

SUNDAY SPECIAL

Expect big changes in Year of Horse

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The Chinese Year of the Horse begins Tuesday.

We consulted Richmond feng shui master, astrologer, author and lecturer Sherman Tai in his Aberdeen Centre office to find out what to expect.

YEAR OF THE HORSE

This is a very important year. We are facing big changes. The Horse is a very noble, energetic animal but is sometimes emotional and full of temper. It is untamed and wild. There will be whole economic, financial and psychological changes.

Whether this is positive or negative depends on where you are or what career you're in. It's a good opportunity for people who have courage and who are energetic and have new ideas.

Chinese New Year events

Chinese New Year falls on Feb. 12 this year. Here are some of the events surrounding it:

■ **SunBrite Lunar New Year's Festival:** Huge consumer trade fair, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Feb. 8-11 at PNE Coliseum. Adults \$3; seniors, children \$2; kids under six free.

■ **Cathay Pacific Festival:** Eatons-sponsored trade show at the International Village, Feb. 14-17, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

■ **Flower Market:** New at the Chinese Cultural Centre, customers can buy fruits, vegetables and flowers in the multi-purpose

hall, Feb. 8-10.

■ **Downtown Eastside Festival:** For kids and grownups, a community carnival Feb. 16, noon to 5 p.m. at 38 Blood Alley Square.

■ **New Year Parade:** Starts at gates of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden at noon Feb. 17 and winds throughout Chinatown. Last year attendance was around 50,000, so come early!

■ **Family Celebration:** At Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden, this annual all-day family New Year event happens Feb. 17, 10 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., admission by donation.



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Chinese astrologer Sherman Tai says the Year of the Horse is a good opportunity for people who have courage and new ideas.

RAT
(born in 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996)

OX
(born in 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997)

TIGER
(born in 1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998)

RABBIT
(born in 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999)

DRAGON
(born in 1904, 1916, 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000)

SNAKE
(born in 1905, 1917, 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001)