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Children deserve
an opportunity
to succeed in
school and life,
*which is tied to having
a stable home.*

HOROSCOPES



By Soup Can Sam, Staff Astrologist

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Much to be learned from a mouse this month. Their soft skulls and bean-bag-like body structure allow them to squeeze through a whole only a quarter of an inch wide. So the next time an opportunity comes your way, even the tiniest of openings, take advantage of your soft skull.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Seagulls can drink both fresh and saltwater. Something to take from that: Maybe you should be more flexible in ways those around you are not. Or maybe you shouldn't drink saltwater, 'cause that will kill you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Sorry – Soup Can has become a black hole for odd facts this week, but let's make this work, shall we! For Heaven's sake – if an ant can survive a fall from the Empire State Building, you can surely endure the little setback that's lurking around the corner. Managed properly, you'll be back in the saddle the same

day. The ant, you see, is so tiny that it never reaches a rate of velocity that could kill it. You on the other hand, need to keep your freefalls in check.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Travel with wild abandon throughout August. Doesn't mean you have to go anyplace expensive or far, but make each trip count, even if it's just to take out the trash. All you have to do is drop off the cart and keep walking all the way to the wild side.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 23) Your moons are aligning nicely this summer and right in synch with that Libra you've been eyeing lately. Don't wait until the stars are perfect to make the move. Those molecular clouds of hubris will only play with you for a while before they're on their Milky Way. Listen to the butterflies in your stomach instead.

Capricorn (Dec. 24-Jan. 19) Learn a new language this month: Japanese, Bali or even Compassionese. Don't worry if you're saying things perfectly right away. It can take a lifetime to become fluent, but your tongue will thank you!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Do not let the sharks drag you down. This is the summer you will learn surfing! So, seriously, don't let the sharks drag you down.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) You will laugh more in the coming month than you thought possible. Sadly, a lot of it will be that creepy maniacal laugh that explodes on the cusp of a psychotic break. Don't worry: This is not to be feared or avoided. You, however, should be avoided at all costs until the 19th.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Keep your eyes peeled.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Take a break from the millions of terabytes at the gate and steer clear of computerized stimulation this week. It will be there when you return.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) This month – get old! Old clothes, old music, old friends, old hop's and old school, baby! Ancient grains, antique earrings and aged whiskey. And while you're at it, pull out that old carefree attitude we haven't seen for a while. It could use some airing out.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Thrust more, parry less.

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