

What's Up in **SEPTEMBER**

UH-OH. IT'S MESSY UP THERE, A COSMIC MISHMASH THAT could turn plans to succotash. Sort of a planetary traffic jam.

Four planets will make U-turns in their orbits this month. They will all stop going retrograde and go forward again, one by one.

Uranus is the first to go direct, on the 14th. It stirs up both honest and rebellious urges: People will speak the truth and wear gorilla suits. Mercury's next on the 17th, making it easier to find or sign papers and concentrate on work. But on the first day of Fall, Sunday the 23rd, both Saturn and Neptune turn, and the mythic battle of hard work vs. sloth will be fought in every home.

If you think your horoscope's weird this month, look at the others.

ARIES (March 21 to April 20)

Power may corrupt, or it may not, but it always reveals character. You will be brooding on these matters, as you do not like tyrants. You don't even like fortune cookies telling you what to do. Get wise. You have some power here. You can be a modern grown-up or a Tyrannosaurus Rex. Do you want to be like the dinosaurs who would like to oppress you?

TAURUS (April 21 to May 20)

Taurus and Virgos are the only ones getting fun planets this month. So drag your Virgo friends away from their work and boring health-food dinners and show them what a real solid meal is. Great investment advice, happiness at home and amazing news in the baby department could come your way. (It might be somebody *else's* baby.)

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

If you find your conversations are giving off

Man of the month: Virgo

His good looks are gentle, not obvious, but he will see to it that you notice him. The Virgo man tries harder than other men. He is an overworker, a worrier, an on-time, on-line, utterly dependable, reliable gentleman and a scholar. He can fix your car, your computer, and maybe even your heart after the last three guys broke or bored it. He will study you relentlessly. In matters of courtship, he believes that, "Speed's fine, but accuracy's final." Imagine what that could mean in bed. Mr. Virgo is sympathetic; he cares about all your niggling aches and pains. He may be into tofu, algae and bean soda himself.

The Virgo man's romantic pitfall is thinking that he has a duty to correct your flaws. You may love him in spite of this. If you do, get him to recite compliments to you from *Bartlett's Quotations*. He likes to keep busy.

Don't worry about other women. This man is more likely to fall for his computer. If he neglects you while he shoots down aliens and eats dots, you can be sure it is unintendo.

more heat than light, maybe you're mad as hell about... about... anything. When Mars burns through any sign, people in that sign get angry, and Mars is in Gemini, the Communicator. But do not send irate letters. Do a course, see a movie, take in a lecture. Mars also brings you suitors. You have the power to turn them into zombies, but you hate zombies—you like men who get you drunk on words.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Crummy planets are here for you and it's not your fault. Shall we tell them you're not in? Tell you what: Go shopping. Your shopping stars are incredible. Bargains are everywhere, and you have a sense for finding gems on sale. Eat out and get a facial, too. If anyone tries to manipulate or bully you, you will be wearing perfect skin and a gorgeous satin jacket.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

You are still floating on pink and orange clouds during the first week of September. Then it's time to look at the bottom line: There's a money puzzle at work—not enough of it—and you must act. Just once, put your dignity aside and *ask everyone* to tell you what you're not seeing about your workplace, even the way you work. Shocks and surprises will follow. But you'll go on to hit the bull's-eye, success.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

With every birthday, the mystery of your mission in life deepens. In truth you are a multifaceted, many-leveled and deeply talented, complex *artisan*. Now something deliciously scary and creative has flowered in you. Pay attention. Tend your garden of gifts. Excellence and egoless perfection is your credo. Express yourself to the max! Fame could be next.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

You have made a crucial, secret decision. It's interesting that you feel the need to keep silent about it, because you are certain about your goals and do not need to persuade or convince others. Libras often enjoy treating irksome people with the charming courtesy that is rooted in indifference. After the 23rd, you will also like making your shocking announcement.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 22)

Buy extra lipsticks, because you will be out in public now; private life will also have its tender



demands. Why are you changing your mind about a number of matters this season? Scorpios are uncomfortable letting just anyone in on the heart of their mysteries, so all we can do is guess.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 to December 21)

Trips, universities, publishing, professors, lawyers and large animals—rhinos, giraffes, kudu, etc.—are lucky for you for a while. Don't get spooked about bills and money; just go to the zoo. Or watch marketing's show-offs at the saloon (same thing) and tell yourself, "Something will turn up, something will turn up, something will turn up." It will.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

The loud thud you hear is the sound of friends and co-workers falling off their swivels and hitting the floor when they hear you have a chance to travel and *you are even considering going!* Of course, you have too much work to do. But if you can, go. This is a shook-up, crazy, sexy time for you, and you will keep your dignified image with the home folks if you step out of character elsewhere.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

Extraordinary planetary groupings make this a momentous time. An astonishing revelation is due—that you are ready, even willing to give more and go deeper in all your relationships. Do. This will bring you luck and will broaden your social horizons, sharpen your perceptions and give you a more global view. Romance is staring you in the eye. Wink!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Take a risk and shed your normal cool. People love you when they know you, and what have you got to lose? The folks at work could be marvelous; future jobs will be more interesting, adventurous. Recent bummers with companies and friends have made you wary of intrigue, but the fun this month is with relationships. Something that happens at home is apt to baffle and anger you, but it's temporary.

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