

FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZNY

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Normally, International CAPS LOCK DAY happens only once a year, on June 28. But in alignment with your current astrological omens, you have been granted the right to observe the next seven days as your own personal International CAPS LOCK DAYS. That means you will probably be forgiven and tolerated if you use OVERHEATED ORATORY and leap to THUNDEROUS CONCLUSIONS and engage in MELODRAMATIC GESTURES. You may even be thanked — although it's important to note that the gratitude you receive may only come later, AFTER THE DUST HAS SETTLED.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): William Turner was a 19th century English landscape painter born under the sign of Taurus. His aim was not to capture scenes in realistic detail but rather to convey the emotional impact they made on him. He testified that on one occasion he had himself tied to the mast of a ship during a snowstorm so that he could experience its full effects firsthand. The result was "Snow Storm — Steam-Boat off a Harbor's Mouth," a painting composed mostly of tempestuous swirls. What would be the equivalent for you, Taurus? I'm trying to think of a way you could be perfectly safe as you treated yourself to an up-close encounter with elemental energies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Some years back, the Greek government launched a huge anti-smoking campaign. In response, cigarette sales spiked dramatically. When my daughter was 6 years old, I initiated a crusade to ban Barbie Dolls from our home forever. Soon she was ripping out pictures of the accursed anti-feminist icon from toy catalogs and leaving them on my desk. With these events in mind, I'm feeling cautious about trying to talk you into formulating a five-year master plan. Maybe instead I should encourage you to think small and obsess on transitory wishes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): "Wings are a constraint that makes it possible to fly," the Canadian poet Robert Bringham reminds us. That will be a good principle for you to keep in mind during your own adventures during the coming weeks. I suspect that any liberation you are able to achieve will come as the result of intense discipline. To the degree that you cultivate the very finest limitations, you will earn the right and the power to transcend inhibitions that have been holding you down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): "The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." When I came across that quote while surfing the web, I felt that it jibed perfectly with the astrological omens that are currently in play for you. Every website I consulted agreed that the speaker of this wisdom was Socrates, but I thought the language sounded too contemporary to have been uttered by a Greek philosopher who died 2,400 years ago. After a bit of research, I found the real source: a character named Socrates in *Way of the Peaceful Warrior*, a New Age self-help book by Dan Millman. I hope this doesn't dilute the impact of the quote for you, Leo. For now, it is crucial that you not get bogged down in quarreling and brawling. You need to devote all your energy to creating the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do you know that you are a host for more than 10,000 different species of microorganisms? Many of them are bacteria that perform functions essential to your health. So the stunning fact of the matter is that a large number of life forms share your body and constantly help you in ways about which you have no conscious awareness. Might there be other examples of you collecting benefits from unknown sources? Well, do you know who is responsible for providing you with the water and electricity you use? Who sewed your clothes and made your medicine? Who built the roads and buildings you use? This is an excellent time to take inventory of all the assistance, much of it anonymous, that you are so fortunate to receive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): More often than not, your fine mind does a competent job of defining the problems that need solving. It comes up with concise questions that lead you in the right direction to find useful clues. It gathers evidence crisply and it makes smart adjustments as the situation evolves. But after studying the astrological factors currently at work, I'm a little concerned that your usually fine mind might temporarily be prone to suffering from the dreaded malady known as *paralysis through over-analysis*. To steer yourself away from that possibility, keep checking in with your body and your feelings to see what alternate truths they may have to tell you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): By the standards of people who don't know you well, the triumph you achieve in the coming days might seem modest. But I think it will actually be pretty dramatic. Here's my only concern: There's a slight danger you will get grandiose or even a bit arrogant in the aftermath of your victory. You could also get peeved at those who don't see it for the major achievement it is. Now that I've given you this warning, though, I'm hoping you will avoid that fate. Instead you will celebrate your win with humble grace, feeling gratitude for all the help you got long the way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "All my life, my heart has yearned for a thing I cannot name." So said French writer André Breton. I suspect that many of us feel the same way, which is kind of depressing. But the good news for you, Sagittarius, is that there will be times in the coming months when you will get as close to naming that mysterious thing as you have ever gotten. On more than a few occasions, you may be able to get a clear glimpse of its true nature. Now and then you might even be fully united with it. One of those moments could come soon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The *Paris Review* did a story on novelist William Gass. The interviewer asked him why he wrote his books. That was "a very dumb question," he sneered. Nevertheless, he answered it, saying, "I write because I hate. A lot. Hard." In other words, his primary motivations for expressing himself creatively were loathing, malice and hostility. I beg you not to use him as your role model, Capricorn. Not now. Not ever. But especially now. It is essential to your long-term health and wealth that you not be driven by hate in the coming weeks. Just the opposite, in fact: The more you are driven by love and generosity, the better chance you will have of launching a lucky streak that will last quite a while.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "Until we have seen someone's darkness, we don't really know who they are," said author Marianne Williamson. "Until we have forgiven someone's darkness, we don't really know what love is." Your assignment, Aquarius, is to seek out the deepest possible understanding of these truths. To do that, you will have to identify the unripe, shadowy qualities of the people who are most important to you. And then you will have to find it in your smart heart to love them for their unripe, shadowy qualities almost as much as you do for their shiny, beautiful qualities.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Aldous Huxley was the renowned 20th century intellectual who wrote the book *Brave New World*, a dystopian vision of the future. Later in his life he came to regret one thing: how "preposterously serious" he had been when he was younger. "There are quicksands all about you, sucking at your feet," he ruminated, "trying to suck you down into fear and self-pity and despair. That's why you must walk so lightly. Lightly, my darling ... Learn to do everything lightly. Yes, feel lightly even though you're feeling deeply." I would love for you to put this counsel at the top of your priority list for the next 10 months, darling Pisces. Maybe even write it out on a piece of paper and tape it to your bathroom mirror.

HOMEWORK: Is there an area of your life where your effects are different from your intentions? Testify at FreeWillAstrology.com.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

FUN TIMES :D

Fun times ahead! Biking,gardening,eating outside,swimming,listening to live music,playing with dogs at the beach! You be an optimist, liberal,have a sense of humor and smile easily. No Eeyores, please ! **HappyClam**, 54

AT THE BEACH

I run on the beach (weather permitting!) and practice yoga. Singer, songwriter, percussionist, dancer. Seals at sunset, travel and hot springs. The natural world always calls me to return. **yaquinalady**, 62, ♀, ☑

DANCIN AND BLUES

Looking for someone to "hang out with". Open minded, likes to dance and debate. Books/movies that make you think. Irreverent humor. "Semi-home body". Long talks, no sports, art, travel. Family. **dancinlady**, 61, ☑

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SEEKING CREATIVE/INTELLIGENT WOMAN

Ok, so if you are not creative that's ok too. I love to get out and travel and have adventures, but it sucks not having anyone to share it with. **SubGeniusBob2**, 33, ☑

SEXY IN RUT

sensual,erotic love everything about sex. hoping to find a steady girl but am open for y type of relationship as long as we have a mutual understanding.let me rock your world. **ineedalover**, 52

EXCENTRIC COMICBOOK GUY

Searching For LOST LIFE FIRST FRIENDSHIPS SECOND LOVE. Will be true & humble , humorous & adventurous, honest & loyal. third times a charm, LIFE AWAITS OLD FRIENDS. **ChrisDC**, 39

HAPPY SUN FINDER

lets get out and see oregon and enjoy! all of the sun , hear great music in Town and out .hike ,bike ,beach ,hot springs ,camping. **Coolslice**, 53, ☑

TRAINED IN THERIOGENOLOGY

Looking for a mutually and joyous adventure with a healthy optimistic woman who is financially, emotionally, and otherwise secure. Are you open to new ideas and like to have fun? **blueboy**, 58

SEEKING MY SUNNMOON

I'm just me and most people seem to like it. Attractive and very sexual. Funny and very inquisitive. There has to be an animal attraction or it won't work. **Injunjay**, 40

OREGON-COUNTRY-FAIR DATE

"I'll teach you to jump on the wind's back, and away we go." As Peter Pan famously urged, I have lived. Join me for a day-at-the-fair and on from there. **StarrBeorn**, 58, ☑

RENAISSANCE MAN

Unique, out of the box type, beyond labels, a hybrid of lifestyles, nice guy, intellectual, sensitive, easy going, reserved at first, seeks compatible long term partner, friend-lover, soul mate. **Maverick**, 48

WHAT'S UP

Just looking for someone real and fun to explore Eugene with... **bmc4343**, 45

FIT AND FUN

I am trying this out in anticipation of meeting someone who shares the same energy and passion, openness and honesty, and a strong belief and understanding in the "team concept". **FitNFun**, 55, ♀, ☑

JEANS PARK LOVER

SWM, 49 years of age, 5'6", 195 pounds, brown hair and green eyes. never married, no children. Am looking for SWF's between 21 and 40 for friendship and dating. **tallen-lark63**, 50, ☑

LIVE MUSIC, ANYONE?

Kind soul, loving heart, fit body;open and enduring mind, seeks women, for cooking forays, bike rides,great sex. points for: sense of humor, camping fan, OCF lover, and an upbeat personality. **bearsun**, 61, ♀, ☑

I SAW YOU

MISSING ACOUSTIC GUITAR

from the Whit Block Party. Vintage Aria. \$50 Reward. No questions asked. John 503-739-2290 **When: Saturday, August 3, 2013. Where: ? . You: Man. Me: Woman. #902946**

THE POINT IS...

Not perfection as per protocol. Nor dissection down to gall. But when feeling flushing untoward...s another...Still cast your spell...just have gall to tell...For I'll stand...with you my Love... Well. **When: Saturday, April 20, 2013. Where: Brazen and bravely through passÉ taboo.... You: Woman. Me: Man. #902945**

H.B.D.

A new year is unfolding for you, hope you are extremely happy, healthy and successful. This last year you made an amazing mark on my life. Thanks for being you. **When: Wednesday, August 14, 2013. Where: Remembering our GPS Coordinates. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902944**

1,4,3,7,5,6 SMOTHERER

Dude, just shut up. Any chance you ever had of winning this girl back was lost at about the 500th "I Saw You". **When: Saturday, August 10, 2013. Where: in the weekly,. You: Man. Me: Man. #902943**

ETERNAL RETURN

Wanted to sit in the grass w/you, to teach you to drive a stick, to be at your side. Our passion for each other is unmatched. **When: Friday, August 9, 2013. Where: making it. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902942**

WORDS LEFT UNSPOKEN

blindwoman&BFF Im no coward just lost in time without friends to share our story with. I hit rockbottom and bounced. Wanting to be with either of you FOREVER & EVER!! **When: Monday, August 5, 2013. Where: at the bottom bloodied looking up at WINK 4 HOPE. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902941**

HEALING BLIND HEART

blindwoman&bff reject me with your beautiful voices or healme with the right words. BFF be the woman you are strong&intelligent. BW be my wife or let me go, 4me FOREVER!!! **When: Wednesday, August 7, 2013. Where: in WINK without a straight answer. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902940**

A DESERTED ISLAND

We journeyed to the island... took us forever!!! Wish we had been stranded there forever. There is no kiss like ours. Fate keeps pulling us together. So does our dog! **When: Wednesday, February 29, 2012. Where: willamette island sunset. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902938**

PATTERN RECOGNITION...COGNIZANCE?

A way well documented...conditioned pattern plays out...real life years given to biological hunger, societal guilt and fear of shame...research the cliché phenomenon... understand perhaps...uniquely change denial cycle...face and heal wounded heart **When: Tuesday, January 1, 2013. Where: From passed pain...passing new wounds. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902937**

HAPPINESS SOUGHT

Another week passes and another adventure missed. I profoundly miss you in my life. The happiness that we could have is immense; hope the stars align for us someday again. **When: Monday, August 5, 2013. Where: 1,4,3,7,5,6- missing you greatly. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902935**

WHIT BLOCKPARTY FASHION-SHOW

had brief meeting, found you entrancing. your friends dog was a 9,999.83 on a scale of 1-10,000. been wanting to brush up on my french,bet you could help. au revoir **When: Saturday, August 3, 2013. Where: Whitaker block party fashion show,. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902934**

RESTLESS FOR REFLECTIONS...

Separate souls.same spirit. Paradoxically, vicariously, we hunt for fawning eyes to fill us with our SELF. Spiting essential, restful knowing that we are whole and already unified...the hungry human ride... **When: Saturday, April 20, 2013. Where: Under youth's falling wave.... You: Woman. Me: Man. #902933**

WHITEAKER BLOCK PARTY

Sol Seeds Territorial stage. You: Wavy hair, barefoot, long skirt, striped vest. Me: Blue shirt, cream shorts. I didn't say hello, big mistake. Second chance? You look really cool. **When: Saturday, August 3, 2013. Where: Sol Seeds at Territorial Stage Whiteaker Block Party. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902931**

BLOCK PARTY FLIRTEYES

We saw each other. You held my gaze long enough to squeeze out a smile. The second time our eyes met, I thought I wanted to know you more :) **When: Saturday, August 3, 2013. Where: Whitaker Block Party. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902930**



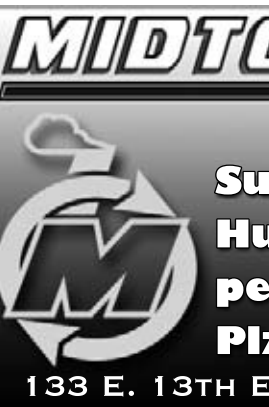
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