IT'S IN THE STARS:

VIRGO

Happy birthday Virgo! You were born during the period August 24 to September 23. Your motto is "I analyze." No sign is better equipped to take anything apart — man or machine — than Virgo.

Understanding Virgo can be a painful chore to the unwary. Somehow it just doesn't seem fair that anyone should be able to spot all the flaws and pitfalls of life, and be so bold as to tell you about them despite your feelings.

Virgo means well, but here is a sign that was out to lunch when tact and diplomacy was being dished out. The girl who notices that almost faded spot on her boyfriend's left pant leg, and the guy who is annoyed by his girlfriend's irregular eye shadow most likely are natives of this sign.

All this is not to say that Virgo is negative, just discriminating. It's comforting to know that the same critical eye that is used on others is applied to self. For this reason, Virgo is said to be its own worst critic.

On the artistic side, many musicians are born under this sign. The fine skills of composition and balance are exhibited by Virgoans Billy Preston and Freda Payne.

Ruled by the planet Mercury, Virgo inherits the intellectual earthiness that resulks in a practical nature with little use for sentimentality. Mercury in Virgo also gives the native a clarity of perception that rivals the average magnifying glass.

And if one wonders about the meaning of the Virgo symbol, the Virgin, think only of the purity and innocence of a naive child and you might come close to understanding Virgo.

Don't think for a minute that Virgo is ignorant of the world around him or her. This native perceives the world all too well. The problem — to some — is that Virgo feels duty-bound to tell the truth. And the truth sometimes hurts.

Virgo is a sign devoted to service and the best way to serve (Virgo feels) is to tell it like it is. It never occurred to Virgo that perhaps the best way to get one to attention to detail, good organization or administration is a snap for Virgo. It is often unfortunate that few Virgos are recognized for their hard-earned accomplishments, but most of them could care less for praise.

Care should also be taken by natives of this sign to avoid overtaxing their bodies through excessive strain and worry. Food is often harmful to the average Virgo when he or she is angry or extremely upset.

THREE TYPES OF VIRGOS

Born Between August 24 and September 2 — You are co-ruled by the sun which gives promise of recognition for your hard work and adds a large measure of pride and ego to your outlook.

Born Between September 3 and September 12 — You are co-ruled by Venus, the planet that softens your usual caustic nature. Venus gives sentiment to the Virgo nature that results in compassion not usual to the native.

Born Between September 13 and September 23 — You are co-ruled by Mercury, your natural planet. By far, you are the true Virgo.

By Michael change for the better is to temper criticism with compassion.

The strength of Virgo can be in its ability to teach and guide. The proper channeling of this critical nature can be beneficial to the rearing of children and the rehabilitation of adults. In addition, women can make great housewives and men, dependable providers.

Now, I know that there are Virgos who fail to fit this description. But, no sign is ever 100% true. However, few of this sign escape the curse or gift of attachment to the work ethic.

Virgos have been known to become physically ill for want of sufficient work to keep them busy. Not only can they do their work well and thoroughly, but yours too.

Virgo in love may not be as passionate as Aries, but a lot more supportive and solid in a relationship. The only lesson to be learned by the Virgo in love is patience and tolerance for the imperfections of the partner.

Most any career demanding

LOVE MATCHES

Astrology is not an absolute science, so don't expect perfection. Use it as a tool in evaluating yourself and those you interact with. All the zodiac signs have qualities of one another that make for a variety of compatibility matches. The following sign love matches are based on general sun sign characteristics to be used only as a guide.

Virgo and Aries

Aries (March 21-April 20) has the quality of keeping things going all the time. The excitement of this match is enough to satisfy most Virgos, especially if the woman is Virgo. Aries can usually take critical Virgo in stride.

Virgo and Taurus

Taurus (April 21-May 20) is so solid and stable as to withstand all you can dish out. Since both signs are earth, compatibility is easier. If you don't like stubborn folk, back off!

Virgo and Gemini

Gemini (May 21-June 21) is also ruled by Mercury, but with different results. Gemini is quick and prefers not to dwell on particulars. Virgo, as you know, loves details. Look for clashes on these points. But, if variety is your thing, try Gemini.

Virgo and Cancer

Cancer (June 22-July 22) often blends with Virgo. If the Cancer mood changes don't bother you and you don't bother Cancer too much with unappreciated criticism, love may prevail. Just a warning, Cancerians can harbor quite a temper.

Virgo and Leo

Leo (July 23-August 22) is pride personified. This sign-mate doesn't cotton too well to criticism. You'll have to try real hard to keep this one if you're a real Virgo.

Virgo and Virgo

It might be fun trading analyses. On the other hand, it may not be. One thing for certain is that both parties will understand each other. With patience and luck, this match could work well.

Virgo and Libra

Libra (September 23-October 23) for all its sense of balance and compromise dislikes excessive criticism. Unless you land a Libra with strong Virgo instincts, the prognosis is dim.

Virgo and Scorpio

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) will challenge you. There will be many depths to probe and analyze. But be careful that you don't delve too deeply. Scorpio resents too much decoding. This match promises exciting moments.

Virgo and Sagittarius

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) demands freedom of movement and thought. Most Virgos find little problem here. The expansive nature of Sagittarius will pose many puzzles for unraveling.

Virgo and Capricorn

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) has a nature very close to yours. Capricorn is earth and inclined to probing and analyses. If you two can avoid drifting into self-pity together, compatibility is capable.

Virgo and Aquarius

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) is enough of an independent thinker and doer to weather all that you can give. Both sign-mates are intellectual and will complement one another.

Virgo and Pisces

Pisces (February 19-March 20) is your opposite sign which accounts for physical attraction. The principal drawback here is the very sensitive nature of Pisces. If you are light on the criticism, forge ahead.

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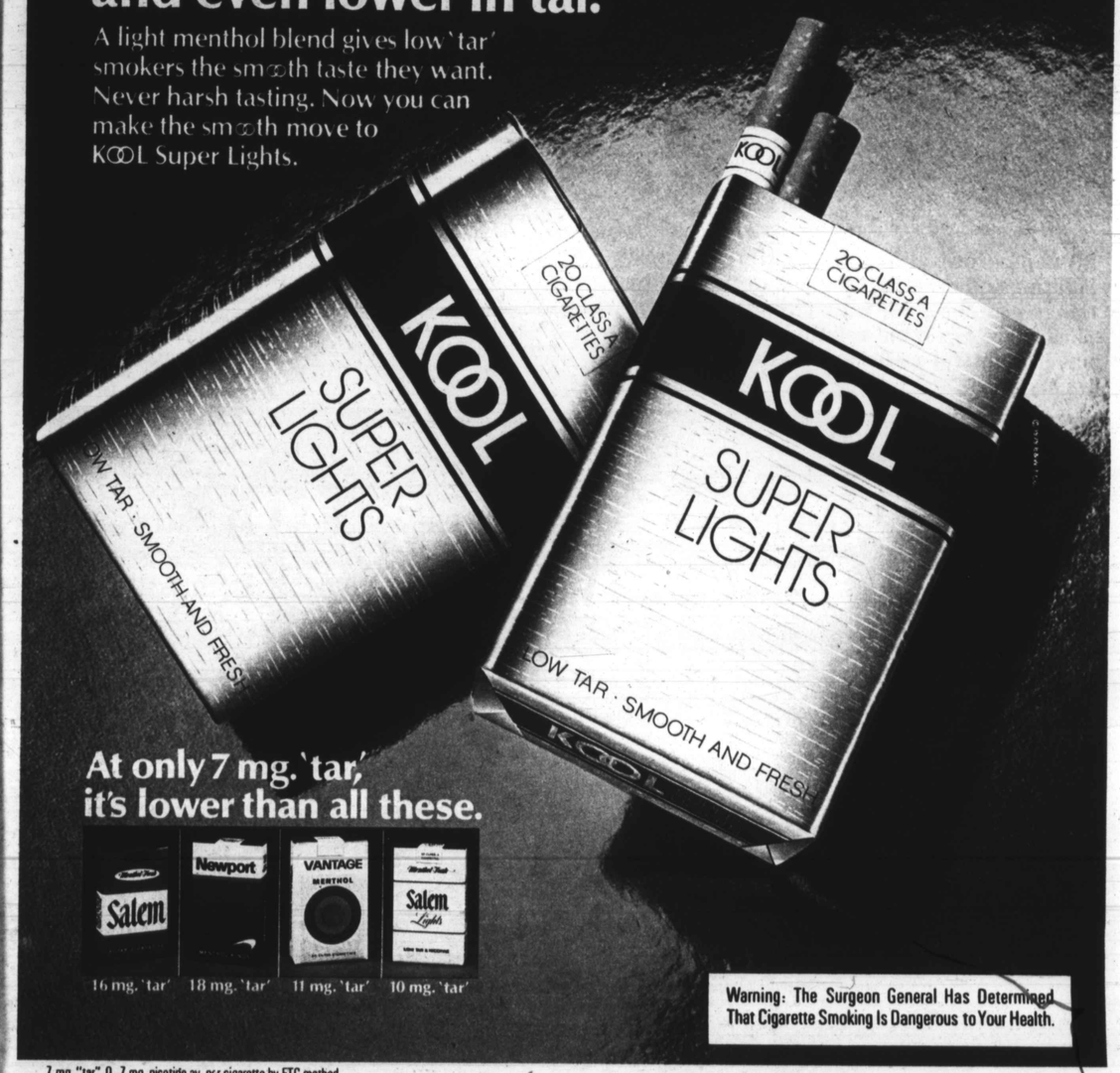

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