

HORRORSCOPE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2012:

To allow for the vagaries of the universe and interperative inexactitude, it might pay to read everyone else's stars as well.

SCORPIO

A good day to tie up loose ends. Caution is indicated though, so perhaps start with your shoelaces just to see how you go. A good time to seek that promotion unless your boss is a Scorpio, reads this and sees you coming.

SAGITTARIUS

Everything will just fall into your lap this month. Perhaps fettucine is a bit too multicultural for you. This is a great time for self discovery. Go to the library, get a book on finding your inner being, take it home and lose yourself in it. Play hide and seek by opening and closing the book.

CAPRICORN

Avoid chopping and changing all the time. This might not apply to you transvestite forestry workers because some of you look absolutely divine. You will be highly attractive to those on the same wavelength, or if you're into hair, those with the same wavelength.

AQUARIUS

Interesting things are happening behind the scenes, or if you're still at school, behind the tree next to the police cells carpark. Do you see your life as half full or half empty? How about your friends; oh yeah I know, they're half full.

PISCES

There should be a dramatic intersection between Mercury and Earth when the thermometer falls off the wall. If your closest friends irritate you, tell them to get stuffed! But don't bother telling teddy - he is already.

ARIES

People may rub you up the wrong way this month which may be bad or perhaps

even kinky. You must change your attitude to stay firmly on the ground. Pilots, however should change their altitude to stay firmly off the ground. Except for engine failure nothing should bring you down this month.

TAURUS

This is not a good time for relationships. You should be prepared to look after your own needs and gratifications. Handle everything on a day to day basis but not so much that it affects your eyesight. Avoid low self esteem but it will probably be hard for people like you.



GEMINI

If the economy recovers you will be right but if not, look out! There is a move afoot to index astrological predictions to the Dow Jones, the Nikkei and the Hang Seng. I mean what's the point in predicting a rosy future for anyone if QE3 and the next GFC are about to kick the slats out of the whole joint?

CANCER

Hold on to your daks folks, this is a time of great change. Those of you who are single will find the partner of your dreams; trouble is, so too might you married ones. Now look, the stars can't be expected to know if you've just slipped off the ring, so it's up to you to be honest.

LEO

Take a good hard look at your perceptions. Are you seeing the world through pessimistic eyes. Is there really poverty and hunger, massive ongoing deforestation and global warming? Good news I'm afraid - you're OK. All these things are actually happening.

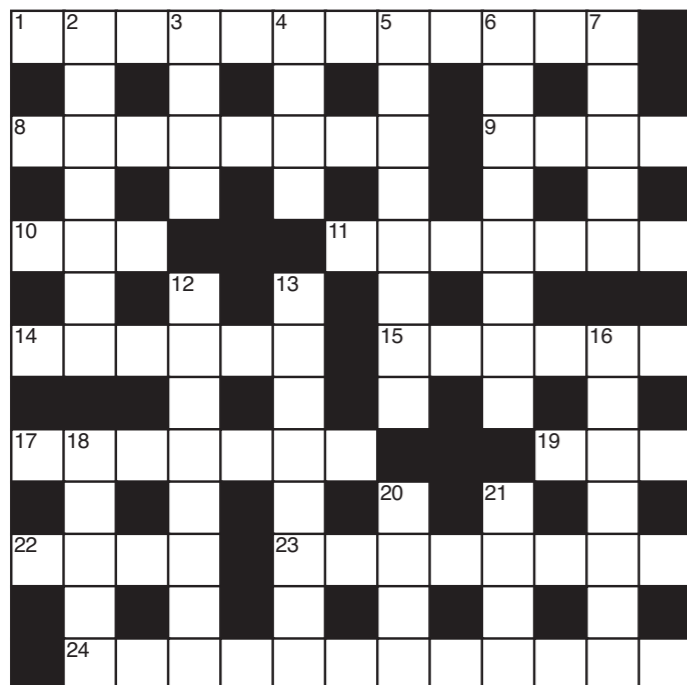
VIRGO

You can be anything you want this month. Although be wary if you find your self on a cliff edge and your mind puts it to you that you are aeroplane. Avoid unnecessary activities that have absolutely no bearing on your life, relationships or well-being. Sorry, are you still there? Darn, lost another reader.

LIBRA

Make up your own mind. Do not trust what others tell you (except for the preceding bit). A time of total psychic awareness so I'll just think it all and you can scan my brain at your leisure.

BRAIDWOOD BAFFLER #1



ACROSS

- 1. Popular local craft event. (5,7)
- 8,11 across. Braidwood Heritage building (8,7)
- 9. Several craftsmen and women in the region make these (4)
- 10. Greek god (4)
- 14. ?Hunt around for a furry creature? (6)
- 15. Riddle (6)
- 17, 23 across. ?Major folk attraction? (5,2,3,5)
- 19. Braidwood shop (3)
- 22. ?Booted pet? (4)
- 23. ?Puzzle setter wants a long life? (4,3,1,4)

DOWN

- 2. Unconscious (7)
- 3. Den (4)
- 4. Go one's way (4)
- 5. ?I feel the slippery robber? anag (3,5)
- 6. Expressive (8)

- 7. Prevent (5)
- 12. Braidwood's namesake (2,6)
- 13. ?Keep him away from 22 across? (5,3)
- 16. ?We are strongly attracted to them? (7)
- 20. Extremely (4)
- 21. Spoken (4)

SOLUTION IN THE NEXT BWD

BUT OF COURSE THERE ARE NO ANSWERS THIS MONTH SO HERE'S A NICE GRAPHIC TO FILL THE SPACE.



Solar power to the people

TIME & ENERGY FIRST APPEARED as a column in the *Braidwood Times* on June 7 2007. Most of weekly columns that followed lamented the slow pace of energy reform in this country. Well here we are at the end of 2012 and still nothing much is happening.

Time & Energy originally started in 1978 as a magazine produced by a motley collective of people involved in the anti-uranium movement. It trawled the daily papers for news about atomic energy, fossil fuels and the emerging renewable technologies. Actually, not much has changed since those days either.

The oil and coal lobbies are still welcomed into the corridors of power while alternative energy promoters cry out to be heard. If it takes another 35 years to see positive support for renewables from our politicians, all our geese will be cooked, flooded, or blown away in wild storms.

What we're seeing now is an endless forest of green papers, white papers, discussion papers, position papers - until it's enough to give you the need of perforated paper.

I know I've said this before, but it is worth reiterating, that it all boils down to the need to burn less coal in the making of electricity. Every other fuel source is better. It stands to reason then, that we could measure our progress by celebrating every tonne of coal that is not mined, exported or burned.

Why are we not? The scientists are nearly all agreed - and that's a rare enough event - that the burning of fossil fuels is directly responsible for global warming and the resulting climate change.

The renewable energy industry is vibrant, inventive, job creating and completely credible in its claim that all it needs is a level playing field. There is nothing 'counter-culture' or 'hippy' about renewables. Check out any of the many trade magazines. The biggest global names in industrial production are in there refining the latest technologies.

It is only in the corridors of power that

the message is muffled by vested interest and political ineptitude. The voices that spruik the idea that coal power and accelerating growth are mandatory requirements for progress are the same ones that have brought the industrialised world to the brink of financial ruin.



towards the future by Paul Cockram

So what to do about it?

The good news is that delaying renewable energy uptake, especially solar, is bound to fail eventually. The power of the sun is distributed by latitude, not by social status or inherited wealth. If the collection technology continues to get cheaper, as it is, the move to solar is inevitable.

Palerang is in one of the best zones on the planet for harvesting solar energy. Short of making solar power illegal, there is nothing any government can

do to stop us making our electricity from the power of the sun.

Sure, they can make it difficult. A most ridiculous situation exists at the moment with metering. Panels on a roof can be wired in 'after the meter' so that the user is saving the full retail price by using the panels' output before buying from the grid.

That's good, that's fair. The consumer has used their own capital to reduce demand on the grid and is paid for it. So why then, if a group of consumers get together and put their panels in a field, in agreement with a local landowner, will they then be paid only the vastly less wholesale price?

If that all sounds like a mind boggle think of it like this. Here in Braidwood we have many people who could afford to invest, say \$1000, in solar energy if it saved them \$300 every year at today's prices - quite likely much more over the 25-year life of the panels.

If the government and the energy utilities will provide a power bill credit when the panels are on the householder's roof, surely it's crazy, or even criminal, not to allow the same benefit if the panels were to be clustered somewhere out of the way on a north facing hill.

We have to lobby our members of parliament for common sense to prevail. Solar energy, along with larger-scale wind power, can become the energy source of choice on cost price alone.

On the dark side though, coal-fired electricity, if not phased out, may end up costing the earth.

