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POISON

By Tim McManus.  
V.O. East Coast.

A feature of the times in which we live is the tendency to sensationalise matters of little real importance. Often these exclusive revelations are accompanied by uninformed claims which needlessly alarm the public and occupy the time of experts refuting them.

Examples of such are the misconceived notions, which appeared in local newspapers last year about the 1080 poison.

'Ten-eighty' is used in Tasmania to protect agriculture and forestry crops from damage due to rabbits and wallabies. It is only used for wallaby control under a permit issued by the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

'Ten-eighty' is only available to the Department of Agriculture and is handled solely by authorised officers until it is mixed in bait material. The concentration we employ incidentally, is the lowest used anywhere in Australia or New Zealand.

One of the reasons for choosing 1080 in preference to other poisons is its target specificity. This means it is relatively easy to ensure only designated pests are eliminated, without killing everything else.

Rabbits and wallabies are susceptible at fairly low dose levels. Other herbivores such as sheep, cattle, goats, horses and deer can also be readily poisoned with 1080 if permitted access to it.

However, contrary to expressed opinions, wombats, Tasmanian devils, native cats and birds have a high tolerance to 1080 and are not killed in a poisoning programme.

Careful selection of bait permits even greater concentration on the target pest. For example, we routinely use chopped carrot which is attractive to rabbits and wallabies, but much less so to small marsupials and birds.

To suggest that echidna, platypus and pigmy possums are killed in Departmental poisoning campaigns is quite ridiculous.

Certainly dogs and cats can die after eating a poisoned rabbit, and every dog near a 1080 area should be kept under strict control until a search has been made and all carcasses destroyed.

But native carnivores such as the tiger cat, Tasmanian devil, and quail are not killed by eating 1080 poisoned rabbits, since they would need to consume the equivalent of over four times their daily diet to do so.

Likewise, any adult human crazy enough to attempt suicide by gobbling up a dead rabbit would have to eat a whole carcass, guts and all, to obtain a lethal dose of 1080.

And raptors such as hawks, eagles, and owls would need to ingest more than their own body weight of poisoned meat to be at risk. All highly unlikely!

Nor does 1080 contaminate the environment or become washed into water courses. Being soluble, it is leached out of uneaten bait where it is rapidly detoxified into harmless substances, by soil bacteria.

In any case, the concentration of poison is so low that even if a careless person tripped and upended a large batch of baited carrot into a small pond, it would require a very big drink to make even a child feel slightly sick.

Finally, let me allay misgivings about all the pain and suffering supposedly endured by rabbits and wallabies dying from 1080 poisoning.

What actually happens is that after consuming a lethal dose of bait, there is a lag phase of several hours during which the 1080 is converted into a toxic chemical that stops metabolism in all body cells.

The rabbit or wallaby then lies down and dies quietly of heart failure without any signs of struggling.

To summarise then, 1080 is a relatively selective humane biodegradable chemical used for exterminating destructive pests. It is handled only by trained officers well versed in offsetting any perceived risk.

If it were withdrawn, the inevitable result would be the adoption by property owners of all manner of much less satisfactory alternatives.

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| TENTH .....        | TIN      |
| FIFTEENTH.....     | CRYSTAL  |
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| TWENTY-FIFTH ..... | SILVER   |
| THIRTIETH .....    | PEARL    |
| THIRTY-FIFTH ..... | CORAL    |
| FORTIETH .....     | RUBY     |
| FORTY-FIFTH .....  | SAPPHIRE |
| FIFTIETH .....     | GOLDEN   |
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# WHATS ON

R. A. F. T.

The flower show held at Fingal in aid of R.A.F.T. was most successful despite a heavy frost earlier in the week there were plenty of blooms of a very high standard. Mrs Rubenach of Royal George won the prize for flowers, Mr Leadham of Fingal won the prize for vegetables and the photographic section went to Mr McManus of Falmouth. Next year the flower show will be held 20th February so start preparing early.

## PUBLIC MEETING - NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE.

A public meeting is to be held in the visual aids room at the District School on Thursday April 2nd, to discuss the setting up a Neighbourhood House in St. Marys. Mr Stephen Salter, Liaison Officer will be in attendance. A Neighbourhood House would be of benefit to all organisations in the district. We need your support so please make an effort to attend this meeting. For any further information please ring Vivian Wilson on 722275  
THE MEETING IS TO COMMENCE AT 7.30pm

Anglican Church Harvest Festival and Family Service 10.30am Parish Hall St Marys April 5th (Gifts for Harvest Festival most appreciated).

## CRIBBAGE EVENING

Anyone interested in cards and playing crib is invited to Mangana Hall on Wednesday 6th May for a crib tournament in aid of R.A.F.T. for further details phone.  
Jack Miller 742140  
Jenny Stewart 742183  
Mort Francis 742138

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Phone 761707

Main Road St Marys  
Phone 722172

40 Charles Street Launceston  
Phone 318866

Badminton is held on Fridays at the St Marys District High School commencing at 7.30pm.  
New and intending players welcome.

An Auction will be held on Saturday April 18 at the Falmouth Community centre.

Have you visited the  
CANOWINDRA GALLERY? River View Road  
Seamander.

## FINGAL VALLEY POLICE & CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB

Sunday 12th April 11 am.

Youth Club Hall Working Bee  
&

BBQ  
for members and families. BYO.

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 Fingal 9.30am every week  
 St. Marys 11.00am every week  
 St. Helens 10.30am 2nd Sunday  
 7.00pm 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday  
 Rossarden 7.00pm 3rd Tuesday  
 (but April 7th)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Scamander 9.30am (and 8.00am 2nd Sunday of month)  
 Fingal 9.30am  
 St. Marys 9.45am (with Salvation Army)  
 St. Helens 3.30pm MONDAYS  
 (K.U.C.A. Club)

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## ANGLICAN PARISH OF FINGAL VALLEY

### Sunday April 5th

9.00am H.C. Fingal  
 10.30am F.S. St. Marys  
 (Harvest Festival)  
 7.00pm H.C. Royal George

### Sunday April 12th

9.00am H.C. Fingal  
 10.30am F.S. Avoca  
 3.00pm E.P. St. Marys  
 (Vestry Meeting)

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## ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. HELENS

### St. Pauls Church

8.00am Eucharist every Sunday  
 11.00am Every Sunday  
 7.00pm Every Sunday

### St. Michael's and All Angels Church Pyengana

9.30am 2nd & 4th Sunday

### Palmouth Church

9.30am 1st & 3rd Sunday

## SALVATION ARMY - CORNWALL

Sunday School - 9.45am Combined  
 Uniting Church St.  
 Marys  
 2.15pm Cornwall - 1st  
 Sunday in month  
 Home League - 11.00am Thursday  
 Weekly meeting for  
 women.  
 Joy Hour - Wednesday 3.45pm  
 Cornwall. Fun time  
 for children ages  
 5-14 years  
 Youth Group - 7.00pm - 2nd Friday  
 in month - St. Marys  
 ages 13-18 years.

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## CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS

St. Marys - St. Mary of the Assumption  
 Sunday April 5 9.00am

St. Helens - SS Helena & Stanislaus  
 Vigil Mass - Saturdays 6.00pm

Fingal - St. Joseph  
 Sunday - April 5th 10.30am

Bicheno - Community Church  
 Sunday April 5 4.00pm

### Palm Sunday April 12

St. Marys - 9.30am  
St. Helens - Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm  
Fingal - No Mass

## EASTER CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday - St. Marys 7.30pm

### Good Friday

St. Helens - Stations of the Cross  
 11.00am

Mathinna - Station of the Cross  
 11.00am

St. Marys - The Lords Passion  
 3.00pm

### Holy Saturday

St. Marys - Easter Vigil 7.30pm

### Easter Sunday

Fingal 8.30am

St. Helens 10.30am

Bicheno 4.00pm

## MEALS ON WHEELS FINGAL VALLEY

### April

|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| Sunday 5     | Kerin Glatte     |
| Monday 6     | Mary Targett     |
| Tuesday 7    | Viv Young        |
| Wednesday 8  | Audrey Wright    |
| Thursday 9   | Jean Freeman     |
| Sunday 12    | Yvonne Saunders  |
| Monday 13    | Selby Targett    |
| Tuesday 14   | Mary Viney       |
| Wednesday 15 | Cheryl Hendley   |
| Thursday 16  | Margaret Bullock |

### St. Marys

### Fingal

### Mathinna

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Malcolm Saunders | Niel Ward      |
| Ruth Saunders    | Ruth Saunders  |
| Kath Francis     | Kath Francis   |
| Jack Miller      | Jack Miller    |
| Perce Rowlings   | Perce Rowlings |
| Bob Yates        | Bob Yates      |
| Ida Legro        | Les Walters    |
| Vicki Woods      | Vicki Woods    |
| Bill Johnstone   | Bill Johnstone |
| Pat Death        | Pat Death      |

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ST. MARYS GOLF NOTES by Tee Up

Since the last issue of the Valley Voice the St. Marys Golf Club have added 3 new long hitting Juniors. Chris Hayes, Corrie Cheshire & Marcus Greenwood. I believe Chris drove the 2nd 194 metre and then putted and made his "birdie". Well done Chris. Congratulations must go to Steve Dawson and May Cooke for their respective wins at Rossarden and also five Associates - Ide Francis - Colleen McGee -

GOLF NOTES CONT.

May Cooke - Maisie Nolan and Kath Wright have all broken their handicaps and four I believe were very successful at Bicheno Walter & Eliza Hall Day last week. Sandra Oliver won the best 36 Handicappers. Shirley Williams - May Cooke - Colleen McGee were the other winners. Congratulations Ladies. The members I believe had a very good field for the Targett Memorial Trophy. This is the 19th year that this Trophy has been played for and was a very popular win by Geoff King. A new record was established also with 11 players out of 17 having 40 pts and more in the last Stableford played at the Club.

Targett Memorial Trophy

Day 1 Div.1 P. Wilson (15)59nett  
 F. Singline (18)60nett  
 D. Berwick (10)65nett  
 S. Wilmot (8)66nett  
 Div.2 L. Newman (20)57nett  
 G. King (18)60nett  
 S. Jansen (24)61nett  
 R. Costain (20)66nett  
 Leaders Scratch event S. Dawson 72  
 A. Wright 73  
 Nearest Pin 2nd shot on the 4th  
 B. Macbeth  
 Nearest Pin 7th G. Kerrison  
 Day 2 Div.1 R. McGiveron (10)63nett  
 A. Wright (6)65nett  
 D. Berwick (10)66nett  
 R. Ridgers (5)68nett  
 S. Cooke (13)68nett  
 Div.2 G. King (17)58nett  
 S. Mitchell (16) 63nett  
 J. Costain (21)64nett  
 Nearest Pin 2nd shot on 6th R. Ridger  
 7th G. King

36 Hole Scratch Event

A. Wright 144, R. Ridgers 148,  
 S. Dawson 149, R. McGiveron 150

Monthly Tankard - L. Newman

Targett Memorial Trophy winner -  
 G. King 36 - 117nett  
 L. Newman 40 - 124nett  
 R. McGiveron 20 - 130nett

Associates Stableford

K. Blair (21) 40 pts  
 M. Cook (21) 39 pts  
 Y. Davern (22) 38 pts  
 M. Nolan (24) 35 pts

Stroke & Monthly Brooch

M. Nolan (28) 61  
 K. Blair (24) 69  
 B. Gray (36) 69  
 G. Holmes (17) 70

# ST MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

## DIVISION 2 HIGH SCHOOLS SWIMMING

### CARNIVAL:

Fourteen of our students joined St. Helens students in a combined team to compete in the Division 2 High Schools Swimming Carnival in Launceston on Thursday, 26th March.

Competition was strong and our students participated keenly.

#### Final results were:

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Exeter               | 314 |
| Deloraine            | 314 |
| Campbell Town        | 307 |
| Cressy               | 297 |
| Ravenswood           | 246 |
| St. Marys-St. Helens | 160 |
| Winnaleah-Lilydale   | 119 |

#### Best individual results were:

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Anthony Danger - 2nd | Open Freestyle    |
| Penny Wastell - 3rd  | Open Butterfly    |
| Giselle Kaye - 3rd   | Open Breaststroke |

In the relay races, 3rd places were gained in the

Girls Open Medley  
Boys Under 15 Freestyle  
Boys Open Freestyle

### FINGAL STALL:

Fingal members of the St. Marys District High School Parents and Friends Association will be conducting a stall at 10 a.m. on Friday, 3rd April.

Cakes, sewing, clothes, etc. will be available.

### MOTHERS CLUB - PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I would like to present the Annual Report for Mothers' Club from March 1986 until March 1987.

I feel we have had a most successful year with fund raising and the support that has been given from so many parents who attend meetings and those parents who have been unable to come has really been tremendous. Your help has certainly been appreciated. The support from the people in the community has also been outstanding and we thank them very much.

Our fund raising has consisted of the School Fair in conjunction

with the Parents and Friends, soup and sandwiches, barbecues at the school sports and donations at the door when we held the Fancy Dress Ball. I would like to pay tribute to Mrs. McKenzie who spent such a lot of time with the art work and decorations which were really outstanding.

We have purchased quite a lot of equipment for the primary school such as curtains for Grade 6, cane ware, folding cloth airers to hang paintings, books for various classes, Easter eggs and Christmas books for the lower primary section.

Mothers' Club and Parents and Friends' concern about the safety of children riding their bicycles and walking to and from school has resulted in speed humps being placed in the school driveway, but unfortunately the walkway we would have liked from the school gates to the shopping centre has not eventuated as yet. Maybe in the future this could happen.

In closing I would like to extend my thanks and those of the members of the Mothers Club to Mr. Peswick and his staff for all their help during the year, to Mrs. Targett and Mrs. Willans for their valuable assistance as secretary and treasurer, and to the new office bearers, may your year be as successful as the past one.

Judy Costain

### SCHOOL FARM:

Many class groups have visited the school farm lately as the pig has had her piglets. The children's stories, as a result of these visits have been spontaneous.

Below is an example of work done by Sarah Horsman of Grade 2.

My class went to the school farm. We saw nine piglets. We saw a sow. The father pigs are called boars. The piglets have not got a name yet. I hope one of them can be called Run. There is a runt.

## SCHOOL FAIR

## FRIDAY, 10th APRIL

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## TASMANIAN HOTEL RESTORATION PROJECT

In the late 1830's and early 1840's Fingal township was the site for a Probation Station where up to 400 convicts were sheltered whilst they worked on roads in the district and for local landholders.

The earliest licence to sell alcohol in Fingal was registered to William Allen in 1844 for "The Highlander". In addition a licence was granted, for 1 year only, to John Dryden of the St. Andrews Inn, Fingal in 1844. This licence transferred to Charles Peters early in 1845. This then became "The Talbot Arms". The first mentioned licence was taken over by George Robinson in 1845 and then by Henry Smith in 1847, and later Daniel Pestell in 1851.

The year Van Dieman's Land became Tasmania, 1856, this licence was transferred to the Tasmanian Hotel owned and built by Daniel Pestell. Daniel Pestell had been transported as a lad of 17 for stealing one handkerchief of the worth of four shillings. His wife Margaret, was also transported in 1835 for stealing and they were married in Evandale in 1841. There were three children of the marriage....Sarah, Harriet and Daniel.

Sarah Pestell married Robert Peters the licensee of the "Talbot Arms" Fingal. Sarah Pestell married Robert Viney who became the owner/licencee of the Tasmanian Hotel, Fingal. The Tasmanian Hotel was constructed of stone previously used to provide a wall around the prison barracks which held 400 men.

By 1858 the property is listed as a Hotel and Brewery with a store, and Blacksmith's shop in Fingal.

## FUNCTION AND FACILITIES

This historic 1850's building with its generous surrounds is seen as providing the East Coast Region with a highly desirable multi-functional facility.

The building will include the creation of a Regional Community Centre, which will provide:

Meeting and activity rooms for adult education, elderly citizens and community groups

A child care centre

A drop in centre for youth and

A community office

An area has been set aside for the provision of a gallery with professional lay out and design, and will provide a special educational emphasis

This should prove to be a most graphic example of the region's historical background and heritage and will create an important awareness to the significance of Australia's Bicentenary.

Accommodation for an art and craft workroom.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I can see little reason for a recent decision that stops our playgroup children from using the ex-nurses quarters at the St. Marys Hospital.

The building provides what our other facilities in the town do not - a cosy, warm and safe atmosphere for the children - for only 2 hrs per week in an otherwise empty building.

As it is a government building, whether its use is related to health or education is irrelevant.

Maybe 20 children left alone may be a problem, but we as mothers deserve the acknowledgement that we can be responsible tenants for 2 hrs.

Hopefully public comment may have the decision reversed and commonsense prevail.

Yours,  
(Signed) Wendy Haas.

Dear Sir,

It was disappointing to hear of the opposition met by the local Playgroup Association in obtaining the use of a little used hospital building for 1½ hours per week.

It is one of the few buildings that would adequately serve the needs of this most worthwhile group. What is more important than our children, our future?

The attitude of some is disheartening. Their lack of community awareness and support is a sorry situation. The abuse of delegated authority, although not all uncommon nowadays, and lack of due consideration by those with the power to rescind that authority, is disappointing.

"It is a most mortifying reflection for a man to consider what he has done, compared to what he might have done."

(Signed)  
Leo & Libby van Tienen.

Dear Sir,

The hospital board may have their reasons for disallowing playgroup and any other group from using the nurses recreation room, so where do the children go to have their playgroup now?

The school have kindly lent us their hall, but if they had the same attitude, where would we be?

It doesn't add up to have a room such as the nurses recreation room not being used, with all the facilities in the same building, such as toilets, hot and cold water, heating etc., when it can be put to good use

to educate our children.

So we are asking the hospital board to please rethink their decision and allow parents the use of the nurses recreation room for only two hours a week for their children's education.

(Signed)  
Russell & Roberta Harwood.

Dear Sir,

What a disappointing decision made by the Hospital Board, depriving the 20 Playgroup children the use of the seldom used nurses home for two hours a week.

What a kick in the teeth for the hard working ladies, trying to do the best for their young children.

Fair enough, the heirarchy said the Playgroup could be held in the room at the rear of the Community hall, but the ladies may as well hold it in the middle of the football ground, it would probably be warmer.

It certainly makes it hard for parents to teach their children to share this day and age.

(Signed)

Peter Wilson.

## \*\*\*\*\* ST. MARYS PLAYGROUP REPORT.

Our year has commenced on a hectic note. Firstly, because the kindergarten is being used full-time we were forced to find a "new home". Secondly, the "ideal" facility at the hospital recreation room was promptly denied us after 2 weeks. This meant that alternative venues had to be found.

Organization of weekly activities has been difficult and restrictive, hence, numbers attending have since declined.

The liason-officer for Northern-Tasmania conducted a valuable outdoor session at the library "park" for the third week, and the N.T.P.A. has also lent us some outdoor equipment for a limited time.

### AIMS OF THE GROUP.

It is important that parents realise the value of this group to their children (1-4 year olds). It gives them the opportunity to develop social, physical and mental skills at their own rate.

"There are no goals set which a child must attain, each child is free to master the developmental tasks and to gain the feelings of achievement and success, so necessary to build up his or her self-esteem". Mothers have the opportunity to discuss their problems and successes



and gain confidence in helping in their child's total development.  
TIME AND PLACE.

At present we are meeting at the school hall on Thursdays, from 10.15am until 12 noon.

Please support your local playgroup and help us in the endeavour to acquire a suitable venue with indoor and outdoor facilities in our town.

For further information contact co-organizers,

Vivian Wilson: Ph. 722275

Libby Van Tienen: Ph. 722475

Michelle Bennett: Ph. 722371

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### T H U M B S D O W N

To the persons who had little to do BUT stand bottles all along the Road Edge from about 5km along the Akaroa Road.

To the person that hit and killed the small pup in Clive Street Monday 30th.

Who did not even stop or tell anyone. Which was lead on the road by a stray dog. As there is only one speed in Clive Street by few people and that is flat out. One day it will be someone's child and not my pup which was loved by three small children.

Two hundred (200) young trees have recently been pulled up and destroyed by vandals on the Racecourse. These trees were doing well and their existence was due to the combined efforts of the Forestry Commission, Mr. Robin Costain and sons, Mr. Norman Dawson and St. Marys Race Project.

### T H U M B S U P

To those people who are cleaning and painting the Railway Station.

Tasmanian Hotel continued.

The launch of C.E.P. program also coincides with the East Coast Regional Tourism meeting to be held in the Gallery Room immediately following the turf turning at 2PM

### TASMANIAN HOTEL RESTORATION PROJECT

INTRODUCTION: The creation of The Tasmanian Hotel Project came to light in March 1984 with the successful negotiation by the East Coast Advance Australia Committee for the transfer of private ownership of the property known as the Tasmanian Hotel, Fingal, to the Fingal Municipal Council. This purchase was made possible through a special grant of \$10,000 from the State Government. Negotiations were based on the recommendation that the property be restored and utilized as a regional community and visitor centre incorporating special multi-functional facilities.

### PRESS RELEASE

Stage two of restoration project Old Tasmanian Hotel Commences.

A special ceremony to launch the Community Employment Program Project will be held at 2pm on Thursday 9th April at the Old Tasmanian Hotel Civic Centre.

The project includes the employment of 5 people for a period of 26 weeks and will on completion provide an 'Olde World' landscaped garden with toilet facilities.

Mr Guy Rischmueller has been engaged to design and coordinate the landscaping component. Mr Lionel Rankin has been appointed as supervisor for the building of the toilet facility which has been especially designed to blend with the 1860's pub built by Daniel Pestell from stone that originally housed the convicts of the district in a probation station. The significance of Stage 2 of the project is relevant to the launch of Heritage week and also coincides with the commencement of Bicentennial Funding Restoration. This includes the relining and flooring of the Old Cabaret room as recreational facility for senior citizens and other community groups; period style restoration of the foyer, stairs and entry hall; and creation of a special historic gallery which includes a series of exhibitions commemorating the heritage of the region.

In other recent developments of Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House facility is being created in the old rear wing of the hotel and Mrs Cheryl Summerfield has been appointed as coordinator.

The landscaping will commence when the first clod of earth will be turned by official guests who will be using number 4 pit pan shovels recently used in the World Coal Shovelling Events - The World Coal Shovelling Headquarters and office is based in the Old Tasmanian Hotel.



# STARDUST

By Mercury  
Week commencing 2nd April 1987

## ARIES March 22 - April 20

Some changes will affect your social life, spare time activities or love life. Also your ability to communicate with others will be more effective now.  
Best Days: 2,9.

## TAURUS April 21 - May 21

Now is the best time to seek out those new relationships that you have been striving for, as you could possibly show a new side to your personality. Also don't overspend at the present time.  
Best Days: 10, 15.

## GEMINI May 22 - June 21

Avoid all arguments as serious misunderstandings could occur causing a lot of people being hurt. Also many will take up new hobbies or get into something completely different to what they are usually.  
Best Days: 4, 14.

## CANCER June 22 \* July 23

Your social life is bound to improve with many invitations coming your way, so take full advantage of it and get on with living. Also you may show some interest in travelling overseas with a friend.  
Best Days: 8, 12.

## LEO July 24 - August 23

You will be the centre of attention this week either in important family matters or professional matters, you will be placed with all the major decision making. But you should arrive at the right answer.  
Best Days: 10, 15.

## VIRGO August 24 - September 23

Romance is highlighted about now, so single Virgos a new love could steal your heart away. This could end up in a long lasting relationship.  
Best Days: 3, 11.

## LIBRA September 24 - October 23

Your view of life this week may be a little clouded and you will have a tendency to see things as you want to see them, rather than the way they are.  
Best Days: 4, 12.

## SCORPIO October 24 - November 22

For some a romantic involvement will become a much serious attachment so future plans are going to be viewed in a different light. A holiday or trip is coming up and you will meet new and interesting people.  
Best Days: 6, 13.

## SAGITTARIUS November 23 - Dec. 22

Many aspects of your old life will pass out of existence leaving you in a position to start again on a different level. There will also be some unusual family issues you need to resolve.  
Best Days: 9, 15.

## CAPRICORN December 23 - Jan 20

Delightful family surprises, social and possibly some good fortune or personal opportunities will add to your joy now.  
Best Days: 5, 12.

## AQUARIUS January 21 - Feb. 20

There will be uncertain factors to resolve, possibly a few challenges with other people involved, but the change and progress that result will have far-reaching effects.  
Best Days: 8, 14.

## PISCES February 21 - March 21

You will have to depend on some family members or relatives more but give your time and devotion to others who need it about now. Take care, too with what you eat at the present time.  
Best Days: 7, 12.

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