

HOROSCOPE

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Aries March 20 – April 18
You are wary of exciting offers that come from out of the blue, because they would involve giving up control in some way. Still, your instincts rightly say you should proceed. Things may move more slowly than you would like and involve numerous twists and turns. But be patient. By mid-September you will be amazed at how much arrangements have progressed and how brilliant they are.



Taurus April 19 – May 19
You are still brooding about recent aggravating and unfair setbacks, but you have been unable to do a thing about these. Ask those who you respect and trust for guidance, follow their suggestions, then back off. Busy yourself with other less stressful matters. This allows the individuals behind those difficulties to rethink their decisions. This should lead to the changes you have hoped for by early September.



Gemini May 20 – June 19
Of the twelve signs, you are undoubtedly the most inquisitive. Yet unknowingly you have bypassed certain promising ideas or offers. Now events give you a second chance at these, but it means responding swiftly. What is more, because some could involve dramatic changes, you are wary. But it's now or never. Your instincts are undoubtedly saying these are as good as they seem. Trust them.



Cancer June 20 – July 21
There is one question you will need to ask, and in a number of settings. It is, 'what's in it for me?' As selfish as this sounds, you have been short-changed in a number of situations recently. In some cases it is just a matter of pointing out inequalities, but in others you are facing a battle. This will not be easy, but it will be easier than living with unjust arrangements.



Leo July 22 – August 21
While you have a strong practical side, most of your decisions blend your passions with more down to earth requirements. Now, however, there are several situations in which you will have to forget your passions entirely and focus on what needs to be done. This won't be exciting, but the results will be profitable, and in ways that are both wonderful and lasting.



Virgo August 22 – September 21
The line between guilt and compassion is a fine one, as you are now learning. The trick is to discuss the problems of others as frankly as possible, ensuring you understand what is needed. Then set an agenda. This will prevent the individuals in question becoming accustomed to your support and clarify exactly what you expect to achieve. That organised, firmly turn your attention to other matters.



Libra September 22 – October 22
Having already discussed certain tense issues about who is responsible for what, you thought things were settled. Clearly, they are not. Disheartening as the idea of yet more discussions may be, they are vital. These matters are complex and must, inevitably, continue for some time. By mid-September, instead of the confusion you are facing now, everybody will understand what's what and plans will proceed without a hitch.



Scorpio October 23 – November 20
When you believe in something or somebody, your capacity for patience is extraordinary. And in certain cases you have been waiting for a very long time. However, now Mars is in Scorpio and adding its power to your commitment to make things happen. They are doing exactly that, although not as you had envisioned. Don't argue with this good fortune. Go with the flow. You can fine-tune the details later.



Sagittarius November 21 – December 20
Several individuals seem confident they know what is in your best interests and are making plans or decisions on your behalf. While you find this invasive, you also have to admit that what they are doing is rather wonderful. If what they are organising for you does not work, which is unlikely, you can make changes later. Acknowledge both their efforts and their wisdom with gratitude.



Capricorn December 21 – January 19
It would be easy for discussions about plans to deteriorate into emotional dramas, especially in the run up to Friday's Full Moon, which accents such matters. First, address both exciting and often sweeping changes and the intense feelings of both hope and anxiety they are arousing. These acknowledged, you can then examine arrangements with a clear mind and make decisions based on both feelings and fact.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18
Somebody is being underhand. It is unclear whether you are merely witnessing their manoeuvres or they are actually affecting you in some way. What is sure is you want to say something but do not know where to begin. For now, merely observe what they are up to. Events late in the week will give you good reason to comment. That is when you can, and should, discuss your observations frankly.



Pisces February 18 – March 19
Things are not just going your way – they are proceeding so brilliantly that you wonder if you should worry. Existing plans that are thriving and new ideas are just as good as they seem. If there is any challenge, it is being patient until Friday's Pisces Full Moon, since it is not until then that both your own feelings and the intentions of others will be clear.

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THORNBURY

LITTLE WOODS BRANCHES OUT

THE first exhibition at the Little Woods gallery in Collingwood brings together the works of two artists from its affiliated Artful Dodgers Studio.

Thornbury artist Clare O'Shannessey said she first visited the studio space in Langridge St in 2008 at the recommendation of her fellow exhibitor, Anthony Stevens.

O'Shannessey, 24, said discovering the space had been a turning point in her life.

"It was just the outlet I was looking for that I didn't know I needed," she said.

"It's a great place to work and collaborate and a really safe place to make art."

Artful Dodgers was set up through Jesuit Social Services as an outlet for people aged 15-27, who work in fully equipped art and music studios with experienced artists and musicians as mentors.

The Little Woods Gallery was established recently to exhibit new work from Collingwood and beyond.



Thornbury artist Clare O'Shannessey crafts another piece at the Artful Dodgers Studio.

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O'Shannessey said much of her work was centred on projections of animals, people or blends of both.

One of her recently completed works is of a large tortoise-human hybrid blend stranded on its back and is her interpretation of

the plight of a friend who was in the early stages of depression.

The exhibition called Stunned Mullet will run at Little Woods Gallery, 1 Langridge St, Collingwood, from 11am-4pm until September 8.

NORTHCOTE



Marco Baretta will be wowing children with his magic tricks at the Northcote Town Hall this week.

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TRICKS TO HELP KIDS SAY NO WORRIES TO WORRIES

MAGICIAN Marco Baretta will show children how to magically dispel their fears in a new-look performance of *Go Away Mr Worrythoughts!*

The soon-to-be father is part of a three-member cast that will bring the show to the Northcote Town Hall this Thursday, August 30. It is touring 11 schools throughout Melbourne and as far afield as Geelong.

"The show melds the subject of anxiety with the happiness of puppetry — entertain-

ing children in a language they can understand," Baretta, 34, said.

"I get to add magical techniques, which is a new addition to the former production."

Any schools interested in hosting the 40-minute performance should contact Gillian Thompson on 9784 1056. *Go Away Mr Worrythoughts!* will be at Northcote Town Hall on Thursday, August 30 at 6pm.

Details: northcotetownhall.com.au

TV HIGHLIGHTS

Movie: No Country For Old Men
SBS ONE, Saturday, September 1, 9.30pm, AV15+ (2007)

Javier Bardem (pictured, *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*) is stone-cold brilliant as the relentless killer who leaves no witnesses to his bloody pursuit of down-to-earth Texan cowboy Josh Brolin and the stash of stolen cash he found out in the desert. Also on the hunt for the dough is hired gun Woody Harrelson, whose mouth is as big as his Stetson, while Tommy Lee Jones is the world-weary sheriff.



Kath & Kim: The Souvenir Editions
SEVEN, Sunday, September 2, 7.30pm

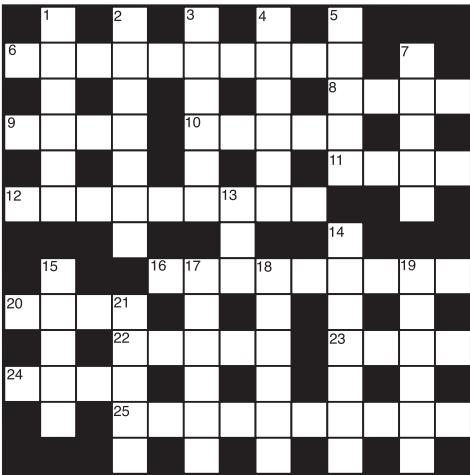
Straya's favourite mother-daughter duo return to our screens for the laziest of all television concepts – the clip show. Showing the "best bits" is not exactly an inspiring format, but fans of this iconic Australian series will still have plenty of laughs with Kath (Jane Turner), Kim (Gina Riley) (both pictured) and Fountain Lakes regulars Kel (Glenn Robbins), Sharon (Magda Szubanski) and Brett (Peter Rowsthorn).



PUZZLES

Crossword

#1639



ACROSS

- 6 Scoundrel (10)
- 8 Fortune (4)
- 9 Tug (4)
- 10 Mother-of-pearl (5)
- 11 Prevalent (4)
- 12 Extraordinary (9)
- 16 Innocent (9)
- 20 Band (4)
- 22 Terrible (5)
- 23 Sort (4)
- 24 Celebrity (4)
- 25 Darling (10)

DOWN

- 1 Beguile (6)
- 2 Shellfish (7)
- 3 List (6)
- 4 Annul (6)
- 5 Drone (5)
- 7 Jeer (5)
- 13 Snake (3)
- 14 Vibrate (7)
- 15 Soil (5)
- 17 Raised (6)
- 18 Swindles (6)
- 19 Magnificent (6)
- 21 Rigorous (5)

Sudoku

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