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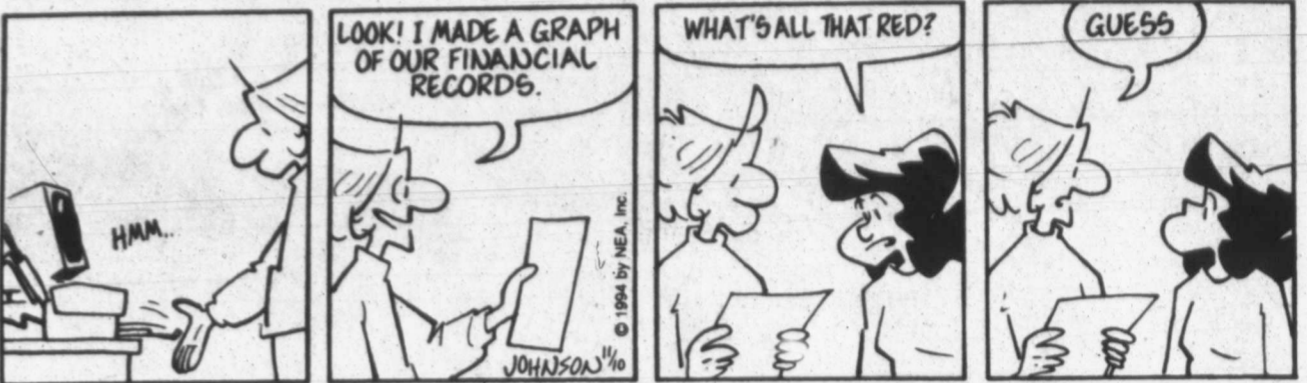
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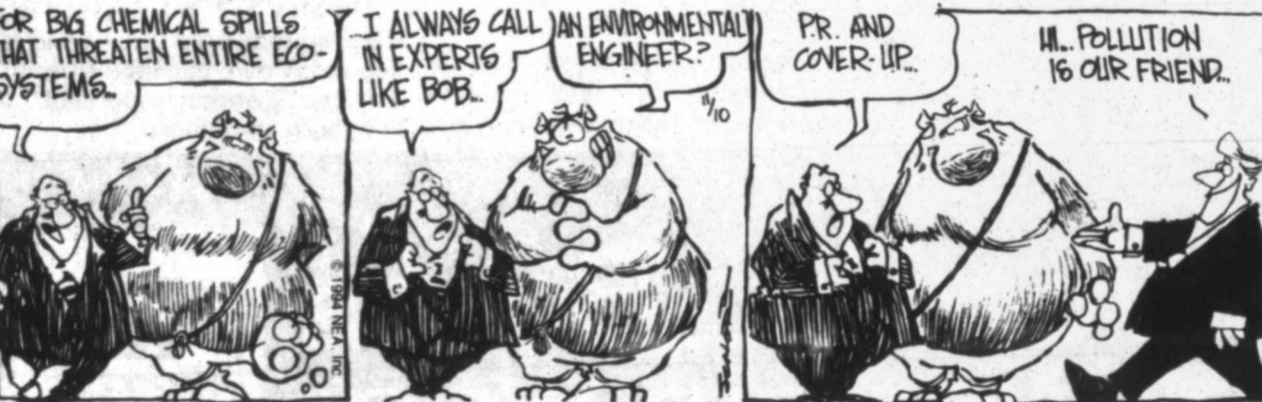
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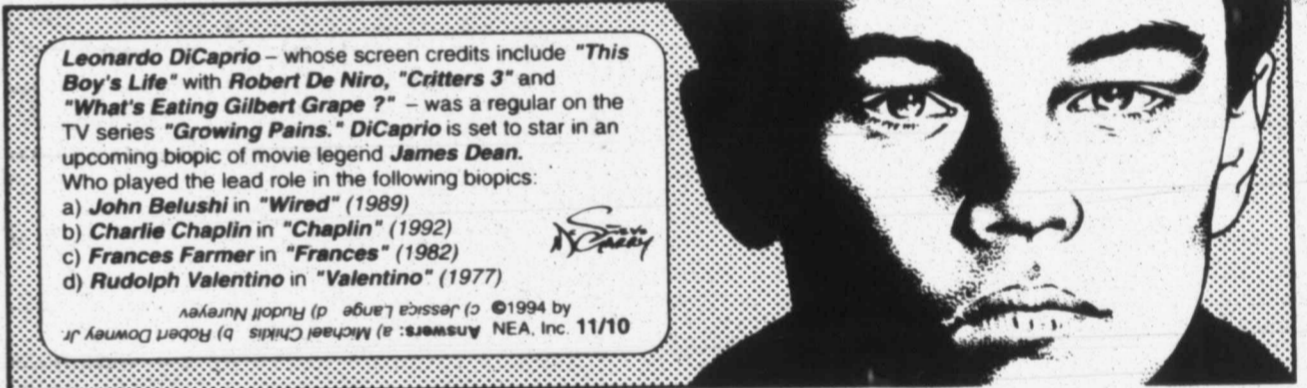
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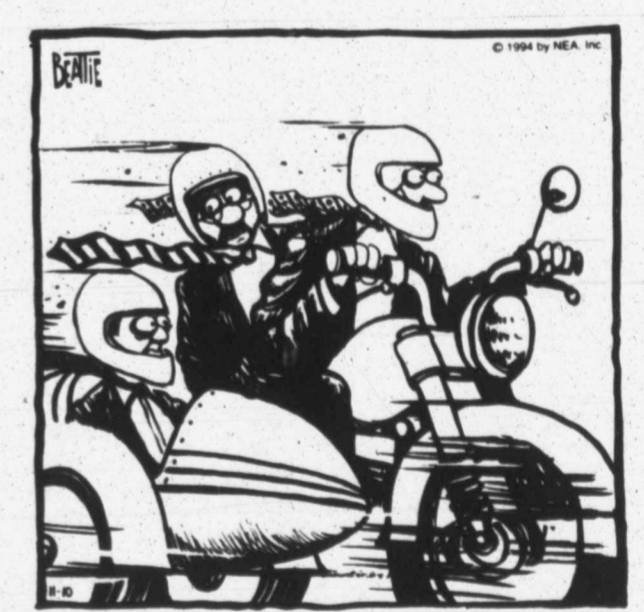
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## NEA Crossword Puzzle

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- German philosopher
- Inheritors
- Declaration
- Rarely
- TV's Geraldo
- Fancy fur
- Sault - Marie
- Non-profit org.
- Room in a harem
- Rigor
- Believe - not
- Scold
- Large villages
- Tennis unit
- Composer
- Rorem
- Ball -
- Capuchin monkey
- Greek letter
- Map abbr.
- Belonging to us

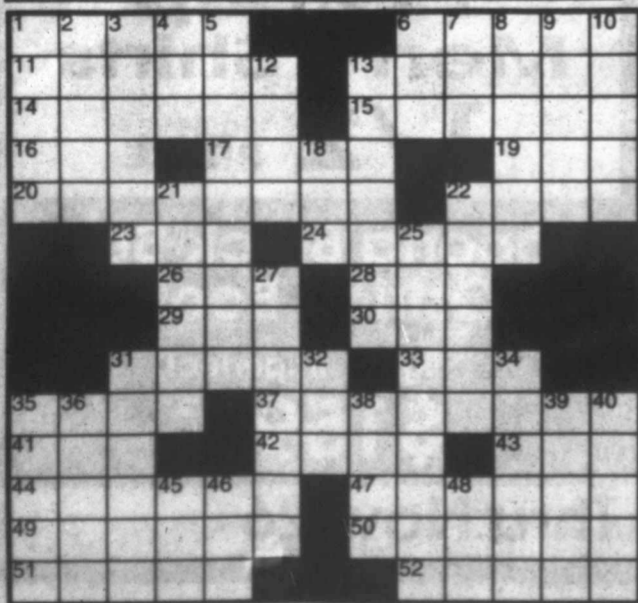
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- Austere
- Broadway musical
- Rule
- Female sheep
- Of the voice box
- Female pronoun
- Shade tree
- Fools
- Musical
- composition
- Besmirch
- Crippled
- Spring, fall, etc.
- MN time
- Sprints
- Compose
- Fatiguing
- Sports victor
- Fears
- Lingus (airline)
- Anger
- Beginning
- Mother's brother
- Unless
- Provide food for a party
- Bread ingredient
- Permit
- Kind of curve
- Catch

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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# Dear Abby



## Showers for Newlyweds Show That When It Rains, It Pours

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I recently attended a shower for a couple who were married only eight months ago. Two months after their wedding, the house they were renting burned to the ground, and they lost everything they owned. The people in the community, as well as their co-workers, family and friends, responded immediately with money, food and clothing. (Following the fire, they had moved into her parents' home with no expenses whatsoever.)

They have been given two "replacement showers" to replace the gifts they had received from the four or five showers prior to their wedding. (I had attended one.)

I recently learned that they were fully insured and have been compensated for everything they lost.

Now they are preparing to move into a very expensive home they're building. I'll probably be invited to a housewarming next — and most likely to one of the many baby showers for the child they are expecting in four months.

I don't mind helping people in time of need, but don't you think these "replacement showers" were tacky and a bit much to ask of people who had already given and done so much?

### APPALLED DOWN SOUTH

DEAR APPALLED: It was indeed tacky for the couple to have accepted two "replacement showers," knowing that their losses were completely covered by insurance. Shame on them.

When the news of their reimbursement gets out (and it will), many other will be "Appalled Down South."

TV: Thank the good Lord! I was beginning to think maybe I was the only one who was irritated by it.

I wrote to NBC, ABC and CBS. Only NBC answered my letter, but apparently they have no intentions of changing their policy.

I have been trying to organize a group who will band together and change that policy. I would call it HALT (Humans Against Laugh Tracks), but I don't know how to go about it. I can't afford a lawyer, but maybe if I could get on one of those TV talk shows, I could rally enough support to get somewhere.

It seems to me, with all the marvelous technology we have today, we should be able to get rid of those annoying laugh tracks without throwing the TV against the wall.

I know I am not alone. Maybe I should address my complaints to the sponsors.

DANIEL RISCH, NEWPORT, KY.

DEAR DANIEL RISCH: You could try. It may not help — but as my sainted grandmother used to say, "It couldn't hurt."

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DEAR ABBY: You recently ran a column about the importance of wearing shoes that fit. In it, you mentioned the fact that one foot is usually a little larger than the other.

Abby, any shoe salesman worth his salt knows that with ladies, one foot is usually a little smaller than the other — never larger.

"O. SUSANNA," TULSA, OKLA.

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DEAR ABBY: Regarding that letter from Earl Brown who complained about canned laughter on

## Texans expect little impact from lottery passage in N. Mexico

FARWELL (AP) — A \$30 million jackpot lured Billy Gonzales from his lunch break at a Clovis, N.M., grocery store to the sales counter at a Texas lottery retailer.

Gonzales was among the New Mexico voters who approved the pro-gambling Amendment 8 in Tuesday's general election. But he intends to keep making the 10-mile drive to Farwell for a shot at the Texas lottery.

"I won't quit coming," Gonzales vowed Wednesday. "There's more money over here."

Texans say they expect minimal loss of sales from start-up of a lottery by their western neighbor. "It's OK," said Gwen Hughes, co-owner of Hughes True Value, an auto parts/hardware store and Texas' third-leading lottery retailer. "It's going to hurt a little, but not a lot."

Amendment 8, which legalizes a state lottery and video slot-machine gambling for New Mexico, carried a 54-46 percent approval margin. The Legislature will decide next year how to set up the lottery.

Supporters said the gambling bill will boost tourism, jobs and tax revenues for New Mexico. In its first year, they said, a lottery would bring in \$100 million, of which the state would net \$35 million.

Texas Lottery spokesman Steve Levine said states generally don't compete for customers.

"We have a good working relationship with the Louisiana lottery and would expect to have the same sort of relationship with New Mexico," Levine said.

The Texas Lottery, the country's top lottery, generated sales of \$2.7 billion last fiscal year, he said. The lottery also pumped in \$868 million for Texas' General Revenue Fund, which pays for programs such as health and human services, parks, public schools and prisons.

"We don't see a whole lot of impact" from New Mexico's version, Levine said. "We happily welcome New Mexico to the lottery family."

But competition for the gambler's dollar likely will tighten.

Officials with the Texas Racing Commission have said that parimutuel wagering, especially dog racing, declined with the lottery's emergence in May 1992.

Al Hester, vice president of Hester Stateline Oil Co. near Seminole, said he expects the New Mexico lottery to cost him a 10-percent dropoff in sales of scratch-off games. Hester's convenience store — 4 miles east of Hobbs, N.M. — sells more lottery tickets than any other retailer in Texas.

## FCC ponders expanding cable channels

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just six months after implementing a 7 percent cut in cable television rates, the Federal Communications Commission is taking steps that could erode the savings that millions of subscribers expect to receive.

Federal regulators today are considering whether to allow a rise in regulated cable rates to encourage system owners to put on more channels.

Supporters say the plan would give subscribers more for their money and expand their viewing choices.

Since rate regulation took effect last year, systems have added few channels to their lineups, saying regulations discouraged them from doing so.

The FCC's plan would let the nation's 11,000 local cable systems charge subscribers more when they add channels to regulated levels of service. An estimated 59 million households subscribe to cable television.

Regulators were still working out how much systems could charge. Under one option, they would be allowed to charge up to \$1.50 a month — or a total of \$18 a year — over a two- or three-year period, said FCC officials and cable industry executives, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In return, subscribers could get at least six new channels. "That's a good deal," said a cable industry executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "You're getting 10 percent more in channels for less than a 10 percent increase in price."

FCC officials were quick to point out that neither the size of the cap nor the time period had been decided. "It is in flux," one official said.

The plan, which would take effect Jan. 1, does not include rate adjustments for inflation.

For months, federal regulators have been trying to figure out how to encourage systems to expand program lineups while not undermining rate regulations, which are designed to save consumers money.

In May, the FCC implemented the second of two rate cuts, after determining that the first set of rate regulations didn't work as intended. The first rate cut, implemented in September 1993, was 10 percent.

A FCC survey estimated that subscribers saved on average \$2.18 a month between August 1993 and July 1994 on charges for cable programs and equipment.

For the FCC, trying to protect subscriber savings while encouraging new services has been a contentious and politically charged process.

Two commissioners — Republicans Andrew Barrett and Rachelle Chong — have been pushing for stronger incentives for cable companies. Depending on the outcome of negotiations, they could end up opposing the plan, industry sources said.

Congress in 1992 ordered the FCC to re-regulate cable rates as way to save consumers millions of dollars, and congressional proponents of regulation are warily watching the new plan.

Existing rules, regarded as inadequate by the cable industry, permit cable system owners to periodically increase rates to cover a number of increases in business costs, including

programming. Systems are permitted to charge an additional amount per channel, plus a 7.5 percent markup. The increases can be passed along to subscribers.



WINNER — Eric Romero (left) of Snyder captured second place in the senior division oral interview contest and third place top rookie at the Junior Fed Beef Challenge in Amarillo recently. At right is Contest Chairman Mark Shaw. The Junior Fed Beef Challenge, conducted by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, allows 4-H and FFA students to gain practical experience in the commercial cattle feeding industry. Students feed a pen of three steers, then compete on the carcass merit of the cattle, plus the student's ability in live animal evaluation, a written test, oral interview and record keeping. (Contributed Photo)

## Campaign now over, but disunity among Democrats continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even after a disastrous election, it seems Democrats can't stop the infighting.

Just as President Clinton was offering his interpretation of Tuesday's voting, a Democratic senator was urging Republicans to help him defeat the next item on Clinton's agenda: a world trade agreement.

And as moderates blamed the Democratic debacle on Clinton's massive health care plan and other liberal initiatives of his first two years, a leading liberal fired back that the counsel of such Democratic centrists "has led us out of leadership."

The disunity was a vivid reminder of a dynamic that plagued Clinton and his party throughout the just-completed midterm election campaign: So many Democrats were trying to distance themselves from Clinton that they helped Republicans tarnish the electorate's view of the administration.

Clinton seemed to view it that way, although he wouldn't come right out and say it. Instead, he suggested he would have been victorious if on the ballot this year, "because I believe that I would have been a ferocious defender of what we have done."

The post-election sniping was

hardly encouraging to a party that now faces being the minority party throughout Congress for the first time in four decades.

"Democrats have more to learn about governing with unity and discipline," Democratic National Committee Chairman David Wilhelm lamented at a news conference the morning after Democrats lost control of the House, Senate and its majority of governorships.

One might have expected a cease-fire, at least long enough for everyone to get a good night's sleep.

But by Wednesday afternoon, Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., issued a statement calling on Republicans to oppose the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Congress is returning for a lame duck session to consider the pact, which Hollings prevented from passing at the close of the regular congressional session.

At his news conference, Clinton said he hoped for bipartisan support for the trade agreement — and for cordial relations with the GOP leadership in the new Congress.

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# Fed officials advise commuter pilots to avoid icy conditions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators, responding to last week's plane crash in Indiana that killed 68 people, are moving to reduce the time certain commuter planes spend flying in icy conditions.

Measures announced by the Federal Aviation Administration on Wednesday, however, stop short of the National Transportation Safety Board's recommendation that the government temporarily bar commuter planes from flying in icy weather.

"We believe that all of these actions taken together are fully responsive to the intent of the board's recommendations," said Anthony Broderick, the FAA's administrator for regulation and certification.

"Although icing has not yet been established as the cause of the accident by the NTSB, the FAA believes it is prudent to initiate action to respond to the specific recommendations of the board."

The NTSB makes recommendations to the FAA but has no enforcement authority. It released its recommendations Monday.

An American Eagle ATR-72 propjet crashed Oct. 31 in a soybean field near Roselawn, Ind., killing 68 people.

"While the investigation of crash continues, the FAA will:

—Bar ATR-72 and the smaller ATR-42 from using their automa-

tic pilots in icy conditions or during turbulence.

—Advise pilots of all aircraft in the United States to avoid rapid descents at low altitudes or during landing or other deviations from approved procedure as means of minimizing exposure to icy conditions.

—Provide guidance for configuring the aircraft "in the event of inadvertent icing encounters toward establishing appropriate air speeds in icing encounters," Broderick said.

—Ask air traffic controllers to provide "expedited service" to ATR planes flying in icy conditions or to pilots who wish to avoid suspected icing by changing altitude or air speed.

—Require airlines to design and use special dispatch procedures for ATR aircraft to maximize the avoidance of icy conditions. The FAA will issue special

procedures to avoid putting ATR aircraft in holding patterns.

Broderick said the FAA would cooperate with the NTSB if it has further concerns.

"If they suggest any further changes, we'll be happy to work with them to make those changes," he said.

The FAA also will form a joint U.S.-French team that will review the certification of the plane and the smaller ATR-42 aircraft, Broderick said.

The team will include engineers, test pilots, regulators and specialists who will "address issues related to the performance of the ATR-42 and 72 aircraft," he said.

The plane, manufactured by Avions de Transport Regional — a French-Italian consortium — was certified for flight by French regulators.



**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** — Hermleigh students of the month for October are from left, back row, Salvador Luna, 6th grade; Sabrina Terry, 5th grade; Amelia Hermosillo, 4th grade; and Rachel Alfaro, 3rd grade; front row, Tyler Rogers, 2nd grade; Atasha Arrendale, 1st grade; and K-Leigh Jackson, kindergarten. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Climate of fear exists after '187' passes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elizabeth Parker is so worried about an anti-white backlash against Proposition 187 that she plans to walk her 13-year-old son to his school bus stop each day.

Alma Barajas says a lot of parents in her Hispanic barrio are keeping their children home from school, afraid they might be turned in to immigration officials.

Fears of racial tensions and witch hunts were widespread the day after California voted to deny public education and non-emergency health care to illegal immigrants, and to require doctors, teachers and welfare workers to turn in suspected illegals.

"Everyone has been given the authority to be a Gestapo," said Marina Vera, who has taught many illegal students during 10 years teaching in San Diego. "Everyone is going to be turning everyone else in."

The measure passed 59 percent to 41 percent. It was immediately challenged in court by immigration activists and a coalition of school districts, who claimed it violates basic human rights. A federal judge barred enforcement of the law for one week until he could

hold a hearing, and a state judge barred expulsions from public schools until a hearing he scheduled for Feb. 8, 1995.

High school students briefly stopped traffic in the San Francisco area and college students protested in Los Angeles, but there was no unrest.

Although the law applies to all illegal immigrants, the bitter campaign focused on Hispanics, who are on pace to replace whites as the biggest segment of California's population in the coming decades.

Whites are now about 54 percent of California's 32 million people, but are expected to lose their majority position shortly after the turn of the century. Hispanics make up about 29 percent of the population, but just 10 percent of voters.

Two-thirds of Hispanic voters opposed Proposition 187; two-thirds of whites supported it, along with a majority of blacks and Asians.

Parker, who is white and lives in an immigrant neighborhood, said she didn't vote for or against the law.

She watched about 250 students walk out of school in the northern

California city of Concord on Wednesday, and although she didn't understand some of their Spanish placards — which said "la raza," expressing Mexican pride — she was haunted by the red splattered paint. "It was the color of blood," she said.

"I don't want anybody to be hurt. I just don't know where the anger might go. I'm going to protect my kid," Parker said. "I think the proposition is going to cause problems. I'm so angry."

Jesse Shatkin, a 16-year-old

Hispanic who joined a protest on Los Angeles' west side, predicted that if one student was taken out of classes because of the new law, most other students would walk out. Two-thirds of the city's 640,000 public school students are Hispanic.

"It's time to stand up for what we believe in," Shatkin said, "and we're not going to sit back and watch our fellow students denied an education."

## Officers shot serving warrant

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two Fort Worth police officers serving a narcotics search warrant were shot Wednesday and returned fire, striking the suspected gunman, authorities said.

The incident occurred about 9:30 p.m. as the officers, acting in conjunction with federal agents, were going inside a house, said Fort Worth police spokesman Lt. Pat Kneblick.

"As the officers were making entry into the house, an individual in the house shot at the two entry officers. The officers were hit," she said. "They returned fire and hit the suspected shooter in the leg."

One officer suffered a bullet wound to the upper thigh, which may have traveled into his abdomen, Ms. Kneblick said. He was in surgery at Harris Methodist Fort Worth, said hospital spokeswoman Tricia Musslewhite.

The other officer received a graze wound to his side and was in fair condition, officials said.

Authorities were not releasing the officers' names.

## Astro-graphs By Bernice Bede Osol



Friday, Nov. 11, 1994

In the year ahead, you might discover two ways to put your creativity to good use. If properly developed, these avenues will increase your earnings.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Meet challenges resourcefully today. If you do things in a disinterested way, you aren't likely to get what you want. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You have ample reserves of endurance, but instead of drawing from these today, you may squander your energy.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If you're putting together a social group today, select friends who get along well. One or two mismatches could spoil everyone's fun.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Have faith in your abilities today, because it could make your life easier. Conversely, if you don't feel you're hot, chances are you're not.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Although

your intentions are good, your actions may be misinterpreted today. Treat close friends extremely carefully.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Your chances of gratifying your ambitious urges are good today, but try not to misuse persons whose assistance you need.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Bite the bullet and make concessions instead of complications today. If you refuse to yield, the other side isn't apt to back down either.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If you're managing a situation for someone else today, be forewarned: You may get blamed for his/her previous mistakes. Take care not to let this happen.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Today your financial footing may prove less sure than you suppose. Brace yourself and protect your interests.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your friends might bend over backwards to assist you today. However, not everyone is your friend. Watch out for those who try to block your path.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** There's a possibility you might find yourself involved with people you resent. The problem is old, but the memory is fresh. Today, try to forgive and forget.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Left to your own devices you could turn a profit today. Too much input from others, though, may unwind your efforts and leave you with a deficit.

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