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DISNEY'S DIANA TRIBUTE

The London premiere of Disney's new Hercules film on Thursday will be billed as A Tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales, and all proceeds will go to her British Red Cross anti-personnel landmines campaign. Diana had agreed to attend the glittering event along with stars James Woods and Tate Donovan. A spokesman for Disney said: "Despite recent tragic events, both the British Red Cross and Walt Disney had no hesitation in proceeding with the premiere out of respect for her memory and in honour of her dedication to the anti-personnel landmines campaign."



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KYLIE'S DRESSED TO TRILL, WHILE CARMEN'S OUT TO THE



TALL ORDER Seems like no-one gave the giraffe the golden advice: 'Never work with kids or Jeremy Beadle'.



TOOTH COMPANY Or is it three? Babs Windsor, Valerie Campbell and Michelle Collins flash the pearly whites.



DRESSED TO TRILL Kylie's man takes the obvious course of action as she threatens to sing *Locomotion*.



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CARMEN FROM THE COLD Wages on hit series *Baywatch* are so low poor Carmen Electra has to save up to buy the rest of her dress...



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OVER THE TOP Making a gangsta rap film, Woody fails to grasp the concept of "the hood"

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MAR 21 - APRIL 20

No matter how isolated you may have been feeling, rest assured things are about to change. This morning's stunning Sun-Jupiter link sets the tone for the week ahead and within a short space of time you'll find yourself tackling the big issues in life and letting the small stuff take care of itself. Be ready to accept the support of a partner or loved one who is keen to make amends. A set-to at the end of the week may stop you in your tracks - but not for long.

Once you start dealing in solutions, not problems, nothing can hold you back.

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TAURUS**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Doubts and misgivings concerning the working pattern of your life can be discarded and you must tackle whatever lies ahead with a brave heart and determined spirit. Why? Because the influence of Jupiter at the mid-heaven of your chart is urging you to show what you're really made of. Others may react with envy or resentment, of course, and you must be prepared to win them over as best you can. Even so, you cannot afford to get caught up in gossip or petty politics. On this occasion there is only one opinion that matters. Yours.

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GEMINI**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Distant shores beckon and you seem drawn to travel and foreign affairs. Of course, ties and responsibilities make it impossible to drop everything and go. But surely you can plan some sort of adventure or change of tempo, however brief. Watch out for developments on Thursday when Mercury joins forces with mighty Jupiter. Someone is offering their co-operation, and old-fashioned attitudes must not be allowed to get in the way. Freedom is a precious gift. It is also your right. Waste it and you may regret it for a long time to come.

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CANCER**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

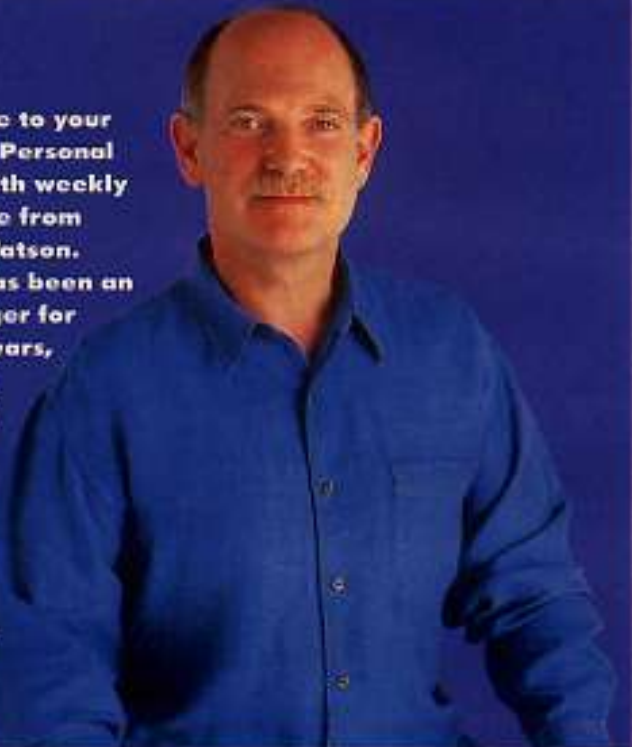
Although you know exactly what's needed on the home and family front, others have seemed reluctant to play ball. This week, however, a series of potent planetary influences enables you to make sweeping changes and perhaps a bit of profit at the same time. Any opposition arising towards the weekend is to be acknowledged, but not taken too seriously. You have many more allies than enemies and are entering a phase when support is available from quite unexpected quarters. All it takes is one word from you. Help.

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Your stars

BY PETER WATSON

Welcome to your all-new **Personal Stars** with weekly guidance from Peter Watson. Peter has been an astrologer for many years, and he worked closely with the late, great **Patric Walker**



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LEO**JULY 24 - AUG 23**

If you are to see an important relationship through a rocky patch you've got to speak up - then shut up. No amount of moping and moaning will do any good, even though cosmic forces indicate that a partner or loved one will be receptive to everything you have to say. The trick is not to leave it too long before you make your move, as a Sun-Saturn set-to means wires will get crossed and tempers frayed. What is revealed after Venus changes signs on Wednesday provides some long-awaited answers. Take them to heart and act immediately.

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VIRGO**AUG 24 - SEPT 23**

All your hard work is about to pay off as rewards and recognition come your way. Of course this is not the only reason you stretch yourself to the limit but it is nice to know your efforts haven't gone unnoticed. On no account use this as an excuse to rest on your laurels, however. The Sun at loggerheads with Saturn on Friday forces you to use your resources in the best possible way. Loved ones will offer a helping hand and you must take heed of whatever comes to light in the process. You are being handed the key to a number of family secrets. Use it.

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LIBRA**SEPT 24 - OCT 23**

Whatever trials and tribulations have been dogging you, this week's cosmic forces cannot fail to bring a smile to your face, especially when it comes to love, romance and the lighter side of life. The personal breakthrough you've been awaiting is virtually guaranteed, provided you know exactly what you are doing, and why. And although some sort of showdown with a partner seems inevitable later in the week, it need not last for long nor do any lasting damage. As someone once said, the art of being wise is knowing what to overlook.

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SCORPIO**OCT 24 - NOV 23**

So much of what has been holding you back can be removed if you bring fears and frailties out into the open. Acknowledge the fact that just as loved ones expect you to provide help and advice, they are happy to do the same in return. Thursday's Mercury-Jupiter link makes it an especially good day to confide in others, provided you're not completely distracted from work or day-to-day pressures. An awkward situation is about to come to a head. Make sure you are armed with the facts and figures that provide the final answer.

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NOV 23 - DEC 21

Yours is a fire sign and you like action. So if you've been finding the pace a bit slow of late you'll be pleased to know the heat's now on. By joining forces with a group of friends or associates, happiness and fulfilment can be yours, even though certain individuals may introduce some controversy into the equation. Don't imagine such behaviour is a reflection of their true feelings for you. Let bygones be bygones and enjoy the fact that on Wednesday Jupiter resumes its normal direction, providing an enlightening new perspective to an old problem.

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CAPRICORN**DEC 22 - JAN 20**

The enormity of what's happening is about to hit home and there's no point in trying to run and hide. Potent planetary activity at the mid-heaven of your chart suggests you are moving up in the world, enhancing your lifestyle on the way. Take care, however, not to let sudden success wipe out that all that has gone before. The Sun may be shining on your achievements but Saturn is reminding you of where you came from and who you really are. Not all critical comment can be put down to envy or sour grapes. Listen to what is really being said.

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AQUARIUS**JAN 21 - FEB 19**

If you've been stuck for words they'll soon be rolling off your tongue. If you've been stuck for ideas inspiration will arrive. And if you're stuck in a rut you are about to be on the move. Jupiter in your own sign is joining forces with both the Sun and Mercury to give you free rein in those areas you wish to explore. Remember, however, that it is necessary to combine speed with caution to get you where you want to be. There may be hidden obstacles which are not made apparent until much later in the week. Look twice before you take the big leap.

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PISCES**FEB 20 - MAR 20**

Not until you relax and stop worrying about financial affairs will you realise how well off you really are. Developments early in the week should present shared endeavours in a refreshingly different light, providing the incentive for you to head off in a profitable new direction. And although at first glance the opportunities may seem endless, there is one option that stands out above the rest. Decide where to focus your energies, then side-step any distractions. Once you take your eye off the ball you are in danger of scoring an own goal.

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Listen! I'm a hero

SO FAR HIS MAIN CLAIM TO FAME IS AS THE MAN ON JENNIFER ANISTON'S ARM. NOW AS THE LEAD VOICE IN DISNEY'S **HERCULES**, TATE DONOVAN IS MAKING HIS OWN MARK ON TINSULTOWN.
BY MARTYN PALMER



For young actor Tate Donovan, starring in a Disney hit like *Hercules* is the biggest break of his career. Trouble is, he's the voice of the hero, so his face remains unknown – while his girlfriend Jennifer Aniston is one the biggest stars in the world thanks to her role in *Friends*. "I haven't really had any celebrity status have I? And that's how I handle it," he laughs. "I've been working since I was 19 in crummy jobs, one line here, four lines there, being cut out of movies that haven't been too successful. I haven't had

overnight success. But I've seen people who have.

"On my second date with Jan we were followed by paparazzi. It's unbelievable. In England Jen's like a rock star! We went there recently and she was just mobbed."

Tate first met Jennifer two years ago in November, after friends convinced them they would hit it off. But Tate very nearly blew it on the first date. "We went to a Japanese restaurant that she hated so much I was amazed we made it to the next date," he says. "The place had no charm at all. I figured I'd impress her

and I didn't want it to be romantic at all, I just thought I'd take her somewhere for good food – but she didn't eat anything at all. It was only after a month or so that she said 'remember that first place? Awful!'" Tate says they strive for a normal relationship despite Jennifer's popularity and the fact that his new role will turn the spotlight on him, too. "You just have to try to stay on top of it, talk about your feelings and say 'wow that was weird' or 'it makes me uncomfortable when that happens' if the fame thing is getting too much. "As long as you share within a

relationship it doesn't do too much. There are just can't do of cour shopping malls, but Tate says there are n for him and Jennifer but they have excha love rings. "I don't know about things are going real have clogagh rings," are love rings and yo to anyone. But if you with the stone facing means you are taken wear them that way.



Getting the part was a dream come true. I jumped up and down, laughing and crying!



FAME GAME:
Tate out on the town with Jennifer Aniston

"Amazingly, we both bought one for each other on our first anniversary last November - without knowing the other had got one too."

Jennifer was on Tate's arm at the New York world premiere of *Hercules*, which also features the voices of Danny DeVito and James Woods. The film has won rave reviews in America, with many critics comparing it with *Aladdin*. That film was written and directed by the same Disney team - John Musker and Ron Clements.

"Getting the part in *Hercules* was like a dream come true," says Tate.

"I wanted it so bad and I just kept working and working at it. When my agent called, I started jumping up and down, laughing and crying. I realised I was going to be part of something that I could be really proud of. And that's an amazing feeling." He says he was "blown away" the first time he saw the finished movie - after months of working alone in a sound studio.

"When you are doing a voice you don't see anything. I thought it worked the other way round - that I would go into the studio and put words together with the animation

already done. But they put the voices down first and then the animators work to the voice," he says.

"It's pretty embarrassing when you don't have another actor to respond to. There's just an assistant holding a piece of paper reading the role of a 300ft Cyclops, saying in a really boring voice, 'I will crush you to little pieces...' and it makes you use your imagination, I can tell you."

"One of the hardest scenes was the first fight scene. At one point Hercules is drowning in the river and I had to gulp back some water because I couldn't get the sound

right. I was choking and spurring water all over the microphone. It was really tough.

"Then I saw the finished film with all the music and the colour and the special effects added. It was like 'wow!'"

Tate, 29, whose father is a doctor and mother a remedial school teacher, was born in New York state and says he first wanted to act when his parents took him to the cinema when he was just four.

"It was all about knights saving damsels in distress and I thought, 'Oh my God, I have to do this!' But ▶

even at four years old I felt a sense of dread and thought, 'Oh no, everyone must want to do this.'"

So far, Tate's credits have included *Memphis Belle*, *Love Potion No. 9* and *Ethan Frome*. He will soon be seen alongside Wesley Snipes in the thriller *Murder At 1600*.

His one disappointment with working on *Hercules* was that he didn't work directly with acting legends James Woods (the voice of Hades) and Danny DeVito (the voice of *Hercules'* sidekick Phil). Each actor did his own voice role separately. "But I did have to do this scene where Meg, the heroine, comes back from death and I had to say a line something like, 'love makes people do crazy things . . . ' and be really sweet and tender.

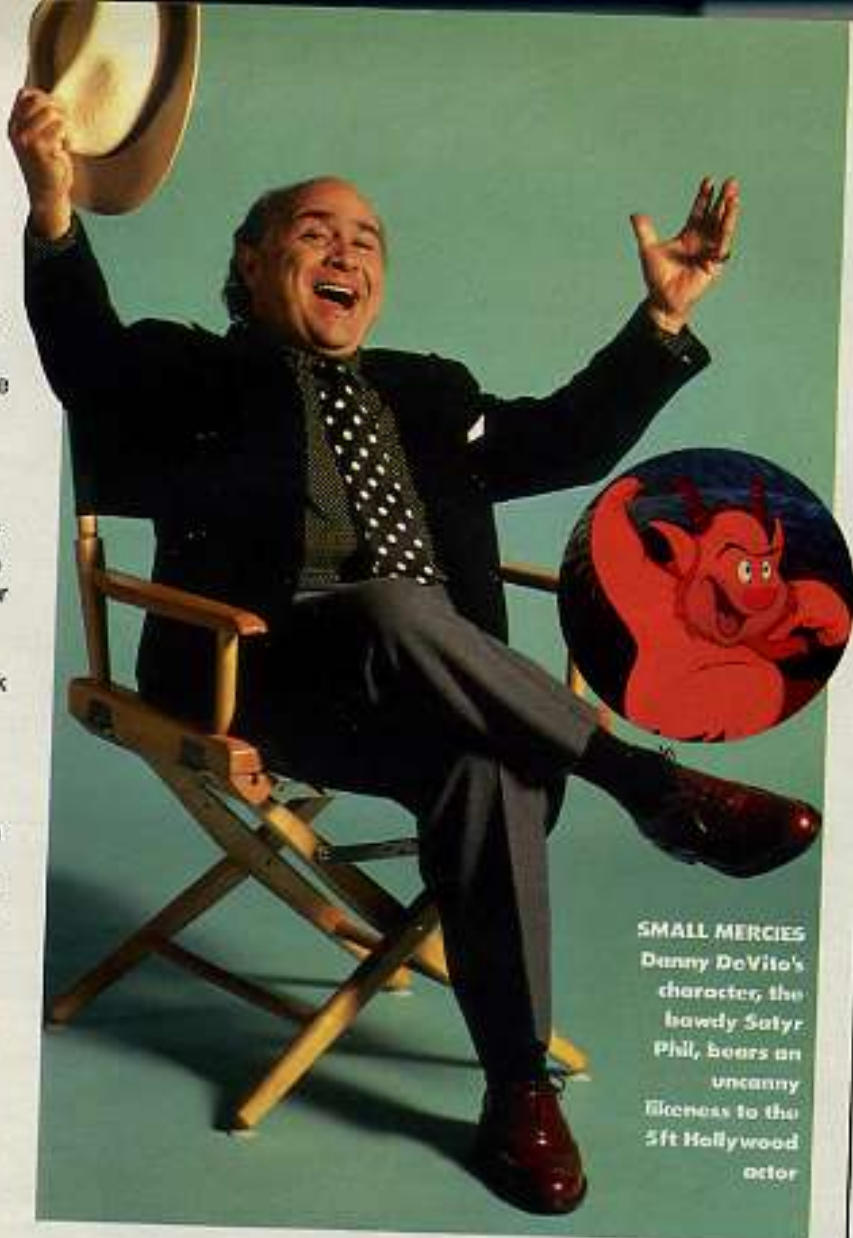
"Danny DeVito was in the next booth ripping me to shreds and imitating me. Everyone was in fits of laughter." DeVito himself was delighted to take part in *Hercules*. He plays Phil, a satyr, whose specialty is training heroes, and he's a tough taskmaster. "I'm a big Disney fan and I was really glad they asked me to do the part of Phil. It's exciting and the animation is so beautiful. The music is also great and I get to do a song, which is really cool. I've never done any singing so it was really a gas to do it with an orchestra and the whole bit."

Danny is married to actress Rhea Perlman — best known as Carla the acidic barmaid in *Cheers* — and they have three children, Lucy, 14, Gracie, 12, and nine-year-old Jake.

"I'm devoted to my wife and family," says DeVito. "We try to do everything together when I'm not working. I'm a family guy, not only at home but at work too. I like to work with the same people over and over again. I like the work to be a fertile, constructive arena for the job we love.

"The kids thought *Hercules* was cool. They love Disney anyway. And I do think it's a good film for children, it's empowering and a good lesson. *Hercules* fights the forces of evil and, like in all good fairytales, the evil forces represent the tough things we all need to overcome."

Danny, 52, was particularly delighted



SMALL MERCIES
Danny DeVito's character, the bawdy Satyr Phil, bears an uncanny likeness to the 5ft Hollywood actor

with the character of Phil, the bawdy half-man, half-goat who, at least in size, bears a striking resemblance to the 5ft actor:

Phil is a neat looking character," he laughs. "The animators pick little characteristics of your movement and incorporate them into this goat-man character and it's wonderful to see. They're great artists.

"When you're doing the voice in front of the microphones, they get you to do great things. You can fall off cliffs, do spins in the air . . ."

James Woods has starred in many major Hollywood movies, including *Salvador*, *Nixon* and *Contact*, but nothing was quite like his role in *Hercules*.

"Doing a voice for a Disney animated film makes you feel like you're a kid

again," he says. "It makes you feel like the first time you were an actor and you were so amazed at what you're able to do and that somebody was actually paying you to do it.

"This experience has been as fresh and new as any I've ever had in my career. It's been fun since Day One." James said he was amazed at how much freedom he was given when it came to creating Hades.

He says: "We got to create and ad lib and come up with crazy lines. When I first came in for the part of Hades, I was feeling kind of silly, so I did him like a big, sleazy Hollywood agent, and for some reason, it stuck.

Everybody knows it's working if we're laughing. And if we're not laughing, then we think of something better. It's a great group effort and the Disney team is a great family to be part of." ■

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As everyone knows, does anything by he cast was essential became yet another Big names clamour Disney magic, includ



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ABOVE RIGHT: outfits as before, Hercules lunch kit, £9.99, vanity case, £7.49, from W.H. Smith, Woolworth and other retailers. **ABOVE:** Picture frame, £19.99, The Disney Store. **BELOW:** balloons, £1.95 each from Asda and good card shops



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