

# HOROSCOPE



**ARIES**  
(MAR. 21-APRIL 20)

Try a night out with your mate. Relatives may be difficult to deal with. Sudden romantic infatuations won't be lasting. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



**TAURUS**  
(APR. 21-MAY 21)

Changes at home will affect family members. Be transparent. Evasion is likely if you aren't direct about your feelings. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



**GEMINI**  
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Moneymaking opportunities will flourish. Relationships will be erratic this week. Don't let anyone abuse you verbally. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



**CANCER**  
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

You may have to defend your mate. Don't let anyone take advantage of you. Travel will initiate new connections. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



**LEO**  
(JULY 23-AUG 22)

Promote your work with confidence. Do not yield to relatives. You will accomplish what you want this week. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



**VIRGO**  
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)

Get involved in self-improvement programmes. Hassles with in-laws could put a damper on your day. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



**LIBRA**  
(SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

Difficulties with family may result in estrangements. You will communicate well this week. Don't divulge secret information. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



**SCORPIO**  
(OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Try to get others to stand behind your good judgment. Try getting back into shape. Believe in yourself and your talents. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Finish any pending work. Entertainment could be expensive. You could be quite erratic regarding your personal relationship. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



**CAPRICORN**  
(DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Social activities will be enjoyable. Clear up pending domestic chores. Don't be too confident that co-workers are on your side. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



**AQUARIUS**  
(JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Help others solve their dilemmas. Use your inventiveness to find solutions. You might have a problem juggling your time. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



**PISCES**  
(FEB. 20-MARCH. 20)

You can surprise members of your family. Love could develop at social events. Pursue outdoor activities. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

## TRIBUTE

# Curtain falls: The end of an era

This may come as a surprise to many, but I have never been a fan of James Bond and so, Roger Moore was a name alien to me. However, it was during Prince William's wedding, which was aired on television that my father pointed at this tall and handsome looking man, as he entered the Buckingham Palace along with his lovely wife.

Right then, it triggered the farthest corner of my father's memory and the stories of The Saint and James Bond started flowing, enlightening me about an era of excellence which I, along with the younger generation, had missed.

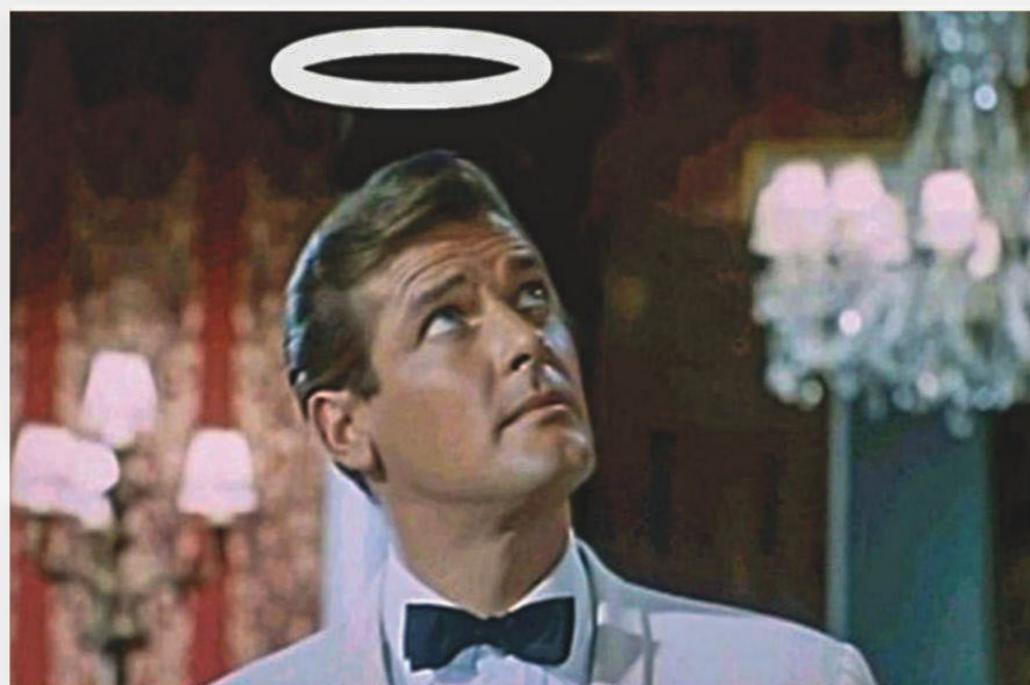
"All of us siblings would rush to our television sets at six or seven in the evening and stayed glued there for an hour or so, till the show ended. It was our everyday routine, 'The Saint' had grown in us," reminisced my father with a twinkle in his eyes.

Upon hearing the news of his death, I did a little bit of reading on the charismatic, Sir Roger Moore. I was baffled by his good looks, even at the age of 89, and his ever humble nature.

There was an interesting read, which my father had recommended on Sir Roger. The write-up was about the time the writer had met him. He was a child and was full of excitement and craze about the movie James Bond when he happened to come across Roger Moore at the airport.

The star struck and over the moon and enthusiastic child went up to him and asked for an autograph. The star signed "Roger Moore" along with a warm note instead of James Bond. Confused, the kid asked if he had made a mistake. At that moment, he leaned forward and whispered that he had not written James Bond so that Blofeld (the villain from the movie) does not find out he was there. Happily the child went back to his seat with his coveted possession.

Years later, the child had grown up to



be working as a scriptwriter, which involved him working with UNICEF where Roger Moore was present for the shoot. Seizing this opportunity, he told him about the time they had met at the airport to which Sir Roger said that he could not recall. However, on leaving the set, he went up to the writer of the article and whispered that he remembered the incident. He did not say anything then because the cameramen could have been working for Blofeld!

Such was the personality of Sir Roger Moore who was so humble and down to earth. Not only did he contribute to the film industry, but his unabating contribution to humanity and world peace has inspired and helped many.

Many of his fans and admirers have been seen writing that he carried with himself an aura of royalty and it is very true. For the younger generation who could not experience his time but have heard about him can get some idea about the man, his charisma, good look and time from the outpouring of messages from his fans who had the good luck to be part of the Simon Templar and James Bond era.

It is sad that people like him have left the world when the world needs them the most. There will certainly be a void in the film fraternity, and yet many artistes are certainly there who will emulate him as their real life hero.

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## MUSINGS

# Nibbles in Ramadan

Ramadan in summer poses a time challenge of sorts. There are hardly nine hours of time between iftar and sehri, whereas Ramadan in winter gives nearly twelve hours, without a scorching sun during the day. It becomes a precarious balancing act between eating too little, or stuffing yourself to bursting point.

The length of time right after the Maghrib Adhan, as it signals the start of the iftar, becomes a gorge fest for many while some simply settle for a drink of water. Between these two extremes lie a whole spectrum of edibles and thirst quenchers. And there is no wrong way in this gastronomic journey as long as your

stomach agrees!

Right after iftar, still hungry stomachs force the body to scour for food around the house, and end up at the neighbourhood fried chicken joint (even though a gargantuan dinner is already being prepared at home).

To add to the food hunting, sehri too becomes another eating session to look forward to. Speaking of sehri, eateries go as far as to offer sehri buffets these days. Someone can actually enter one of these places for iftar and leave at sehri now, no strings attached!

Even street-side fry-up joints seem to pitch in for the nibbles game. Food

options simply quadruple during the post-iftar time slot. One thing is for certain; be it a stove, or achulaor an oven in a top star kitchen to the street side — none get to cool down in this season.

For the busy denizens of the urban jungle, iftar over the weekdays is often taken on the roads without the creature comforts of home. In its heart, Ramadan is a time for abstinence leading to spiritual-exploration. Without fully embracing this key concept, it becomes mere food deprivation followed by stuffing oneself to indigestion.

**By Iris Farina**