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t's two years ago tonight. As a buildup to their live radio broadcast scheduled to start in about an hour, Mansun, from Chester, the Northern English city famous for its Roman ruins, has worked diligently over the last few months to release their first two singles on their own Sci-hi-fi records: the Twisted Sisteron-acid-like "Take It Easy Chicken," and the sardonic look at the pop-star, groupiefilled life, "Skin-Up Pin-Up."

Tonight the unsigned band is headlining the national radio station's "Camden Live: '95," a weeklong series of live concerts from London featuring the current hype-able groups Cast, Whale, (whatever happened to) Menswear, Drugstore and the (terrifically lovely) Longpigs.

After an evening of sitting in what has to be the coldest L-shaped box of a room, the kind of accommodation (if you could call it that) that would make a tripled-up Santa Barbara dorm room look like the penthouse suite at the Hilton, in the middle of hicksville England (yes, it really does exist), a loud bunch of Northerners burst onto the radio and proceed to break the sound barrier. Brimming with attitude and sneering in ways only working-class Northern Brits can, Mansun, in a mere five songs, takes over the reigns of UK Rock 'n' Roll.

After Oasis lost their working-class roots and opted for a washed-out uppercrust rock (AKA a pop record) sound on What's the Story? Morning Glory the British

Artsweek's Jolie I. Lash warms up with the Stove

indie music scene was left with a misunderstood blur record and a bunch of boys in skinny ties and pigeon-toed boots who crooned and fopped around a bit too much.

And then, like a spit in the eye, there was Mansun. Named after a b-side to a single by The Verve (a song about a man and a sun), their attitude and thriving beats set to guitars with the energy (but not the horrible distortions) of (dare I say it) a metal band came at you from left field. Led by

trontman and main songwriter Paul Draper, guitarist/punk boy Dominic Chad, bassist the disco Stove King and recent addition drummer Andie Kathbone, Mansun has held strong over the last two years playing music in the direction Oasis should have gone after that band's brilliant first effort, Definitely Maybe. But those two years were pretty rough.

The press hated them. The other bands hated them. They hated their retro dress

style, their flared trousers, fisherman caps and Vegas-frilly lounge shirts. They were jealous of their chest hair. But most of all they were hated for being different — for being a rock band.

"Rock is quite a dirty word in England illy," begins the boyishly charming Stove, bassist for the (now) four piece. "It's uncool to be in a rock band ... you've got to

be in a [different] category. "The press just slagged us off. They hated the singles. They gave us bad reviews. Live reviews were awful and all the bands that were given good reviews, some before us and some after us; we kept touring ... [and] six, seven months later [those] other bands just died."

Mansun has come out ahead like the long-distance runners in a marathon filled with sprinters. They've weathered the tide of "britpop," "new wave of new wave" and a bizarre '80s Duran Duran gender-bending "romo" phase that garnered the attention of the British press for all of two months.

Although still surviving, despite waves of make-up, spandex and Spandau Ballet, they have made some changes. They've changed their dress sense a bit. They've changed the way the craft songs somewhat, but their more recent stateside live shows, which were previewed over the airwaves and in tiny English hole-in-the-wall clubs filled with only 12 people in early Novem-



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## Devil in a Black Dress

respectively.

History lesson #1: Who would have thought that the combination of sex and death would have become so popular in 1950s TV Land? During the day, nuclear families immersed their brains in the candy-coated sludge of "Leave It to Beaver," but when mom and Billy went night-night, dad a beer, and made obeisance

Do the names Maila the dark, Vampira hosted Nurmi and Cassandra her own late-night show, Peterson produce any ex- tantalizing viewers with citement, any sudden spark cheesy horror flicks and her in your heart? If so, then you slinky yet scary outfit. Evenare one of the lucky (and tually, the same lucid eroticmorbid) individuals who ism that provoked Id-driven know these aliases are more viewing led Vampira into ficommonly referred to as nancial peril, and into ap-Vampira and Elvira, pearing in Ed Wood masterpieces such as "Plan 9 From Outer Space."



Just when late-night austayed awake, cracked open diences thought they had seen the last of Dracula sans a penis, Elvira popped onto As the original mistress of the scene. OK, it was 30

years later, but nothing really interesting happened in that whole chunk of time in between. Elvira was a heavymetal hessian's wet dream, and yet she possessed the same mass appeal and formula for success that Vampira had years earlier.

Beginning in 1981, she was hosting "Movie Macabre," a late-night show not much unlike Vampira's. Only now, boobs, rather than the actual horror films, were the focal point of the program. A 1992 episode, showing "The Mad Magician" was Elvira's big break. The entire episode was shown in 3-D, and if you are familiar with the size of Elvira's assets, you'll have no problem understanding why a reported 2.7 million 3-D glasses were sold that week.

"Elvira, Mistress of the Dark" was her only feature film, and once again, if you've seen it, you'll know why. There was even a perfume aptly named Evil by Elvira introduced 1990, but the company went bankrupt the next year. Hmmm. In a rather sad ending, Elvira plastered her booby ... uh, body on beer advertisements and remains a Halloween fixture at Knott's.

While stealing a character may be commonplace on television - circa now, every avid viewer must ask themselves if Halloween would ever be the same without Cassandra Peterson to put the "Oh!" back in jack-o-lantern.

Tony Boo-gdanovski

# She's (Not So) Unusual

If another filmmaker forces us to listen to Cameron Diaz sing karaoke one more time I'm going to shoot someone.

Robert, Kidnapping. Blackmail. Extortion. Karaoke.

Did I leave anything out?

Yeah.

Done. Done before. Done better.

Done a hell of a lot better.

If you've seen "Trainspotting," "Shallow Grave" or "My Best Friend's Wedding," well, then there is almost no reason to see Danny Boyle's "A Life Less Ordinary," unless of course you go simply to see the angelic, sexually charged (viz. "The Piano") Holly Hunter get all charged up.

In fact, it is Ms. Hunter who saves the drama from being a completely unhomogenic sequence of music videos, only mildly masquerading as a love story. As O'Reilly, Hunter and her heaven-sent partner Jackson (Delroy Lindo) make ill-fated attempts to attract the young slackers to each other through a series of staged catastrophes. After all, there is a new incentive program for angels in the place above the clouds: Do your job or be stuck "down there, forever," as the angel Gabriel (Dan Hedaya) so eloquently puts it.

Hunter drives the film's strong moments as a holy Bob DeNiro-ish, "Cape Fear" crusader, climbing onto moving vehicles, getting mauled by shovels, slugged by Ewan McGregor (Robert) and Cameron Diaz (Celine), all the while struggling to force the two generationally embarrassing losers into recognizing their need for one another.

Director Boyle is damn lucky that moving to big Hollywood-studio financing allowed him to court an actress like Holly Hunter, for without her the pitch "A love story from the filmmakers of Trainspotting," would be a total disgrace instead of a just a big reputation stain. — The ordinary Jolie I. Lash

"A Year in the Horse," Neil Young and Crazy Horse on the road — sweaty, burned-out old farts playing guitars; what more really needs to be said? If you didn't like Neil Young before this movie, you probably won't like him after this movie, either.

Here is a movie where you know precisely what will transpire long before the lights in the theater even begin to dim. Here it is in a nutshell: see Neil get off the tour bus, see Neil's little

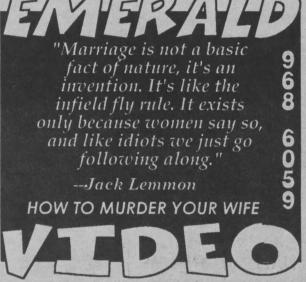
lackies set up his gear, see Neil get really drunk, see Neil and his band of fellow burn-outs keep rocking your lame ass!

"A Year in the Horse" drags through a series of anecdotal interviews with the band, some extremely long-winded live clips, and a few comical flashbacks caught on Super-8 video. The flashbacks of Neil and the boys during the late '70s and '80s are probably the only seducing elements of this movie, showing once

and for all exactly how trashed you can be and still play to a crowd of thousands.

At least one positive thing that must be added here is the gesture of genuine goodwill from Mr. Young himself for sparing everyone's ears and not including another 10-minute version of "Rocking in the Free World." If you don't already dig on Neil Young, save your cash and go find some other way to waste two hours of your life.

- Robert Hanson





# Scittaca

irector Andrew Niccol's film "Gattaca" is both a fascinating film that lingers on the mind, and a generic retread which ultimately makes it forgettable.

In "the not-too-distantfuture" of "Gattaca," people are genetically engineered to be perfect. Those who are made the good-ol' fashioned way ("de-gene-erates," "in-valids") now make up the lower class. One such "invalid," Vincent (Ethan Hawke), wants to travel in space, which only Gattacans can do.

To accomplish his dream of space travel, he switches identities with a paraplegic loses an eyelash at a murder 'film more interesting had it scene and becomes the been center stage.

imagination by creating a world where discrimination is reduced to a science. This movie has an interesting premise and is visually striking, with its innovative sets and yellow glow constantly reminding the viewer that it takes place in the future. It stars the dreamy-voiced Uma Thurman and a newly beefed-up Ethan Hawke, but even with these big names, the movie suffers. Its

deal in life. He is your typical, run-of-the-

genetically engineered children are the

He Said



prime suspect. In the middle Gattacan, Jerome (Jude of all this, Vincent has a love

"Gattaca" has all the earmarks of being a great film. Hawke holds the picture together, and shows flashes of greatness. Thurman shines as Irene, perfectly seeping emotion out of her cold exterior. Also noteworthy is a hypnotic score by Michael Nyman, and understated sets by Jan

Of course, the whole production screams "Brave New World," but the difference between Aldous Huxley's great book and Niccol's film is that Huxley's novel dealt with and discussed the ideals and morals involved. Niccol forgets to bring the issues to the forefront and exploit the intellectual level. Instead, he Law), and the rest is left up affair with Irene (Uma focuses his energies into reto his unbreakable will. But, Thurman), in a love story making "The Karate Kid" a week before his launch, he that would have made the mixed with a murder-- John Fiske

She Said

slow pace and weird plot twists are down-Uma: Cosmic girl Vincent is able to fool the genetic snobs at right implausible, but the deeper issues that underlie the story of "Gattaca" try to salvage Gattaca by assuming another identity, and the story takes off from there. Uma Thur-Vincent (Hawke) has been dealt a raw man plays Irene, a fellow employee at Gattaca, in a role simply reduced to the love mill kid, who is born into a world where interest.

The film's plot is fairly uneventful, but the norm. Vincent's parents wised up the second heart of this movie is what's important. The time around though, and gave birth to a human race can plan and predict all they genetically elite little brother, forcing Vin- want, but fate and the power of the human cent to grow up in a family where he is infer- spirit can beat all odds and in the end, realize or only because a DNA readout says he is. no limits. It endorses the notion of going This only makes him work harder to against the grain and not conforming to socachieve his goal of traveling in space. How- iety's preconceived notions of being cleanever, Gattaca, an institution similar to cut, well-dressed, expressionless robots in NASA, only accepts the genetic elite. But life

he not-too-distant future" is the setting for writer/director Andrew Niccol's latest flick, "Gattaca." Despite his inexperience, he shows his



Isla Vista may not be the scariest place to spend this Halloween, as terror takes over theme parks throughout Southern California.

Although the three main theme parks prohibit patrons from dressing in costumes, they still provide those too-oldto-trick-or-treaters with some freaky fun.

At Knott's Scary Farm in Buena Park, revelers can enjoy the 25th Anniversary Halloween Haunt, The Shiver Anniversary of the what the park publicity people claim is "the biggest, scariest and most famous Halloween party in the world." For \$31.95 in advance (\$36.95 the day of the event), you can amuse yourself with their 11 walk-through mazes and re-themed rides, two theme "scare zones," seven live shows and more than 1,000 monsters.

For a frightening \$32 one can head off to Halloween Horror Nights at Universal Studios, in Universal City. There you can experience "a night of pure terror ... things you wish only happened in the movies," or so they say.

Bugs Bunny's Magic Mountain in Valencia is hosting Frightfest for a mere \$35, which will feature the Chainsaw Juggler, Roadkill Kitchen, the High Sierra Hypnotist and Debbie the Demon Destroyer.

Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster outlets or at the parks' box offices.

-Alexis "I'm going camping" Filippini

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Not up for the cruising DP drunk, puking on a cop's shoes, getting hauled off to jail thing this year? Then perhaps a trip south, as far down south as the good old seedy bowels of California, namely Los Angeles, will give you a Halloween weekend to remember. And if you run into a member of Artsweek as we stumble around Sunset Boulevard,

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# What's Up

For all you 21-and-over Isla Vistans out there who wish to escape the crazy madness of drunkards falling off roofs and Foot Patrollers roaming the streets this Friday, downtown Santa Barbara offers great alternatives to help you celebrate Halloween in

Activities vary from theme nights to costume contests to music station giveaways, all within walking distance so you can stumble between the festivities from 8 p.m. 'til 4 a.m.

So, grab your little buddy and venture down to Calypso Bar and Grill for a thrilling night of cocktail specials while rocking out to the tunes of a live band performance.

"We got a Gilligan's İsland theme and a band, The New Vibe," said bartender Evan Anderson. "It's going to be pretty crazy. I think downtown will be pretty happenin' no matter where you go. Yeah, it'll definitely be

If the Professor and Maryanne aren't your style, try a more Ginger approach — grab the sexiest costume you can create and flaunt your stuff at KHTY's Zelo-ween costume

contest.

"There's a \$500 cash prize for the best costume and tickets to Jane's Addiction for the sexiest costume," said advertising consultant Shannon Haaz. "The doors open at 8 p.m. and KHTY will be there giving away CDs, concert tickets and more KHTY crap. There will be siren drink specials all night."



tina will be hosting an after party for those hardcore Halloweeners whose fun is just beginning at 2 a.m. when all the other bars close, according to Alex's cocktail waitress Carrie Brister.

"We're going into 4 in the morning and we're going to decorate the best we can, but that's about all. It's going to be an after party so we can keep going after all the other parties die down," she said.

So what are you waiting for? Get out of Dodge, and jump downtown to meet fellow ghouls and goblins on this frightful Friday

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Barbara "Yo, what's up duuuudde!"

So you can find us a bit easier here's a list of non-I.V. places you might find us, and us you, for the big holiday:

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## MANSUN

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ber '95, are still as solid as ever. It is their live stamina and strength that has kept this band looking forward instead of returning singer/ songwriter/guitarist Paul Draper and Stove to their jobs as Mac programmers at a design company, or returning guitarist Dominic Chad to his former occupation as a bar manager.

"The live thing is the best thing we can offer," Stove said.

"Last year in England we played over 200 gigs. When we weren't recording in the studio we were gigging. We did about four support tours. Four of our own tours. ... We

started playing to like 10 people and now we're playing to 3,000 people and we just gigged and gigged and gigged. So many people have seen us. We've toured with Sleeper ... the Charlatans .. Cast, and the people that go and see those bands see there's a band Mansun that's supporting.

"People remember us 'cos we're a great band live ... and I think that worked 'cos when the album came out [in Britain in

March] it went straight to No. 1."

And what an album. Since the band's first EP "Take It Easy Chicken," which starts with Speak and Spell beeps that explode into a bombastic guitar fury, to the bands more recent introspective, the soft-spoken "Wide

Open Space," Mansun has gone through some changes over the past few years. These changes are reflected on the record. Beginning with an epic orchestral number, Mansun tacks on tracks of desperation and loathing, along with the older, more sarcastic tales of life in shitsville. Yet they are all beautifully held together by the threads of rock 'n' roll.

Orchestras and rock 'n' roll? Sounds like a GNR overproduced epic doesn't it? In fact, "The Chad Who Loved Me" is a song elegant enough to put on a thoroughly redeeming epic tear-jerker or, as the boys of Mansun, and especially Stove would like, a James Bond film.

"We had a rock track and we recorded it in the studio and we were messing about and

I'm a big James Bond fan, and we were throwing around the names of all the James Bond [films] and [I] threw in Chad. 'The Chad That Loved Me,' 'Man With the Golden Chad,' 'Live and Let Chad.'

"We liked 'The Chad That Loved Me' and we thought, 'Let's try and get this into a James Bondtype tune,' so the next thing was to get an orchestra. ... That's my favorite track," Stove smiles.

Mansun is expected to return stateside later on this fall, which in record-company speech means early next year. Surprise, surprise, they'll be playing live, and that's the best way to hear 'em.



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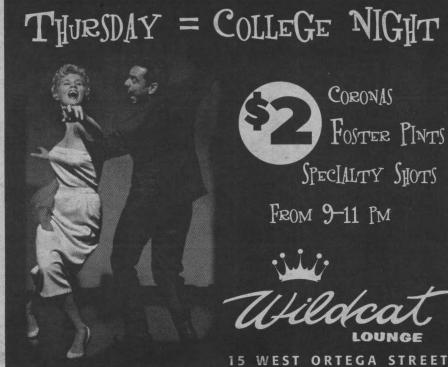
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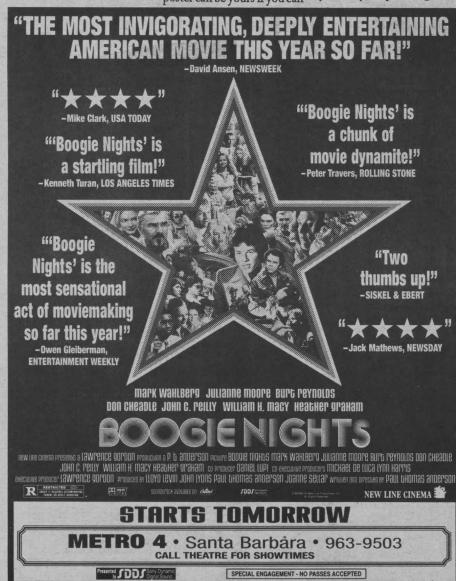
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Various Artists / A Life Less Ordinary Soundtrack / London

Despite not including the triumphant Oasis b-side "Round Are Way," which provides Ewan McGregor a



merry grocery store hymn and backs up the climatic "Grease"-like ending sequence (which is much more charming than the actual film), the soundtrack to "A Life Less Ordinary" has some redeeming, if a bit too trendy, qualities.

Recent music press champions Beck, the Sneaker Pimps, the Cardigans, Squirrel Nut Zippers and Prodigy are all incorporated into the film in segments that could stand on their own (and probably should).

Yet there are also tracks from Underworld, Elvis (yes, Presley), and Bobby Darin ("Beyond the Sea") that work adhesively to try and tape this discombobulated, uh, love story together.

Try as it might, it's no Music From the Motion Picture Trainspotting.

— Jolie Spud

Modest Mouse / The Lonesome Crowded West /

Modest Mouse never ceases to amaze, and on their latest release, they churn out a vast number of intricate, delicate songs that remain raw despite their melodious sound.

Whether it be an acoustic vibe or a cold, vicious electric jumble, Modest Mouse is an outfit of variety. At times their sound seems reminiscent of 1950s prom rock, in other strains, it bleeds with a Doors-esque groove, and in other beats it rocks with an older Pavement feel.

The lyrics are as impressive as the music. While lyrics of other bands often float off into obscurity (be it intentionally humorous or pitifully so), most fail to produce any real quality.

Songs such as "Styrofoam Boots" and "Jesus Christ Was Only a Child" only help to remind one that contemporary music is not dead, and occasionally beauty does seep from the cracks between the tired, played genres of the music world.

the Modest Jennifer

G. Love & Special Sauce / Yeah, It's That Easy / Epic

In their first studioproduced album, the sauce lays it on thick with a tasty interbreeding of twang, funk, blues, hip-hop ... hell, they got it all.

G. Love dips his toes into more styles than Larry King has ex-wives. And it works. While 311 has created com-



plete crotch pudding trying to intermingle with multiple musical genres on their last couple o' efforts, G. Love & Special Sauce only get stronger with time.

"Stepping Stones" is likely to be the first tune you'll hear on the radio and, although a good one, it does not give the entire work justice. You may ask yourself, "How can a band that lists Fun Lovin' Criminals in their thank-you section make such catchy, strippeddown songs and not end up as one-hit-wonders?" Why not just buy the damn thing and find out for yourself? Yeah, it's that easy.

—T. Love & Bogdanovski

dubstar / goodbye / Polydor

Filling the void left by the nearly defunct, or what should be defunct, Sarah Cracknell-led shoegazers St. Etiene, is the translucently pleasant Sarah Blackwoodfronted dubstar.



The southern-England shoegazer scene of the early '90s that spawned Lush, St. Etiene, and Ride contrasted with the northern-led, drugged-out Manchester

baggy movement, fronted by the (shamelessly) less-groomed Shaun Ryder of the Happy Mondays, as well as bands the Stone Roses and The Charlatans.

Now with former baggies The Charlatans back and John Squire of the Stone Roses leading new outfit the Seahorses, it seems befitting that shoegazing is back as

This time, though, the ethereal haze, lazy guitar melodies, and dreamy soothing vocalities de shoegazing are given a twist via dubstar's strong attention to all that is electronic. With that said, much of goodbye came out two years ago in Britain under the cloak it. disgraceful.

Hmmm ... - Jolie I. Lash

Sherri Jackson / Sherri Jackson / Hybrid

you cross Neneh Cherry

with Alanis Morrisette? (Scared yet?) You get a pretty woman who plasters her face and body all over her CD case to compensate for a mediocre voice, backed by no-more-than-decent instrumental talent.

Sherri Jackson has a little too much angst - even by Alanis' standards - with song titles like "Ain't That Good," "Misery," "Poor Thing" and "Stressed Up." She is brave enough, however, to print her lyrics, which are, at times, poetic with a hometown feel: "I desire what we desire equals what we have not / hands of gold I reach out to you / whisper yes whisper soon in my ear / smile down smile in smile through ...

You probably have never heard of Sherri Jackson and most likely never will. I wouldn't lose any sleep over

Brian Lubocki has never lost any sleep

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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 5 - How will you get what you need? How much is it going to cost you? Whom do you need to talk to, and whom should you avoid? Your friends and advisors are not going to be able to make up your mind for you. You're going to have to do it all by yourself.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Scorpio is your sign of partnerships, in business, personal and legal matters. You don't always get along, but your skills complement each other. Your Scorpio friend is very powerful today. You might as well just do what you're told. Arguing will be pointless.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - You'll get two or three times the workload you're usually assigned. You'll have to think work, breathe work, eat and sleep work for the next 48 hours. That's how long it takes for this condition to pass. It's your own fault, though. It's what you get for promising to do everything

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 9 - You are feeling so good about yourself. It's because you know you're loved. How do you know? Some-body told you. It could be your true love or your kids. Maybe you even told yourself. The more love you feel, the more successful you'll be. Soak it up. Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - You'll be told exactly what to do and how to do it. You can still be the figurehead, but somebody else has the power. If you go along with this program, you'll get the job accomplished. If you share the same goals, you might as well.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - You are a powerhouse of energy. Your mind is soaking up information faster than you can even tell what it is. Use this superhuman intelligence to make more money, If the estate taxes are repealed, your children and grandchildren will thank you for generations to come.

■ Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 5 - Afriend needs financial assistance. This may not be as awful as it first appears. It's important to stay calm, since you're the one with the money. See if you can help this person generate another source of income, instead of depending on you. Help your friend get a job. Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is a 9 - Magic occurs when you're in a mood like this. You're in control. Take care of the people who depend on you. Be a benevolent dictator. Reassure them that you're keeping their

interests firmly in mind. That will make them feel better. Then, show them

the time of their lives Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - You need to wrap up the projects you've been working on. Don't let them drag on until tomorrow. You are definitely going to be busy for the next few days. Your primary objective is to alleviate as much pressure as possible. Do that by complet-

ing whatever you can, right now. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - This is a marvelous day for meetings. Everybody is in a decisive frame of mind. There's no wavering back and forth about what project to take on next. People will either love it or hate it. This is also a good day to decide what you need to buy and what you can throw away. And you'll be having fun at the very same time! Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - Go along with an older person's ideas. This does not have to be a problem. There's a better chance your suggestions will be heard if you're not being confrontational. That's not always easy for you to remember, but today it will be obvious.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Wait until the afternoon to begin your next voyage. It will be even more successful then. If you have to wait until tomorrow, that's even better. If you haven't picked your costume yet, this assignment could give you a few ideas.

Today's Birthday (Oct. 30). Make a list right now of the things you intend to accomplish. Establish the identity you've always wanted in October. Risky actions could cost money in December. A friend's long visit in February is awkward. There's a lesson to be learned from it, though. Focus on your work in April, with the help of experts. The skills you learn then will serve you well. Hide out during the summer and join up with a team in the fall. You'll be super productive from September through October.

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