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Feb. 14 **Valentines** Day

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**SUPER BOWL PARTIES
AT THE BARS,
CHECK THE ADS**



At left: Raci Farris serves Happy Hour 2 to 7pm at Chances. Below: Devon caught in the headlights like a deer at E/J's. And Don's working like a spring chicken at Brick's II.



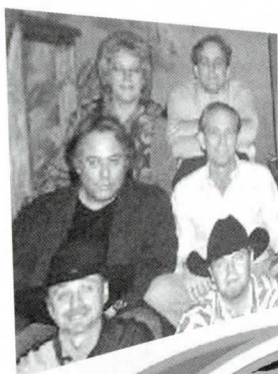
COUNTDOWN TO L.U.E.Y.: 1 WEEK

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SUNDAY

Girl, that's
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GEM NEWS & BAR TALK

BRB is moving to Spring?

Actually the BRB is moving into Ken Lay's old executive suites on top of the old Enron building. Not.

Okay. The BRB has leased 5000 square feet underneath Foley's in the downtown tunnel system and will relocate there. Not.

The Goodyear blimp is coming back to a new blimp hanger in Spring to be the home of the Brazos River Bottom. The cowboys will take off at noon every day and land at 2am after a 14-hour drink fest over Houston. Not.

The BRB is not going anywhere. They are happy where they are at 2400 Brazos and will be there for years to come. In March, John will have owned the club for nine years. There will be a party, of course.

Super Bowl Parties

Almost every bar is having a Super Bowl party Sunday. Our favorites are, of course, at our advertisers: Brick's, Ripcord and E/J's. And on the Island at Robert's Lafitte and 3rd Coast Beach Bar. If you want to hide from the game, then the BRB offers the alternative of No Game.

Dawson or Danson

There was an incorrect clue in our first Montrose Puzzle for 48 across. It should have read: actor Richard, b. 1932, England, played on Hogan's Heroes and hosted Family Feud.

L.U.E.Y. in 1 Week

The Houston Council of Clubs Let Us Entertain You series of runs, hosted by many Houston social clubs, starts Thursday, Feb. 10.

Your official host bars are Ripcord, Brazos River Bottom, Mary's, Michael's Outpost and E/J's.

Thursday Pool League

First place in the IBL standings after play on Jan. 27 is Ebony, Ivory & Jaded. Ripcord Rebels are in second and Killer B's are third.

Richard Chew and Li Cazares are tied for first place individuals with Corey Collins and Byran Hawkins tied for third.

Jim Traweck is the top substitute player.

E/J's will host the first meeting of the league Sun., Feb. 6, 2pm. That's Super Bowl Sunday. Get info on the league at www.iblhouston.com.

---Henry

Plan Your Parties

Feb. 4-6, Mardi Gras Weekend

Feb. 5, Galveston Gay Bus Trip from the Ripcord

Feb. 6, Super Bowl

Feb. 11-13, Houston Council of Clubs L.U.E.Y. Weekend

Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday

Feb. 14, Valentines Day

Feb. 21, Presidents' Day

Feb. 22, Washington's Birthday

Feb. 24, Full Moon

Feb. 27, Academy Awards

Mar. 13, AIDS Walk from Sam Houston Park

Mar. 17, St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 20, First Day of Spring

Mar. 25, Full Moon & Good Friday

Mar. 25-27, Long Star Volleyball Tournament

Mar. 27, Easter, Jungle Party & Bunnies on the Bayou

Apr. 3, Daylight Savings Time Begins (lose an hour)

Apr. 8-9, Mr. Prime Choice Weekend

Apr. 24, Full Moon

Apr. 30-31, Splash Weekend in Galveston



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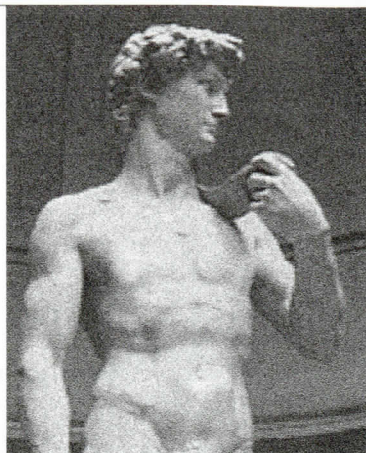
Super Bowl Party Sunday



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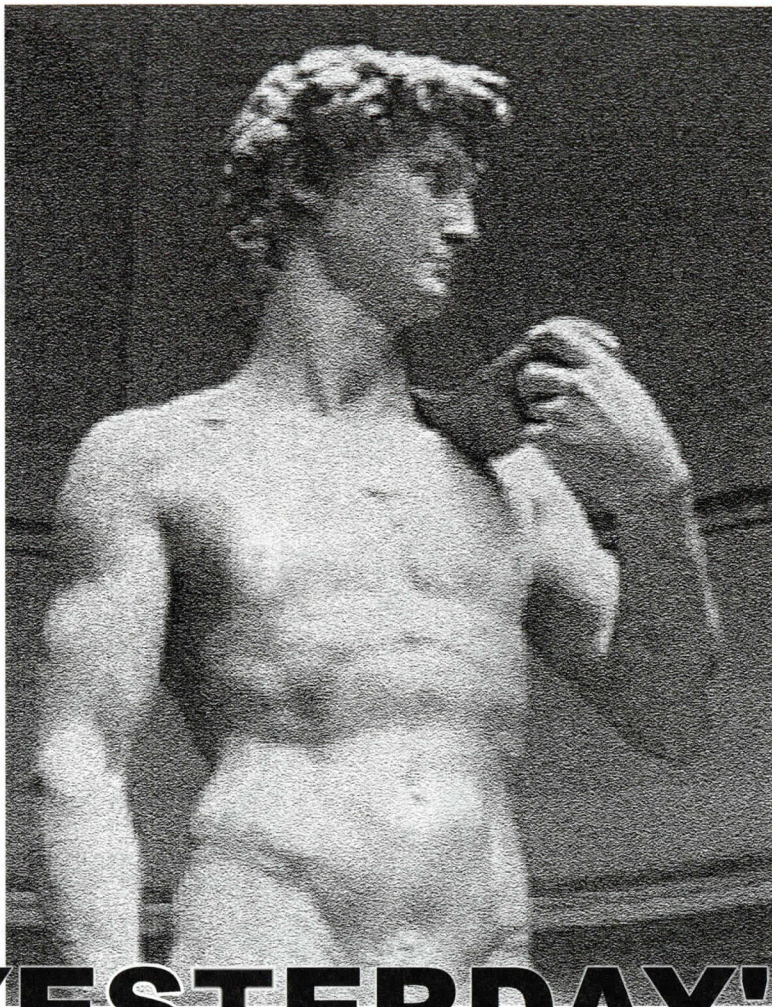
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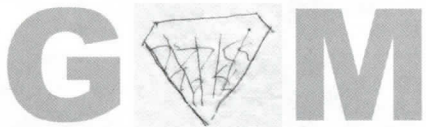
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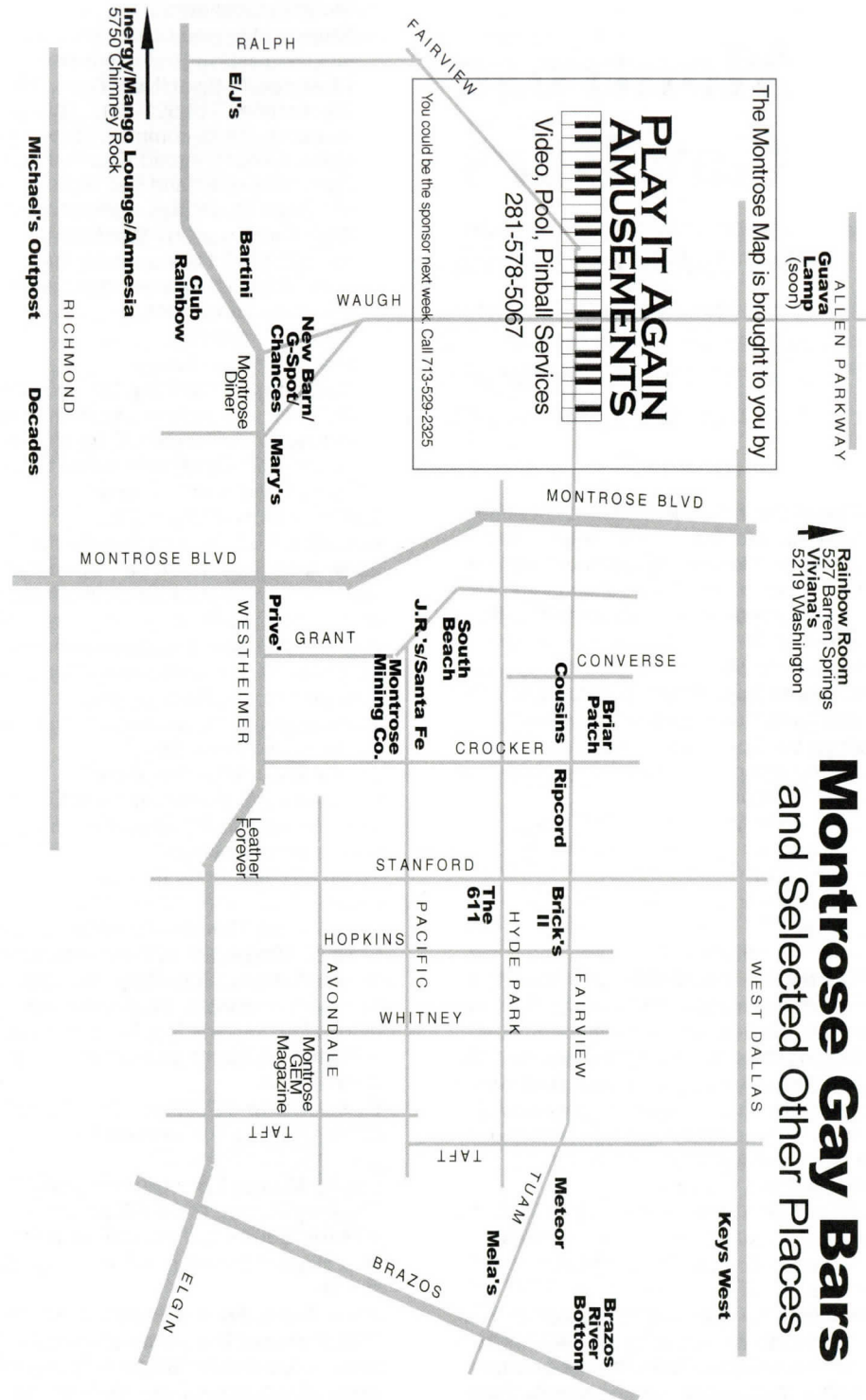
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Montrose Gay Bars

AND OTHERS OUTSIDE MONTROSE

Plus Jokes and Advice

Let us have your comments, corrections and additions. Call us at 713-529-2325 or email to montrosegem@yahoo.com.

About the bars: Texas law allows liquor to be served 7am (10am Sun.) to 2am. If you've had too much, ask your bartender to call you a cab. On weekends you can frequently hail a cab in the Pacific Street area.

Support the Montrose Clinic.

611 Hyde Park Pub 611 Hyde Park, 713-526-7070. Customers are a wide mix of all types. Open 7am (noon Sun.). One of the more popular bars for happy hour and into the night.

Support the Montrose Softball League.

A man walks into a bar with a sandwich on his shoulder.

The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve food here."

Dine Out Tonight in Montrose.

Bartini 1318 Westheimer, 713-526-2271. Shows on Thursdays & Sundays. Dancing nightly. Newest club on Westheimer.

Brazos River Bottom 2400 Brazos, 713-528-9192. Cowboy is spoken here. Open noon. Dancing at night. Biggest crowds show up weekend nights. There's usually a 4pm Sunday show or benefit.

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Briar Patch 2312 Crocker, 713-665-9678. A popular piano bar with good drinks served with style. Open afternoons on. Life Is Good.

Bricks II 617 Fairview, 713-528-8102. Your "Neighborhood Country Bar" is what they call themselves. Open 7am (noon Sun.) with a quite good morning crowd. Very

friendly bartenders.

Support Montrose Counseling Center.

Support Lesbian Health Initiative.

Chances/G-Spot/New Barn 1100 Westheimer, 713-523-7217. This is the women's mega-complex. Three big clubs, interconnected. Chances opens 2pm. Women's band Sat. nights. Open mic night Thursdays. open at night.

Club Rainbow 1417 Westheimer, 713-522-5166. Nice women's bar with Glow-Girl dancers most nights. Intimate atmosphere.

God Bless America.

Don't Worry, Be Happy.

Cousins 817 Fairview, 713-528-9204. All types of customers, from the retired people to young men. Drag shows Thurs.-Sun. Open 11am (noon Sun.)

Support Vermont Commons.

You Make Us Feel Mighty Fine.

Decades 1205 Richmond Ave., 713-521-2224. A neighborhood bar. Open 11am (noon Sun.). Has pool tables, shuffleboard and a good jukebox.

A bear walks into a bar and asks the bartender for a beer. The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't give beer to bears in bars."

The bear replies, "If you don't give me a beer, I'll eat that lady over there."

The bartender says, "Go ahead."

So the bear eats the lady and asks for a beer.

The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't give beer to bears on drugs."

"What do mean," says the bear. "I'm not on drugs."

"Yes, you are. That was the barbiturate."

EJ's 2517 Ralph, 713-527-9071. Impressive club with everything. Open 7am (10am Sun. with breakfast). Male strippers Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. late night. Wheel of Fortune & Sports fans meet around the patio bar.

Guava Lamp 570 Waugh Dr., 713-524-3359. Opening soon in new location. Don't Mess with Texas.

Inergy/Mango Lounge/Amnesia 5750 Chimney Rock, 713-660-7310. Latin-flavored Southwest Houston dance club. Big late crowd, good music. Sunday shows.

J.R.'s/Santa Fe 808 Pacific, 713-521-2519. Probably the most consistent crowd in Montrose. All types of people but generally younger. Open mid-day on.

Keys West 817 W. Dallas, 713-571-7870. A piano bar on the edge of downtown. Open mid-day on. Dart-playing and drinking daytimes, singing and carousing at night.

Support Gay Pride Committee.

This guy walks into a bar, pulls out a tiny piano and stool, and a tiny little man.

The tiny man sits down, and starts to play the piano.

This other guy notices it.

"Hey, what's that?"

"A twelve-inch pianist. Ya see, I found this magic lamp, rubbed it, made a wish, I got a twelve inch pianist."

"Can I try?"

The man with the piano agrees and a minute later, a million ducks fill the room.

"Ducks? I didn't wish for a million ducks."

"Ya think I really wished for a twelve inch pianist?"

Support Park Civic Association.

Mary's 1022 Westheimer, 713-527-9669. The oldest gay bar in Texas, open 7am (10am Sun.) Good happy hour crowd. Frequent shows and community events on the patio, especially Sundays.

Support Bering Omega Services.

God Bless Montrose.

Our jokes this week were stolen from jokes.com.

Support Neartown Association.

Mela's Tejano Country 302 Tuam, 713-523-0747. A women's Hispanic bar primarily, but all are welcome. Open from late afternoons. Some drag shows weekend nights. A hidden treasure in the neighborhood.

Support East Montrose Civic Assn.

Don't Feed the Hustlers.

Meteor 2306 Genesee, 713-521-0123. An upper-scale bar. Mixed between gals and guys. Open from late afternoons. Fluffy couches to lounge around in and politic with like-minded people.

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Hug Your Neighbor.

Michael's Outpost 1419 Richmond Ave., 713-520-8446. Now a neighborhood piano bar. Open 3pm

(11am Sat., noon Sun.). Host of many community events.

Montrose Mining Co. 805 Pacific, 713-529-7488. A butch bar. Lots of cruising going on. Crowd, mostly men, is of all ages. Draft beer on the patio.

Support Hyde Park Civic Assn.

Support Omega House.

"O" 710 Pacific, 713-523-0213. Closed and for lease. Wanna go in the bar business?

Prive' 910 Westheimer, 713-522-2542. They're not really a gay bar, but they play great music like a gay bar. And they like us. Good viewing of Montrose & Westheimer from the roof-top patio.

Eat More Vegetables.

We Like You.

Rainbow Room 527 Barren Springs, 281-872-0215. Neighborhood bar in north Houston. They are way up there and have been there for ever. Take 45 north, Airtex exit, follow feeder to Barren Springs. And then figure it out.

Ripcord 715 Fairview, 713-521-2792. Houston's leather bar. Open 1pm with their regulars in the daytime (a bunch of happy people). Man-hunting crowds at night. Rwaarr! After hours Fri. and Sat. Support Milam House.

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South Beach 810 Pacific, 713-521-9123. One of the most impressive dance clubs in the country. Open weekends with after hours. Sometimes other nights. Dance your pretty booty. Arrive early for best deal, then stay late. Drive Friendly.

A lady goes into a bar with her goose. The bartender comes up to her and says, "Why did you have to bring the pig in with you?" The lady answered, "Excuse me, I think this is a goose."

And the bartender says, "Excuse me, I was talking to the goose."

Support Ralph Street Gang.

Viviana's 5219 Washington, 713-862-0203. Primarily Hispanic club between Montrose & the Heights. Show bar with female impersonators.

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The Montrose Puzzle

**Limp-wristing, hustle-strutting
and bar-posing attributes**

2 DOWN, 10 LETTERS

By Henry McClurg
ACROSS

1 missing letters:

C _ lu _ s (Colorado
Co. seat; Christo-
pher)

5 missing letters:

_ ndym _ (jacks of
all trades)

6 not two C's or five
C's

7 missing letters:

s _ a _ sh _ t
(a photo in
GEM)

8 direction

Lubbock to
Montrose

9 petrified

13 chatroom short:
single & available

16 street walkers in
Montrose ... do not
feed them

19 Houston's old foot-
ball team

20 extra yellow
yolk?

21 1st woman gover-
nor of Texas, known
as Ma, 1924-25 &
1933-35

25 state with Colum-
bia as capital

27 director _ Kazan
("Streetcar Named

40 Vietnam's inter-
net letters

42 Village People
hit

44 small shot pellet

46 wordplay

47 Minerva's

Desire")

29 an obvious
truth

30 do re mi fa sol la
_ do

32 engaging for
work

34 simplest

36 actress, Pepsi
queen _ Crawford, b.
San Antonio (1908-
1977)

38 your conscious-
ness of your own

missing letters:
_ o _ ve (move with
the music)

50 _ Antonio

51 42 ACROSS
throughout the coun-
try

DOWN

1 OHO upside down

2 limp-wristing, hus-
tle-strutting and
bar-posing attrib-
utes

3 horn sound

4 change your mind
about the encoun-
ter?

8 partners in mar-
riage (legal or not)

10 missing letters:
ne _ e _ s (takes away
your manhood)

identi-
ty
39
disk
oper-
ating
sys-
tem

11 young woman
12 comedian Turpin,
initials, b. New Orle-
ans (1874-1940)

13 castrated bull

14 not butch

15 requesting

17 missing letters:
c _ gne (parfume!)

18 sounds like "you
why"

21 third of a yard

22 missing letters:
m _ n's _ oo (where
the boys relieve
themselves)

23 regretted

24 twirl or rota-
tion in Spanish

26 Harris Co.
communi-
ty; heroes

28 earlier
than now

31 sounds
like "eye
Jay"

33 bone in your
middle ear

35 British call it a
telly

37 Yiddish interj. for
dismay

41 only pro sports
league with 3 Texas
teams

43 Texas saying: _
eager beaver

45 solicits

48 Texas in the Civ-
il War

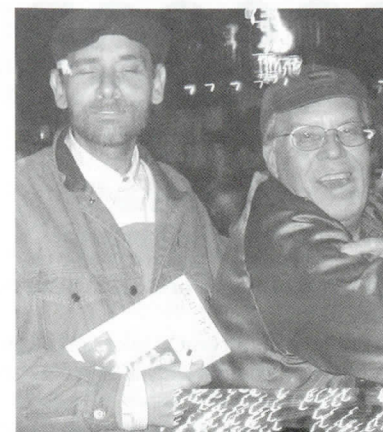
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Last Week's Solution

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PURPOSES GD LATE
BEER TAIL NADAST
FA IN SPANUSAG EES
LXE HOPONNE
LOGAN
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TSA
ESP
ET



Upper left: Norman and
John at Mary's. Top: Love birds
Ruben & John at
Brick's. And Montana at Mary's.

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Libra Looking for Libra

By **HELGA THE EXALTED ONE**

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make love and more love because you are so extremely lovable. (Gosh!) Don't let an old friend sit outside while you stay inside. Invite the friend in. Mind and heart are clear this week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Since being close to others is important, it takes all of you to figure the best way. Contact an old flame this coming week to get answers to some big questions. Who am I? Where am I going? What's life all about? Keep asking.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): This morning, when you looked in the mirror, who was that looking back? Questions of identity need answers about your soul, your roots, your friends. There's a particular woman who could have a powerful effect on the path you take, Helga senses.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): There are vast channels of communications open to you at this time. Explore the world through them. You'll find a world looking for peace. You can contribute to it. Give all you have. You will be rewarded with glowing pleasure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A number of surprising changes are waiting around the corner throughout February. Prepare yourself, for a few of them will be shocking. A Gemini awaits you with one of those changes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Questions? You have questions about your work? A Scorpio has some crafty answers but you will need to read between his lines to get the true meanings. This will present an ultimately rewarding challenge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Should a Libra consider a quiet month in February? Find another Libra and get together to contemplate. Compare, for you both may have outgrown certain patterns of behavior.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): You have a teacher of whom you love. Not a school teacher but a teacher in life. You and the teacher together are better than either of you alone. Yes, the old saying is very true: two heads are better than one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Set your priorities with well-thought firmness. Lay your plans and then stay with them. When concluded, you will be at the head of the table with the observers and their open eyes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Home is where you are now. Make it to suit you and then use your intuitive sense of what to do next. Scorpions and other Capricorns will be most understanding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Open that space in your mind marked "Dreams," then use the magic of others to help make them happen. A special Gemini friend will be a key to your success. And there's another important issue that you will begin to explore in the weeks ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are a quick learner, as you know, in areas of emotion and intellect. But you may be tested in the next few days by a strange-looking being. Study the situation, analyze, then make your decision for the right course of action.

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