are best planted in spring or early fall, while others are best planted in summer. A qualified landscaping professional can identify the existing grass and plan the seeding or planting around this important detail.

if it's hot outside can increase the chances grass will grow in thick and strong. Scotts® recommends keeping the top two inches of the soil moist until the new grass reaches a mowing height of roughly three inches. Once that benchmark has been reached, watering frequency can be cut back to about twice per week, but now the soil should be deeply soaked instead of misted. The soaking will help roots grow deep into the soil.



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• **Scarify the lawn.** Scarifying a lawn can help to create a clean slate, but the timing must be right. Various lawn and garden experts, including those at BBC Gardeners' World Magazine, recommend scarifying in spring or early autumn. But don't jump the gun when scarifying in spring by scarifying before the lawn has started to grow after a dormant winter. Scarify when the soil is a

• **Work with a landscaping professional.** Homeowners with manageable lawns can likely scarify their own lawns with a relatively inexpensive plug-in scarifier. However, scarifying can be a strenuous physical activity, particularly for homeowners with large lawns. In such instances, homeowners can benefit from working with a qualified landscaping professional. Such a professional can scarify the lawn and subsequently reseed or replant new grass. The latter task is not so simple, as the lawn care experts at Scotts®

• **Prepare to water the lawn.** Watering is vital to the long-term success and health of freshly planted grass seed. Scotts® urges homeowners to keep the top inch of soil consistently moist, but not soggy. That requires a daily commitment, and setting a multi-function hose nozzle or sprinkler to the mist setting once per day or more

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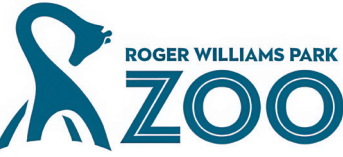
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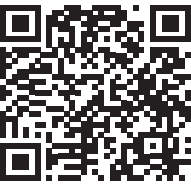
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How to determine if the time is right to downsize

The phrase “bigger is better” has endured for quite some time. Though it may be impossible to pinpoint precisely who coined the phrase, its lesson that larger things tend to be more valuable than smaller alternatives is applicable in numerous situations. But no adage is applicable to every situation, and in some instances people may find that bigger is not better.

Downsizing is an approach many individuals consider after turning 50. Parents who are empty nesters and others nearing retirement may wonder if the time is right to downsize from their current homes. Though that’s a strategy millions of people have adopted over time, the decision is not always so simple. Individuals over 50 who are trying to determine if downsizing is right for them can consider a host of factors before making a decision.

• **Monthly housing expenses:** Before downsizing their homes, individuals should determine just how much they’re currently spending on housing. Individuals who have fixed rate mortgages likely know the amount of their monthly mortgage payment, but what about maintenance? Home maintenance expenses fluctuate, but a careful examination of the previous 12 months’ expenditures can give homeowners an idea of just how much they’re spending to maintain their properties. The number may be eye-opening, as Thumbtack’s “Home Care Price Index” released in the third quarter of 2024 revealed that the average annual cost to maintain a single family home reached an all-time high of \$10,433. If such expenses are preventing homeowners from building their retirement nest eggs, then it might be time to seek alternative housing.

• **Real estate prices:** Real estate prices have skyrocketed in recent years, which can be both good and bad for current homeowners considering downsizing. Many people who downsize look to move from a single-family home into a condominium, where maintenance tasks are typically handled by a homeowners’ association (HOA). Such communities typically charge HOA fees, which can be minimal or considerable. In addition, the price of condominiums has risen in recent years, with the lender New American Funding reporting in early 2024 that the median sale price of a condo reached \$341,000. So homeowners who want to downsize their homes may end up taking most of the profit from selling their current properties and reinvesting it in a costly condo. Some may deem that worthwhile, while others may find the cost savings of

downsizing in the current market are negligible.

• **Emotional attachment:** Downsizing may be considered with cost savings in mind, but it’s important to consider your emotional attachment to your current home. Many homeowners over 50 raised their families in their current homes, and letting go of a property where so many memories were made can be difficult. Homeowners who are not prepared to move on from properties that are meaningful to them and their families can consider additional ways to downsize their financial obligations.

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way
that each row across, each column down and each
small 9-box square contains all of the
numbers from one to nine.

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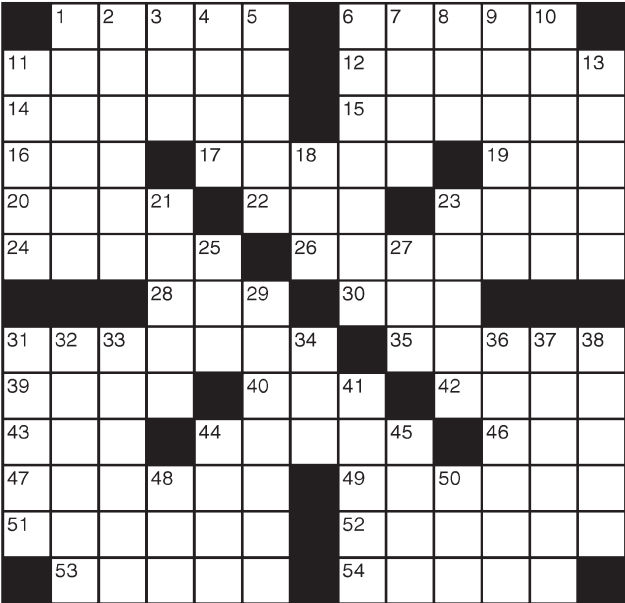
ACROSS

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sage
6 Hoops great
Curry
11 More minus-
cule
12 Succeed
14 Ridiculous
15 Eventually
16 Bygone bird
17 Valleys
19 Pensioned
(Abbr.)
20 Taking action
22 Label
23 Corrida bull
24 Tennis star
Rafael
26 Dessert that
jiggles
28 Violin tuner
30 Novelist
Deighton
31 "The Peasant
Dance" painter
35 Everglades
wader

39 Give tempo-
rarily
40 Lumber unit
42 Wrestling style
43 "Nasty!"
44 Thread holder
46 Damage
47 South Carolina
river
49 La Brea attrac-
tion
51 Oral
52 Moving vehi-
cles?
53 Ceases
54 Garlic crusher

DOWN

1 Actress Ryder
2 Tacit
3 Estuary
4 Dispatch
5 Pick up the tab
6 Classic catalog
giant
7 Catches some
rays
8 Tolkien creature
9 Christie sleuth
10 Arm bones
11 Shakespeare's
" — of Athens"
13 Rockies range
18 Trail the pack
21 Recorded
23 Zesty flavors
25 Pants part
27 Director Spike
29 Smooth writing
implements
31 Ecstasy
32 Summaries
33 Detangle
34 Brit's restroom
36 Ado
37 Inbox fillers
38 Civil wrongs
41 Arose
44 Ooze
45 Cowardly Lion
portrayer
48 Ring decision
50 Arctic explorer
John



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MAGIC MAZE

WORDS WITH A LEG

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S P M M L J H E L B N Y V T Q
O L I U E G D B E E Y W T R P
M K K I G F D M G B G Y W U S
Q O R M O E K E A I F A D D B
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O N L J W I G T T H G F D C L
C A Y W V G V E O E T E S A E
Q P N I E G E L L O C L L G G
K Y R O G E L L A L B I H E I
F P E C B Z A Y W L A G E L T

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all
directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: TOY BUILDING BLOCKS

Alleged
Allegory
Allegro
Bootleg

College
Elegance
Elegant
Legacy

Legal
Legend
Legit
Legume

Legwork
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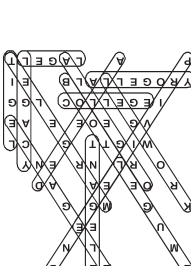
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Answer

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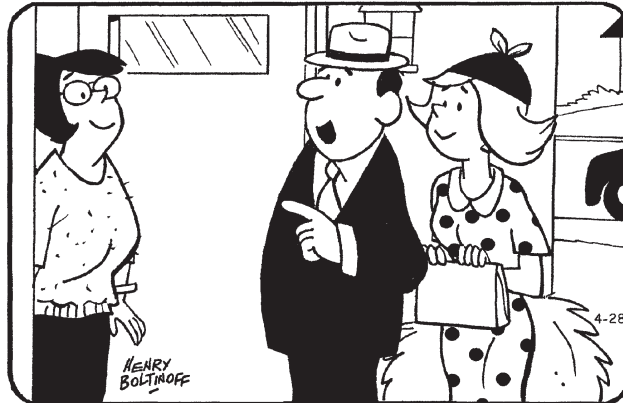


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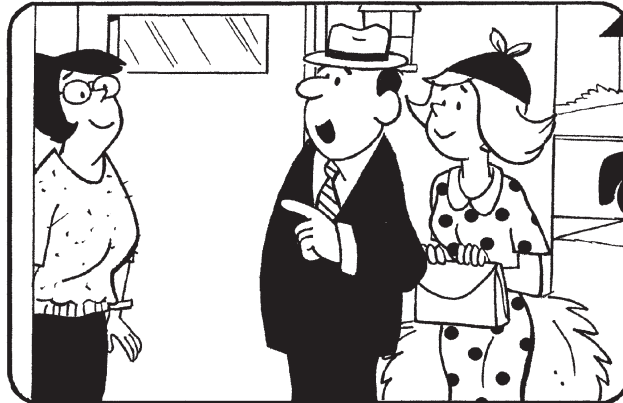


HOCUS - FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Hat is different. 3. Car is moved.
4. Line is added to sidewalk. 5. Tie is different. 6. Purse is different.

Kids' Maze



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Entertainment & Events



The Gamm Theatre stages Tony Kushner's two-part masterpiece, 'Angels In America'

On the heels of its celebratory 40th anniversary season, The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre (The Gamm) is thrilled to present a special staging of Tony Kushner's two-part epic, *Angels in America*, directed by Brian McEleney. The pair of productions gets underway with *Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches* opening on May 29. The second half of this multi-award-winning masterpiece, *Angels in America, Part Two: Perestroika*, opens September 25.

Among the most searching and imaginative dramas in the American canon, Kushner's landmark play confronts the great cultural, political, religious, and sexual themes of our era. The first half, *Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches*, starts in the 1980s against the backdrop of New York City when the devastating AIDS epidemic is raging and the Reagan White House is failing miserably at confronting it. The story revolves around the intersecting lives of eight characters with different relationships to AIDS and homosexuality.

Considered by many to be the greatest play of the last 30 years, *Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches* premiered at San Francisco's Eureka Theatre Company in 1991. *Angels in America, Part Two: Perestroika* followed at the Mark Taper Forum in 1992. The pair of plays debuted on Broadway at the Walter Kerr Theatre in 1993. They won an avalanche of industry awards, including the Pulitzer Prize

for Drama, the Tony Award for Best Play, and the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Play. The 2003 HBO Films miniseries *Angels in America* won both the Golden Globe and Emmy awards for best miniseries.

McEleney, who played a central role as Prior Walter in Trinity Repertory Company's acclaimed 1996 production directed by Oskar Eustis, said he is eager to introduce the play with its still relevant themes to new audiences.

"*Angels in America* was written in a different time, and history has continued its relentless march forward in the last 30 or so years since I played Prior Walter," McEleney said. "We are a different country now, and the pace of change in our lives continues to accelerate. As the second quarter of the 21st century approaches, I'm eager to discover how this most ambitious and prescient of plays speaks to a new generation. Kushner's call for all of us to be angels in America could not be more urgent as we hurtle toward the future with terror, determination . . . and hope."

Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches runs May 29-June 15. *Angels in America, Part Two: Perestroika* runs September 25-October 12. (These special productions are not part of a subscription series.) Tickets range from \$70-\$80 per play with discounts for subscribers to season 40 and/or season 41, as well as current members. To purchase, go to gammtheatre.org/angels or call 401-723-4266.

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By Lucie Winborne

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• France is the most visited country in the world.

• Neurologists claim that every time you resist acting on your anger, you are actually rewiring your brain to be calmer and more loving.

• Don Gorske earned a spot in the Guinness World Records in 2016 for the gastric feat of consuming his 28,788th Big Mac.

• While most parents do what they can to prevent or stop their babies from crying, in Japan a 400-year-old tradition holds that if a sumo wrestler can make your baby cry, it will live a healthy life.

• In 1923, a jockey suffered a fatal heart attack but his horse finished and won the race, making him the first and only jockey to win a race after death.

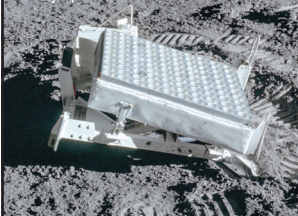
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Out of this World
SPACE FACTS
by Jason Major

DID YOU KNOW?

NASA's Apollo 11, 14, and 15 missions left special mirrors on the Moon that are still in use today by scientists. Observatories aim lasers at these retroreflector instruments and the light that they bounce back gives us precise data on the Moon's position and motion.

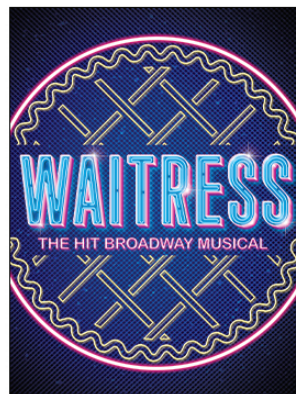
The Lunar Ranging Retroreflector (LRRR) left by Apollo 14 in 1971



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A seemingly stalled romantic situation could benefit from your reassurance that you want this relationship to work. And if you do, use a tad more of your irresistible Arian charm!

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Going to new places and meeting new people appeals to both the Taurean's romantic and practical

side. After all, you never can tell where these new contacts will take you, right?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A career-changing opportunity that didn't work out when you first considered it could come up again. But this time, remember that you have more to offer and act accordingly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There could be some tensions in relationships -- domestic or workaday. But a calm approach that doesn't raise anger levels and a frank discussion will soon resolve the problem.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good idea to begin preparing for a career change that you've been thinking about for a while. Start to sharpen your skills and expand your background to be ready when it calls.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Bless the VIRGO skepticism that has kept you from falling into traps that others seem to rush into. But you might want to give a new possibility the benefit of the doubt, at least on a trial basis.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Traveling- and career-related

energy is strong in your aspect. Perhaps your job will take you to someplace exotic, or you might be setting up meetings with potential clients or employers. Whatever it is, good luck!

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone might use deception to try to push you into making a decision that you're not fully comfortable with. But your keen SCORPIO senses should keep you alert to any such attempt.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Romance dominates this week when Cupid shafts

the Archer for a change. Positive things are also happening in the workplace. Expect important news to arrive by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Anyone trying to bully the Sea Goat -- whether it involves a personal or professional matter -- will learn a painful lesson. Others will also benefit from the Goat's strong example.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations! With things going the way they are, you should be able to spare some time and take a break from your hectic

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