

Pressure builds this week

Aries (March 21 – April 20)
A professional situation that has been going from strength to strength goes into crisis mode, or so it seems. Pressure on career will build as the week progresses. This gets work/life issues on the table and creates the potential for a major breakthrough.

Taurus (April 21 – May 21)
The busier things are the more you like it, with any problems coming from frustration or boredom. Pressure forces you to think on your feet, challenge your excuses and come up with creative solutions. A lunar eclipse floods your chart with wanderlust, moving you out of a rut.

Gemini (May 22 – June 21)
Tie up loose ends and put the finishing touches on your game plan for the coming year. Your income sector has a standoff with your financial sector Saturday, creating the potential for significant change.

Cancer (June 22 – July 22)
Your new solar year begins with confidence, for your heart has a strong sense of the future. You're a lot smarter and more articulate. Things on the relationship front challenge you to raise the bar.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)
You'd rather cruise in life's slow lane, with plenty of time to reflect and navel gaze. Yet there's no rest, with the pace and intensity of things at work accelerating. Instead of taking things easy you're busier than ever, getting things moving.



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• Weekly Horoscope

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)
Each day finds you more excited about the future, aware both personally and professionally you're coming into your own. Focus on your professional situation, with a chance for important decisions. This is not as all-consuming as before balance fell into place.

Libra (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)
One of your most important professional months of the year is beginning, with potential for major new beginnings. There is just one hurdle to get past. Pressure on home and family builds through the week. Confront any work/life balance issues.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)
Just when you were in danger of life becoming all work and no play, a very adventurous episode begins. The move into travel, adventure, learning and discovery comes in the early stages of an important work period. Keep your options open. This is the perfect time for knowledge gathering. Whether a workshop, travel for business or research, seize any opportunity to expand your horizons.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Personal, financial and professional fronts are demanding attention. As conditions strengthen on both romantic and career fronts, there is change in relationships and finances. Open communication lines before becoming too financially focused.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)
With the spotlight on your relationships, excuses become transparent. This sparks a sense of rebellion, with a refusal to be told what to do or how it should be. Saturday is a pivotal turning point, either for you personally or for your relationships.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)
Perfect the art of juggling, finding a balance between work and play. It's the most important month of the year for work, with potential for significant opportunities. You would expect to be work-focused, but the answer is no. A balance is crucial. Keep an open mind to retain your creativity.

Pisces (Feb. 20 – March 20)
There are plenty of pleasant surprises this week. The scene is set for a romantic, creative and playful months of the year. This stimulates things on the social and networking front. This will get things moving without creating many problems, working to get you more involved. A supercharged Wishing Moon floods the weekend with an air of serendipity.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Thursday
1:10 a.m. – Security check at Twister's.
3:43 a.m. – Security check at Oasis.
10:26 a.m. – Funeral block to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.
11:13 a.m. – Funeral block to Sacred Heart Cemetery.
12:12 p.m. – Alarm accidentally set off.

1:48 p.m. – Assisted ambulance crew at Walmart.
8:37 p.m. – Speeding vehicle heading west on Cherry from School Ave. not found.
10:46 p.m. – Strange light in sky near Franklin and Hill. All OK; is a tower west of Colby.
10:57 p.m. – Barking dog in the 1100 block of Summer Sun. Spoke to owner.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Thursday
8:21 a.m. – Window broken on bobcat and things moved around at 2106 E. U.S. 24.
11:10 a.m. – Funeral lead.
12:20 p.m. – Assisted motorist on I-70 mile 47 eastbound.
1:01 p.m. – Cattle out by Four-Mile Feeders. Contacted owner.

Wild risks topic of ag meeting

Agriculture markets are sometimes described as a wild ride, and the theme for Kansas State University's 2010 Risk and Profit Conference and Trade Show this year reflects that.

"A Walk on the Wild Side: Mercurial Markets, Policy Perplexity, and Management Migraines" is set for Thursday and Friday, Aug. 19-20, at the K-State Alumni Center in Manhattan.

Keynote speakers include Sara Wyant, president of Agri-Pulse Communications, and Jay Armstrong, a fourth-generation farmer in Atchison.

Wyant, a veteran farm policy reporter, produces the Agri-Pulse newsletter and website that update farmers, ranchers and other agribusiness professionals on the latest issues in farm policy, commodities, conservation, trade, food safety, rural development, the environment and regulations.

In addition to farming, Armstrong is president of Armstrong Global, an importing and equipment-leasing company near Muscotah. He currently serves on the Kansas Wheat Commission, the U.S. Wheat

Associates board and the Farm Foundation board. He has served on the Kansas Board of Agriculture and the board of the Kansas State Fair.

K-State agricultural economists Glynn Tonsor and Dan O'Brien will provide livestock and grain outlooks. Participants will be able to choose from 24 breakout sessions on topics ranging from "Projecting the Supply" and "Use of Distillers Grains" to "Inflation, Interest Rates, Deficits and You."

A complete list of presentations plus registration information is available on the Web at www.agmanager.info/events/risk_profit/2010. The early registration fee of \$210 is due by Aug. 13. Additional attendees from the same business are \$190. The fee after Aug. 13 will be \$230.

This includes all sessions, four meals (two lunches, one dinner and one breakfast), the conference proceedings on disk and parking. Information is available by contacting Rich Llewellyn at (785) 532-1504 or rwl@ksu.edu.

Cattle symposium set for Nashville

The 2010 Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle Symposium planned for Thursday and Friday, Aug 5 and 6, is a targeted response to the challenge faced by cow-calf producers seeking to improve efficiency in the face of rising costs.

The Nashville, Tenn., event, sponsored by the Beef Reproduc-

tion Task Force and the University of Tennessee, will inform producers about cutting-edge reproductive strategies, said Kansas State University animal scientist Sandy Johnson. Speakers will focus on improving herd productivity and decreasing costs by shortening the calving and breeding season.

K-State Extension animal sci-

entists, along with counterparts at the University of Nebraska, South Dakota State, Iowa State, Idaho, Illinois, Florida and Missouri compose the Beef Reproduction Task Force.

Program details and registration are available at westcentral.unl.edu/beefrepro/.

Bear finds its way onto mall

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) — A black bear that found its way to the roof of a mall in northeastern Pennsylvania has been removed.

The 400-pound male bear apparently climbed onto the roof of the Viewmont Mall in Scranton after it searched for food in a trash bin early June 11. Scranton police responded to a report of a bear go-

ing through the trash around 2:15 a.m. When police put a spotlight on the animal, it climbed up a fence, got on the roof and began roaming around.

Game officers climbed onto the roof and tranquilized the bear, then lowered it with a forklift. Officers planned to release the bear onto state game lands.

Local on list

Eric Luedke of Thomas County has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Pratt Community College for the spring semester. To qualify, he had to achieve a grade average of 3.5 to 3.9, in the "A-" range.

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