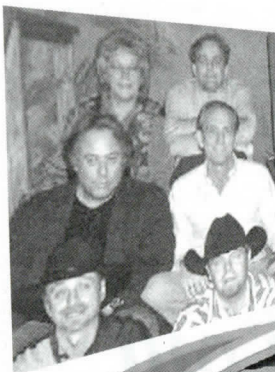


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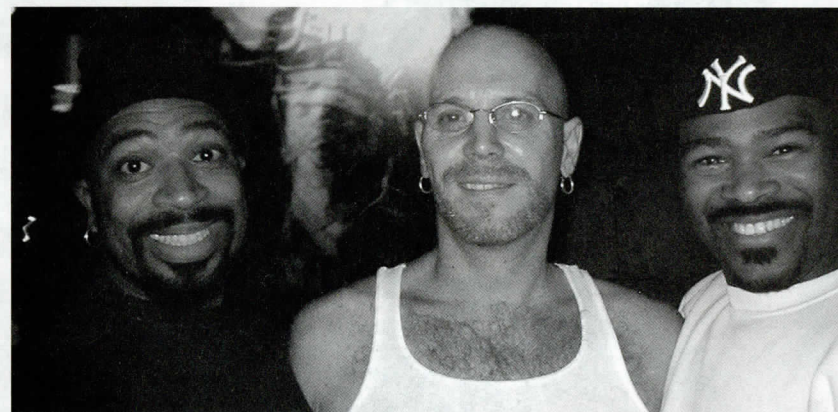
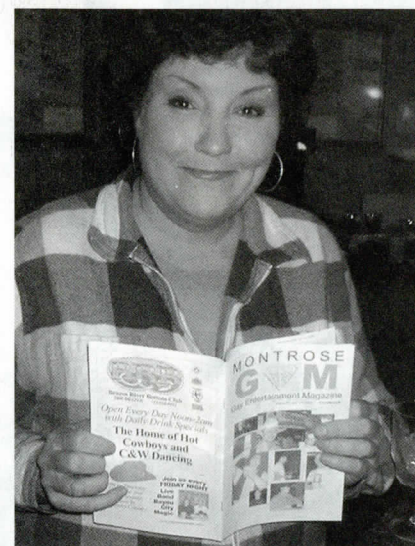
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At left, Eileen, the Den Mother at Decades.
Below, on either side, performers Darrell
and Tim, with David of the Mining Co. in
the middle.

**Inside: The
Best Gay Bar
Map in Houston**





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Here We Are With #2

Thank you for your enthusiasm over the first issue of GEM. New here in the second issue are a few more advertisers, including the always popular E/J's and the store that has what you're looking for, Leather Forever.

Nights in Black Leather

Take a Nibble at NIBL. Don Gill Productions presents the event this year on Saturday, Feb. 26, 7pm at Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto. Doors open an hour early for viewing the items in the silent auction. TV personality Deborah Duncan will entertain benefiting PWA Holiday Charities and The Wishful Thinking Fund.

A Letter from OutSmart

"Congratulations on the launch of Montrose GEM! I picked up a copy last night at Keys West. "Warmest wishes for a fantastic 2005 and beyond." Well, thank you. That was from Tim Brookover, OutSmart editor.

John's New Bicycle Club

John Hubert, a drinking companion, bought our first "Ads by the Word" advertisement. John, we would have given it to you for free. But, we will cash your check. Thanks.

Those Boston People

The Patriots are going to Jacksonville to play in the Super Bowl. Remember they were here in Houston last year. I had a house

full of them. They were party animals.

Peanut's at Keys West

The bartender, Peanut, is now slinging drinks at that piano bar on West Dallas.

Benefit for Camp Ground

That international performing sensation Depila Debris (You never heard of her?) will be on stage March 5 at Bricks, 8pm, as a benefit for the Texas Conference of Clubs camp ground.

Bedlam with Batlan

Batlan is the name of the DJ at Mary's on Sundays.

---Henry

Plan Your Parties

- Feb. 4-6, Mardi Gras Weekend
- Feb. 5, Galveston Gay Bus Trip from the Ripcord
- Feb. 6, Super Bowl
- Feb. 11-13, Houston Council of Clubs L.U.E.Y. Weekend
- Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 14, Valentines Day
- Feb. 21, Presidents' Day
- Feb. 22, Washington's Birthday
- Feb. 24, Full Moon
- Feb. 27, Academy Awards
- Mar. 13, AIDS Walk from Sam Houston Park
- Mar. 17, St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 20, First Day of Spring
- Mar. 25, Full Moon & Good Friday
- Mar. 25-27, Long Star Volleyball Tournament
- Mar. 27, Easter
- Mar. 27, Jungle Party & Bunnies on the Bayou
- Apr. 3, Daylight Savings Time Begins (lose an hour)
- Apr. 8-9, Mr. Prime Choice Weekend
- Apr. 24, Full Moon
- Apr. 30-31, Splash Weekend in Galveston

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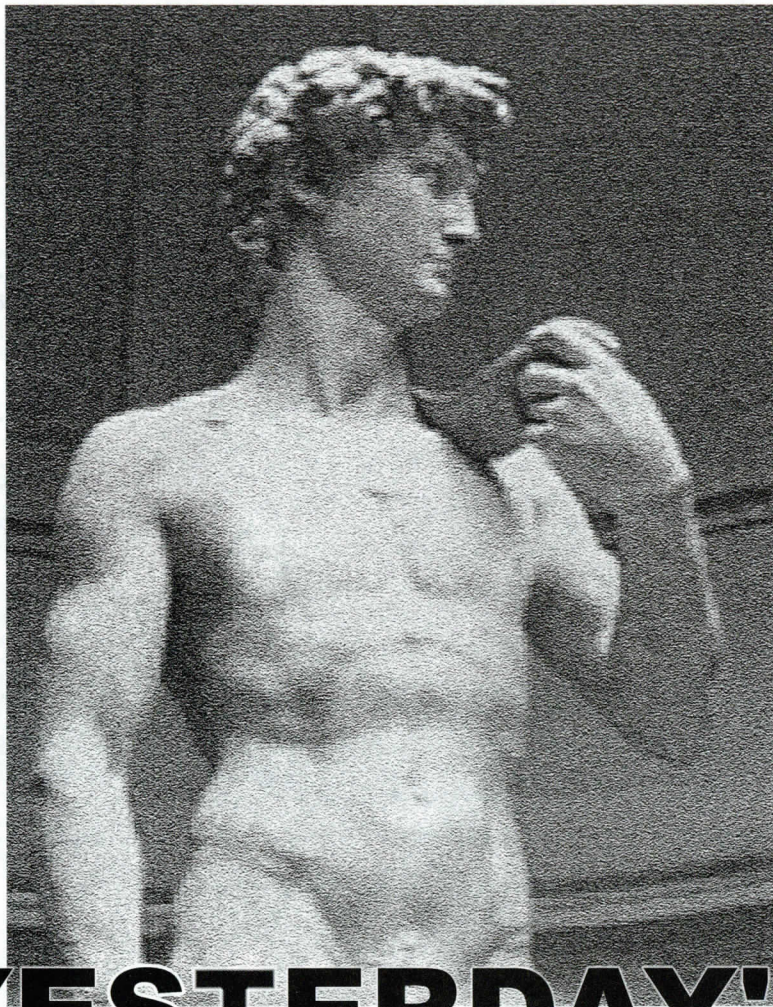
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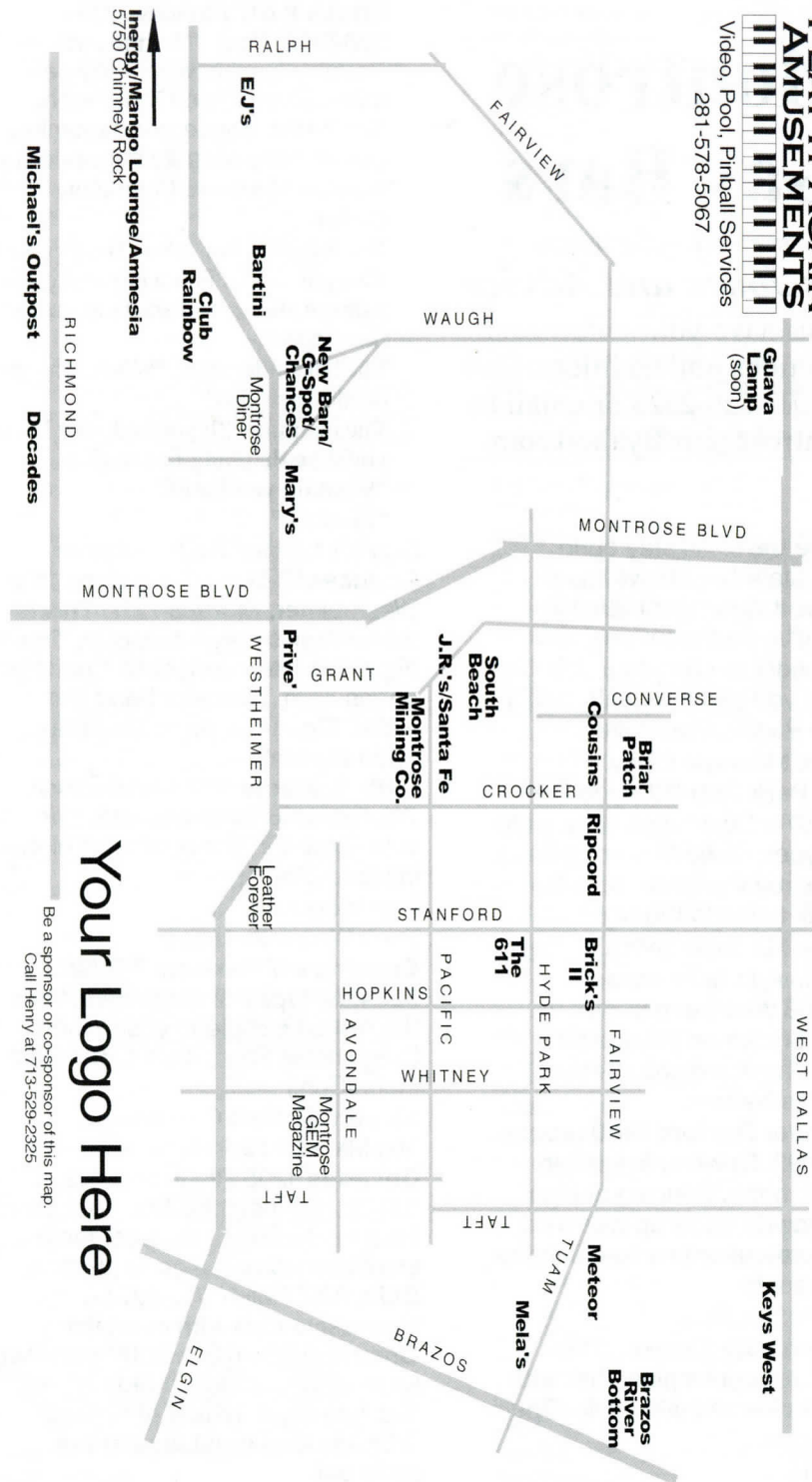
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Plus Jokes and Advice

Let us have your comments, corrections and additions. Call us at 713-529-2325 or email to montrosegem@yahoo.com.

About the bars: All stay open until 2am. State law allows liquor to be served 7am (10am Sun.) to 2am. If you've had too much, ask your bartender to call you a cab. On weekends you can frequently hail a cab in the Pacific Street area. Support the Montrose Clinic.

611 Hyde Park Pub 611 Hyde Park, 713-526-7070. Customers are a wide mix of all types. Open 7am (noon Sun.). One of the more popular bars for happy hour and into the night.

Support the Montrose Softball League. Dine Out Tonight in Montrose.

Bartini 1318 Westheimer, 713-526-2271. Shows on Thursdays & Sundays. Dancing nightly. Newest club on Westheimer.

Brazos River Bottom 2400 Brazos, 713-528-9192. Cowboy is spoken here. Open noon. Dancing at night. Biggest crowds show up weekend nights. There's usually a 4pm Sunday show or benefit.

Signal When You Turn.

Briar Patch 2312 Crocker, 713-665-9678. A popular piano bar with good drinks served with style. Open afternoons on.

Life Is Good.

Bricks II 617 Fairview, 713-528-8102. Your "Neighborhood Country Bar" is what they call themselves. Open 7am (noon, Sun.) with a quite good morning crowd. Very friendly bartenders. Support Montrose Counseling Center.

Yes, we steal bar jokes. Here's one: This guy walks into a bar and orders a dozen shots. And starts to guzzle them down.

The bartender says, "Whoa, why you drinking so fast?"

The man says, "If you had what I have you'd be drinking fast too."

"What do you have?"

"75 cents."

Support Lesbian Health Initiative.

Chances/G-Spot/New Barn 1100 Westheimer, 713-523-7217. This is the women's mega-complex. Three big clubs, interconnected. Chances opens 4pm. Women's band Sat. nights. Open mic night Thursdays. open at night.

Club Rainbow 1417 Westheimer, 713-522-5166. Nice women's bar with Glow-Girl dancers most nights. Intimate atmosphere.

God Bless America.

Don't Worry, Be Happy.

Cousins 817 Fairview, 713-528-9204. All types of customers, from the retired people to young men. Drag shows Thurs.-Sun. Open 11am (noon Sun.)

Support Vermont Commons.

You Make Us Feel Mighty Fine.

Decades 1205 Richmond Ave., 713-521-2224. A neighborhood bar. Open 11am (noon Sun.). Has pool tables, shuffleboard and a good jukebox.

E/J's 2517 Ralph, 713-527-9071.

Impressive club with everything.

Open 7am (10am Sun. with breakfast). Male strippers Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. late night. Wheel of Fortune & Sports fans meet around the patio bar.

Are John Waters and Joan Rivers the same person?

Guava Lamp 570 Waugh Dr., 713-524-3359. Piano bar with regular following, now in new location.

Don't Mess with Texas.

Inergy/Mango Lounge/Amnesia 5750 Chimney Rock, 713-660-7310. Latin-flavored Southwest Houston dance club. Big late crowd, good music. Sunday shows.

Quack quack. A duck walks into a bar and asks, "Got any grapes?"

The bartender, confused, tells the duck that no, we don't serve grapes. The duck thanks him and leaves. \12 The next day, the duck returns and says, "Got any grapes?" \12 Again, the bartender tells him that, no, the bar does not serve grapes, has never served grapes, and, furthermore, will never serve grapes. The duck, a little ruffled, thanks him and leaves. \12 The next day, the duck returns, but before he can say anything, the bartender begins to yell: "Listen, duck! This is a bar! We do not serve grapes! If you ever ask for grapes again, I will nail your stupid duck beak to the bar!" \12 The duck is silent for a moment, and then asks, "Got any nails?" \12 Confused, the bartender says no. \12 "Good!" says the duck. "Got any grapes?"

J.R.'s/Santa Fe 808 Pacific, 713-521-2519. Probably the most consistent crowd in Montrose. All types of people but generally younger. Open mid-day on.

Keys West 817 W. Dallas, 713-571-7870.

A piano bar on the edge of downtown. Open mid-day on. Dart-playing and drinking daytimes, singing and carousing at night. Support Gay Pride Committee.

Support Park Civic Association.

Mary's 1022 Westheimer, 713-527-9669. The oldest gay bar in Texas, open 7am (10am Sun.) Good happy hour crowd. Frequent shows and community events on the patio, especially Sundays.

Support Bering Omega Services.

God Bless Montrose.

Our jokes this week were stolen from jokes.com.

Support Neartown Association.

Mela's Tejano Country 302 Tuam, 713-523-0747. A women's Hispanic bar primarily, but all are welcome. Open from late afternoons. Some drag shows weekend nights. A hidden treasure in the neighborhood.

Support East Montrose Civic Assn..

Don't Feed the Hustlers.

Meteor 2306 Genesee, 713-521-0123. An upper-scale bar. Mixed between gals and guys. Open from late afternoons. Fluffy couches to lounge around in and politic with like-minded people.

We Love Montrose.

Hug Your Neighbor.

Montrose Mining Co. 805 Pacific, 713-529-7488. A butch bar. Lots of cruising going on. Crowd, mostly men, is of all ages. Draft beer on the patio. They are an established institution. (An institution? Yes they are.)

Michael's Outpost 1419 Richmond Ave., 713-520-8446. Now a neighborhood piano bar. Open 3pm. Host of many community events. Support Hyde Park Civic Assn..

Support Omega House.

"O" 710 Pacific, 713-523-0213. Closed and for lease. Wanna go in the gay disco business? **Prive'** 910 Westheimer, 713-522-2542. They're not really a gay bar, but they play great music like a gay bar. And they like us. Good viewing of Montrose & Westheimer from the roof-top patio.

Eat More Vegetables.

We Like You.

Rainbow Room 527 Barren Springs, 281-872-0215. Neighborhood bar in north Houston. They are way up there and have been there for ever. Take 45 north, Airtex exit, follow feeder to Barren Springs. And then look for the address.

Ripcord 715 Fairview, 713-521-2792.

Houston's leather bar. Open 1pm with their regulars in the daytime (a bunch of happy people). Man-hunting crowds at night. After hours Fri. and Sat.

Support Milam House.

Vote in Every Election.

South Beach 810 Pacific, 713-521-9123. One of the most impressive dance clubs in the country. Open weekends with after hours. Sometimes other nights. Dance your pretty booty. Arrive early for best deal, then stay late. Drive Friendly.

Support Ralph Street Gang.

Viviana's 5219 Washington, 713-862-0203. Primarily Hispanic club between Montrose & the Heights. Show bar with female impersonators.

Shop in Montrose.

A string walks into a bar with a few friends and orders a beer. The bartender says, "I'm sorry, but we don't serve strings here."

The string walks away a little upset and sits down with his friends. A few minutes later he goes back to the bar and orders a beer. The bartender, looking a little exasperated, says, "I'm sorry, we don't serve strings here." \12 So the string goes back to his table. Then he gets an idea. He ties himself in a loop and messes up the top of his hair. Then he walks back up to the bar and orders a beer. \12 The bartender squints at him and says, "Hey, aren't you a string?" \12 And the string says, "Nope, I'm a frayed knot."

The Montrose Puzzle

Universally brewed comfort food

29 ACROSS, 4 LETTERS

By Henry McClurg

ACROSS

1 turn SISI upside down

5 wrongful act

6 companion of St. Paul

7 lieutenant

8 state with Jeanne as capital

10 Houston weather

13 Spanish duo in English

17 missing letters:

B _yto_ (Harris Co. community)

18 removes that stuff in Galveston?

20 a succession of notes forming a distinctive sequence, 2 words ("Yyy M C aaaA" for example)

22 intentions

26 missing letters: _la_y (in a willing manner)

27 consumed

29 universally brewed comfort food

30 British for "thank you," said twice

31 actor Nielsen, initials, b. 1926

32 fine message in GEM

34 direction Bryan to Montrose

35 willing

37 Midtowne _on Fannin

39 customs

41 missing letters:

c _ima _s (moments of intense pleasure)

its

11 turn loose

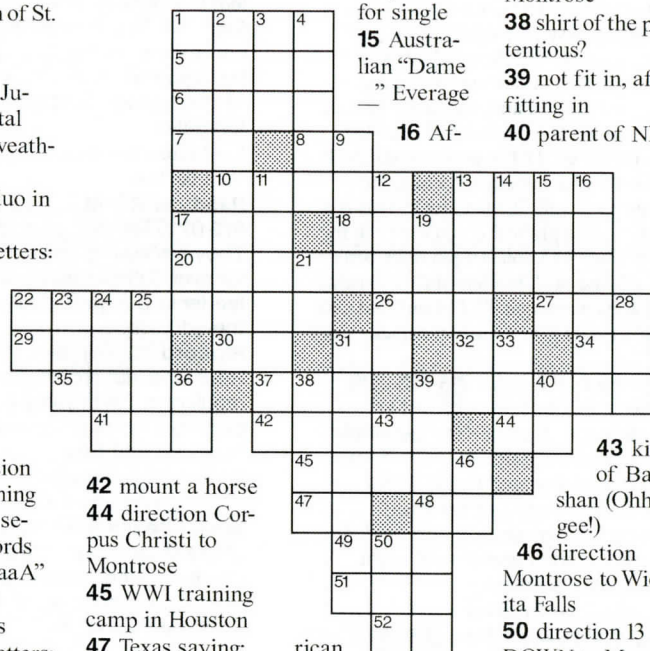
12 to condescend

13 Texas 3rd (yes, 3rd) largest city

14 prefix for single

15 Australian "Dame" Everage

16 Af-



42 mount a horse

44 direction Corpus Christi to Montrose

45 WWI training camp in Houston

47 Texas saying: sooner _ later

48 singer Warwick, initials

49 missing letters: Ou _ m rt (monthly gay magazine)

51 clairvoyance

52 _ tu, Brute?

DOWN

1 anagram of LILT

2 busiest airline at Hobby airport

3 annoy

4 rise as vapor

9 missing letters: former women's bar _ n re _ Spir-

rican fly

17 I love (Latin)

19 honorary degree in science (Scientiae Doctor)

21 SO upside down

22 lead

23 missing letters:

ho _ s _ ly (common insect)

24 Montrose saying: Get _

25 French

for prize

28 missing letters: late country singer Jim Re _ v _

31 Harris Co. community

33 newscaster Rather formerly of channel 11

36 direction Corpus Christi to Montrose

38 shirt of the pre-tentious?

39 not fit in, after fitting in

40 parent of NBC

43 king of Bashan (Ohh, gee!)

46 direction Montrose to Wichita Falls

50 direction 13 DOWN to Montrose

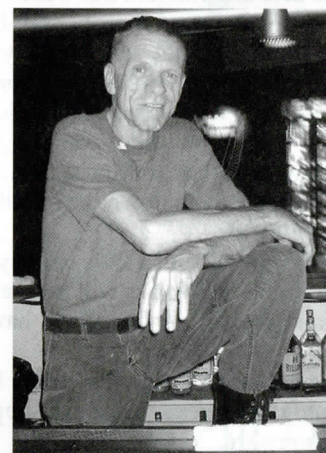
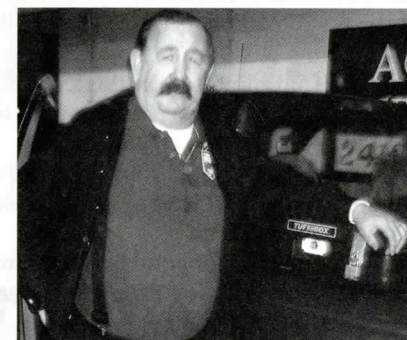
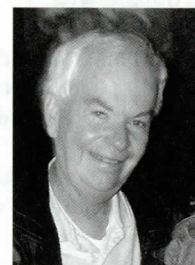
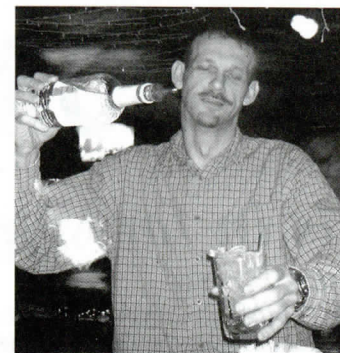
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Last Week's Solution

Initialed names: Ann Richards, Eli Whitney. Montrose is a great vacation destination

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Who Are These People?

From left to right, top to bottom, Glitter Gary on his 49th birthday all over Montrose, Montana purring at Mary's, political activist Don on his way to Phoenix, the reigning title holder and some contestants at Miss Keys West Contest last Sunday, Lee working security at the BRB, and John T. in his familiar pose at the Ripcord.

GEM HOROSCOPE

Virgo is in for some serious fun

By **HELGA THE EXALTED**

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your old self desires to get back in touch with old friends and loved ones. Take the time and make the call. You have messages that you want to share with them. And they, you didn't know, have things to tell you. Surprising things, Helga sees.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It's a time of understanding for the bull. You understand being on top is fun but you understand that listening and following others often gets you more of what you want. You have more questions? Ask another bull. Ask what, where and how.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You are aware of your real strengths. Use them forcibly this week. And then play the role of a follower. You will get recognition from those on the other side of the room. Ah, it's a wonderful life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Chores are everywhere. Get a few of them done this week ahead of schedule. And, you know what? You have on your way an extra supply of cash. Save part of it and spend the rest on someone else. They will reward you back.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Some time away from the routine will be helpful for your self-esteem. This week, take a different path than the tried and true that you are used to. Your heart will guide you on this new road. It's only for a week. Then you can go back to the familiar.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): What's it all about? You're the one with devotion and a happy spirit. That attitude will open doors that lead to places of serious fun. Serious fun? Love is serious fun. A Scorpio friend can help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Take time off for good behavior from your disciplined life. This week, let the devil in you snicker. Smile in a funny way. And when the week is done, you'll feel you have had the right influence on others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Voice support for the acts of strangers this week. You'll see someone in a difficult spot who will need you to speak up on their behalf. Do so with gusto. You will have an inspirational effect on them and that will inspire you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take time for meditation. Sit quietly and contemplate the last few days. Then plan for the next few weeks. Pick two goals and pick the paths to get there. Then start down those roads. You will know where you are going.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): What seems to be no more than routine suddenly becomes unpredictable. Observe both sides and you'll be able to go down the middle. Do this at work and at home and when you're out on the town.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are at peace with yourself but a little clumsy with others. This too shall pass. Things may turn a little rough but others will be there to help change things back to a better way. A woman with a little secret will have some well-timed advice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Treasures and values are on the table this week, Helga sees. The treasures are not necessarily monetary and the values are not in a shopping spree. Others across from you will be a part of this reward.

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