



Astrology



♈ Aries

You will have a sense of relief and visions of better times ahead. This is a marvelous time to refresh and update skills, plan travel, and deepen important communication.

♉ Taurus

Your quality of life and overall happiness will peak. It will be one of the best timespans for financial and romantic success.

♊ Gemini

A second or third attempt at reaching any goal is likely to work out. Be persistent. Try not to veer away from long-range goals now. There is a new warmth and action which carries you forward. If angry feelings build, examine the consequences before you act.

♋ Cancer

Always tender and sensitive, you will feel the need to be protected from career stresses and demanding individuals. Remember that it is often your own reactions to a situation which cause pain.

♌ Leo

You will make plans regarding your career and could revamp an existing job or seek a new one. Much will be expected of you. Steady effort and patience eventually lead to success; don't rely on quick solutions.

♍ Virgo

You accomplish much and are an inspiration to others. Your ambitions and expectations about work are high, and a competitive spirit builds. Be patient and thoughtful. Eventually your value will be more widely recognized.

♎ Libra

Listen carefully and use caution in making promises. Your energy level will pick up. Creative ideas, spiritual art or music, and travel bring pleasure throughout the summer.

♏ Scorpio

You will abandon your usual cloak of privacy and reserve to become more proactive. Allow loved ones the freedom to discover their own destinies. It isn't the time to give into the legendary jealousy or possessiveness.

♐ Sagittarius

Your love for and rapport with animals is illustrated by your animal friends who benefit from your care and companionship more than ever. You will make every effort to be a winner and have an excellent chance of doing so.

♑ Capricorn

Be patient and conscientious about tying up loose ends. Have faith, and all will be well eventually. Don't be upset, though, if others have a bit of trouble truly understanding you.

♒ Aquarius

Listen to ideas proposed by others, but don't be coerced against your better judgment by aggressive types. Keep good company. You are able to crusade for the causes you are devoted to yet find time for whimsy and friendship.

♓ Pisces

Make the most of the extra attention and faith that others have expressed in you. It's a marvelous time to pursue educational goals and take on other challenges. Luck and opportunity is two keywords of the month.

DID YOU KNOW

St. Bernard Rescue

St. Bernard of Montjoux, an 11th-century patron of mountaineers, who is credited with coining the curious expression, "Love me, love my dog." A bit of familiar folklore is attributed to this itinerant missionary, who would pique onlooker's curiosity by suggesting that he could make a soup from a magic rock he carried; "In he popped the stone, and begged for a little salt and pepper for flavoring. Stirring the water and tasting it, he said it would be the better for any fragments of meat and vegetables they might happen to have. These were supplied, and ultimately he asked for a little Sause. When ready, the servants tasted it and declared that the 'stone soup' was excellent." Many variations of the tale of St. Bernard's soup have been told with items such as horseshoes, nails, and even a ram's horn being used in place of the stone. So proud is the Guild of the Common Chaps to have this story in their shop.

The World's First Zoo

600 years ago during the reign of King John, about 1210, a collection of animals was kept at the Tower of London and was renowned for its big cats. There were also hundreds of other exotic animals. The public first strolled among the exhibition cages during Elizabeth I's reign. Mammals included hippos, hyenas, kangaroos, baboons, rhinos, elephants, giraffes, sloths, porcupines, lynxes, wolves, flying squirrels from Virginia, camels and an ocelot, along with crocodiles, snakes and such birds as ostriches, toucans and eagle. In 1252, Norway's King Hakkon even donated a polar bear, which was allowed to catch fish in the Thames while tethered. For three ha' pennies or one could bring a dog or cat to feed to the carnivores instead. In 1835 The Duck of Wellington, the Tower's constable, who despised unruly tourists, closed the menagerie Now the London's Zoo is located at London's Regent's Park

Charioteer Caius Appuleius Diocles (104-146AD):

He was undoubtedly the highest-paid athlete of all time, collecting nearly 36million silver roman sesterces in his 24 years holding the reins. According to financial authorities, his winnings were equivalent to several billion modern dollars, or most of the Roman Empire's Gross Domestic Product in an average year. Born a slave in Lusitania, Portugal, Diocles grew up with few options until he was allowed to compete in Rome's Circus Maximus at age 18. He won about a third of his 4, 257 races outright, against as many as eleven competitors, and placed second in another third, which would have easily qualified him as "Sportsman of the Millennium" if such an award existed. Sadly for him he died the year he retired, unable to spend most of his vast fortune. These chariot races, each requiring about 30 minutes, at four minutes per lap, were far more grueling than today's thoroughbred races, which take only about two minutes to run. General admission was free to the first 250,000 Roman citizens. This was about a quarter of the city. The most coveted seats were located in the turns, where collisions would happen; these were most commonly taken first. To jinx opponents, magic spells could be purchased beforehand, written by witches on lead "curse-tablets" and secretly driven into the track before races.

Fore!

Golf, its name sometimes mistakenly believed to be an abbreviation of "Gentlemen only Ladies forbidden" date back a thousand years earlier to Roman "paganica," in which leather balls were hit into holes with curved wooden sticks. "Kolf" was also played in Holland in the town of Loenen aan de Vecht in 1297. In this on whole affair, the winner was whoever could hit a leather ball into a hole a hundred yards away with the fewest strokes. Another Dutch contest about that time involved hitting a ball into a hole in a frozen lake. Many old paintings depict early golfers. Earliest records of golf in Scotland date from 1457, when King James II proclaimed that the game must be "utterly cried down" because it interfered with his troops practice of archery.

Chappaper

"For the perpetual memory of the matter"



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Ned the Traveling Minstrel



We will remember your laugh, your songs, and your love of Koroneburg. May you sing forever in the hereafter. This poem was submitted by a good friend of Neds and requested that it be printed in his honor

Do not go gentle into that good night
Dylan Thomas - 1914-1953

Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Though wise men at their end know dark is right,
Because their words had forked no lightning they
Do not go gentle into that good night.

Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright
Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Wild men who caught and sang the sun in flight,
And learn, too late, they grieved it on its way,
Do not go gentle into that good night.

Grave men, near death, who see with blinding sight
Blind eyes could blaze like meteors and be gay,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

And you, my father, there on the sad height,
Curse, bless, me now with your fierce tears, I pray.
Do not go gentle into that good night.
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

A Little German Humor History of Beer

Germans make many things well, and beer is among their greatest achievements. Its exact origins have been lost among thousands of groggy mornings and sledgehammer headaches, but this is what scholars now believe about beer's history.

20,000 BC

Og of Ur eats a handful of yeast with his gruel and water. He is hailed as the Father of Beer and Life of the Party at his funeral the next day.

11,000 BC

Herman of Willendorf drinks 12 steins of lager in 1.79 seconds, breaking the world record. His subsequent belch also sets a record, killing 28.

6000BC

Henrik the Effete, the first beer connoisseur, invents the sip. He is banished to France.

1516 BC

The German Purity Law is written to protect the quality of beer. Anyone caught drinking Coors is spanked to death by a 300 pound barmaid.

5010 AD Huns descend on Germany looking for riches, virgins, pretzels and a genuine fire brewed beer with no aftertaste.

501 to 1870

Hun Celebration

1871

Otto von Bismarck settles Germany's major dispute and unites the nation with his decree on Dinkel Acker Light. Tastes great and less filling.

9161

Berlin Wall erected. East German government bans every brand of beer except Hamburg. The party appears to be over.

1990

East Germans, hearing rumors about the classic taste of ice cold Spaten, knock down the Berlin Wall, party nonstop and run up a six billion dollar bar tab.

