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## HOROSCOPES



By Soup Can Sam, staff astrologist

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)

A long trip is what you need. It could be as simple as purchasing an all day bus pass and riding to the end of the lines you've never been on before. Or, it could be something more adventurous like Amtrak to Oakland and back — brown bagging it on the Coast Starlight in coach both waysor stepping it up with a roomette that includes meals, if funds allow. Whatever you choose, look out the window and let yourself go. Consider all the raw beauty there is in the world.

**Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)** This month it's time for a nickname. If you don't have one there's no reason on earth why you can't just make up your own. Consider something funny and unexpected such as Prince William, even if you are bearded and burly. Then insist that your friends show you proper respect by calling you "your majesty" or "your highness"... maybe there's a play on words for this latter one? If you already have a nickname consider adding a second one, kinda like a middle name, used together with the first like they do in the south. I might just morph from simply "Call me Soup Can" into "It's Soup Can Larapin to all y'all now."

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You got it. Keep on trying. You're nearly there.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** I can't say it enough. Get out in the sun, while it's here, and soak up the D. Recharge your batteries so to speak. You'll thank Soup Can later when the cloudy days roll in without producing gloomy feelings inside.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 23)** Ever wonder what it'd be like to have gills or wings? Ponder this a little. Picture what your life would be like if were you a fish or bird. What color would you be? Where would you live? Would you be a black capped chickadee that stays local or perhaps a more colorful "fly south for the winter" kind of gal? Would you be a small-mouth river bass or a mighty sockeye salmon that migrates to the Pacific and back?

**Capricorn (Dec. 24-Jan. 19)** "Ah ya." "That would be a yes." "Sure, why not." "OK then!" Say yes more than no this month and see what kind of difference it makes.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Troubling times are ahead. Don't let yourself be part of them. Steer clear of high maintenance people, friends who often have hair brain ideas and anything that just doesn't feel right. You can side step, be unavailable or, flat out, go out of your way to NOT be involved.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)** Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot... how many days old? Left overs are great but eat 'em up before they overstay their welcome. Let's don't eat anything that smells fragrant in an unappealing way. If something new is growing on your week old nibbles don't yell "Bonus!" Also, resist the urge to cut it off and call it good. It is good — for the earth, but not for you. Put it in compost where it belongs.

**Aries (March 21-April 20)** Congressman Soup Can here. I for one am tired of the country running a deficit. If all us little guys could borrow and borrow and still borrow some more, we'd all be living pretty phat, at least until our debtors came knocking. Didn't their mothers teach them to take only what they could eat and no more? A proper diet is now

necessary to keep in good health and spirits. My advice to you, dear readers, is this: Be sure your own financial affairs are squeaky-plate clean. And tell your local and national government "The all you can eat smorgosbord has gone out of business".

**Taurus (April 21-May 20)** It has been proven that dog saliva has many antibacterial qualities. In ancient history dogs had the important role of being healers. If you are a dog lover try letting your sandpaper-tongued friend give you a facial. If you aren't that fond of the tail wagging creatures at least try petting as many as you can during the month of August... be sure and ask each owner before jutting out your hand, just to be safe. Dogs aren't called man's best friend for nothin' and their healing power isn't just in the slobber.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** Journaling these next two weeks could be a good thing. Don't worry if you are in need of a proper writing book. Think outside the lines and write on the back of grocery sacks or in the margins of the Willamette Week. Tear out what you've scriptically bantered about and place the content chronologically or in whatever order suits you. Voila! A slice of your life circa summer 2011.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** A hot beverage is in order. Drink one a day, regardless of the outside temperature. Did you know heated libation counteracts shock and additionally is a stress reducer. It's also a good way to get things moving in the morning and a great way to calm things down at night. Ahhhh.

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