

Your Stars
with Patrick Arundell

Aries March 21 - April 20

This looks to be a positive week, especially as a delightful Sun/Jupiter link brings good fortune and a chance to indulge. And as Venus moves away from a restrictive influence and into the creative and imaginative sign of Pisces, your dreams may gain in importance. The weekend can see you striking out. You'll have confidence that a bold idea could enhance your cash flow.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Let your intuition lead the way. Pay attention, and it could inspire you to try for a golden opportunity or make a decision that benefits you. Plus, as charming Venus moves into Pisces, your social life lights up. You'll be ready to move in new social circles with people who are fun to be around. Need to make a decision? The Quarter Moon this weekend can help, Taurus.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

Ready to move out of your comfort zone? Travel opportunities and a chance to try something different could make this a rewarding week. A friend may have a wild suggestion that you'll be keen to try out, and it may yield exciting results. And Venus in Pisces can benefit your career and ambitions. Use your charm to get to make useful connections. Try more networking too.

Cancer June 22 - July 23

This week encourages change, Cancer. But instead of being worried about it, you'll embrace it fully. You'll see the possibilities that will come from making a move, and this time you'll be more than ready for it. With a Quarter Moon in your sector of finance, you may want to collaborate with someone on a project that could be lucrative and beneficial to both of you.

Leo July 24 - August 23

Have the chance of a quick getaway? You may take it up. The opportunity to escape, even for a few days, could do you the world of good. Mind, as luscious Venus moves into Pisces and your sector of change and intimacy, you may want to keep a budding romance under wraps. Go easy Leo, as your desires will be powerful. Focus on something intensely and it might manifest.

Virgo August 24 - September 23

This week's Sun/Jupiter tie encourages you to think big and put a clever idea into action. Once you see its potential and realise how much you'll gain, it will be a no-brainer. In addition, lovely Venus's move into Pisces and your sector of relating can help smooth over any difficulties in a key bond and act as a balm if healing is needed. And a budding romance could blossom.

Libra September 24 - October 23

A new friendship or romance looks to be developing along positive lines, with things taking a new and delightful turn. The Quarter Moon in your romance zone could encourage you to think about a commitment. Mind, with Venus moving into your sector of work and wellness, you may be tempted to indulge. You deserve to enjoy yourself, but don't go completely off track.

Scorpio October 24 - November 22

The Sun in Aquarius puts the focus on family matters and spending time with loved ones. Still, a positive alignment with jovial Jupiter could coincide with an idea for a home-based business. Been toying with this for some time? The Quarter Moon gives you the push you need to experiment. As Venus enters dreamy Pisces, it's time to revel in being creative and romantic.

Sagittarius November 23 - December 21

A conversation could lead to exciting developments and the chance of a collaboration of the creative or entrepreneurial kind. This week can see positive developments that might lead to bigger and better things. And with a Quarter Moon in Taurus, the opportunity to get involved in a team project or to take a friendship further may lead to a fresh and exciting start, Archer.

Capricorn December 22 - January 20

Have an idea to brighten up your home? The Sun/Jupiter link could mean you're ready to make a bold statement that will add a big dash of positivity to the atmosphere. Run a business from your place? This week might bring good results. As Venus sashays into Pisces it's a good time to close deals, negotiate and connect with friends and relatives you haven't seen in a while.

Aquarius January 21 - February 19

This week brings out your can-do qualities, so you'll be keen to take advantage of an opportunity that appears too good to be true. In this case it seems genuine, so if you're lucky enough to get the green light you could go from strength to strength. The Quarter Moon in Taurus hints at a home project that you've been thinking about for a while. Now you'll want to get on with it.

Pisces February 20 - March 20

The Sun in a private zone reveals that your intuition is at a peak. As it aligns with Jupiter midweek, it's wise to take note of those subtle calls to action. If you follow through, you could find yourself a little better off. And as lovely Venus dances into your sign, you'll have the attractor factor. You'll easily draw to yourself the items, opportunities and people you need.

NEWS

Miss Trunchbull and all the gang in school

STUDENTS at Henry Beaufort School brought Matilda Jnr The Musical to the stage at Theatre Royal Winchester.

Stellar performances throughout saw the cast given standing ovations as performances from Matilda and Miss Trunchbull were worthy of a professional stage.

Suitably dim Mr and Mrs Wormwood, sweet-singing Miss Honey and cake-guzzling Bruce were perfectly cast, with the supporting ensemble a joy to watch. Their song and dance routines were slick and tight - even featuring children on scooters whizzing across the stage. And all of these actors are 16 or under.

Behind the scenes, it's clear there have been lots of dedicated staff members making this all happen - from music teachers to dance teachers and from tech directors to set designers.

Director Kim Miles and her team should be applauded for getting star quality out of so many students.

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A scene from Matilda

'I'm still shivering from yesterday'

Matt Davey

THE cold snap has been tough for many but none more so than Southampton's homeless community.

When overnight temperatures fall below zero and many of us are tucked up in bed under the covers, rough sleepers are exposed to the elements more than ever.

"I'm out here all day and all night and I'm still shivering from yesterday", said Charlotte, 24, who's made a walkway of Above Bar Street her home.

"Every day is freezing, and it doesn't help that I'm asthmatic as it can affect my chest.

"Fortunately, I've got a blanket, I'd be even worse off without that."

Charlotte has called the streets her home for five years.

She said: "I'm originally from London and moved to Southampton when I was 13.

"I've been on the streets since I was 19, and I'm now 24.

"I've had drug issues and family problems in the past, I left home and had nowhere to go."

Also forced to spend the night on Southampton's pavements is 63-year-old Brian, who takes up a corner overlooking the Bargate.

A stroke survivor who's been homeless for three months, Brian, said: "The cold weather isn't good



A homeless person in Above Bar Street

for me at my age.

"It cuts right through to the bone."

Freezing conditions have seen the city's Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) activated, with it due to expire at 9am tomorrow.

Southampton City Council has increased its support for rough sleep-

ers with emergency shelters being made available.

Trevor Pickup, Chief Executive of Southampton homeless charity The Society of St James highlighted some of the dangers rough sleepers are facing in the low temperatures.

He said: "If you live on the street

for an extended period of time, you can become ill during the winter months because you're constantly breathing in the damp air, and you could develop respiratory diseases.

"Something that people might not always consider is that there is a risk of frostbite too."