

STAR TALK

by Douglas Bloch

The following column will be a monthly feature of **Just Out**. Each month we will feature the "sign of the month" and other subjects relating to astronomy. If you have any questions about the content of this column or astrology in general I will be happy to answer them. Write me care of this paper.

CAPRICORN The Mountain Goat
December 21-January 19
The Sign of the **ORGANIZER**
A Transpersonal, Cardinal Earth Sign
Earth Image — The Mountain
"I organize"

Capricorn, the tenth sign of the Zodiac, completes and perfects the earth principle. Associated with Saturn, the planet of form and discipline, the goat combines the practical qualities of earth with the cardinal mode's pioneering instinct. Through this synthesis, he actively imposes order and structure upon the outside world.

Capricorn natives derive many of their traits from their symbol, the mountain goat. Like the goat, they are slow, cautious and sure footed in their climb up the mountain. The goat must periodically descend before progressing higher, the overall movement is upward. True, this method of climbing brings inevitable delays. But, through organization, hard work, and persistence, Capricorns eventually scale the peak to find societal recognition awaiting them at the top, (a heavy Capricorn emphasis occurs in the charts of many famous individuals).

Though Capricorns certainly deserve their hard earned success, they must avoid using their ambition for the sole purpose of personal gain (witness the fate of Richard Nixon, Jan 9). Being a transpersonal sign, the goat's highest calling is to work for the public

good. With no ego to please, no competitors to surpass and no insecurity to alleviate their mind is fixed upon one goal only — to bring a more humane order into the world. To attain this end, they may organize a labor union, administer a non-profit health organization, or run for political office. If their motivation is pure, success is inevitable and lasting.

Saturn governs the process of maturation over time. Consequently, many children of Capricorn are late bloomers. During the first half of life, they struggle to overcome limitations and self doubt that were developed during childhood. Yet, the tree that ripens slowly produces the sweetest fruit. Once Capricorns have worked through their initial difficulties, they experience a tranquility and mellowing of the later decades. Aging gracefully, they are usually well advanced in years when their life on earth concludes.

Our discussion of Capricorn would be incomplete without an appreciation of the symbolism of the mountain. Historically,

mountains have represented the meeting ground of the spiritual and the mundane. Many advanced religious orders have established their dwellings in the mountains of Tibet, India, Peru and Central America. Moses ascended Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. Christ was transfigured upon a mountain. And Capricorn Martin Luther King Jr. preached on the eve of his death, "I have been to the mountain top and have seen the promised land!" Thus, in his most evolved state, Capricorn bases his accomplishments upon a spiritual vision revealed to him high atop the mountain's peak.

Qualities of Capricorn

Accomplishments:

organized, practical, disciplined, dutiful, conscientious, structured, deliberate, cautious, methodical, planning, prudent, frugal, reserved, patient, striving, accomplishing, attaining, achieving, success-oriented

Personal Ambition:

conservative, obsessed with order, compulsive, restricted, guarded, inhibited, pessimistic, constricted, unemotional, lacking spontaneity, opportunistic, machiavellian, manipulating, calculating.

Anatomically, Capricorns rule the structural aspects of the body — skeletal system, teeth, skin and knees. Worry and emotional upset often lead to digestive complaints or skin disorders.

People Born with the Sun in Capricorn include:

Martin Luther King, Jr., Benjamin Franklin, Mao Tse Tung, Joan of Arc, Sir Isaac Newton, Louis Pasteur, Albert Schweitzer, Horatio Alger, Joan Baez, Elvis Presley, Humphrey Bogart, and Janis Joplin.



SPORTS

Mud ball '84

by Ken Vogl

With the Arctic cold and miserable freezing rains behind us for awhile, and unless you think my brain was a victim of the last winter storm, let's turn our attention to *Softball??* That's right; softball in January.

About a year ago, in the little burg of Eugene, the boredom got so severe one beautifully wet, cold, muddy day that the denizens of Cassady's Tavern got all their friends together for a little softball bash. Then they invited all their softball friends from Portland to come and join with them.

It was mostly for fun and a little bit because of the fact that their elevators didn't quite reach the top floor. But, oh well, as I heard it, it was a butt-freezing good time; and it was christened *Mud Bowl '83*. Then everyone agreed that they'd "see y'all next year."

Here it is 1984 and the invitation is out. Those good ole folks from Cassady's in Eugene are again trying to prove that there's

no end to what some people will do for fun.

I have it from a close inside source that this year's event will be even bigger and better than last year's. For instance, if the mud ball field isn't as wet and muddy as advertised, they are going to dump water on the field.

Basically, it will be a no-holds-barred contest. The survivors will go on to the next round, a free kegger at Cassady's Tavern Saturday night. I hear these guys are pretty good ball players, but even better beer drinkers.

And there is a committee to match visiting players and fans with lodging for the night. A free dating service! To top it all off, a ceremony hosted by everyone's favorites, the Cassadettes! Oh, my happy hangover.

So get your calendar off the wall and circle the weekend of February 11 and 12. Do a few push-ups and jog around the block once or twice; scrape the mud off the mitt, and find a ball, any ball. A little throwing and a little catching and you're out of breath already, so don't worry about the softball. We'll be finding out who the best beer drinkers are, too.

MONEY

Where has all the money gone?

by Diana Plunkett

Does it seem like you are making more and taking home less? Now may be the time to take advantage of a different method of computing tax called income averaging. If your averageable income for 1983 is over \$3,000 more than 120% of your average income for the four preceding years you might be eligible to use this special tool to help ease the tax bite for 1983.

Income averaging allows an individual with an unusually high income to compute their tax under a method which has the effect as a four-year spreadback of the income above his average. For example, a single individual with \$30,000 taxable income in 1983 would have a federal tax liability of \$6,477. If that individual had a taxable income of \$10,000 in 1979, \$12,000 in 1980, \$14,000 in 1981, and \$17,000 in 1982, he or she would benefit from income averaging. Under the income averaging method of computing tax, the individual would then have a federal tax liability of \$5,704 — a federal tax savings of \$773.

Income averaging is not a one time shot and should be used as many times as it will benefit you. By taking advantage of the tax laws you can Save Tax Dollars \$\$\$.