

It's all in the Stars
ASTROLOGY GUIDE
 By
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Aries "The Ram" (Mar 21-Apr 20) You must try to overcome your skepticism and possessiveness of friends and family. Your young friend or relative is rather unconventional and causing you great concern at this time but there will be a return to more rational thinking soon.

Taurus "The Bull" (Apr 21-May 21) You apparently have a real spending habit, eh what? Take a good look at your bank balance and the expenses to come very soon. You have a big surprise in store. Don't say you weren't warned. Luv.

Gemini "The Twins" (May 22-June 21) You seem to be having quite a few differences of opinion with your "love interest." You can blame your disputes on one of two things, either too much possessiveness or a total lack of interest on your part. Take a middle road.

Cancer "The Crab" (June 22-July 23) You must allow someone else to come in first sometime. Striving to be number one in everything is a bit frustrating for the rest of the gang. Take your chances along with the team. Don't be so pushy.

Leo "The Lion" (July 24-Aug 23) A change of pace would be a good idea. You seem to have enough on your mind already, guilt feelings should have no place in today's plans. Don't get involved with a Taurus who has his eye on a "big deal." It will turn into a bit of bad luck.

Virgo "The Virgin" (Aug 24-Sept 23) An area in which you could accomplish wonders is being overlooked. Pay more attention to one who is in need of guidance at this time. A helping hand would be greatly appreciated. Try to remember past favors. Luv.

Libra "The Balance" (Sept 24-Oct 23) All is not as it appears on the surface so don't build yourself up for a let-down, although most of your troubles are unavoidable, you would do well to remove from your environment one who has taken over completely. Get it!

Scorpio "The Scorpion" (Oct 24-Nov 22) Do try to take an unkind comment in your stride. Although you do bring most of these unkind words down on

you own head. You see, dear Scorp, you persist in having your own way in everything, right? This will never win friends.

Sagittarius "The Archer" (Nov 23-Dec 21) You are one of the great achievers, dear Sag, but you must learn to relax ... tomorrow is another day. The greatest discipline one can have is self-discipline. It is still important to achieve, but there are many ways to go about it.

Capricorn "The Goat" (Dec 22-Jan 20) There is a sadness close to you, one that has been going on for some time. It should end soon. Give all the aid and comfort you can at this time. A letter or message from an unexpected source will brighten up your week.

Aquarius "Water Bearer" (Jan 21-Feb 19) Much to your surprise you will encounter an old chum in the next few weeks who will again take an important part in your life. A few financial matters will have to be ironed out. Marriage or a re-marriage is close to you.

Pisces "The Fishes" (Feb 20-Mar 20) Do take time out for your family and an occasional night on the town. You seem to have your life so welded around your work that you have forgotten to leave room for a little play. Take extra care with a Taurus this week.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY a profession may appeal to you more than any of the business fields. You do not like routine work and would much prefer to be on your own so that you can work when the spirit moves you. Your life is taken up with so many interests that you may have difficulty in making a huge success of any one thing. Patience is not your strong point and if a project doesn't become a success in your first attempt you quickly move on to something else. You are generally sympathetic and kind and have a great feeling for the under-dog, but woe-to-him who is not strictly above-board in his dealings with you. You enjoy great popularity and may benefit financially through it. You have strong, but unorthodox religious beliefs, but you will not be led into unknown paths. Your best opportunities come to you between June 24 and Sept

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outreach

Human Resources in Action in North Carolina
 Pat Patterson

What do you look for in a nursing home if, for one reason or another, a relative must be placed in such a facility?

Before making any decisions, consult a physician — you may not need the services of a nursing home at all. There are several types of facilities available depending on the person's needs.

Family care homes, which house no more than five people, and homes for the aged, which house more than five residents, provide a protected environment (one which provides the residents with basic needs such as food and shelter) for those living there. These homes, which are licensed by the Division of Social Services of the N. C. Department of Human Resources, do not provide medical facilities. In North Carolina there are 572 family care homes located in 85 counties. Homes for the aged number 245.

Another type of home, the intermediate care

facility, provides skilled nursing services eight hours per day seven days a week. The nurse(s) on duty can either be a registered nurse (RN) or a licensed practical nurse (LPN). This type of setting is for those patients who require some form of nursing care but do not need constant 24 hour attention. There are 10 intermediate care facilities in the state.

Finally, there are the skilled nursing homes which provide 24 hour nursing service to patients. An RN must be responsible for the nursing staff but may not be on duty at all times in this type of home; however, LPN's should be on duty day and night. There are 131 homes of this type. Sixty-four of these homes strictly offer skilled care; 10 offer a combination of skilled and intermediate care; 20 offer skilled care and home for the aged care; and the remainder of the homes are assorted combinations.

One factor which may

also influence your decision as to the type of home needed is whether the facility falls under Medicare/Medicaid eligibility provisions. Medicare pays the bills for most people over 65 years of age and Medicaid pays bills for low-income people. Medicaid will pay bills for intermediate care facilities or skilled nursing homes. Under the Medicare/Medicaid programs, the federal government sets safety and sanitation standards for nursing home services. Knowing that each state must follow these standards when it inspects and certifies nursing homes may help you choose the right facility.

Though the type of facility and whether it falls under the Medicare/Medicaid program are important considerations in choosing a rest home or nursing facility, they are not the only ones. Ernest Phillips, chief of the nursing home section for the N. C. Division of Health Services, suggests checking the following:

1. Check the location — is it close to a hospital or doctor and is it convenient for visits from friends and relatives?

2. Personally visit several homes.

3. Read the brochures concerning each home.

4. Talk to the head nurse in each facility (if the home requires one) as well as to the administrator. Note their attitude toward patients, visitors

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1040 Taxpayers Ask IRS

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q. Is it true that many students with summer jobs may qualify for exemption from Federal income tax withholding?

A. Yes, many students with summer jobs, retired persons, and others working part-time, may be able to qualify for exemption from withholding by filing a Form W-4E with their employer. These forms are available from employers and many IRS and school placement offices.

Individuals who qualify for exemption from withholding are those who did not have to pay income tax for the previous year and do not expect to have to pay tax for the current year. These eligible taxpayers generally will be in one of three categories:

1. Single persons with an annual gross income for both the previous year and the current year of less than \$2,050 (\$2,800 if 65 or older).

2. Married individuals entitled to file jointly with a combined income of less than \$2,800 (\$3,550 if one is 65 or older or \$4,300 if both are 65 or older) for each of the two years;

3. Individuals with unearned income (such as interest or dividends) who may be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer, but have gross income of less than \$750.

Those who have a question about whether or not they are eligible should contact their nearest IRS office.

Q. Will IRS publications tell you about court decisions that take a position on tax matters more favorable to the taxpayer than the IRS position?

A. Explanations and examples in Internal Revenue Service reflect the official IRS interpretation of tax laws enacted by Congress, regulations issued by the Treasury Department, and pertinent court decisions. There are certain matters in these publications on which some courts have taken a position more favorable to the taxpayer than the official IRS position. Until these varying interpretations are resolved by higher court decision or otherwise, the IRS must necessarily continue to state the Service viewpoint.

Q. My maid is quitting next month. Is it true that I'll have to give her a W-2 Form?

A. Yes, Under new IRS rules, you must report total wages paid (whether or not income tax was withheld) and social security tax withheld from maids, gardeners and other household employees. Normally, Jan. 31 is the deadline for giving the employee her W-2 form and for filing a copy with the IRS along with your Form 942 fourth quarter report of social security tax withheld. But if the employee leaves before Jan. 31, as in your case, you must give her the W-2 form within 30 days after her last payday. Include a copy of the W-2 with your final Form 942 return for that employee.

For more details, see the instructions on your Form 942. Forms W-2 will be mailed to you along with your fourth quarter return. Extra copies can be obtained from any IRS office.

Q. When will I receive my refund check?

A. It normally takes 6-8 weeks, but it may take longer if you mailed your return near the filing deadline. Delays will also occur if the return is incomplete or inaccurate.

If you have not received your refund or a letter explaining the delay within 10 weeks after mailing your return, contact your local IRS district office.

Know Your Rights

What can I do if my husband abandons me and refuses to support me, and we have no children?

It is a crime for a husband to desert his wife and refuse to support her even if there are no children.

The wife must swear out a warrant against the husband. He will be brought to court and the public prosecutor will represent the interest of the wife. If the husband is

convicted, the judge will order the husband to pay support to the wife, or go to jail.

It is important that the wife realize that before the husband can be convicted of this crime, he must have abandoned her. If she leaves him, she cannot use this method to get financial support for herself.

Is there any situation where I can leave home and then claim that my husband abandoned me?

Yes, if the husband beats the wife severely, or puts her in fear of her life, or commits adultery in the home, or spends all his time drinking or going out with other women, the wife can leave her husband and later claim that he abandoned her.

The reason for the claim is that if a husband does these things he is no longer acting as a husband even if he is staying in the same house with the wife.



Consumer's Corner

by Barry L. Boneno

Mr. Barry L. Boneno is Executive Director of High Point Consumer Credit Counseling, Inc., a non-profit counseling corporation, began by citizens of High Point and the High Point Model Cities Commission. The corporation's purposes are to assist families in financial difficulty. Mr. Boneno has stated "the primary goal of High Point Consumer Credit Counseling is to help families with credit and financial problems which may have help the family from making consumer purchases with credit. One major concern

is how to help families with bad credit ratings to purchase homes and general consumer products which are out of the reach without credit". In the following weeks, Mr. Boneno will be giving advice on how to avoid financial difficulties which can cripple a family's credit standings. It is hoped that this column will be of assistance to you in your contacts with the credit world. For further information, contact me, Barry Boneno in High Point at 919 885-0041.

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