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Jocelyn Elders to address Spring 2012 graduates

By Tisha Arnold
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Dr. Jocelyn Elders, former U.S. Surgeon General will give the keynote address to the Spring 2012 graduating class of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. The free, public event will be held May 12 at 3:00 p.m. in the arena of the Pine Bluff Convention Center.

The first person in the state of Arkansas to become board certified in pediatric endocrinology, Dr. Elders was the sixteenth Surgeon General of the United States, the first African American and only the second woman to head the U.S. Public Health Service. Long an outspoken advocate of public health, Elders was appointed Surgeon General by President Clinton in 1993.

Born in poor, rural Arkansas to sharecroppers, Dr. Elders won a scholarship to Philander Smith College where she earned a bachelor's degree in 1952. Elders did an internship in pediatrics at the University of Minnesota, and in 1961 returned to UAMS for her residency. Elders became chief resident in charge of all-white, all-male residents and interns. She earned her master's degree in biochemistry from UAMS in 1967, became an assistant professor of pediatrics in 1971, and full professor in 1976.

Arkansas governor Bill Clinton named her director of the state's department of health in 1987 where Elders combined her clinical practice with research in



Jocelyn Elders

pediatric endocrinology, publishing well over a hundred papers, most dealing with problems of growth and juvenile diabetes. From 1987 to 1992, she nearly doubled childhood immunizations, expanded the state's prenatal care program, and increased home-care options for the chronically or ter-

minally ill.

Now retired from practice, Dr. Elders is a professor emeritus at UAMS and remains active in public health education.

For more information about commencement, call (870) 575-8487.

UAPB student admitted to New England Law School

By Tisha Arnold
Public Information

Cecilia Nuby, a senior graduating with a degree in Accounting from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff will be enrolled full time at the New England Law School in pursuit of a Juris Doctorate degree.

The Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree program has four divisions of full-time or part-time study to choose from, where J.D. candidates can pick the program that best fits their individual needs. New England School of Law also

and received a scholarship for the Young Black Achievers in Business.

Cecilia has plenty of experience with the demands and challenges of becoming a lawyer due to her campus involvement. During her matriculation at UAPB, Cecilia has served as Vice president of the Accounting club and Treasurer of the George "Doc" Jones Debate Team.

As a debater, Cecilia has held two national titles in the International Public Debate



Cecilia Nuby

93.6% pass rate for the bar exam. Cecilia aspires to graduate with her law degree in 3 years with the ultimate goal of becoming a judge.

"We are excited about her opportunity at New England Law School," said Carla Martin, J.D., dean of the School of Business and Management. "She has a bright future ahead of her and serves as a representative of the many outstanding students we have in the School of Business and Management."

A Flint, Mich. native, Cecilia has always excelled in class, student council, sports and band. She moved to Kansas in 2005 and found a new passion in modeling and graduated high school at Shawnee Mission East at the top of her class

Association; 7th place as individual debate, and 5th place for team debate and is also a member of Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society of Business, Management and Administration.

She has learned the skills of communication, leadership, and team work during her time at UAPB and enjoys giving back to others through her involvement as a member of the AVID program which tutors and mentors students ages 12-14.

"My purpose in life is to grow contributing members of society," says Cecilia, "I can do so by showing them that if I can succeed, so can they." Cecilia will receive her degree during Commencement Exercises this Saturday in the Pine Bluff Convention Center.



Mariam Kaleem

Student receives Gore-Crawford Graduate Scholarship

continue your pursuit of knowledge; develop a trained intellect; strive to realize your fullest intel-

lost her life to an asthmatic attack. It was not only an emotional struggle but also a financial struggle since both parents were providers, Mariam recalls.

At age 15, she was accepted to one of the top Catholic high schools in her country where she majored in the sciences and chosen from more than a thousand students to be one of 16 students to receive a full exchange student scholarship to serve as a cultural ambassador to the United States. This opportunity landed her in Pine Bluff High School.

"Not only did I enjoy my experience but also the community and was placed in the home of the wonderful family of Dr. and Mrs. Manuel Kelley," said Mariam. "Through the support of my family back home, my new found family, the school and friends, I excelled at High School and received an honorary graduation. I then chose to attend the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB)."

Throughout her matriculation at UAPB, Mariam has had the

opportunity to study at Purdue University and receive professional training, shadowing experience and standardized test preparation at the University Of Arkansas School Of Medical Sciences. She has also served serve in various leadership roles such as President of the Biology Club, International Student Association, Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, secretary of the Carolyn F. Blakely Honors College, peer athletic tutor, TRIO Student Support Services Program tutor, Vice President of the International Student Association and the Regional Secretary for the NAACP college chapter.

Her ultimate goal is to obtain a professional degree in the field of medicine or biomedicine with the purpose of helping others in finding cures for diseases or curing individuals of diseases to avoid going through what her family has gone through.

"Although my life's journey has been a bumpy one, I feel honored to have great peo-

Mariam Kaleem, senior Biology major at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff has been awarded the Gore-Crawford Graduate Scholarship from Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society to further her studies in the biological sciences.

Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society is a general scholarship honor society open to junior and senior men and women in all academic areas. It was founded in 1937, admitted to membership in the Association of College Honor Societies in 1952, and was incorporated on September 7, 1977. The organization's principles as stipulated in its charge to membership are: to

lectual potential; and provide leadership and service to others. The criteria for the scholarship requires current (active) membership in the organization and is awarded by nomination come from the chapter. Nominees must be prospective graduate or prospective professional students anticipating the awarding of the baccalaureate degree by the end of the academic year of the nomination.

Mariam started with humble beginnings in Ghana, West Africa to a family of eight. Due to the lack of a health professional to administer the drug her mother needed, her mother

ple who have always been there through every journey of my life," said Mariam. "I sincerely thank God and the Kelleys for being a family away from home."

On the dawn of receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology Medicine this Saturday during commencement,

Mariam reflected on a statement her father (in West Africa) always tells her, "Education is one of the keys to success and the knowledge you gain can never be taken away from you, even if you are stripped of everything you have".



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 2012 GRADUATES!

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Chancellor Davis Gives Address at Sunrise Service

By Tisha Arnold
Public Information

To a near capacity crowd in the newly named Cross-Phipps Lecture Hall, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Chancellor Dr. Lawrence A. Davis, Jr. made one of his last addresses on the campus.

The list of Chancellor Davis' accomplishments is impressive regardless of who acknowledges them, but when presented during this 139th Founders' Day Sunrise Service, the list clearly pointed to great endeavors. Introduced by his nephew attorney Ronald Davis, Jr. who referred to Dr. Davis as a war general, a laborer, a great leader and a visionary.

During his well-thought out introduction, Ronald Davis Jr., listed Chancellor Davis' achievements from 1991 to present, most of which were monumental. He named new constructions such as Dawson-Hicks Hall, Caine-Gilleland Hall, Henderson-Young Hall, the 1890 Extension Complex, Childress Hall, and the UAPB Business Support Incubator followed by the Torii Hunter Baseball Field, Golden Lions Football Stadium, and the UAPB



UAPB Chancellor Lawrence A. Davis, Jr. listens with joy as his nephew introduces him during the 139th Founders' Celebration Sunrise Service.

Soccer Field. Ronald Davis Jr. mentioned other historical events under the Chancellor's helm such as the UAPB M4 Band playing in President Barack Obama's Inaugural Parade, the UAPB Men's Basketball Team winning the SWAC Championship and traveling to the NCAA Playoffs, the UAPB Cheerleaders appearing on the Paula Abdul MTV Rah!Show, and Mrs. Michelle Obama's commencement address in 2010.

The list read like the who's who of chancellor's and great leaders. Yet, the great leader did not laud his accomplishments when he gave the Founder's Day Sunrise address. "I never intended to be the chancellor, as I had discussed with my Dad (Dr. Lawrence A. Davis,

Sr.)," Davis said. "But a higher power said differently."

Remaining true to his UAPB allegiance, Chancellor Davis spoke of the University's mission and reminded the audience that to remain successful, the university must adhere to it. "Don't be derailed. Don't change the mission," he said. "Remember that the end of education is to know God." In closing, he lauded the heavy impression that his late mother left with him after his high school graduation.

Though the paper was slightly discolored, but still in excellent condition, Chancellor Davis read from the card the poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling. "This poem epitomizes my attitude and tenure," he said.

UAPB Student Accepted to Medical School

By Tisha Arnold
Public Information



Adrienne Hatchett

Adrienne Hatchett, a graduating senior Biology major at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff has been accepted to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine. She has also been granted the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Loan and Scholarship, which will provide financial assistance through her four year at UAMS, and requires her to practice primary or preventative medicine in a medically underserved area of Arkansas for minimum of four years after completion of residency.

A Pine Bluff native, Adrienne maintains a 3.695 GPA while balancing a busy roster of activities. She has been captain of the UAPB Co-Ed Spirit Squad; Vice President of the Delta Eta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; member of the STEM Academy and Arkansas-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (ARK-LSAMP); and currently serves as

President of the Senior Class. The recipient of the UAPB Academic Tuition Scholarship, Cheerleading Scholarship, and the Arkansas Challenge Scholarship, Adrienne also mentors/tutors underclassmen in biology subject areas and has participated on student panels for a number of University functions.

The Department of Biology at UAPB provided her several opportunities for experiences in the medical and biological field. In the summer of 2012, she conducted biomedical research concerning 4-HNE Role with p53-mediated apoptosis in liver cells with the Ronald E. McNair Program in Fort Worth, TX at the University of North Texas Health Science Center. In the summer of 2011, she participated with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences' (UAMS) Spring MCAT Program and the UAMS Center for Diversity Affairs' Undergraduate Summer Science

Enrichment Preparatory (USSEP) Program, both facilitated by the geared towards MCAT preparation and developing competitive medical school applicants.

"She always does what you ask her to do," said Dr. Anissa Buckner, chair of the Biology department. "She accompanied me to a meeting in Little Rock and Washington, D.C. to present her previous summer research experience. She was more than delighted to do so and excelled at both poster presentations."

Adrienne credits the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for providing a strong and supportive academic atmosphere and beneficial scholastic opportunities. A proud, soon-to-be alumna, Adrienne is excited to begin another educational journey through medicine.

For more information about the Biology program, call (870) 575-8840.

Changing the expectation of limitation

By Tisha Arnold
Public Information

Undergraduate students from Arkansas Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (ARK-LSAMP) assembled in the Envoy room of Embassy Suites Hotel for a luncheon that would begin the Spring Research Conference. What they did not expect to see was someone who could not.

Marco Midon, Lead Ground Station Systems Engineer for NASA, talks with students about some of his projects at the ARK-LSAMP Spring Research Conference.

Speaking regularly with space stations from his home, Midon is no stranger to performing the impossible and emphasized the importance of

ARK-LSAMP is a collaborative alliance of eight institutions (University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, Arkansas State University, Philander Smith College, Pulaski Technical College, Southeast Arkansas College, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and the University of



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Midon, Lead Ground Station Systems Engineer for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was born prematurely in a rural hospital in Embudo, New Mexico where he and his twin brother Raul were blinded as infants after spending time in an incubator without adequate eye protection.

Marco is responsible for ground breaking technology in communications such as the Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO), the highest data collection project that NASA has ever had, generating 1 TB per day; and the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) which has created the most complete map ever done of the moon.

He is able to get his work done using Job Access with Speech (JAWS), a computer program that provides persons who are blind and visually impaired with access to many

tance of being creative and trying something that has never been done before. "I think this is the reason I have this job," said Midon. "As a blind person, I have to try things that may not work all the time."

Emphatic about radio waves and communications, Midon stressed that passion was important in achieving success and challenged students to do work beyond the classroom to become the best. "Being good at what you do helps," said Midon. "You have to do it more than just at school."

After hearing his presentation, it was obvious that limitations are self-imposed and that fear is an element each student was challenged to conquer using a firm education as a foundation. "It's really important to not be afraid to take a chance. But you can only do it if you have the knowledge behind you."

Arkansas at Monticello) with a shared interest to increase the number of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) graduates in the state of Arkansas who go on to careers in STEM disciplines. UAPB is the lead institution.

Through ARK-LSAMP, there is an assembly and networking of a representative number of public and private institutions mobilized by the embracement of a common need to produce more well-qualified STEM graduates guided by a shared vision to help make Arkansas, the region, and the nation a more competitive force in the sciences to benefit the health and security of Arkansas.

For more information about Arkansas LSAMP, contact Dr. Anissa Buckner, Project Director for ARK-LSAMP at (870) 575-7113.

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream---and not make dreams your master;
If you can think---and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same:
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings,
And never breathe a word about your loss:
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings---nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much:
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And---which is more---you'll be a Man, my son!

- Rudyard Kipling

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Nate Kilbert named new head women's basketball coach at UAPB

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Nate Kilbert, the reigning Southwestern Athletic Conference coach-of-the-year who led Mississippi Valley State University to the 2011-12 league championship and to a berth in the Women's National Invitation Tournament, has been chosen as the new head coach at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

"Wow. This is a great moment for me and for my family," said Kilbert. "I'm excited about this opportunity. I'm really looking forward to meeting with the young ladies and getting ready for next year. With hard work, I know that we can do great things with this program."

The hiring of Kilbert was announced at a press conference at 2 p.m. Friday at the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Complex on the UAPB campus. In making the announcement, UAPB athletics director Lonza Hardy Jr. said he was elated to bring in a coach with the credentials that Kilbert has.

"Coach Kilbert is a highly motivated and skilled individual who is committed to the overall well-being of his student-athletes, both

on and off the court," said Hardy, who also hired Kilbert at Mississippi Valley State when he became that university's athletics director in 2001.

"He has a work ethic that should serve as a model for all coaches, he is innovative in his approach to coaching and he is well-connected in recruiting circles, both nationally and internationally. I'm thrilled that he is about to bring those credentials to UAPB."

Kilbert, a 49-year-old native of Sallis, Miss., has more than 25 years of coaching experience, including an 11-year stint as Mississippi Valley State's head coach, his first stint as a head coach. He also excelled as the assistant women's coach at Alcorn State University from 1991 to 2001 and as an assistant coach at MVSU from 1989-91.

While at Alcorn State, and working alongside legendary coach Shirley A. Walker, the Lady Braves captured seven SWAC regular-season championships, including five straight between 1991 and 1995. At MVSU, the Devilettes were runners-up in the 2005 SWAC tournament and last season's team

captured the 2011-12 SWAC regular-season championship, earning a berth to the WNIT, where they lost a close contest at Tulane University.

Kilbert's teams at MVSU also performed well in the classroom, earning SWAC accolades for amassing the highest combined grade point average of any women's basketball team in the conference in 2010-11.

Because the contract of former head coach Cary Shelton doesn't expire until the end of June, Kilbert's tenure at UAPB won't officially start until July 1. Nonetheless, Kilbert said he will immediately begin getting things in order for the upcoming season.

"The sooner you can get started, the better it would be for the program," said Kilbert. "But I understand the situation, so I'm really starting as of today. I just won't be getting paid for it."

Shelton, who served as UAPB's head coach the past three seasons, resigned from the position on March 18, effective at the end of his contract on June 30.

Kyetta May tabbed as UAPB's new volleyball coach

Article and Photo Courtesy of uapblionsroar.com

Kyetta May, the highly successful head women's volleyball coach at Kentucky State University, has been selected as the new coach at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, it was announced on Monday.

According to Lonza Hardy Jr., UAPB's athletics director, May will join his staff in Pine Bluff on May 25.

"I'm extremely delighted that we're able to hire a head volleyball coach with such impressive credentials," noted Hardy. "Coach May has been a winner as a college student-athlete and she's been a winner as a college head coach. She knows how to win and what it takes to be a winner. I know that she'll bring that mindset into our volleyball program."

In five years as Kentucky State's head coach, May led the volleyball program to back-to-back Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) championships in 2010 and 2011. Her teams

finished in second place in 2008 and 2009. She was tabbed conference coach-of-the-year three times, in 2008, 2010 and 2011.

For five consecutive seasons, May-coached teams at Kentucky State eclipsed the 20-win plateau, including records of 23-18 (15-1 SIAC) in 2011, 26-11 (15-1 SIAC) in 2010, 26-14 (16-0 SIAC) in 2009, 29-20 (10-0 SIAC) in 2008 and 21-18 (10-0 SIAC) in 2007. Her career record at KSU stands at 125-81.

Prior to her stint at Kentucky State, May coached briefly at Harris-Stowe State University, an NAIA school in St. Louis, Mo., and at Clayton High School in Clayton, Mo.

As a college player at Alabama A&M University under legendary coach Betty Austin between 1998-2001, May helped to lead the Lady Bulldogs to a pair of SWAC championships (2000 and 2001). The Dean's List scholar-ath-



Kyetta May

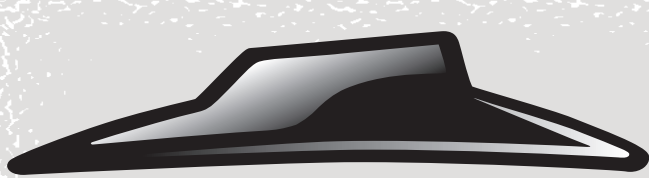
lete was tabbed Lady Speedstick Sportswoman-of-the-Year in 2000.

A native of East St. Louis, Ill., May said coaching at UAPB helps her to achieve one of her major dreams.

"I've always wanted to coach in the Southwestern Athletic Conference," said May. "This is a great opportunity for me as a young coach."

"I'm definitely thankful and grateful for this opportunity," added May. "This program has a lot of potential. I'm used to winning and hard work is embedded in my bones. I'll try to instill that in the players and into the program at UAPB."

May graduated from Alabama A&M on May 12, 2001 with cum laude honors in environmental science and a minor in chemistry. She holds a Master's degree in education from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo.



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Make Mom Smile: Gift Ideas for Mother's Day

By Lauren Stewart
Arkansawyer Staff Writer

With Mother's Day quickly approaching, finding the perfect gift may be hard to find. Don't worry; The Arkansawyer has suggestions on what to purchase moms for their special day.

According to www.gifts.com the top gift categories are jewelry, pampering gifts, and flowers.

If jewelry is the desired gift, custom made jewelry can be ordered on sites such as Zales.com. Charm bracelets are in style

and easily customizable. Include charms that reflect mom's personality, lifestyle, or traits make the gift more personal.

Send mom to a spa treatment after a long day at work. Some spas offer a Mother's Day Special. The special lady will get a chance to relax and remove herself from stress in her life.

Flowers can also show appreciation to any mother.

If your mom enjoys being a trendsetter, make -up may be the

gift she wants. Lipstick in tasteful colors that compliment her skin tone is a good gift idea. Summer is approaching, so remember bright colors are trending.

For the tech-savvy mother, kindles, iPads, iPhones can come in handy by helping her stay up-to-date with the latest news. Check out Amazon.com for great deals on technology items.

No matter what is decided to get for mom on her special day, remember to give it from the heart.

Speak Out: Graduation

By Ronald Meeks
Arkansawyer Staff Writer



- Tyler Hamilton
- Mass Communications
- St. Louis, MO

"I look at my experience at UAPB as a growing experience. Throughout my collegiate career I was faced with obstacles, whether if it was financial aid to diffi-

cult classes. Despite it all I learned that I am capable to overcome anything that comes my way. UAPB has truly taught me how to become independent."

- Mariam Kaleem
- Biology/Pre-Medicine
- Ghana, Africa

"I enjoyed my experience at the University greatly! Friends, Faculty, non faculty, mentors and advisors all played a major role in my success at the university. The university was like a home away

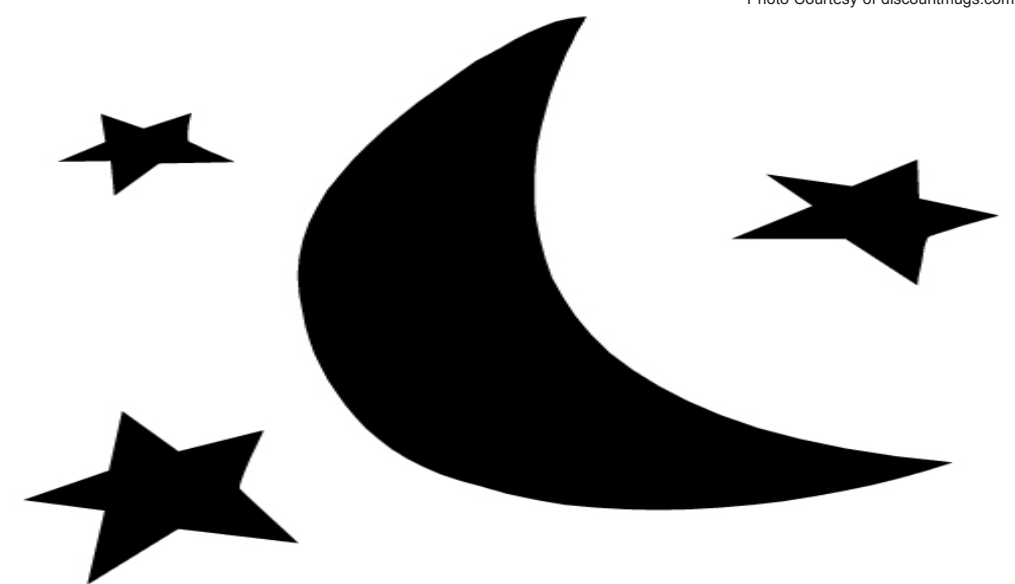
from home. As I leave, I will always keep this university in mind, and on my heart. I plan to come visit and also donate to the university. I am glad to be an alumni!



May Horoscopes

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ARIES (Mar. 21- Apr. 20) You will be quick to assess situations and draw conclusions this month. Uranus and Mercury are in your sign, ensuring that you'll be busy and there will be plenty of change. This would be a good time to plan and think ahead, but don't make commitments just yet. A New Moon in the sign of Gemini will help you to connect with your extended family and people in your community. The New Moon will inspire you to improve communication and share your knowledge. You may spend more time using social media or attending face-to-face meetings and gatherings.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21) This should be a positive time when you can confidently make your mark and be open to new opportunities. The only caution is that you might overindulge or spend beyond your means. Keep it real and don't become greedy. A May 5 Full Moon in

Scorpio could be problematic. You might feel unbalanced and experience problems relating to others, especially if you're in a committed relationship. There will most likely be power struggles for a few days. Mars in Virgo this month will bring out a desire for romance and passion. You'll strive to achieve perfection.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) A New Moon on the cusp of your sign on May 20 will help you feel as if you've been given a fresh start. There will also be a Solar Eclipse whose effects may last for up to six months. Take time for reflection that day, and think about what you want to manifest in your life. Venus will be in your sign all month. This transit will help you attract the people and resources that you need. Venus turns retrograde on May 15. You may reevaluate your relationships and your values through the end of the month.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) Career matters could be stressful this month due to Mercury and Uranus traveling in Aries. You might have to deal with someone who's bossy and overbearing or a situation that's constantly changing. Whatever occurs, you'll feel uneasy and anxious, and you may feel pushed into taking actions that make you feel uncomfortable. Pluto is still a transforming influence in the way you deal with people and relationships. A Full Moon in Scorpio on May 5 could cause some trouble with a person you love, but only temporarily. Mars in Virgo will bring out the desire to be of service in your community.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) There will be new opportunities regarding career matters this month with the Sun and Jupiter in Taurus and your sector of profession and reputation. You'll have to put in a lot of effort and be proactive if you want to

make progress. You may be impatient, but it will be important to slow down and take care of details. A Full Moon in Scorpio on May 5 could create power struggles with a parent or in your home. The New Moon in Gemini on May 20 will help you build new friendships and associations and communicate better with the people around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23) Mars in your sign all month will give you the motivation and drive to get things done. You'll be highly organized and have strong determination. This would be a great time to plan projects in detail and lay the groundwork. The Sun and Jupiter in Taurus will help you in this process and bring the ability to relax more and enjoy the finer things in life. You might want to plan a vacation to a place where you can really unwind and get away from stress. Mercury moves to Taurus on May 9, helping you firm up your plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) Saturn retrograde in Libra all month will bring the feeling that you're in a rut and personally limited. However, you've been learning valuable lessons lately, so try to be patient if things don't always go your way. Mercury and Uranus will be in Aries and opposite your sign, and it could cause stress with a partner, if you have one. Compromise will be necessary. Venus is in Gemini all month, contributing to smooth relations with most of the other people in your life. There will be a strong need for rest and relaxation and a desire to travel with friends or a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 -Nov. 22) You'll be active and engaged with your friends or a group, and work on projects with others. You will pitch in and take care of planning, organization, and any details that need to be addressed. The Sun and Jupiter in Taurus bring a desire to slow down and enjoy beauty and nature. However, you're so driven that you'll have to make an effort to relax and appreciate your surroundings or spend time with someone you love. The Full Moon in your sign on May 5 will bring out negativity and a lack of confidence for about a month.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) The most positive influence this month will be transiting Mercury and Uranus in Aries. These planets will bring out your playful, flirtatious side because they'll be moving in your sector of romance and creativity. There could be much change and inspiration in this area of your life. Venus is in Gemini all month, helping you get along well with your partner or the public. You might step back and reevaluate some of your relationships, however. A New Moon in Gemini and your relationship sector on May 20 will help you gain a new perspective over the coming months.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) You'll make plans to travel or improve your mind during this month. You could be drawn to learning a new language, starting a blog, or going back to school. Whether you take a trip or pursue an interest, make sure there's an educational component. The Sun and Jupiter in Taurus will help you enjoy romance

and love and relax with someone who interests you. Mercury and Uranus in Aries could be a disruptive influence when at home or dealing with family. Someone may act erratically or cause stress by rebelling. Constant change will be difficult to handle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 18) Venus in Gemini and your romance sector will guarantee that you feel loved and appreciated. You could be flirtatious, though, so try not to play with the affections of others. You'll give a lot of thought to your current situation, whether or not you're in a relationship. A New Moon in Gemini on May 20 will be powerful and inspire you to improve your love life. The Sun and Jupiter in Taurus could bring tension and power struggles at home or with a family member. A Full Moon in Scorpio may bring a career crisis and the need to put in more effort.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Neptune near your Ascendant will bring out your best qualities this month. You'll be intuitive and compassionate. You'll have creative vision but find it hard to focus and be productive. Venus in Gemini will challenge you to communicate clearly with family members to avoid misunderstandings. You'll need to be patient and kind to someone close. The New Moon in Gemini may herald a new start in this regard and a willingness to work on your differences. Mars in Virgo and your relationship sector could make you defensive and argumentative with your partner. Life will be easier if you don't take everything personally.



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