

FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES (March 21-April 19): I invite you to fantasize about what your four great-grandmothers and four great-grandfathers may have been doing on Nov. 1, 1930. What? You have no idea how to begin? You don't even know their names? If that's the case, I hope you'll remedy your ignorance. Your ability to create the future you want requires you to learn more about where and whom you came from. Halloween costume suggestion: your most interesting ancestor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): At any one time, over two million frozen human embryos are stored in tissue banks throughout Europe and North America. When the time is right, their owners retrieve them and bring them to term. That's the first scenario I invite you to use as a metaphor for your life in the coming weeks. Here's a second scenario: Scotch whisky is a potent mind-altering substance. Any particular batch must mature for at least three years, and may be distilled numerous times. There are currently 20 million barrels of the stuff mellowing in Scottish warehouses. And what do these two scenarios have to do with you? It's time to tap into resources that you've been saving in reserve — that haven't been ripe or ready until now. Halloween costume suggestions: a woman who's nine months pregnant; a blooming rose or sunflower; ripe fruit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): To create a bottle of cabernet sauvignon, a winemaker needs about 700 grapes. Compare this process with rainmaking. When water vapor that's high in the sky becomes dense enough, it condenses into tiny pearls of liquid called cloud droplets. If the humidity rises even further, a million of these babies might band together to form a single raindrop that falls to earth. And what does this have to do with your life? I suspect that in the coming weeks, you will have both an affinity and a skill for processes that resemble winemaking and rain-making. You'll need a lot of raw material and energetic effort to produce a relatively small marvel — but that's exactly as it should be. Halloween costume suggestion: a raindrop or bottle of wine.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Some Brazilians eat the heads of piranhas in the belief they're aphrodisiacs. In Zimbabwe, women may make strategic use of baboon urine to enhance their allure. The scientific name for Columbia's leaf-cutter ant is *hormiga culona*, translated as "fat-assed ant." Ingesting the roasted bodies of these critters is thought to boost sexual desire. Since you're in a phase when tapping in to your deepest erotic longings will be healthy and educational, you may want to adopt elements of the aforementioned love drugs to create your Halloween costume. Here are other exotic aphrodisiacs from around the world that you might be inspired by: asparagus, green M&Ms, raw oysters, wild orchids, horny goat weed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do you know how to repair a broken zipper or patch a hole in your bicycle tire? Are you familiar with the art of caulking a bathtub or creating a successful budget? Can you compose a graceful thank-you note, cook a hearty soup from scratch, or overcome your pride so as to reconcile with an ally after an argument? These are the kinds of tasks I trust you will focus on in the coming weeks. It's time to be very practical and concrete. Halloween costume suggestion: Mr. or Ms. Fix-It.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In the film *Terminator 2*, Arnold Schwarzenegger played a benevolent android who traveled here from the future. As a strong, silent action hero, he didn't need to say much. In fact, he earned \$30,000 for every word he uttered. I'm hoping your speech will pack a comparable punch in the coming days. My reading of the astrological omens suggests that your persuasiveness should be at a peak. You'll have an exceptional ability to say what you mean and mean what you say. Use this superpower with flair and precision! Halloween costume suggestion: ancient Greek orator Demosthenes; Martin Luther King Jr.; Virginia Woolf; Sojourner Truth; rapper MC Lyte, Winston Churchill.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It's the prosperity-building phase of your cycle. Let's celebrate! Let's brainstorm! Are there rituals you can create to stimulate the financial lobes of your imagination, thereby expediting your cash flow? Here are a few ideas: 1. Glue a photo of yourself on a \$20 bill. 2. Make a wealth shrine in your home. Stock it with symbols of specific thrills you can buy for yourself when you have more money. 3. Halloween costume suggestions: a giant bar of gold, a banker carrying a briefcase full of big bills, Tony Stark, Lady Mary Crawley, Jay Gatsby, Lara Croft, the Yoruban wealth goddess Ajé.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): During this Halloween season, you have cosmic permission to be a bigger, bolder, and extra beguiling version of yourself. I trust you will express your deep beauty with precise brilliance and imagine your future with superb panache and wander wherever the hell you feel like wandering. It's time to be stronger than your fears and wilder than your trivial sins. Halloween costume suggestion: the superhero version of yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): I won't offer you the cliché "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." Instead, I'll provide alternatives. How about this, from the videogame "Portal": "When life gives you lemons, don't make lemonade. Make life take the lemons back! Get mad! Say, 'I don't want your damn lemons!'" Or you could try this version, from my friend Barney: "When life gives you lemons, draw faces on them like Tom Hanks did on his volleyball in the movie *Cast Away*, and engage them in sexy philosophical conversation." Or consider this Brazilian proverb: "When life gives you lemons, make caipirinhas." (Caipirinha is Brazil's national cocktail.) Suggestion: Play around with these themes to create your Halloween costume.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): All of us are creators and destroyers. It's fun and healthy to add fresh elements to our lives, but it's also crucial to dispose of things that hurt and distort us. Even your body is a hotbed of both activities, constantly killing off old cells and generating new ones. But in my understanding, you are now in a phase when there's far more creation than destruction. Enjoy the exalted buzz! Halloween costume suggestions: a creator god or goddess, like the Greeks' Gaia or Prometheus; Rainbow-Snake from the Australian Aborigines; Unkulunkulu from the Zulus; or Coyote, Raven, or Spider Grandmother from indigenous North American tribes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In 1938, a chef named Ruth Wakefield dreamed up a brilliant invention: chocolate chip cookies. She sold her recipe to the Nestlé company in return for one dollar and a lifetime supply of chocolate. Maybe she was happy with that arrangement, but I think she cheated herself. And so I offer her action as an example of what you should NOT do. During the next ten months, I expect you will come up with many useful innovations and intriguing departures from the way things have always been done. Make sure you get full value in return for your gifts! Halloween costume ideas: Thomas Edison, Marie Curie, Hedy Lamarr, Leonardo da Vinci, Temple Grandin, George Washington Carver, Mark Zuckerberg.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Speaking on behalf of the cosmic powers, I authorize you to escape dull realities and go rambling through the frontier. Feel free to fantasize twice as hard and wild as you normally do. Avoid literalists and realists who think you should be more like them. This is not a time to fuss over exacting details, but rather to soar above the sober nonsense and see as far as you can. You have permission to exult in the joys of wise innocence. Halloween costume suggestions: bohemian poet, mad scientist, carefree genius, brazen explorer.

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I SAW YOU

From my pirate perch engaged in a pitched battle with piquant. Pinch me, I'm dreaming. Ping

I SAW YOU

snea king around Out back, mid-field, green man, I'm waiting on you Frea king out

WHAT A DREAM I HAD

Pressed in organody Clothed in crinoline of smoky burgundy Softer than the rain

I SAW A

whole bar-full of debate watchers at Starlight gasp & laugh but mostly stare at the television in disbelief during the final pres debate. If anyone was undecided before witnessing the newest slur assigned to undocumented immigrants, "bad hombres," or the rationalization of getting friendly with an al-Assad ally, Putin, they aren't undecided anymore.

AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH

this past weekend- you were with a group of girlfriends, blonde, with a beanie on. I was the brown-haired man you kept smiling at. Coffee? Scary movie?

I SAW YOU HIKING

with two grey muzzled dogs on the main trail to Spencer Butte. My friend said hello, and I was petting your dog, as you passed by on your second trip up. I love old dogs. Next time I see you, I'll say hello.

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Buddy

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pastime is human companionship. This cute, gentle guy pulls out all the stops when lap time is in view. Come meet Buddy today, you will fall in love with his demeanor instantly! Buddy is a special cat and happens to be FIV positive. Regular vet check-ups, healthy food, and supplements, will provide Buddy a long, healthy life. FIV+ cats can live happily and safely with other non-infected cats. S.A.R.A. staff is happy to answer any additional questions.

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and other pets, so she will need an adult only home. No worries though, Pickles has lots of love to give and can become quite excitable when she see humans she cares for. Pickles is looking for a nice and peaceful home where she can get the love and attention she deserves. Is that home yours?

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