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— Nathan Roper

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By Soup Can Sam, Staff Astrologist

Capricorn (Dec. 24-Jan. 19)

This is your month for outrageous patterns, piled on each other with abandon, topped off with something feathery with just a hint of sparkle. This is NO TIME to hold back on the platform shoes and the Huggie Bear faux fur. You're all about style in January, Cappy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) When was the last time you called your parents? How about your grandparents? Yes, your life is busy and important and you barely have time to breathe anymore, but remember to make them part of it. Show your family some love this week.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Stop making promises you won't keep, and just give up already. Which loosely translates into putting the Thigh Master back in the basement. We've been down that road before. Time to try a new one, where there's a sidewalk.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Your word today is: Letters. No, I'm not talking ABCD-Sesame-Street-style letters, I'm talking pages-long-eighteenth-century-Dickensian-romantic-letters! Stamp, address and send one to a friend you haven't talked to in a while. Update that person on your life. They will appreciate the effort, and maybe you will start a third-grade style, pen-pal

relationship with that person.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) The average cat requires 26 hours of sleep a day. Take a note from Office Cat Rooty and take a nap! You deserve it, and the catnip will taste so much better when you wake refreshed.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Laughter is contagious. So is the flu. Cover your cough, stop breathing on people, and wash your hands. Everyone will thank you this season, and have more time to share a laugh.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Here's the honest truth: your karaoke voice is not very good. Even if you think it is, you've got to remember that you're just copying somebody else's intonation and lyrics, which puts you in good company with many bad karaoke singers. So this weekend I encourage you to challenge your friends to a sing-off at one of Portland's many karaoke joints. Even if you come home the loser, know that you're one of many.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Hold the phone: Beyonce is pregnant?! This is old news, eh? I'm not on Twitter, I don't get news too fast. In honor of me, take a day off. Silence your cell phone, disable your Internet and regroup with Technoholics Anonymous.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) I have to fly to

make my many international appearances as the world's foremost Soup Can Horoscope writer. The airline lost my suitcase full of labels on my most recent trip to Sydney. Then it was miraculously recovered and delivered to me. The stars are spreading their love — get in line for yours!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Have you been getting headaches lately? It's winter in Portland, of course you have. In this city, headaches stem from a dichotomy: too much caffeine versus too little caffeine. Find that delicate balance of the two and don't overindulge; it will make you crash at 3 p.m.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Grab your Forever Lazy and plant your butt behind a good book! Get a real page turner and you'll be up all night. Plan accordingly.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 23) Suns and moons will be filling you with a special glow this coming week. Let it shine, because the dark days of January can always use a little extra light. Don't hold back — this is no time to be shy! Take it for a romantic coffee-and-cheesecake Sunday morning, or to a protest or two. Demonstrate — something! (Like how wonderful you are.)

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