Your Week Ahead Horoscope

ARIES Mar. 21-Apr. 19

TAURUS Apr. 20-May 20

GEMINI May 21-June 20

CANCER

June 21-July 22

LEO July 23-Aug. 22

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18

PISCES Feb. 19-Mar. 20



A lively exchange with a relative stranger could provide you with new and innovative ideas. Listen to the ideas of others.

Listen to your common sense. When the time comes to make a decision, use your head and not your heart.

Saying "no" may not be popular, but it may be a necessity at this time. Try to compromise if at all possible.

Someone is having a field day behind your back. Watch for tell-tale signs of mutiny. Don't point a finger unless you are sure.

Show more confidence in the abilities of coworkers. Help give them greater self-esteem by praising their efforts.

Show extra kindness to one who is having problems. You may be in the same boat one

A storm is brewing on the horizon. Batten down the hatches and prepare to do battle. Defend your position.

Pretending to be something you're not will only create more problems. Admit the truth and, if necessary, defeat.

time to spare.

into your own.

SAGITTARIUS Cool your heals where romance is concerned. Forcing the issue will leave you out in the cold.

Don't be misled by a newcomer. The tried and

true will always be your best bet.

Prepare for a hectic week. Organize your time effectively and you will make it through with

COMING Unusual letter arrives. Answer quickly. Good things will be revealed as you stand to come

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I am a public school teacher and am rather concerned with the recent teacher bashing in newspapers and the recent Royal Commission that suggests that teachers and teacher training are two major problems we have with education today.

I agree that education is in a mess today. Most of the problems can be attributed to bad decisions at the governmental level, previous governments included, and the creation of empires at the school board levels. As a result, a rather large percentage of the tax dollar is gone before it gets to the school level. Teachers are working with poor resources often supplemented from their own pockets.

The concept of taking a test every five years is a joke. I call it "perpetual probation." Certainly there are ways of getting rid of the "bad apples" in teaching but a test isn't the way.

The main criteria necessary for teachers to do their job well is that they are knowledgeable in teaching techniques and that they have that special gift that allows

them to work with children.

The only "test" that's valid is the test of time. Peer coaching, workshops in new techniques and technology as well as professional development courses in special subject areas will ensure that teachers are properly trained. I can't imagine a teacher continuing to teach if he/she can't relate to the pupils under his/her care. It would be a terrible fate!

There are many hardworking, dedicated teachers out there. Teaching is not easy. The pressures to perform; to evaluate and to report accurately are enormous. Your show of support will go a long way to reduce the anxiety and the headaches that are so much a part of teaching. This can only help benefit your son/daughter, who we all have a vested interest in.

Special interest groups will always look for victims to "bash." Public servants are easy prey. Let's stop sitting back and taking it as "good Canadians" are want to do.

Support our teachers.

Harry Smith

Parent has little sympathy for teachers

Dear editor:

Re: Separate school teachers work-to -rule Are teachers slow learners?

I am a parent of two Loyola students, and have learned a number of things in this labor

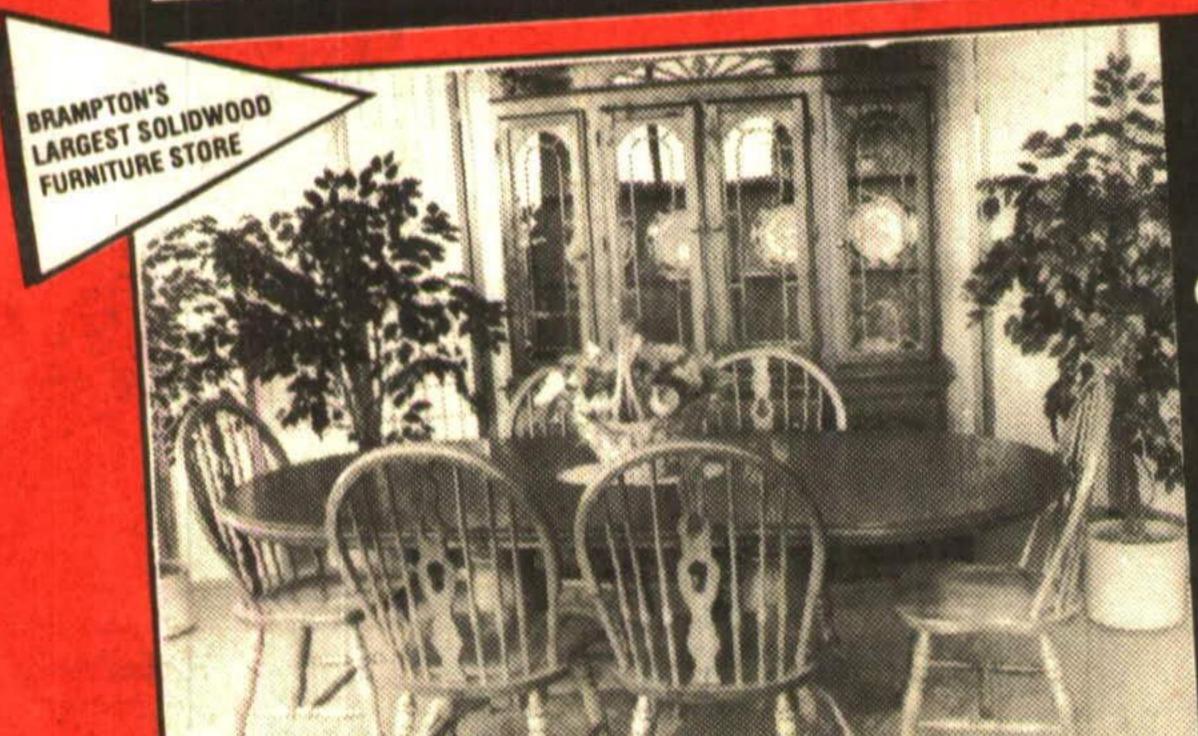
it. Those teachers who still treat teaching as a profession, rather than an hourly-paid blue collar job, deserve our encouragement and support. Those who cynically choose to use students as pawns to advance their demands for higher pay, and who put the cause of their union above the welfare of their students, do not. By their actions, the teachers have not won any sympathy from this parent.

Greg Hughes.



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