

HOROSCOPES



By Soup Can Sam, staff astrologist

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Don't sleep through a dream come true, or you may die too soon. It's better to go out walking with the weight of it all and let it hit you like a waterfall. Point is, don't forget to feel or you'll just become a shell of yourself. And that's no fun.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Pull up your pants, swallow your anxiety, and do whatever you've been talking about doing that you haven't done in months, years, or ever. It's been too long since you shook loose the cosmic build-up.

Aries (March 21-April 20) It's about time that something somewhere somehow gets through to you. We all fake it until we make it — and deep down you know you're no different. Doing your best is all you can do, and that's just fine. After all, it is a long strange trip. Enjoy it.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) The truth is we all share the stars with a million other people. The booming and banging, sirens and shaking — the rain and sidewalk games, train rides and rush-hour bribes. Don't be afraid to experience it either. Don't fear the unknown. Enjoy letting go.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) I know what you're thinking. I never read Soup Can Sam. Not intellectual enough. Waste of time. The truth is, I can't really tell you how right you are. I've been thinking the same thing. Soup Can doesn't even read what he writes after he writes it. It's like a packed bus on a rush-hour hill — it's just uncomfortable. Soup Can hasn't the slightest clue what's on the horizon, and it's probably best this way.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Soup Can Sam does in fact need to confess about being an astrologer and all. It might be a stretch. A fib, a creative lie to underscore the absurdity of determining your future among other futures in a very weird land; a rock, in fact, a really big rock that has six billion other futures walking around bumping into each other. I don't really remember where I was going with this, but hey, maybe that's the point. Do any of us — especially you — really know where we're going? Exactly. Do what you can. Then do what you like.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) If it's getting late and all the bars are closed, night after night, it might be a good idea to think about things. Not for long. Long enough to capture the a.m. vodka and orange juice. Trust me, it really doesn't matter after that.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) Find yourself a nice little place and cuddle up to someone somewhere who needs it. It's better than

tripping over your own self sometimes. We all need to feel connected. Connect.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Attention new Portlanders: February fake-out has arrived. There will be some fantastic and charming sunny days in February. Maybe even flowers will begin to bloom and you'll be amazed at just how many people live in your neighborhood and have crawled out from under some rock to walk the streets. You will smile and bask at the idea of springtime arriving. Then March, April and May will kill your spirit with three more months of overcast drizzle followed by rain. Soup Can is just saying.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be kind. That's all you need to know. Heck — give it just one day: Go one day this week being compassionate beyond the norm. See how it makes you feel. Your answer lay on the other side.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 23) It's a horoscope on dope, and I had told myself not to forget what I needed to remind you. I've forgotten. Well, shit. Eh. Live.

Capricorn (Dec. 24-Jan. 19) Your next week all depends on what kind of person you are. Is it a drip coffee with cream, or a two shot soy latte? Drip coffee, great week. Latte, at least you have time to think about it every morning.

We apologize for the inconvenience, but due to technical difficulties, our puzzle program is not functioning at this time. We are presenting a vintage puzzle for your entertainment. If you didn't get it the first time around, here's your second chance! We hope to have the problem fixed soon.

Puzzles

By Kreeg Peeples

Across

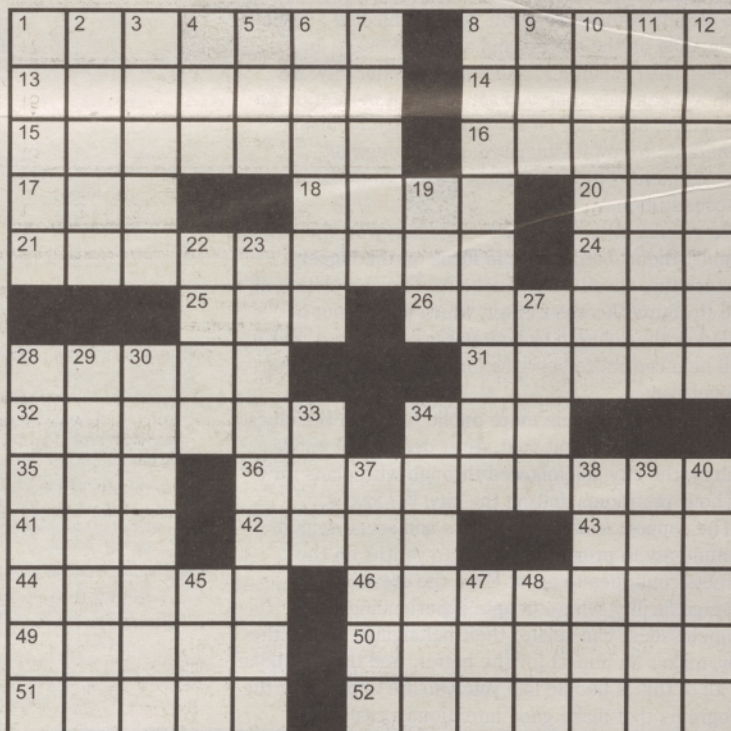
1. convertible furniture
8. pleated lace
13. embodiment
14. avoid
15. handheld computer
16. Nigerian city
17. "___ say!"
18. fielding a la Boosh
20. street roots Garcia
- 21: proportionally off balance
24. Darcelle's favorite accessory
25. ___ takers
26. reverse flow
28. bluish gray blog
31. jagged, as a leaf's edge
32. Auteur's art
34. self addressed envelope
35. ultimate
36. church roof
41. "Losing my religion" rockers

42. opening time, maybe
43. pirate's fancy, straight up
44. bacteria discovered by Theodor Escherich
46. to summon
49. having secret meaning
50. one who repeats
51. advances
52. dramatic composition

Down

1. brown shade
2. milky gems
3. young female horse
4. store convenience, for short
5. software
6. digital cash
7. cache
8. belly candy
9. In the style of
10. causes fear

11. fragrant
12. having a will
19. "___ he drove out of sight"
22. Buddy
23. memory improvement
27. born's partner
28. ballpark figures
29. block engraving
30. sea loving member of the Buttercup family
33. ___ DiFranco
34. what ___
37. dead to the world
38. be bombastic
39. unlike 38
40. file
45. back talk
47. Mozart's "L'___ del Cairo"
48. butt



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