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 bar. He gets very drunk and asks the bartender where the restroom is. The bartender explains it's the third door to the right, but the man goes into the third door to the left.

He finds a large golden toilet. The man relieves himself in it and leaves. He continues to return to drink there every week, and every time he goes to relieve himself in that golden toilet.

Two guys are walking through a game park \& they come across a lion that has not eaten for days.
The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the
One day he finds the golden toilet is gone, so he asks the bartender about it. The bartender exclaims, "So you're the one who's been pooping in my tuba!"

one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this ion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears the it saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."

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of London)
1831 1st US-built locomotive to pull passenger train Pierson of Charleston SC make 1st US ailroad honeymoon trip
1863 1st US newspaper printed on wood-pulp paper, Boston Morning Journal
1865 Fort Fisher, NC falls to Union 1866 1866 Bedrich Smetana's opera Prague
1870 Donkey 1st used as symbol of Democratic Party, in Harper's Weekly 1877 US Assay Office in Helena, Montana opens
1882 1st US ski club forms (Berlin NH) 1886 Weekly Herald, 1st Vancouver, BC newspaper, publishes 1stissue
1892 Basketball rules published in Triangle Magazine, Massachusetts 1895 Tchaikovsky's ballet "Swan Lake" premieres, StPetersburg
1895 Albert Trott takes 8-43 on Test debut, then a record
1895 French fleet reaches Majunga, Madagascar
1896 Henry Arthur Jones' 'Michael \& his 1900 SCNEC soccert London 1900 SCNEC soccer team forms 1905 Coen de Koning becomes world hampion all-round skater
1907 3-element vacuum tube patented
by DrLee de Forest
1907 Gold dental inlays 1st described 1908 C Hill \& R J Hartigan make 1908 C AIII \& J Harligan make 8th wicket partnership 243 for Australia
1915 Japan claims economic control of
China 1942 continue baseball during WWII 1942 Cubs, drop plans to install lights at Wrigley due to WWII
1943 1,000 workers complete the air conditioning system for the Pentagon 1943 Japanese driven off Guadalcanal 1943 1st transport of Jews from Amsterdam to concentration camp Vught 1944 European Advisory Commission decides to divide Germany
1944 General Eisenhower arrives in England
1944 Vught Concentration Camp puts

1945 "Make Mine Manhattan" opens at Broadhurst Theater New York City NY for 429 performances
1945 Every Amsterdammer gets 3 kg sugar beets
1945 Red Army frees Crakow-Plaszow concentration camp
1949 Mao's Red army conquers Ten-
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1951 "Cloud of Death" rolls down Mount Lamington, New Guineakills 3-5,000 1951 Supreme Court rule "clear \& present danger" of incitement to riot is not protected speech \& can be a cause for arrest
1955 USSR ends state of war with German Federal Republic
1964 Baseball agrees to hold a free agent draft in New York City NY
1964 Teamsters negotiate 1st national labor contract
1965 Rock group The Who releases 1st album "I Can't Explain
in in Ann Arbor MI forms
1966 AFL Pro Bowl All-Stars beats Buffalo 30-19
1967 Super Bowl I Green Bay Packers beat Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10 in Los Angeles; Super Bow MVP Bart Starr, Green Bay, Quarterback 1971 "Ari" opens at Mark Hellinger Theater New York City NY for 19
performances performances
1971 Aswan Dam official opens in Egypt 1972 Heavyweight Joe Frazier KOs Terry Daniels
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offensive action in NorthVietnam all 1974 Expert panel reports $181 / 2$-m Watergate tape, 5 separate erasures 1975 Portugal signs accord for Angola's independence
1976 Sara Jane Moore sentenced to life for attempting to shoot President Ford 1976 US-German Helios B solar probe launched into solar orbit
1978 Theodore Bundy kills Florida State University co-eds Lisa Levy \& Margaret Bowman

was put in place by Chief rolls, our Current Rolls Wanda Nash. There are a certified under CFR 25 part umber of other 83, our old Rolls that list documentation that must our people before 2011 and go with this petition Chief Hershal said.
Chief Hershal went on to say that there are three copies, one is to be sent to the Library of Congress, one is to be sent to the Department of the Interior and the master file stays with the Tribe. We are required to send all our $\begin{array}{ll}\text { ribe. We are } & \text { Hershal, Ruby Thorne } \\ \text { Chairperson of the Budget }\end{array}$
our Historic rolls the go back to the 1500s. Some of Chief Hershel's staff viewing the Petition are from left to right, Mr. Kevin Marble, Chairman of the Economical Committee, Mr. Robert Ballinger, Tribal Hershal, Ruby
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Committee and Tribal ChiefHershal said. Secretary Mr. Jon McNutt. Al Hobaugh
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McAlester Police Detective Sgt. Chris Morris says 41 year old Sam Nava of McAlester has been booked into the Pittsburg County Jail for First degree Murder, Shooting with intent to kill and possession of firearm after felony conviction.
Morris stated 32 year old Michael Meneley was shot and killed at 735 South Third Street in McAlester. He said a second man, Damon Williams, 32, was also shot and was admitted to a hospital for surgery. Williams currently remains in the hospital.
Morris went on to state "an altercation from the previous night may have prompted a complex series of events that culminated with the fatal shooting."

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As winter approaches and the temperatures are dropping, we may start seeing some ice on the roadways, especially with all the precipitation we have recently seen. This in turn usually causes more traffic accidents. Having said this, here are a few tips for you when roads are icy:

- The most important tip is don't drive on icy roads. Unless it is absolutely necessary, stay home and wait for the storm to pass and roads to clear.
- If you must get out, SLOW DOWN! Slowing down is the most important thing you can do when driving on ice and snow. High speeds make it easy to lose control and hard to stop.
- Go easy on the brakes. Brake application is a common reason for slides that result in loss of control. Sliding wheels are uncontrollable. You cannot steer your vehicle if you are on the brakes and your vehicle is sliding.
- If you do start to slide, turn into the direction of the slide. This will help straighten your vehicle back out.
- Avoid hills or other dangerous roads during icy conditions.
-When approaching a stop sign or stop light, prepare to stop long before you get to the intersection. The best way to do this is by taking your foot off of the gas pedal and allow the vehicle to slow on its own. Use your brakes as little as possible.
- Icy road accidents happen
in multiples. Your own accident, sometimes is not the greatest threat to you, but the other vehicles that see your accident causing them to panic and hit there brakes. They then slide out of control and crash into you. - Don't stop for accidents or stranded vehicles along an icy roadway. Being a Good icy roadway. Being a Good
Samaritan is a great thing, Samaritan is a great thing, but on an icy road, it can
cause more problems than it solves. Parking on the side of an icy highway can cause passing vehicles to brake and lose control, putting the lives of everyone involved in danger. Unless the stranded danger. Unless the stranded danger, the best thing you can do is call 911
-Wear your seatbelt! Even though wearing your seatbelt should already be a priority for you when getting behind the wheel, it is even more critical when driving on icy roads. A large number of icy road fatalities occur with minor accidents where the vehicle occupants were not wearing their seatbelts.
- Pay attention to the weather. Make the weather forecast a part of your daily routine during the winter. Be aware of the conditions and make preparations for a winter storm, such as grocery shopping and other
necessities. necessities.
A factor in many of the serious and fatal accidents is overconfidence in ones abilities and/or equipment. Some feel that they have sufficient experience in winter driving and can therefore continue normally at or above speed limit. But a fishtail on ice that occurs at fishtail on ice that occurs at
highway speeds is usually unrecoverable by even the most quick-witted and experienced drivers. A speed slide will quickly learn that it is something they can't handle, but all too late. Stay warm and Drive safe!
Officer Jeremy Busby is currently staying busy in many of the local schools teaching Child Safety Programs. The programs have been going very well and we get a lot of positive feedback and interaction from the children. We


## From Pride in McAlester

Now accepting applications for the 2016 J.T. Collier Memorial Leadership Scholarship
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## Patients learing hospitals often don't understand care plans

(Reuters Health) - Many patients leaving the hospital don't understand follow-up care plans because the instructions are tailored to people with higher reading levels and more education, recent U.S. study suggests The American Medical Association already recommends that writte health informariten targeted targeted to a sixth grade audience because nearly half of the U.S. population is only marginally or functionally literate, with an elementary or middle-school reading level, the researchers note in the American Journal of Surgery.
But the current study of discharge instructions given to about 500 trauma patient leaving the hospital found
that only one fourth had the reading skills necessary to adequately understand their dismissal notes.
Part of the problem is that these notes are written for two very different audiences - patients and families who need simple instructions and their doctors, who are accustomed to medical jargon, said senior study author Dr. Martin Zielinski, a trauma surgeon at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.
"Even if patients believe they understand what occurred during their hospitalization and the instructions they are to follow upon dismissal, they can become confused after they leave the hospital environment as their
memory can be clouded by medications they were administered, the stress of hospitalization, and particularly within ou patient population, traumatic brain injuries such as concussions," Zielinski said by email.
To assess how easily the rauma patients in the study might decipher thei discharge notes, Zielinski and colleagues used two standard formulas for determining reading levels based on the total words, syllables and sentences in exts
Most of the 314 patients in the study who had education data available had a high chool degree, while 22 percent had at least some college education. About 4 percent of these patients were functionally illiterate, with reading levels at fifth grade or below, and another 40 percent were marginally literate with a sixth- to eighth-grade reading level. On average, the notes required at least a high understand, the analysis found. By one measure the instructions were typically written at about a 10th grade reading level, while the other assessment found the notes might be easily understood by 13 to 15 year old students. The difficulty of deciphering hese notes didn't appear to be different based on whether patients had surgery or how long they stayed in the hospital.
Patient reading level didn' appear to influence the odds of returning to the hospital within a month of discharge vithin a month of discharge or the likelinood that they would call the hospital with questions, the study found But often, when these things happened, the patient had a reading level too low to understand the discharge notes.

Limitations of the study include the lack of education data on all patients as well as the exclusion of non-English speakers, the authors note Researchers also didn't give patients reading tests, relying instead on the highest level of education attained to estimate literacy skills.
Even so, the results highlight that patient discharge notes are currently written for education levels too advanced for many patients to understand, the authors conclude. To ensure patien comprehension the patient hould be wit, the notes should be written for a sixth grade audience.
"Careful design of discharge instructions, with input from patients themselves, would help us create more comprehensible tools," said Dr. Kevin O'Leary, es earcher at the Northwestern University Northwestern Univer Feinberg School of Medicin involved in the study. It's possible that electronic health records might be par of the solution, O'Leary added by email. These programs might allow doctors to assess how easily patients can read instructions in real time and prompt physicians to adjust prompt pording as needed their wording as needed to understand. "Providing feedback for clinicians as they create the nstructions would help them revise the wording to improve readability, O'Leary said.
In addition, when patients or their families have trouble understanding their care instructions after getting home, they can still call the home, the sur oall hospital floor when hospital floor where the were treated, or call thei doctor's office to ask questions

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conditions and other shoes to fill, and USDA natural disasters, and looks forward to working expanded new market opportunities for farmers and ranchers through their support of the TransPacific Partnership and other trade agreements. Bob is the kind of leader who makes people in the business proud of what they do. He has inspired countless agricultural leaders, past and present, including myself. I am honored to call him a strong partner and a good friend.
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## USDA Removes Farm

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) finalized a rule to ensure that farm safety-net payments are issued only to active managers of farms that operate as joint ventures or general partnerships, consistent with the direction and authority provide by Congress in the 2014 Farm Bill. The action, which exempts family farm operations, closes a loophole where individuals who were not actively part of farm management still received payments.
"The federal farm safety-net programs are designed to protect against unanticipated changes in the marketplace for those who actively share in the risk of that farming operation," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "To ensure that help goes to those who genuinely need it, such as America's farm families, the Farm Bill authorized USDA to close a loophole and limit payments from those not involved on a daily basis in nonfamily farm management."


Since 1987, the broad definition of "actively engaged" resulted in some ngaged resultedir some
 general partnerships and joint ventures adding managers to the farming operation, qualifying for more payments, that did not substantially contribute to management. The rule applies to operations seeking more than one farm manager, and requires measureable, documented hours and key management activities each year. Some operations of certain sizes and complexity may be allowed up to three qualifying managers under limited conditions. The changes apply to payments for 2016 and subsequent crop years for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) and Marketing Loan Gains (MLG) realized via the Marketing Assistance Loan program.
As required by Congress, the new rule does not apply to family farms, or change regulations related to contributions of land, capital, equipment, or labor. The changes go into effect for the 2016 crop year for most farms. Farms that have already planted fall crops for 2016 have until the 2017 crop year to comply. For more details, producers are encouraged to consult their local Farm Service Agency office.
Today's announcement was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill. To learn more about Farm Service Agency, visit www.fsa.usda.gov.


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While emerging as a shale leader in the United States, the governor of Oklahoma said the state is facing 2016 with a major gap in its budget.
In a New Year message, Gov. Mary Fallin said there were many successes on the legislative front last

Texas Intermediate, the U.S. benchmark price for crude oil, is down about 1 percent for the year and closed 2015 off about 30 percent.
Lower energy prices are leaving gaps in the coffers of shale-rich states that have come to rely on oil and gas for revenue.
"It will take everyone working together to deal with a $\$ 900.8$ million appropriated budget hole caused in large part by a 70 percent drop in oil prices over the past 18 months," Oklahoma's governor said. The American Petroleum

Oklahoma oil reserves represent just over 3 percent of total U.S. supply. For October, the last full month for which the U.S. government has data, Oklahoma produced about 13 million barrels of oil.
If taken as a level of interest in exploration and production, data from oil services company Baker Hughes show Oklahoma ranks second behind Texas in terms of rigs actively looking for or churning out oil and natural gas.
Crude oil prices are starting 2016 lower, continuing a downward trend that began in mid-2014. West


Institute, a lobbying group for the industry, touted Oklahoma as a shale pioneer in early 2015, saying its oil and gas production would put it in the top 20 percent of global producers if it were an independent nation.
In October, Fallin signed an executive order calling on all state agencies, boards and commissions to outline plans to cut nonessential expenses by 10 percent for the rest of the fiscal year and for the 2017 fiscal year, which begins July 1.
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When I was a little girl, my grandmother told me a funny story. some of some her By: Gina Stenle childhood friends Though I don't remember exactly what their antics were, I do remember it tickled me. I stood in my grandmother's kitchen and giggled with her When I asked about the whereabouts of one of the friends, she said, "Oh honey. I'm not sure where she is now. I haven't talked to her in twenty years.
I still can remember the
kitchen spinning in slow

motion while I struggled to grasp what she had just said. TWENTY YEARS? Was it possible for such a tremendously long amount of time to lapse and she was still alive? Not yet into double digits myself, l could scarcely wrap my brain around such a passage of time. I love that memory. Mainly because I can sneak back in time and feel the breeze coming through the small screened porch that lead to her lush back yard. I can stand in that tiny kitchen with an icebox shorter than I am now. I can see the detached garage that took a beating from her blue Buick. I can

There's more light, more homes, more sound, more traffic. But sitting there, it was easy for me o remember the 4th of July celebrations when we could see the Country Club fireworks in the sky. Or the spring nights we could hear music over the hill and even see midway lights bouncing off the clouds.
Lowe's sits in the field that hosted that annual traveling carnival. Fireworks are no longer shot off within city limits. Lights from a host of businesses along 69 suck up the night sky that used to provide dense starlight. These are sad little reminders for me, but natural sacrifices to a changing world.
But not all changes have
been for the greater good In the last 20 years, drugrelated crimes have escalated dramatically in McAlester, almos completely dominating crime blotters. A mentality of acquiescence and enabling creates a cloud of distrust that casts shadows over our town. There are people trying desperately to change this culture for the better. To drive out those who continue to bring destruction and death. To hold accountable officials who have the
authority to work toward ending this 20-year decline.
In a blink, two decades will pass again. That time will go, no matter what we do. But what we do during that time will write our story. Before it becomes the past, we need to make the present right.
In upcoming issues, we will be letting you know about opportunities to join forces with others who are working to eradicate the heavy burden drugs is placing on our community.

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do not know the club or organization but we were dining out last night and the cutest little group of older ladies came in all wearing red hats. They were all smiles laughing and having the best time! It was nice to see older ladies enjoying each others company, I wish I could get me grand mother involved in a group like this.

To "Reality check," apparently you haven't been paying attention to what President Obama has been doing for the past seven plus years by bypassing Congress with his executive orders.

Thank you Clty of McAlester for finishing our road. It took quite a longtime, but the job is done and we are happy, so sometimes it is nice just to say thanks.
If President Obama doesn't need approval from Congress to force his agenda on me by executive actions then why would Donald Trump need approval from Congress to force his agenda on you?

Forty percent of all gun sales in America are done without background checks through gun shows and the Internet. Today's executive action by Obama will help close the biggest loophole there is. Some will be angry. Too bad about the angry ones, they can go beat their war drum. Loophole closed.

The world is going crazy. I know four female friends who got guns, little pistols for their purses, for Christmas. First of all, it would never have occurred to me to buy a woman a gun for Christmas. And secondly, I question the idea of giving a gift that you hope she will never have to use. How bizarre life in these United States has become.

How embarrassing! I saw your post talking about yet number 90 of your long list of relationships. Do you not think people see this and not talk about it? Yes, they do and it is a total shame to put out there that you have run through the state of Oklahoma and now are heading south for yet another man you won't be able to keep. Grow up!
I too am sick and tired of seeing the same people in the paper each and every week getting busted for drugs and they get out just to go and do it again. Why even have a police force to catch them. It is not like they aren't just going to bail right back out and go right back into business.

Thank you Sound Off!

Dear dead beat parents: the things you do not take into account when you pop them out but refuse to take care of your own. Someone out there that has a heart is now taking care of their daily needs that you skipped out on because you were to busy thinking about yourself. We are the ones who hold them at night as they cry and ask why they were not wanted. We are the ones putting in the extra hours at work to make sure their needs are taken care of, we are the one who pick up the pieces of the mess you left behind. I am so tired of hearing about all this gun control when the government needs to focus on parental control and have stricter fines and laws for the people who keep popping out the kids to let others take care of them.

McAlester New Year's Baby 2016
Maisyn Nyree Camiah, the first baby born at McAlester Regional
Health Center in 2016, is pictured on Saturday with her mother, Kaleisha Johnson, of McAlester. Maisyn was born at 1:34 a.m. on New Year's Day with an assist from Obstetrician Dr. Edwin E. Henslee, also pictured. A special gift package of items ranging from diapers to a playpen was given to the family for the New Year's baby. The gifts were donated by local merchants Komar, Dottie's, and Yellow Gazebo; local branches of Walmart, JC Penney, and Stage; the McAlester Regional Health Center Foundation, and the MRHC Auxiliary to help welcome McAlester's New Year's Baby. Congratulations, Kaleisha and Maisyn!


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## Horticulture

Tips for the New Year General

- Base any plant fertilization on a soil test. For directions, contact your Educator. - Provide feed and unfrozen water for your feathered friends.
- Clean up birdhouses before spring tenants arrive during the middle of this month.
- Avoid salting sidewalks for damage can occur to plant material. Use alternative commercial products, sand or kitty
litter for traction
Trees \& Shrubs
- Fertilize trees, including fruit and nut trees and shrubs, annually. (HLA6412)
- Most bare-rooted trees and shrubs should be planted in February or March. (HLA-6414)
- Finish pruning shade trees, summer flowering shrubs and hedges. Spring blooming shrubs such as forsythia may be pruned immediately after flowering. Do not top trees or prune just for the sake of pruning. (HLA-6409) - Look for arborvitae aphids on many evergreen shrubs during the warmer days of early spring.
- Gall-producing insects on oaks, pecans, hackberries, etc. need to be sprayed prior to bud break of foliage.
- Dormant oil can still be applied to control mites, galls, overwintering aphids, etc. (EPP-7306)


## Flowers

- Force spring flowering branches like forsythia, quince, peach, apple, and
weigela for early bloom indoors.
- Forced spring bulbs should begin to bloom indoors. Many need 10-12 weeks of cold, dark conditi
blooming. February
-Wait to prune roses in March.
Fruit \& Nuts
- Spray peaches and nectarines with a fungicide for prevention of peach leaf curl before bud swell. (EPP7319)
- Mid-February is a good time to begin pruning and fertilizing trees and small fruits.
Collect and store graftwood for grafting pecans later this spring.
- Begin planting blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, grapes, sparagus and othe perennial garden crops later this month.
- Choose fruit varieties that have a proven track record for Oklahoma's conditions. Fact Sheet HLA-6222 has a recommended list. Turf
- A product containing glyphosate plus a broadleaf herbicide can be used on dormant bermuda in

January or February when temperatures are above $50^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for winter weed control.
Vegetables

- Cool-season vegetable transplants can still be started for late spring garden planting.
- By February 15 many cool-season vegetables like cabbage, carrots, lettuce, peas and potatoes can b planted. (HLA-6004)


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more. A lot can be accomplished if you organize your time. Take the time to do your job correctly or you may find yourself looking for a new one.
GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Your mate needs extra attention and is feeling rather insecure when you're not in sight. Your with institutional environments government agencies, and matters of a private nature
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CANCER (June 22-July 22) Rewards for past good deeds will be yours. Try to curb your bad habits, and compromise if your partner gives you an ultimatum. Don't let
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way. LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You are best not to retaliate if members of your household are
trying to pick a fight. Listen, but don't make any rash decisions. You'll find it easy to charm members of the opposite sex today. VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Opportunities to get ahead are evident. Read some books on self awareness. A quiet restful day just
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will be yourbest bet. LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Don't give them
the use of your credit card. Try to convince a good friend to take a holiday with you. Get some sound advice and help setting up a workable budget.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Problems with your boss could lead to unemployment. You can invest in profitable ventures. Don't make unreasonable promises.
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partnership. Travel and learning should be partnership. Travel and learning should be
on your agenda today. You might find group on your agenda tod
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overspend on items for your home Talk to superiors about problems that you feel are getting out of hand. Take the time to sort out
your personal papers and double-check your personal papers and
your financial investments.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You may be able to impart knowledge thats innovative to those searching for a new angle.
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let them foot the bill.



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