Joroscopes for the week of Oct. 16, 2000

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Aries (March 21-April 19). Information you gather on Monday and Tuesday could lead to a change in plans. Don't take off on a trip until you're sure where you're going. A shortage of money inspires creativity on Wednesday, and by Thursday you should have the problem solved. Make something you want for your home, instead of buying new. Finally, you get the green light for travel on Friday. Take off as soon as possible. You might as well sleep late over the weekend, however. There's confusion early on both Saturday and Sunday.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). If you get a windfall Monday, put it into your savings account. Your hard work brings in the bonus on Tuesday. On Wednesday you're going back and forth with your partner about a trivial detail. Just say you're sorry, and things will move along much faster. Study on Thursday to get ahead. You should stay close to home from Friday through Sunday, but not necessarily alone. Have dear-friends over on Sunday. Ignore a stupid remark a loved one makes on Sunday, by the way. It wasn't meant to hurt your feelings, so don't let it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You're strong on Monday and Tuesday 'cause the moon's in your sign. That doesn't mean you'll get everything you want, however. Well, go ahead and give it a try. The overall outcome is positive. On Wednesday and Thursday the focus is on money. By following an older person's advice, you could pick up an extra job that will bring in a few more coins. On Friday and Saturday your key word is "study." Concentrate so you can sort fact from fantasy. Clean house on Sunday 'cause an inspection's coming soon.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Your mind will be buzzing on Monday and Tuesday, especially if you get a new assignment. Focus on caring for others, and you'll do fine. On Wednesday the moon goes into your sign, which gives you the advantage. Romance goes well on both Wednesday and Thursday. Balance your budget on Friday and modify your outgo to match your income. More is coming, but it's not here yet. Do more planning Saturday and Sunday. Figure out what's going to be happening next week so you'll be ready for it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22), Your buddies want to talk you into all sorts of things on Monday and Tuesday. Some of their schemes will fall flat. You must decide which ones will. On Wednesday and Thursday your conscience may nag you. Pay back and return everything you've borrowed. On Friday and Saturday the moon's in your sign. Romance looks nice on Friday night, so follow through on that idea. Reality strikes on Sunday, as you realize you spent more than you should have. Shuffle things around so that everybody's happy.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Monday you've got domestic chores. Don't upset the boss by being late, however. You'll want to make a good impression on Tuesday 'cause you might be able to advance your career then. On Wednesday a group or committee meeting goes exceptionally well. You might even get a position of responsibility. Settle into a dull routine Friday and Saturday. Expect action on Sunday. If you're thinking of inviting people over, check with your roommate first. He or she may have other plans.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you're starting a trip on Monday, expect confusion Tuesday morning. If you can start on Tuesday afternoon instead, things will go more smoothly. A long-distance connection via phone or modem can get through either day if you set it on auto-send. On Wednesday watch your manners. An older person is watching you. Look good and busy, and all's well. Friday and Saturday your first inclination is to dump the job and run off with your friends. Luckity, you're having a hard time deciding which friends to go with, so you can finish the work while you're thinking about it. That nagging voice you hear on Sunday is either a critical but well-meaning friend or your conscience. In either case, listen

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21), A fool and his or her money are soon parted. That could happen to you on Monday if you're not careful. Don't walk off and leave your wallet somewhere. An insider tip leads you to a wise investment on Tuesday. If you hold out for what you want on Wednesday, you'll probably get Mercury's going retrograde in your sign around Wednesday or Thursday, so you have a couple of weeks to clean up old misunderstandings. You could get a new job opportunity on Friday, so look sharp. Saturday you're in a grumpy mood, and being with a grumpy older person doesn't help. Sunday you want to run and play with friends, but the costs could be higher than expected. Don't go into debt just to show off; that's sifty.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your partner has a clear view of what's ahead Monday and Tuesday, so let him or her do the driving. Follow through on something you've been thinking about on Wednesday and Thursday. Sorting through your junk collection should be easier after then, and tossing stuff out certainly will be. You're in the mood to do something outrageous on Friday. Don't get too wild on Saturday, though. You might accidentally hurt a gentle person's feelings. Be pleasant to a critical older person Sunday and take the advice to heart. You'll be glad you did.

Capricom (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Check on your work assignment Monday. There might be an error, and you could have to do the job over. Tuesday is a lot easier, as things click into place. You'll be very efficient. On Wednesday and Thursday your partner's full of great ideas. If they're based on a system that's worked before, no problem. Allot your funds carefully on Friday, and you'll end up with a profit. You'll find a bargain in a rather

unusual place on Saturday, so go hunting.

Travel is easier later on Sunday.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). Making a romantic connection on Monday could be hard. Your sweetheart may be busy until late. Tuesday should be better for everything, so set a date for then. On Wednesday and Thursday expect plenty of work and lots of confusion. Double-check the directions before you go full speed ahead. On Saturday you could have occasional conflicts with a partner. Get an objective third person to moderate. On Sunday you'd be wise not to spend much on household items or real estate. You might change your mind and have to back out of the deal.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). An older person's unexpected demand could interfere with your personal life on Monday. Call home if you're going to be late for dinner. Tuesday's demands take place earlier, which should be more convenient. Wednesday and Thursday are a mess for others, but for you they look lovely. Set up a date either day, with a person you've known for ages, and you'll enjoy yourselves immensely. Friday is full of wheeling and dealing. Stick with what worked before. Changes on Saturday are unexpected, but you can adapt. On Sunday your partner wants to be in control, but is that really a good idea? A per-

fectionist may have trouble being perfect Don't ditz out; your advice may be needed.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week ... Oct. 16: You're brilliant and charming. Learn what you need to know and teach what you've mastered. Oct. 17: You've got the advantage this year, so use it. You can talk your way into or out of anything. Oct. 18: Your lesson for this year is obedience, and your reward could be vast wealth. Keep smiling to avoid a clash. Oct. 19: Use your brains to increase your income. You can do it with a combination of talent and sensitivity. Oct. 20: You could step into a leadership role. Choose the team you want to play with. Oct. 21: Getting the money you want is difficult, but not im possible. Get a good team to work with you on a worthwhile project. Oct. 22: What you don't know could hurt you, and what you do know could make you rich. Study and keep your mouth shut, and you'll have the best of

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