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A UNIQUE LADY
Intelligent, pretty, happy, funny, fit, independent, romantic SWF. Enjoys working out and the fine things life has to offer. Seeks intelligent, fit, fun, successful NS man, 45-65. ☞ 1799

EVOLVING
and constantly creating. SWF, 28, loves yoga, dancing, live music, art and nature. Mother of 7 yo seeks SM who is passionate, honest, open, creative, single dad? ☞ 1792

REAL AND READY
SWF, 29, healthy, attractive, down to earth, nurturing, love to smile and laugh, garden, travel, and enjoy the sunshine. ISO LTR with stable, liberal man, 27-37, with similar interests. ☞ 1787

NICE AND NORMAL
Smart, funny adventurous, 50 something. Looking for friend or partner. Sports, travel, music, art. No games. No players please. ☞ 1749

A TRUE GEM
Brilliant, beautiful, happy, hot, funny, savvy, fit, active, independent, romantic SWF enjoys working out, music, travel, arts. Seeks intelligent, successful, secure, fun, fit, compassionate NS man, 45-65. ☞ 1734

ENERGETIC OUTDOOR
Female, tall and athletic. Seeks healthy soul mate who is same and enjoys organic gardening, yoga, music and dance, water and mt. adventures, and dog friendly. ISO 34-42 yo, financially stable, committed, listens and shares open hearted communication. NS, ND please. ☞ 1635

SEEKING ASIAN MAN
WF, 42, brunette, green eyes, 5'9", big and beautiful. You: Asian, 38-52. Need a companion? Me too. STD free, honest, consistent, discreet. Will travel. ☞ 1733

RED MEAT

first stand at fort surrender

from the secret files of
Max Cannon



HOME FOR THE
holidays? Let's get merry together: holiday events, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, Bijou, arts-crafts, mellow music and mistletoe. Slender woman seeks soulful, mid-life man. No drugs, NS. ☞ 1731

LIFE IS GOOD
Warm woman, bright, attractive, early fifties. Seeking to spend time with interesting, sincere, intelligent, fun man. Let's lighten up these dark winter months. ☞ 1728

AVID TELEMAR/CC SKI
Sweetie, best-friend with time, energy, resources for play (skiing, backpacking, road-cycling, sharing baths, laughter, food, feelings) with sensual, fit, cute, slender, outgoing cat-lover, 41, finds spirituality outdoors. You cook also? Hold me back! ☞ 1738

18-19 YO
Friends and more. 5'3", 125 lbs, brownish-grayish eyes. SWF looking for SWM or BIF Romantic type is ok. Eugene, looking for people. ☞ 1727

POSITIVE ATTITUDE
Heart of gold, SWPF, 52, young at heart, HWP, seeking companion. Enjoys music, movies, walks, nature, cats, laughter and romance. Friends first, NS. ☞ 1711

men seeking women

HEY ALL
The fun. I'm 42, 5'9", 170 lbs, lean, firm build. Love positive vibes. Love to help people, P.S. sister under (I saw you) I'm the 5th street bike boy. Call me, Past box 1374. ☞ 1801

MAN, 57
Seeking fairly fit F, 45-56, for LTR. Like to travel, eat out, visit the coast and walk on beach. PO Box 71314, Eugene, OR 97401. ☞ 1797

MOUNTAIN SMILES
Ocean sunset dances, SWM, 53 yo, 5'9", happy, attractive. Our passions: fitness, travel, outdoors, arts, healthy sexually, spiritual growth. ISO: SWF, HWP, NS, ND, young heart, 40-55, LTR? ☞ 1800

AFFAIR
Flirt away Winter gray. Live to the fullest. Enjoy rhythmic rapture, long kisses. I am DWM, 53, fit, warm gentle hands, discreet. Meet for coffee. I will bring chocolate. ☞ 1796

EASYGOING
DWM, 44, 5'9", 190 lbs, NS, ND, light drinker, enjoy bowling, pool, walks, beach, traveling, dinner, movies, dancing, kids fine. ISO female, 30-50 for friends or LTR. Write Blind Box "Easy Going". ☞

SWM, 47
Educated, well traveled, hard working, emotionally intelligent, seeks shared heart space with an enthusiastic open heart to the world. NA, ND, NS, partner. ☞ 1793

HANDSOME MAN
48. ISO affair with a beautiful Eugene housewife with time on her hands. You're 25-45, HWP, sexy with strong libido. All limits respected. Talk first. ☞ 1791

ALWAYS READY
Work hard, play harder. SWM, 40s seeks sexy, attractive, affectionate, fit, funny, spontaneous, explorer, sexual equal, lover for hiking, camping, snow-water sports, ocean, dunes, movies, outdoors. Can you hang?! ☞ 1789

DEAF MEN DON'T
get to be loved. Santa can't even get a date in this town because all the women are self centered and cold hearted. Happy birthday TOO ME! ☞ 1785

KITTY THERAPY
Will address unique issues of problem kitties, individually or in pairs. Shyness, sharing, control, other: Will guide kitties with appropriate discipline and rewards while exploring their openness. Safe exciting encounters. ☞ 1784

SEEKING OPEN,
unique person to listen to really, really good house, drum and bass, techno, trance, ambient, trip hop and other really cool electronic music. ☞ 1782

LONG LASTING M
MWM, 43, attractive, HWP, NS. ISO erotic women for lengthy, tender, love making times. Age, race, not important. STD free. ☞ 1781

PASSIONATE M
Handsome, NS, MWM, 44. ISO BF or older woman, 60+, for wonderful, passionate get togethers. ☞ 1780

MENCH
Maybe? You decide. Me: Senior, affectionate-love cuddling, egalitarian, humanist, integrity-fidelity important, good listener. You: mature, not too neurotic, reasonably healthy, active, sharing, outdoor-indoor type. ☞ 1747

LOTS OF
fun stuff. I like helping people and meeting new friends. I'm a great guy. ☞ 1744

BEYOND ROMANTIC
Waiting to be swept off feet. 39, tall, attractive, fit, 175 lbs, honest, passionate, speaks only love to support feelings, self and dreams. Spontaneously poetic. Lived in Venice, Italy. Water color artist. Older, established woman. Age and weight not important. "World Class" You are the flower, I am the rain. ☞ 1746

PASSIONATE DM
High libido, 50ish, looks 40ish. Athletic, 6'3", HWP, ND, NS. Wavy brown hair, great teeth. Loves music, outdoors, etc. Very romantic. ISO affectionate, open minded, secure and witty SF to share adventure with. ☞ 1741

NEW YEAR
Do you enjoy meeting people, down time, good conversations, friendships? ISO confident, attractive woman to enjoy lunch, a walk, jazz, and more. I am tall, attractive, SPM, 40s, looking for change. ☞ 1736

WOMEN'S PERSPECTIVE
This is a present for our guy friend. He's 46, nice looking, financially stable, active, healthy. More importantly, he's a normal decent guy. Confident, compassionate, great conversationalist. Playful, sense of humor. Easygoing. Left leaning. Enjoys simple lifestyle. We'd date him ourselves, but are married. Write Blind Box "Perspective" ☞

WIGGLIN' TONGUE,
Tattooed with "The French Connection", in last weeks (12/11) Red Meat, comic strip was funny! My tongue is not tattooed but I am looking to make a connection. SWM, 48, 6', 200 lbs with big smile, blue eyes, brownish hair, and a great sense of humor. I am looking for a sweet heart. Call and lets connect. ☞ 1740

ROMANTIC
Misfit. Silvery, tall, slender, slightly ethnic looking. SW, 1/2 JM, 50s, good humored, creative, hard-working. Seeks loving ethnic woman with appetite for diverse foods, music, film, literature, neck rubs and travel. ☞ 1725

PURE DEVOTION
Sincere, humble aspirant to pure devotion seeks his personified pleasure potency to share disciplined yoga practice and affectionate kisses. Definitely for lifelong commitment. Mental speculators need not apply. ☞ 1735

LOST YOUR NUMBER
You left a message 12/13, but I erased it along with your phone number. Please try again. I'm Spiritual Healing, box 1540! Sorry, I will respond! ☞ 1724

I'M IT FOR YOU
Me: mid 40s, DWM. Perfect in every way. ISO same. Friendship, LTR. ND, NS. To get to know and more. ☞ 1719

SWM, 35
ISO LTR with women close to same age. I want to father your children and play with your sex toys. ☞ 1712

GREAT GUY!
SWM. Personable and quite romantic. Many interests. Lots of fun, athletic, independent, NS. Desires friends and romance with a SWF, of like mind. ☞ 1674

free will astrology

BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The astrological omens say it's a favorable time for you to seek greater exposure and get yourself noticed. But there are relatively bad ways and good ways to proceed. Do not, for example, distribute nude photos of yourself over the Internet, proclaim your mad love for an unavailable genius in a full-page newspaper ad, or bust up a meeting with a screaming tirade about how brilliant your ideas are and how stupid everyone else's are. Instead, try this: Spruce up your physical appearance, stoke your charisma, improve your packaging, and hire a marketing consultant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sixty-six-year-old Taurus actor Jack Nicholson is a paragon of receptivity. "I'm dying to have my mind changed," he told *Esquire* magazine. "I'm probably the only liberal who read *Treason*, by Ann Coulter. I like listening to everybody. This is the elixir of life." Nicholson's refreshing declaration should be your words to live by in the next couple of weeks, Taurus: It's your astrological season of expansion and experimentation. Don't just grudgingly agree to open your eyes and have your theories challenged. Learn to love the uncanny stretching sensation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): I believe you should draw your inspiration this week from the British graffiti artist Banksy. He bought an unremarkable landscape painting at a flea market and glued a police "Do Not Cross" tape onto it. Then, disguised as a shuffling old man, he smuggled it into London's prestigious Tate Museum and managed to hang it on a wall, where for a while it was regarded as a legitimate work of art by visitors and staff alike. Is there some place in your life that needs a comparable touch of prankish levity, Gemini? Any overly dignified or formal environment that could use the healing touch of a gentle lamppost?

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The oldest woman to have a number one pop song was Deborah Harry, born under the sign of Cancer. She conquered the UK charts with "Maria" when she was 53 years old. The world's oldest astronaut was

another Crab, John Glenn, who flew on the space shuttle when he was 77. Now you, too, have a chance to make history through success in an activity that most people might regard as impossible or inappropriate for someone your age. Don't let anyone shame you into shrinking from the challenge, whether you're 25 and thinking of entering a bubble-gum blowing contest or 65 and considering the possibility of windsurfing down the Amazon River.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): I really like a lot about "Suga Suga," a song by hip-hop artist Baby Bash. The rhythm is crafty, the lead guitar line tasty, and the chorus melody infectious. I love Baby Bash's sinuous rap cadences and Franky J's gorgeous singing. The lyrics of "Suga Suga," on the other hand, are vapid and vulgar. And the video of the song is morally idiotic, depicting men leering at a succession of surgically sculpted women who dress and preen like android porn stars. Is there anything in your life that you both love and hate, as I do "Suga Suga," Leo? I'm betting the answer's an intense "yes!" What should you do about it? Try to ignore the part you're allergic to, or else abandon the entire enterprise altogether? Don't make a decision until at least Feb. 1.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pope Jean Paul II has canonized 477 new saints, exceeding the total of the last 86 popes combined. His secret? Previously, candidates had to have performed three miracles, whereas now it's two at most. Other saint-makers have been inspired by the Pope's example. The Church of the Subgenius is creating an average of 2,100 new saints per year (non-Catholic variety), while the Discordians are close behind with 1,875. I'm embarrassed to say that my own faith, the Temple of Sacred Up roar and Rowdy Blessings, has been lagging far behind — until now, that is. In honor of the miraculous feats of beauty, truth, and love that "Free Will Astrology" — reading Virgos have been pulling off lately, I hereby bestow sainthood on every one of you. You may hereafter put a "St." in front of your name.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Accountants are experts about money that doesn't belong to them. A scholar may read the

texts of mystical spiritual traditions but not be able to enter into the sublime states of consciousness described therein. Please refrain from getting into a relationship like this with the resources you need, Libra. Don't just study them; own them. Seek up-close experiential immersion, not conceptual understanding from a distance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Creativity comes in a wide variety of forms, from the unruly originality of an avant-garde music composer to the brilliant tactics of a four-year-old manipulating his parents into buying him more toys. The creativity you will specialize in during the coming weeks, Scorpio, is a cross between that of an engineer building a bridge over a steep gorge and a gaffly who prods two ancient enemies into sitting down to talk. It will fit the description articulated by writer William Plomer: "Creativity is the power to connect the seemingly unconnected."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sagittarian Pudge Rodriguez is one of the best catchers in professional baseball. Last October, he played a major role in helping the Florida Marlins win the World Series. His contract expired at the end of the season, however, and he was insulted when the Marlins proposed a future salary of only \$8 million per year, a 20 percent reduction from the \$10 million he earned in 2003. He rejected the Marlins' offer, and made his services available to other teams. Though I admire his fierce pride, I urge the rest of you Sagittarians to be less demanding. If you're offered 8 million of anything — hugs, gold stars, M&Ms, dollars — instead of the 10 million you wanted, definitely take the 8 million.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Following Castro's revolution in 1959, 11-year-old Carlos Eire was exiled forever from his beloved homeland of Cuba. Raised in America, he became a Yale professor, but never lost his yearning for paradise lost. His recent memoir, *Waiting for Snow in Havana*, recounts his cherished memories. "In the past 38 years," he wrote, "I've seen 8,917 clouds in the shape of the island of Cuba." What's your equivalent, Capricorn? A missing treasure you're

reminded of whenever you gaze upon the ripples in a lake? A fugitive dream that floats across your mind's eye as you're falling asleep? I predict you will be united with it in 2004. A crucial pointer will arrive soon. Watch the clouds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In a recent speech, "Boondocks" comic strip creator Aaron McGruder said that if liberals want to regain power in America, they'll have to learn to be meaner. Leftist singer-songwriter Ani DiFranco echoed the theme in an interview in *Indie Culture* magazine. "It's our job to help and inspire each other," she mused, "but I don't think that all my songs have to be about nature and children and love and hugging. There are ways of helping people by expressing anger." I almost always advise you to err on the side of compassion and kindness, Aquarius. But this is a perfect moment to take McGruder's and DiFranco's words to heart. It's crucial that you find ways to creatively and constructively channel your sacred rage at what's wrong in your world.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): In hopes of helping you fully claim the rising levels of goodies and self-confidence that are now available, I urge you to sing or chant the following rant ten times a day for the next two weeks. "All I ever wanted in life was to make a difference, be worshipped like a god, conquer the universe, travel the world, meet interesting people, find the missing link, fight the good fight, live for the moment, seize each day, make a fortune, know what really matters, end world hunger, vanquish the dragon, be super popular but too cool to care, be master of my own fate, embrace my destiny, feel as much as I can feel, give too much, and love everything." (Thanks to Tatsuya Ishida at www.sinfest.com for dreaming up this set of affirmations.)

Homework: What part of you is over-civilized, super-domesticated, or way too tame? What are going to do about it? Tell all at www.freewillastrology.com

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