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Your stars today

ARIES MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

An interest in art, music or psychology should be pursued. You're looking for ways to transcend mundane reality. Recently, you achieved an impressive goal. Now you want to explore what it all means. Connecting with the things that give your life a sense of purpose will be comforting. A generous relative will offer some financial or practical help. Accept their assistance; you're long overdue for a break. A romantic rendezvous is just what the doctor ordered.

TAURUS APRIL 20 - MAY 20

A friendship based on mutual intellectual interests is uplifting. It's a relief to talk about your favourite subjects in depth. Your relatives may have encouraged your artistic side, but many of them really don't understand it. That's why it's important to mix with people who appreciate the creative process. You won't be able to delay a decision about a household matter any longer. Trust your emotions. They'll point you in the right direction. Sometimes the logical choice isn't the best one.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUNE 20

All eyes are on you. This is a great time to make a professional presentation and go on job interviews. Executives are impressed with your imagination and idealism. When faced with problems, you won't be defeated and create solutions instead. A pay rise or lucrative new job allows you to buy something you've been craving for weeks. Indulge your love of luxury. Buying a beautiful outfit or piece of jewellery will boost your confidence. Prepare to turn heads with this lovely acquisition.

CANCER JUNE 21 - JULY 22

A student teacher relationship brings tremendous pleasure. Whether you're providing instruction to a new colleague or learning the ropes from a master is immaterial. The important thing is to exercise your intellect. People respond well to your energy and enthusiasm. A romance is heating up. You love being treated as an irresistible object of your desire. Taking more care with your appearance will make your confidence soar. When you look good, you feel good. Take a Libra along on a clothes shopping spree.

LEO JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Matters pertaining to insurance, taxes or inheritances are consuming your attention. Making your money work for you will increase your confidence. You're tired of relying on other people's expertise to keep you safe. Nobody can protect your interests as well as you. If you're in the dark about financial matters, take a course in money management. An intimate relationship helps you forget about mundane problems that have been dragging you down. Enjoy getting lost in your lover's arms.

VIRGO AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Working with a partner brings both emotional and intellectual satisfaction. It feels great to be with someone who knows what you're going to say before you utter a single word. Developing a creative project together will be surprising. Your imagination is taking you down some unusual paths. Don't be afraid to be a little whimsical. There's nothing wrong with looking silly. Stop trying to be dignified and tap into your childish side. You'll be thrilled with the results.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Relationships at work are very supportive. It's nice to know you can depend on your colleagues when your plate is full. If you need a mental health day, take one. Nobody will begrudge you of a break. A more creative career opportunity could be coming your way. Don't be afraid to change direction. Being put in charge of a group of talented artists will be a good use of your own talent. You'll know how to motivate them. In turn, their innovative approach will inspire you.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

Taking a risk feels exhilarating. As a general rule, you're a cautious person. You don't like putting your resources on the line. Venturing out of familiar territory will be scary but fun. Don't be surprised if you become a hot commodity on the romantic market as a result. Gambling heightens your allure. Making plans for a long distance trip is strongly advised. A glamorous holiday will be a welcome change of pace from the daily grind. Choose a cosmopolitan city by the sea.

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Matters pertaining to food, property and domestic responsibilities crowd your schedule. Normally, you enjoy running around and keeping busy. Now you just want to fill the pantry, flop on the bed and rest. Gathering your family around will be reassuring. They'll make you laugh about your predicament. Suddenly, your long list of chores won't seem so daunting. Delegate jobs to relatives and housemates. There's no reason you should do all this work by yourself. All for one and one for all.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

A personal or professional project will be more challenging than you expected. Fortunately, you take pleasure in working hard and pushing the envelope. When you hit a snag, a helpful neighbour could come to your rescue. Their experience in this field will be invaluable. Be sure to take their advice, even if it seems strange at first. Eventually, you'll develop your own techniques. Right now, it's best to use tried and trusted methods for communicating complex concepts.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

If you have your own business, it's time to raise your prices. Clients who appreciate your superior products and services won't balk. Those who do are free to go with less expensive rivals. Don't be surprised when most of them return to the fold. You work hard to be the best person in your field and should charge accordingly. Do you work for a company? Take this opportunity to ask for a pay rise. Your boss will be hard pressed to refuse your request.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

You're brimming with ideas and are anxious for a chance to put them into practice. Don't pass up an opportunity to let the people you live or work with know what's on your mind. If you're looking for romance, you could find it at an antique fair or nightclub. Cast your eyes around for someone who exudes an air of mystery. The two of you will feel an instant connection. Are you in a relationship? Your partner will give you a fabulous gift. This will pave the way for a passionate encounter.

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Volunteer of The Season winner Sam Jackson, second left, is all smiles



Keith Davies, left, is presented with the Services to Refereeing award

Le Tissier spot on for awards night

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FORMER England star Matthew Le Tissier praised the work of the Shropshire Junior Football League when he appeared as guest of honour at its 40th anniversary celebrations.

The Channel Islander had hot-footed it up to Shrewsbury from the Sky Sports studios to attend the event at the Greenhous Meadow, celebrating one of the region's biggest grassroots football success stories.

He entertained the audience in an on-stage conversation with Shropshire Star assistant editor Carl Jones, signed dozens of autographs, posed for countless pictures, and helped league officials to hand out a string of awards.

Le Tissier, who is now a regular pundit on Sky Sports' Soccer Saturday show, praised the role of organisations such as the Shropshire Junior Football League for providing an important stepping stone for many professional players.

Lethal

He also revealed how he almost left his beloved Southampton to sign for Tottenham Hotspur - only to reverse his decision when his partner didn't want to move to London.

And the man who was famously lethal from the penalty spot said he would be more than happy to help Roy Hodgson's England squad in the run-up to this summer's World Cup. "They haven't asked me, but I'd be happy to help if they did," he said.

The Shropshire Junior League's hall of fame includes England and Man-

AWARD WINNERS

■ **Long Service:** Rob Orme, Bernie Butler, Mike Hames

■ **Club Of The Season:** Shrewsbury Juniors

■ **Secretary Of The Season:** George Lewis, Oswestry Boys and Girls Club

■ **Services To Refereeing:** Keith Davies

■ **Volunteer Of The Season:** Sam Jackson, Whitchurch Alport Juniors

■ **Life Member Award:** Tony Williams

chester City goalkeeper Joe Hart, Wales and West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper Boaz Myhill, and Wolves pair David Edwards and Jack Price. Many of its players have also gone on to represent Shrewsbury Town, including Pete Wilding, Kevin Seabury, Luke Summerfield and Steve Leslie.

Mike Hames, the league's chairman, told the 160-strong audience: "Shropshire Junior Football League has come a long way since it started in the 1973/74 season with 25 teams. It now has a turnover of £20,000 with 167 teams from under-eight to



Club Of The Season winners Shrewsbury Juniors FC alongside guest of honour Matt Le Tissier

under-16, and over 2,300 players enjoying safe and friendly football every week.

"Many challenges still lie ahead for the league, though, including the need for more match officials across all age groups."

Three long service awards were handed out at Saturday night's event, recognising officials who have given up years of their time to promote grassroots football in Shropshire.

The first went to Rob Orme, who came into junior football back in 1991 and has been treasurer of

Shropshire Junior Football League since 1993. Jim Mitchell collected the award on his behalf.

The second went to Bernie Butler, who became involved in junior football with Baschurch Juniors in 1992 and has been vice president of the Shropshire Junior Football League for the past decade.

The third winner was league chairman Mike Hames, who has been involved in junior football in Shropshire for 22 years, and chairman of the league since the year 2000.

The Shropshire Junior Football League then handed out its own awards, with George Lewis of Oswestry Boys and Girls Club named Secretary of the Season.

Shrewsbury Juniors, which provides football for boys and girls across three different youth leagues, was named Club of the Season.

Keith Davies, who has refereed more than 300 local matches over 20 years, won the award for Services to Refereeing.

Sam Jackson from Whitchurch Alport Juniors

won the Volunteer of the Season trophy, and Tony Williams, who has been the league's youth fixture secretary for 10 years, won the Life Member Award.

Former Shrewsbury Town keeper Hart donated two signed shirts to help raise cash for the league - one of his goalkeeping jerseys, and a City shirt autographed by the Premier League winning team of 2012. Bidding lasts until the end of this week.

For details, log on to www.shropshirejunior-league.co.uk



Dave Ralphs, Long Service winner Bernie Butler and Matt Le Tissier



Dave Ralphs, Jim Mitchell and Matt Le Tissier pose for a photograph