

March 22–March 28

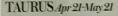
more! 's new astrologer, Jane Dimond, reveals what's in store this week

THIS WEEKS STAR SIGN Mar 21-Apr 20

ARIES

The clocks aren't the only things springing forward this week...

You're making real progress with your personal and professional ambitions, and in the coming few weeks you can make even more of them. Just don't let anyone question your abilities, no matter how subtle they are. It's a classic case of jealousy, so treat them with disdain and seize the opportunities coming your way. This may mean taking a chance, but yours is the sign of daring and courage, so embrace it. Romantically, a Venus/ Neptune link may have you looking at a friend or associate in a whole new light. But don't be too hasty-when the dreamy mist clears next week you may decide your original perspective was more accurate. If you're already in a relationship, from Sunday your partner may need to lean on you. Give your support. Loyalty is second nature to you.



Your ruling planet, Venus, changes sign this week, which means that over the next three weeks you'll discover affectionate and romantic undercurrents stirring up your friendships and social life. So, however loved-up you are at the moment, your most enjoyable and flirty times will be in groups, particularly with people who share your interests. If you're looking for love, setyour sights on someone closer to home -a friend you've known for a while and always thought of as "just a mate" might be the person you've been looking for.

GEMINI May 22-Jun 21

Pluto, the planet that forces us to face up to things we'd rather forget, is in a totally uncompromising mood, and this week brings a few intense emotional feelings. If there's someone in your social circle who can be manipulative, it's time to remove them from your life. It may not be easy, but afterwards you'll feel much better for it. Meanwhile, if you've got any important letters or emails towrite, doit now. If you put it off any longer, you'll miss a perfect opportunity, or make someone influential feel they're being ignored.



CANCER Jun 22-Jul 22

Venus represents love, while Neptune represents dreams. Together they make an incredibly romantic combination, so lucky you, this pairare in your solar chart this week. You'll be fending off romantic opportunities, and even if you're in a relationship with the kind of bloke whose idea of romance is treating you to a takeaway in front of Match Of The Day, this week you'll feel so loved-up you'll be happy to overlook his bad habits. If sex isn't an option, you'll still have a sensual view of love and your perfect man could be just about to appear.

LEOJul 23-Aug 23

Leos are not overly concerned with control issues - after all, as the only sign ruled by the Sun, you're zodiac royalty and knowyou're the boss. But this week, as Pluto exerts influence. you could be faced with someone desperate to have power over you, whether it's a jobs worth traffic warden refusing to listen to reason, or a colleague trying to get the upper hand. Avoid heated confrontation. Ruled by their hearts, Leos find it hard to hide their feelings. Handle things more philosophically than usual-it's this approach that will win through this week.

VIRGO Aug 24-Sep 22

This week's Saturn/Jupiter opposition poses a financial dilemma for Virgos – it's time to have that tricky chat about whether to combine your finances or keep things separate. Since Saturn entered your cash zone last July, you've either had to work harderfor your money, lost cash, or simply felt poorer, so it's no wonder you're keen to hold on to your personal resources. At the same time, Jupiter has been encouraging you to be a bit freer with money, so you feel torn this week. Taking a chance offers the prospect of bringing real change to your life.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 23

Balanced Librans are pretty good at weighing people up (it's no coincidence your sign is a pair of scales), but this week's idealistic Venus/Neptune connection in the most romantic corner of your birth chart may make it hard for you to see the true picture. There's a dangeryou could mistake someone who is actually a low-life for the love of your life, so don't rush into anything this weekend. If you wait until Neptune's influence calms down next week, you'll get a much clearer idea of whether the object of your affection is all he seems.

SCORPIO Oct 24-Nov 22

The Sun and Pluto, your planetary ruler, are potent cosmic forces - and this week they sit at right angles to each other in the sky, forcing you to sit up and take notice of what isn't working in your life. Whether it's a boyfriend who isn't good enough for you (it might be time to admit your mum and friends are right), or something else that's bringing you down - perhaps a colleague oriob-it's time to let go and move on. You're a Scorpio, the zodiac sign of transformation and regeneration, the ultimate survivor. You'll cope with anything life throws at you this week.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23-Dec 21

With the Sun, Mercury and feel-good Jupiter all travelling through the fun zone of your chart, you should be having some pure, unadulterated pleasure at the moment. Whether you're being more romantically adventurous, living it up socially, or simply pursuing creative desires, you're doing what you want to do. But this week, as dutiful Saturn connects with Jupiter, you're reminded of your responsibilities. Don't let this stop you from expressing yourself and following your heart's desires - you can be free-spirited and respectful of others.

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 20

You'll have a conflict of interest between work and home, as a Jupiter/Saturn opposition poses a series of challenges. On one hand, you want to make a change to your living situation, whether it's finding somewhere bigger, moving in with new people, or even having a baby. On the other hand, you feel you're finally getting somewhere with your career, so you want to focus your energies on that. Having a fulfilling job is important to Capricorns, and you'll get there in the end, so if there's a big opportunity this week, don't dismiss it out of hand.

AOUARIUS Jan 21-Feb 18

There's no denying that beauty-enhancing Venus is moving out of your Sun sign this week, but thanks to your exciting ruler Uranus, you have a unique beauty all of your own. So don't worry if you're plagued by bad hair days and nothing to wear this week - you'll still be irresistible to your admirers, Venus, which represents money as well as beauty, is entering your cash zone, meaning you could be looking at a well-deserved bonus. The rewards will far outweigh the effort you put in, so make this week count.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20

This week you'll be battling lots of contradictory forces in your chart, pulling you in all directions and making you unsure of how best to handle tricky situations at work or in your relationships. Macho Mars encourages you to be assertive, and this, coupled with Pluto's overpowering, pushvinfluence, means you mustn't overstep the mark. At the same time, you need to be careful no one pushes you around or takes you for a ride. If you're looking for new challenges, now is the time to act. Just make sure your finances and your ambitions are in sync.

This is what your bloke will be getting up to...

MAN SCOPES

Ifhe's an ARIES

With key planets in Aries, he's focused on his ambitions, including a possible career change. But this week he feels stuck in the middle of this and his commitment to you. Don't put pressure on him – he needs to feel he's making his own decisions.

Ifhe's a TAURUS

He might seem emotionally detached, but it doesn't mean he's going off you – he simply won't be as keen on one-to-one time or heavy chats this week. His ruler Venus means things will still be not in the bedroom, so focus on that intimacy for now

Ifhe's a GEMINI

torn between you and his social life this week. With charming Venus moving into his zone of career and achievement, for the next fortnight it will be easy for him to impress the people he needs to progress.

Ifhe's a CANCER

Your man's sexual imagination will go into overdrive this week thanks to a Venus/Neptune link-up, and he'll be all over you. If you've been stuck in a bedroom rut, now is the time to be adventurous and share your wildest fantasies with him.

Ifhe's a LEO

Leo men are passionate lovers, but with his mind focused on new interests, your man may have been distracted lately. Don't worry – as Venus transits his sex zone, emotional intimacy between you will intensify. Prepare for three weeks of hot, hot passion

Ifhe's a VIRGO

Venus' change of sign this week means your Virgo man will be more relaxed and less confrontational. If you've got your eye on a Virgo who's been making subtle moves on you recently, you may find that decides to go for it.

Ifhe's a LIBRA

He may want to look after or worship you Either way, he'll show consideration, as Neptune and Yenus make him more selfless. He'll also want his surroundings to be more beautiful. Give him a duster and the Hoover – it's good for him!

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Ifhe's a SCORPIO

The Sun energises controlling Pluto this week, making him aware of his sense of power. As he feels the cosmic call to assert himself, he could try to lord it over you. Tell him straight – when it comes to girls, there are other ways to flex his muscles.

Ifhe's a SAGITTARIUS

With his chart zone of lust and laughte packed, he's in a frisky, fun-loving mood. Then on Sunday, romantic Venus brings out his loved-up side. Sagittarian men can forget to give you the affection you deserve, so make the most of this soppy phase.

Ifhe's a CAPRICORN

Ruled by ever-dutiful Saturn, the weight of the world is so often on your Capricorn man's shoulders. This week, optimistic Jupiter's influence on his chart may get him thinking about taking a risk. Meanwhile, Yenus makes it easier for him to communicate his feelings.

Ifhe's an AOUARIUS

Venus is entering his money zone and he will look at his finances more positively. Cash pressures may be lifted and even if it's only temporary, it will boost his confidence and perk up your relationship

Ifhe's a PISCES

Pisces men tend to go with the flow, a trait that's heightened this week. He's likely to follow whatever his mates suggest, so when he stumbles home in the early hours, saying they decided to go on to another club, as if he had no mind of his own, his cosmic influences mean he probably didn't.