

Planetary themes

for the month of January

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Aries
The new year starts out with a reality check. There is also the tendency to over-indulge and let your emotions run the show through the 9th of the month. Try to maintain healthy boundaries in your relationships. During the second half of the month, Mercury trines your planetary ruler, Mars. You can come up with some new and original ideas to help advance your plans.

Taurus
As your planetary ruler Venus continues to retrograde until the end of the month, it's a time to re-evaluate your career goals and what's truly important in your life. The focus is on higher learning, education, and expanding your mind and belief system. Some relationship issues come to the surface for you to examine around the middle of the month.

Gemini
The focus is on finances and the use of resources to better your career or goals. Your serious attitude and tone begin to shift on January 11th when your planetary ruler, Mercury, enters the sign of its exaltation, Aquarius. You can be flooded with new, inventive ideas. Communications with others at a distance or through travel can open up new doors for you during the second half of the month.

Cancer
The focus remains on significant others, partners and your relationship needs. Practice moderation. You are more prone to over-indulgences through the 8th of the month. Around the middle of the month, a balance needs to be reached between your relationships and family. After the 11th, you can come up with new ideas for making money and using resources to your advantage.

Leo
Your serious attitude takes over. You start out the new year wanting to get the job done and achieve your goals. Avoid misunderstandings with employees or co-workers around the middle of the month. After the 11th, you are in a cycle for attracting new and perhaps unusual or extraordinary types of people. The focus turns toward personal relationships and social involvements.

Virgo
The focus is on romantic involvements or creative projects. Children may play an important role in your life. Your investments may need to be re-examined. Be more cautious in this area around the middle of the month. After the 11th, when your planetary ruler Mercury enters Aquarius, you can come up with new and original ideas for becoming more efficient at work or in your daily routine.

Libra
You are prone to excess and taking on way too much during the first week of January. Strive for more balance and moderation. Some family or relationship issues come to the surface around the middle of the month. It's a good time to clear the air about things. Inner work on yourself can lead to much growth and personal transformation toward the end of the month.

Scorpio
You start to come out more from doing things behind the scenes. Your focus turns toward daily tasks, work and achieving a sense of accomplishment. This can lead to a financial opportunity or greater rewards around the 10th. Some internal strife of yours may need to be resolved around the middle of the month, but this can also lead to some positive changes in your life.

Sagittarius
The focus is more on accomplishing your goals in the material and

business realm. You have your sight on some greater goals this year, but make sure you have realistic expectations. Be cautious with money matters around the middle of the month. Some friends may also need assistance in some way. After the 11th, your objectivity becomes stronger and you are inspired by new, original ideas.

Capricorn
The new year starts off for you with increased drive and ambition as opportunity is staring at you right in the face during the first week of January. This can lead to the manifestation of some of your goals around the time of the Sun/Venus conjunction in your sign on the 10th. After the 11th, your inventive and original ideas can lead to new money-making opportunities this month.

Aquarius
This is a good month to clean out your closet, both literally and figuratively. It's time to let go of things you no longer use as well as any psychological or emotional baggage in your life. After the 11th, it's time to express your ideas, even if they seem too far out for some people. Social interactions are favored for making new friends and alliances during the second half of the month.

Pisces
This is a favorable month for networking and participating more in groups or organizations. This can lead to an opportunity if you are willing to roll up your sleeves around the 10th. After the 11th, you may feel like your voice isn't heard enough. Be more assertive in asking for the things you want. You can gain more objectivity about your personal relationships during the second half of the month.

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Mr. Brainwash exhibit



Photo courtesy Tera Kramer

Internationally known, Los Angeles-based artist Mr. Brainwash has an exhibit of his work on display at Wall Street Malibu Pop-up Gallery.

Mr. Brainwash, a Los Angeles-based filmmaker and pop artist, has an exhibit of paper and canvas pieces on display at the Wall Street Malibu Pop-up Gallery (3832 Cross Creek Road). His work is internationally known within the street art scene. He creates his art with spray painted stencils and posters of pop art-inspired images. One of his past exhibitions, "Life is Beautiful," featured a 20-foot robot constructed of old televisions. Mr. Brainwash is the subject of fellow street artist Banksy's documentary, "Exit Through the Gift Shop." The exhibit is expected to remain open through the end of January.

Working together

Dianne Porchia, a Topanga resident since 2004, has been elected President of Topanga's Chamber of Commerce. With her new position, Porchia has plans to carry out a vision for cross-collaboration with Malibu's Chamber of Commerce. Porchia's past projects include spearheading Topanga Nights, an annual fundraiser benefiting the Topanga Community Club.

"My vision for the chamber is to create a sense of unity and community," Porchia wrote.

She would like to see businesses from Topanga and Malibu work together and see greater success.



Photo courtesy Dianne Porchia

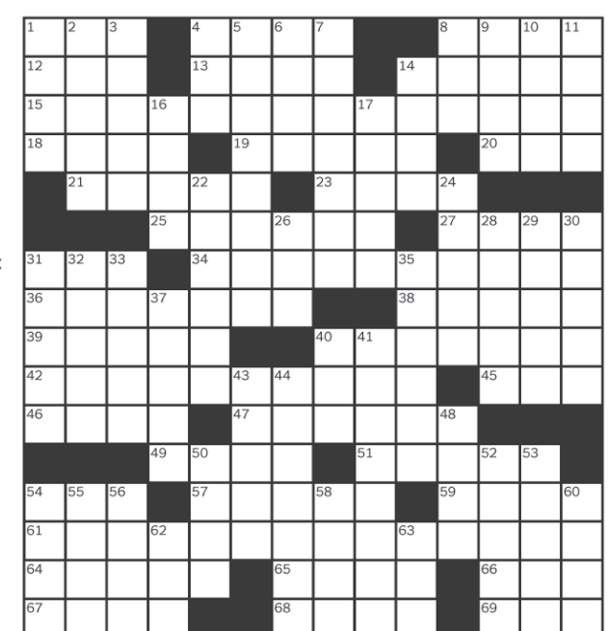
President of Topanga's Chamber of Commerce has plans for cross-collaboration.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Not for the Parti Québécois?
 - 4 Comcast and CenturyLink, in brief
 - 8 Terminal info
 - 12 Words of praise
 - 13 Org. that fought Napster
 - 14 Hook's place
 - 15 Joe Louis, to fans
 - 18 Kind of bean
 - 19 Out, in a way
 - 20 For instance
 - 21 Flower feature
 - 23 Anti-apartheid activist Steve
 - 25 Base of a certain pole, figuratively
 - 27 Grate
 - 31 Some radios
 - 34 One interested in current affairs?
 - 36 Host of the 1972 Winter Olympics
 - 38 ... it all
 - 39 Stowed stuff
 - 40 Isn't content with the status quo, say
 - 42 Gang Green member
 - 45 Some TV drama settings, for short
 - 46 ... in progress (iPhone phrase)
 - 47 Cottonwoods
 - 49 Tennis's Mandlikova
 - 51 Classic toothpaste name
 - 54 "Gross!"
 - 57 Recipe instruction
 - 59 Door fixture
 - 61 Cult classic whose title is depicted four times in this puzzle
 - 64 Beaker material
 - 65 Mrs. James Joyce
 - 66 Toon's place
 - 67 Positive principle
- DOWN**
- 1 They may be cast-iron
 - 2 For a specific purpose
 - 3 "I'm outta here!"
 - 4 Like some verbs: Abbr.
 - 5 Little Bighorn conflict
 - 6 Future queen, maybe
 - 7 Balloon ballast
 - 8 Street shader
 - 9 Keep ... on
 - 10 Lost
 - 11 Nimble
 - 14 Blarney Castle's county
 - 16 Cinderella's soiree
 - 17 Human ...
 - 22 Chant from a 32-Down, maybe
 - 24 Small antelope
 - 26 6 letters
 - 28 Hold dear
 - 29 Cut
 - 30 Voice mail imperative
 - 31 Orgs.
 - 32 See 22-Down
 - 33 Offspring
 - 35 Object of scrutiny at airport security
 - 37 Outwit, in a way, with "out"
 - 40 Horror film director Alexandre ...
 - 41 School at which students are collared?



PUZZLE BY LOREN MUSE SMITH AND JEFF CHEN

- 43 Some queens
- 44 "Ah-OO-gah!" horns
- 48 Canadian-born comedian once featured on the cover of Time
- 50 Kind of card
- 52 Antidiscrimination grp.
- 53 Ed of "Up"
- 54 Spot
- 55 "A Day Without Rain" singer
- 56 Tip off
- 60 One-named sports star who was once the highest-paid athlete in the world
- 62 Party congregation site, maybe
- 63 Bellum's opposite

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