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CANCER

La Gioconda, the lighthearted woman, took more than four years for Leonardo da Vinci to paint. Even after he finished the painting, Leonardo was unable to separate himself from it. He carried it with him everywhere. Worth more than \$500 million today, this magnificent work of art, also known as the Mona Lisa, is a mere 20 x 30 inches and repeatedly proves to Louvre visitors that great things often come in small packages. Cancer, this high-profile masterpiece belongs to the world, but art doesn't have to be priceless. Check out local artists in your area and invest in objects d'art that warm your heart as well as your coffers.

LEO

Entrepreneur, real-estate mogul, TV star, millionaire Donald Trump is a winner all the way; or not. Republican Trump unsuccessfully ran for president of the United States in 1996. Three years later, he changed parties and ran on the Reform ticket. When the Reform Party disintegrated into factionalism in 2000, he quit pursuing the presidency and decided to stick to what he knows best — making money. This month, you Leos need to stick

to what you know best. So rip a page from the book of Donald and go get it. Just make sure you do it with less of a scowl on your face and sporting a better head of hair.

VIRGO

The road to beauty has always been terribly tenacious. Seventeenth-century European men and women both worked hard at being beautiful. They brightened their eyes with belladonna drops, whitened their skin by washing it with ceruse, and reddened their cheeks and lips with a balm made from fucus — all poisonous. Now, 400 years later, we still go to extremes to achieve beauty. Fortunately, dear Virgo, you are smart enough to know that beauty is as beauty does. So, no poisonous potions for you. Watch yourself this month. Mayhem and madness prevail if you don't take the time to take proper care of yourself.

LIBRA

German-born trance music, derived from techno and house music and characterized by a tempo of 130-160 bpm, received its name from the repetitious morphing beats and throbbing melodies that put the listener into a trance-like state. New

trance gets an old-world feel when techno artists remix Gershwin, Prokofiev, Bach, and Vivaldi or add the words of J.R.R. Tolkien as operatic vocals — hypnotic and harmonious. Born at the zenith of the year, Libras love harmony. Use your kind and loving spirit to do something good this month. Perform a community service, help out a friend, or call your mom. Your efforts will be returned tenfold.

SCORPIO

The term Greenwich Meridian Time (GMT) refers to the average time the Earth takes to rotate from noon to noon. Since 1884, GMT has been measured from the Meridian Line in Greenwich, England; longitude 0° 0' 0" — the starting point of every time zone in the world. But noon GMT is not necessarily the moment when the sun crosses the Greenwich meridian. The Earth's uneven speed in its elliptic orbit and its axial tilt put GMT plus/minus 16 minutes off. This fictitious mean sun is actually the annual average of the nonuniform motion of the true sun. Resourceful, secretive, intense Scorpio — time is what you most need right now. Slow down. It's time.

SAGITTARIUS

In 1948, the Olympic Games were televised for the very first time. The few Londoners with TV sets watched 4,000 athletes compete in 136 events. The upcoming 2008 Olympics will host more than double the numbers of games and events both. And over 20,000 accredited media will deliver the Games from Beijing to the rest of the world. Sagittarius, your fire indicates spirit, intention, and action. Where better to find action than the Olympic Games? If you won't be able to go to Beijing, create a plan of your own — maybe a few local evenings with a big-screen TV, a well-stocked fridge, and a few best friends.

CAPRICORN

Fourteen centuries ago the cocoa bean was the ultimate status symbol in the Mayan and Aztec cultures. They used this food of the Gods as currency. It gave them "wisdom and power." The phenylethylamine and serotonin released by eating chocolate invigorated the men and made the women less inhibited. Not much has changed — we still love how chocolate makes us feel. And, believe it or not, we still pay about the same price as 17th century Europeans paid. So Capricorn, it's time to tap into

that practical, yet chocoholic side of you. With the price of gas so high and the cost of chocolate so low — eat all the chocolate you want. Just walk more.

AQUARIUS

Movie mores have changed since William H. Hays' lists of Don't and Be Careful were issued to the industry in 1927. Films could not display drunkenness, sex, crime, divorce, profanity, nudity, drugs, miscegenation, etc. In the 1950s couples could kiss on screen but couldn't be seen in or on a bed unless one of them kept one foot on the floor. The end of the Swinging Sixties helped open the film industry to change and today, nothing is taboo. Rebels and revolutionaries, like you Aquarius, can take credit for helping them see the dawn. But leggo your rebelliousness this month and enjoy the harmony and understanding that are yours for the taking.

PISCES

Kissing is a symbol of desire, romance, love, and affection. It is an accepted

greeting amongst friends and family and plays a significant role throughout our lives. Some anthropologists believe that kissing evolved from sniffing, a primal urge to sample another person's scent and a way of testing their sexual chemistry. Alaskan and Malaysian natives often rub noses instead of kissing. Perhaps rubbing noses led to touching lips. And, of course, touching lips can lead to touching tongues. Pisces, my dear, whether it is rubbing noses or more advanced — you love to kiss. Be receptive this month — a very special kisser is on the horizon.

ARIES

Office workers say they'll give up their morning coffee before they give up the Internet. Gamers can't stop playing. Cyber sex is noted in divorce papers. And eBay aficionados need bigger storage areas. Psychologists call it Internet addiction disorder (aka onlineaholics) and it affects 11-18 million Web surfers. Aries, put that addictive personality of yours to work for the light side. Use your keyboard to start writing that novel you've been putting off.

Instead of chatting online, write a letter to an old friend you haven't seen for a while. In other words — stay away from the Net and focused on reality.

TAURUS

The history of alcohol extends back before recorded time. A fermented beverage of rice, honey, and fruit was produced as early as 9,000 years ago. The ancient Egyptians made at least 17 beers and 24 wines. Alcohol, through the ages, has been used for pleasure, nutrition, medicine, ritual, remuneration, and even funerary purposes. Today's imbibers consume suck and blow shooters, play alcohol-oriented TV and card games, whirl liquid-grain into smoothies, ignite brandy, and have even been known to actually drink the stuff. Remember, Taurus, you are grounded. When the party scene calls your name too often — remind yourself that the structure you prefer is not going to prevail the morning after the night before.

GEMINI

Bell-bottoms were introduced to sailors in 1817. If you abandoned ship or got washed overboard, you tied the legs together and blew air inside; voilà, an ever-available life-preserver. Today's bell-bottoms are worn for style not water-sports. Elizabethan women are turning in their graves now that their corsets, aka bustiers, are worn on the outside. Pointed-toe shoes (for men and women) have come and gone since medieval days. They aren't any better for your feet now than they were back then, but boy are they popular. In fact everything old is new again. Open-minded Gemini, you adore fashion! But keep an eye on the budget this month. Skip the Armani and go kitsch.

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