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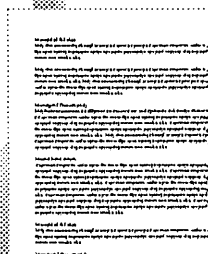
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Hi Everyone:

Needless to say we have had a problem with the weather on the East Coast. We got seven inches in Lynchburg on January 25th and it locked everybody in that wasn't on the main highway routes.

I had my right eye operated on February 1st for a cataract removal and that slowed us down a little. So far so good but I also have to have the left eye done, not sure when as yet.

We've decided to change the printing again and spacing as well. Let me know if this helps those of us whose eyesight is not too great. We are going to try to include a couple of articles as well as the letters and you can send me some of either if you want to. Don't make them too long though. The letters are still our primary source and purpose of being! The articles *will be edited*, not the letters. If necessary, they may have to be "continued" in the next edition, depending on space.

This is your magazine and if you don't let me know what you want I won't know. Please be sure to read **Mary Downing's** letter in this edition. It will give you some idea of what we are going through. We are trying and although we can't please everyone, we will, with your help, find a happy medium that we can all live with.

What we need is more subscribers and for you all to write.

Someone was curious about Bill Bradley's time and place of birth. **Steinbrecher** has B.C. in hand which gives St. Louis, MO and Gauquelin's book and **Jakubowsky** both give Crystal City, MO. We also have 2 times for Bradley - 11:20 AM CWT and

11:37 AM CWT - Date of July 28, 1943 is OK. (Page 25 - January 2000 edition.) Anyone who can straighten this out? I also read on the Internet a supposed time of 9:00 AM for John McCain. I don't remember (sorry) who wrote it but does anyone else have any ideas on this? Please E-mail or write me if you do. We really need this info. George W. Bush's time of 7:26 AM EDT and 6:26 AM EST is being bandied about lately also.

I guess everyone knows there will be a European Conference June 1st to 5th, 2000. The conference theme is "Astrology 2000 - Symbolic Language for a New Era". It will be held on the lake in Lucerne in Switzerland. You can E-mail Louise Huber at : huber-api@compuserve.com for more information.

ISAR 2000 is having it's conference on October 4th to 9th, 2000 at the Hyatt Regency Ali-cante Hotel near Disneyland in Anaheim, CA. Please see flyer enclosed. Note the flyer reads October 4th to 9th - Los Angeles, CA.

The Northwest Astrological Conference (NWAC) will be having its 17th annual conference May 26, 27, and 28th, 2000 at Double Tree Suites at Southcenter in Seattle, WA. Free airport shuttle from Sea-Tac International Airport. Room rate, \$93.00 - single or double. There will be pre and post Conference Intensives. Twenty-three speakers will be there including **Rob Hand**, Jeff Jawer, Alphee Lavoie, Lee Lehman and **Roxana Muise**. For more information call Laura Gerking (1-206-545-2912) or Maggie Nalbandian (206-548-1095).

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Edith Custer

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"Mouth Of The South" Does It Again!

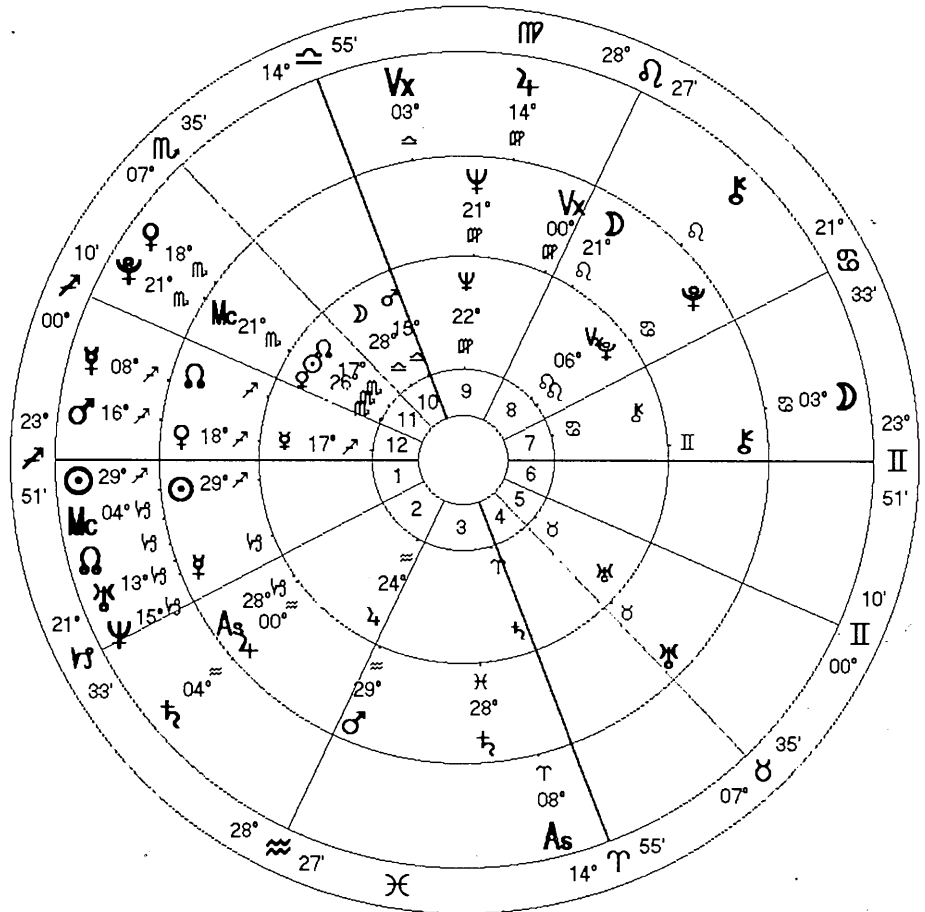
In mid-January, Jane Fonda announced that she and her billionaire hubby were going to split – to have time alone. While she indicated that it was a temporary thing, those in the know insist it's a done deal.

— by Rowena Wall

"The Mouth Of The South"
– a/k/a known as Ted Turner,
kept his mouth shut for once
when the announcement was
made. Many of us suspect he
has had his foot permanently
attached to the roof of his
mouth surgically. In truth, it's
just that Sagittarius Rising of his
that he seems to use to the ulti-
mate. He always has something
insulting to say to someone. It
may not be mean-spirited, but it
can sure make you feel like you
need to put a bag over your
head and head for the hills.

Years ago, when Ted Turner
decided to grab the America's
Cup in Yachting, he was also
dubbed "Captain Outrageous" for
even daring such a feat. He
won that cup against great
odds, and interestingly, it typifies
Turner's life and accomplish-
ments. He's always done the
"impossible". He gets some wild
idea and most of us laugh in his
face – and he does it anyhow.
Pretty soon he's making a billion
dollars from that stupid idea and
you and I are standing there
with our fingers in our noses,
wondering how the hell he pulled
that off! He's accomplished many
other feats that others said
could not be done – and he did
them with aplomb and panache.

Fueled by the courage and
strength of his Scorpio Sun, his
business career started from the
remnants of a family business,
Turner Advertising Company.
Turner's father had committed
suicide, and he vowed to sal-
vage his father's name and repu-
tation. He turned that business
around, and from that ascent
from the ashes, he got the mon-
ey for other investments. Turner
has lived the epitome of "The
American Dream".



Data:

Inside: Ted Turner – November 19, 1938, 8:50AM, Cincinnati, Ohio (Steinbrecher)

Middle Jane Fonda – December 21, 1937, 9:14 AM, Manhattan, NY (Steinbrecher)

Outside Their marriage: - December 21, 1991 (they married on her birthday)

Twenty-Four Hour Programming

In 1970, Turner bought a dilapidated UHF television station in Atlanta. He began the first 24 hour programming, playing old movies and amusing, half-baked news broadcasts. Back then, it was the first 24 hour programming around in the South, and we were all in awe of it.

Six years later, he originated the concept of the "superstation", when he made deals with cable companies to air WTBS all over the country. His was the first of its kind – a blueprint for what followed – now known as cable programming. At the time, we all said Ted was getting too big for his britches again.

Turner's Jupiter is in the sign of Aquarius and is in his Second House of Money and Resources. This means that innovative and unique techniques and thinking bring him great fortune. There is little doubt that Turner lives up to that promise in his chart.

With Jupiter in the Second, he's clearly lucky with money. And he spends big. Sometimes that placement can make it go from your hands as fast as it comes in. That would be true with Ted as well – because he has always thrown money at projects, even though he is a notorious skinflint in many other ways. Jupiter also rules his chart.

Wealth From Joint Finance

Ted Turner's greatest strength comes from the harmonious aspect (trine) from his Scorpio Sun to the ruler of his Sun – in this case Pluto. Pluto and the Sign of Scorpio often denote "joint finance" – or corporate money. Innovative financiers like Turner use other people's money to make their own fortunes.

In 1976, Ted Turner bought the Atlanta Braves baseball team, then at the bottom of the league. They had been in the basement for many years, and no one really expected them to come up for air anytime soon. In the 90's, they're winners, going to the World Series several times, and being in the playoffs most years. There's no doubt in anyone's mind that the Braves certainly "rose from the ashes".

He later bought into other sports teams and businesses, and always brought them from failure to success. This is another of the many examples of Turner's life and enterprises "rising from the ashes" in the Phoenix like fashion of Scorpio. "Starting over" has always been a Scorpio's idea of fun.

More Innovation

Everyone laughed in 1980, when Turner said he was going to build a 24 hour news station. Who would watch 24-hour news

for God's sake? Everyone laughed at Turner for this – and we all thought he had lost his mind. Not only was CNN successful, it became the blueprint for cable news programming. Then came CNN Headline News and CNN International.

Nowadays, if something happens, everyone rushes to CNN to see what the latest is. It seems like the old wily fox wasn't so stupid after all.

Movie Business

In 1985 he bought out MGM's movie inventory, and then he built more stations to use the MGM products. And so was born Turner Entertainment Company. He decided to "colorize" the MGM product and got into it with many of the movie people. Ted just stuck both feet in his mouth and proceed-

ed to tell them to go to hell.

He then launched TNT, which broadcasts classic movies. Then came the Cartoon Channel, the first 24 hour cartoon network. By then he had procured the rights to Hanna-Barbara Cartoons.

In 1993, Turner acquired Castle Rock Entertainment, and began making original movies. From other acquisitions he created Turner Classic Movies.

More Mergers

In 1996, Turner merged Turner Broadcasting System with Time Warner and he became Vice President of Time Warner, a colossal merger, and one which made Ted Turner a billionaire.

Then, on January 10, 2000, the crème de la crème was announced. AOL, the darling of the Internet, would merge with Time Warner, which will be the largest merger in U. S. corporate history. While Steve Case would be the CEO, Ted Turner would be the executive vice president. His holdings tripled and instead of being a billionaire, he instantly became a gazillionaire.

Meanwhile, Back At The Ranch...

Jane Fonda, Ted Turner's wife since 1991, had made her pitiful sounding announcement. She said that the two of them would live apart for awhile in an effort to repair their marriage. It's speculated that this is the first step to a divorce. Is this the merger that will fail? Most likely.

Take a look at their charts both separately and then combined. There's some strong karma between these two. But it would – or certainly could – be difficult for them to stay together too terribly long.

Besides, it's been long known that Ted likes to mess around with beautiful babes. He's always done it, and why should he stop now? Check out that Venus in Scorpio in the 12th.

One of the more interesting things about this pair is that Ted's father committed suicide and Jane's mother committed suicide. One can't help but wonder if this is some strange karma pulling them together.

In typical Sagittarian style, Jane's announcement suggested there is hope. The aspects between Venus and Mars in their respective charts certainly suggest that they will always love each other, whether they stay together or not.

Other things in their charts suggest that they have some very basic differences that would require work. Ted is not known for standing still too long. So the thought of "working" on a relationship may not appeal to him. He is not inclined for sissy things like 12 step programs and other psycho-

babble. (He likes to use that word, in fact.)

Why Such Extremes?

How can two events of such extremes be going on at the same time in one man's life? On the one hand he achieves something that will make him one of the richest and most famous men on earth and at the same time, his personal life is apparently falling apart.

Turner currently has transiting Pluto sitting on his Ascendant, or Rising Sign. This increases his intensity, highlights corporate finance matters, and makes deep and profound changes in his life. Relationships that are good, will change for the better and endure. If there are problems, the relationship can disintegrate and leave one changed forever. But the Pluto effect is guaranteed to bring major transformation in both Ted and his relationships.

Additionally, Turner also has a transit of Uranus squaring Uranus, which almost demands change of some sort. Ruts are broken and innovations take place.

So What Now For the "Mouth Of The South"?

In one heartbeat of history, Captain Outrageous lives up to his chart by becoming one of the wealthiest men in the world as a consequence of a union within the innovative internet. In that same breath, his life changes in such a profound way that he also may lose what he has called the greatest love of his life.

Ted Turner is not just a survivor. Captain Outrageous is a winner! He has always come out on top, and you can bet that this time will be no exception.

If he truly wants his marriage back, I'm sure he'll find a way to get it back. If he doesn't, he'll just keep on walking down the road as he has always done.

That Sag Rising and that Scorpionic influence in his chart impels Ted to always look for new challenges. So what more can a man do in one lifetime? If you've built all these innovative businesses; married one of the most famous Hollywood actresses around; forged a huge corporate merger worth billions and guaranteed to create all kinds of new and innovative changes on the internet - what the hell is left?

I don't know how to answer that question, but I'm more than confident that Ted Turner does.

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Rae Fleetham

Pleasant Hills, CA November, 1999

Is this an extra edition? Cover says 101, but July '99 also says 101. Have we decided to spend all our mistakes at once? How prodigal!

My copy arrived somewhat crumpled and dirty, but not beyond repair. I blame the post office for that, of course. As to what I think of the new format, well, in an un-minced word, I dislike it. We saw too much of that photograph during the Jewish Community Center shooting. In that context, it is indeed a powerful image: frightened children being led by caring adults from a place of danger. But it has no relevance here, we are not frightened, not children, and have no need to be taken by the hand. I hope I have not locked into this entirely, there is no spin you can put on it to make it appropriate to **Mercury Hour**. I don't see anything wrong with the cover that is now a classic, but if you feel the need of a change, then at least let it be to something astrological.

As for the inside, aside from rather a lot of white space, which I suppose is due to the prevalence of e-mail, it is the usual stimulating collection of opinions, facts, provocation's, that keeps us coming back — never change that!

WINNIFRED KEMP (101/B/51) so you missed your appointment in Samarra. That's good, it means there's still something for you to do here. Is it possible that the death you read in your chart was not yours, but his?

The need for publication funds go on, I can see, so here's a little something. Forgive the typing, this machine has an overactive semicolon (hmnn, Kaopectate?)

Merry Christmas, and so forth.

(Sorry this arrived after we had gone to the printers for the January edition. I'm glad you had your say. That's what the MH is for. How about this edition? We are working in getting it to where folks like it as they did the old one. The mistake of "101" twice was made by several people. Sorry. Edie)

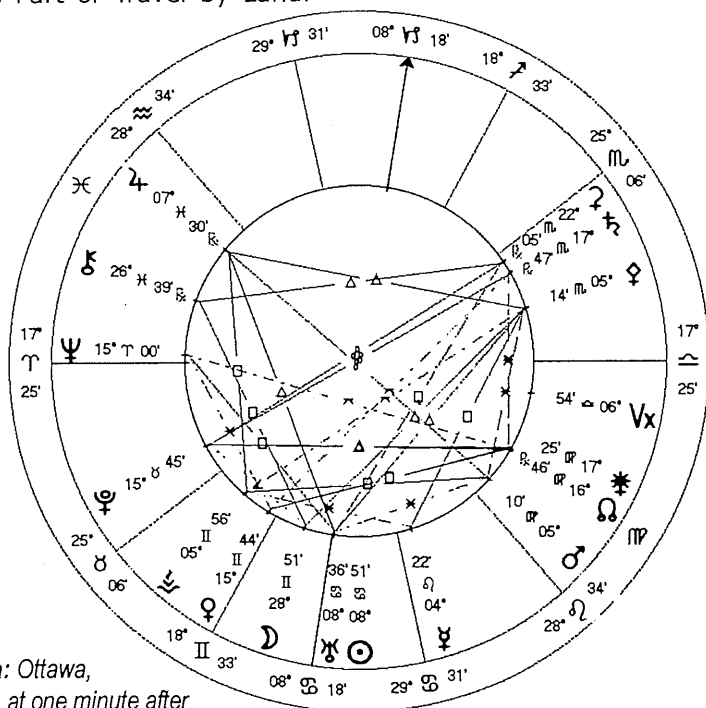
Walt Masters

Saskatoon, Canada November, 1999 Sun Libra - Moon Aquarius - Asc. Taurus

I would like to introduce you to twelve Arabic Parts. One of them is brand new; the other eleven have been around for a long time, under various names, but their true significance has not been understood.

When I told **ANNE LATHROP** about them, she dubbed them the "House Parts". That's an appropriate name, since each of the twelve is related to one of the twelve houses. The relationship is built into the formula, by which their locations are calculated: $\text{Asc} + C_h - R_h$. The first term of the formula is the Ascendant, as it is for many other Arabic Parts. The second term "C" stands for (Placidian) "Cusp". I've never tried any house system, other than Placidus, in calculating these Parts. The third term "R" stands for "Ruler". The subscript "h" is a house number.

If we set h equal to 5, then we have $\text{Asc} + C_5 - R_5$. Starting with the position of the Ascendant, we add the position of the fifth cusp, and subtract the position of the ruler of the fifth. This gives the position of an Arabic Part, formerly known as the Part of Sexual Desire. I have found this traditional meaning too narrow. This Part carries *all* the meanings of the fifth house! It is the fifth House Part. I call it H(5), where H stands for "House Part". Similarly, we could set $h = 9$, and calculate H(9), formerly known as the Part of Travel by Land.



Canada: Ottawa,
Ontario, at one minute after
midnight, 1867 July 1. Placidus

If you consider that Scorpio has two rulers, Mars and Pluto, then you will calculate two Parts for the eighth house: H(8,Mars) and H(8,Pluto). If you believe that Mars no longer rules Scorpio, then you would calculate only the latter Part, using Pluto as the ruler.

A similar situation can arise with asteroids. Consider Canada's fourth cusp, which falls in Cancer, ruled by the Moon. **ZIP DOBYNS** says that Ceres is a co-ruler of Cancer, and I think she's right. So, we should calculate H(4,Moon) and H(4,Ceres). Now consider the case of an intercepted sign. Canada has Pisces intercepted in the twelfth house, with the twelfth cusp in Aquarius. Canada's twelfth house can have as many as four rulers! Aquarius is ruled by Uranus, and perhaps by Saturn as well. If you accept both rulers, then you will calculate two House parts: H(12,Uranus) and H(12,Saturn). You may also consider the ruler, or rulers, of the intercepted twelfth: Neptune, and perhaps Jupi-

ter. If you want to calculate one, or both, of the corresponding House Parts, a change in the formula seems to be necessary. The middle term changes from C_{12} to 0 Pisces 0. Neptune's (or Jupiter's) authority does not extend all the way back to the twelfth cusp; it ends at the beginning of Pisces.

There is one case that gets a bit confusing. Suppose cusp h falls in Capricorn, and Aquarius is intercepted in that house. If you consider Saturn to be a ruler of both signs, then you could end up with two Parts, both called H(h,Saturn). We have to insert a third parameter between the parentheses:

H(h,Saturn,Capricorn) and H(h,Saturn,Aquarius). In the first case, the middle term of the formula is C_h ; in the second case, it is 0 Aquarius 0.

I mentioned that one of the twelve House Parts is brand new. Which one? H(1). The other eleven appear in lists of Parts, under other names, but I've never seen H(1) in any list of Parts. Its formula is a bit odd, which is probably why nobody ever thought of it before: $\text{Asc} + C_1 - R_1$. This is the same as Ascendant + Ascendant - Ruler of Ascendant! Who would have thought of adding the Ascendant to itself? But, odd or not, this House Part works as well as the others. I find it useful, because it carries all the meanings of the first house. It represents the native, just as the Ascendant and its ruler do. I've found the House Parts useful, and I think you will, too. I've studied them in the astrology of events, using Transits, Secondary Progressions and Solar Arc Directions. When I told **Anne Lathrop** about them, she started using them in the analysis of birth charts. She tells me they work well for that purpose, too. I commend them to you, as useful tools.♦♦♦

Kepler as Practicing Astrologer:--Translation and Commentary

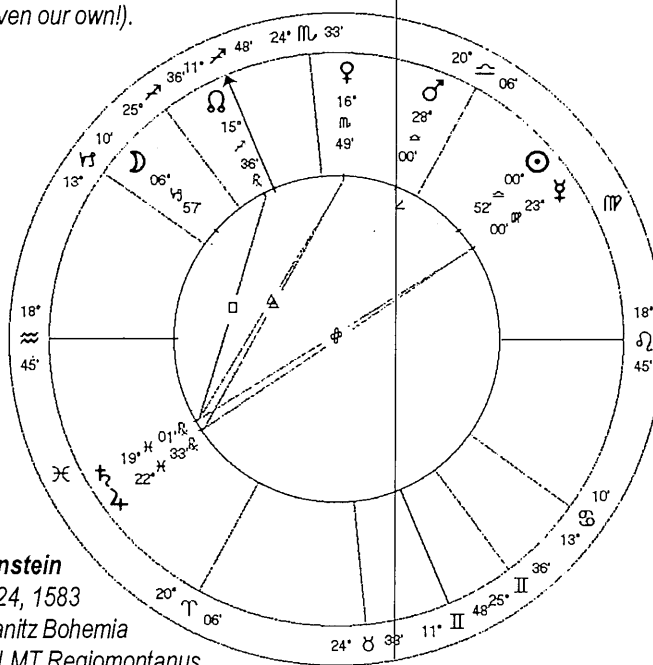
This is only a fragment, but it gives us an insight into how Kepler would approach a chart, and also a better understanding of the man himself.

— by Ken Negus

Johann Kepler (1571-1630), great scientist (discoverer of the three laws of planetary motion), and perhaps even greater astrologer (though seldom recognized as such) has appeared in the pages of **FMO** mainly as a philosopher and theoretician of astrology. We now present him as practitioner.

The following is Kepler's natal interpretation of the birth chart of Generalissimo Albrecht Wallenstein (1583-1634), who was the most powerful military leader on the Imperial side in the Thirty Years War (1618-1648) and known to be an arrogant and highly ambitious man, as well as very superstitious. There is much that is deserving of detailed commentary, but space does not allow it here, so I'll let Kepler speak mainly for himself, and perhaps in a later publication I'll have the opportunity to do this. I might just mention that the prominence of the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction makes this document particularly timely in the year 2000. I think you will find that much of the interpretation is remarkably close to how many astrologers of today would do it. On the other hand, you will also find Kepler's original thinking on some issues (such as houses) to be ahead of his time, (and even our own!).

Wallenstein
Sept. 24, 1583
Hermanitz Bohemia
16:30 LMT Regiomontanus



Brief Explanation of the Horoscope

Whereas astronomy teaches that there are seven planets, and that they travel constantly along their path (divided into twelve signs), astrologers on the other hand divide the sky into 12 houses, and from each of them derive certain information: [Here Kepler lists placements of planets in houses and signs, as we would do today.] This then is the astronomical description of this celestial figure, and interpretation of its character.

On the Ruler of the Geniture

If I did not give information on the ruling planets of this nativity, one might think that I was indolent. I proceed here, however, differently from other astrologers. Yet it is curious that in this nativity three completely different ways of judging each planet's strength agree with each other. The first method is that of the Chaldeans and the Arabs, and is unfounded. According to this, it is supposedly Saturn's day and the sun's hour. The second method is favored by the majority of astrologers – although I hold little belief in it; for because the rising sign (Ascendant), Sun and Moon are in the three signs of Water Bearer, Scales and Mountain Goat, and all are assigned to Saturn's rulership, therefore astrologers would count Saturn as the Ruler of the Geniture, and appoint Jupiter as his helper, because it is in the sign of the Fish. This sign, along with the Archer which occupies the tenth house, the most distinguished place in the middle of the sky, is considered to be Jupiter's own sign. The third method speaks only of which planets are well placed according to the hour, and are most conspicuous in the habits and nature of a human being. Thus, because Saturn and Jupiter are in the first house, to which I give special attention, I maintain that Saturn and Jupiter do the most.

On the General Meaning of this Celestial Figure

Inasmuch as this gentleman was born at the reported time, day and hour, one can accordingly say in truth that it is not a bad nativity, and that it has highly important indications. First: the Great Conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter in the first house. Second: Mercury and the Sun in the angular seventh house. Third: the Sun at the cardinal point of the autumnal equinox; Fourth: Mars at its highest point and in companionship with the Sun. Fifth: four planets with conjunctions, oppositions, sextiles and trines connecting them – namely Saturn, Jupiter, Mercury and Venus; Sixth: the location of the Great Conjunction of 1603, which took place in the 8th degree of the Archer at the Midheaven of this nativity; the future place of the

Great conjunction of 1623 on the Descendent. Yet this nativity also has a great flaw, in that the Moon is thrown into the 12th house; in addition other astrologers will assume that the Moon is in its detriment, or in a harmful house.

On Various Meanings

Astrologers have thus devised the division of 12 houses, as explained above, so that they might give answers to all the questions that people would like to ask. I, however, regard this practice as impossible, superstitious, divinitory, and similar to Arabic sortilege, since immediately, and without knowing a birth time, one answers yes or no to any question that occurs [to the questioner] and thus makes astrology into an oracle, and consequently relies upon inspiration from the heavenly (or better, hellish spirits).

Since therefore it is not my custom to go through the houses in this manner and to discuss specialized questions, no one can attribute indolence to me for it, inasmuch as I am refraining from it for good reason..

Although some of the following may sound as if I surrendered to random happenings, and that I guessed on the basis of fortuitous events or contingencies, such things should not be understood any differently than what this [following] explanation might be capable of: namely, according to this rule, i. e. that whichever astrologer predicts exclusively from the sky, and does not base his statements on the temperament, soul, reason, strengths, or physical makeup of that human being, whom the prediction concerns – that astrologer is not on the right track; and even if he is successful, it is happenstance.

Whereas the heavens can give man everything that he can hope for, the heavens are nonetheless only his father; his own soul is the mother, and as no child can be created outside his mother's body (even if there were ten fathers), in like manner one hopes in vain from above for any stroke of fortune of which there is no precondition in the human soul and temperament. On the other hand, the greater the correspondence between the womb and the male seed, the more the inclination our hidden powers of soul will have for the configurations appearing in the heavens, and will be enlivened by them and will at birth be indeed given form and character.

Thus I would like to write, in truth, of this gentleman that he has an alert, motivated, energetic, restless temperament, desirous of all kinds of innovations, scornful of ordinary human nature and activities, and seeks new, untried or strange ways to accomplish tasks, yet has much more on his mind than he allows to be seen or hinted at. For Saturn rising creates deep, melancholy, always

alert thoughts; arouses interest in alchemy, magic, wizardry, association with spirits, contempt and indifference for human laws and customs, also for all religions; regards every thing with suspicion and mistrust that is done by God and man, as if all were nothing but deception and something other were behind it than is claimed.

And because the Moon is in its detriment, his nature, as described above, will lead him into disadvantage and contempt on the part of those with whom he associates, so that he will be regarded as a lonely and shy person.

As imposing as he may appear: [he is] merciless, without brotherly or conjugal love, respectful of no one, dedicated only to his lusts, severe with his inferiors, relating everything to himself, avaricious, deceptive, inconsistent in his manner, usually uncommunicative, often given to outbursts; also contentious, undaunted, because Sun and Mars are together; and Saturn misleads his imaginings, so that he is often afraid for no reason.

The best thing about this nativity, however, is that Jupiter follows [Saturn] and gives hope that at a mature age he will temper most of his vices and will dignify this unusual nature of his by dealing with worthy, important matters.

Also indicated is great thirst for honor and striving for worldly position and power, whereby he will make enemies that are harmful, and both public and secret; but for the most he will deal with and triumph over them. Thus this nativity has much in common with that of the former chancellor of Poland, the queen of England, and such others who have several planets rising and descending around the horizon. Therefore there is no doubt, insofar as he heeds the course of the world, that he will succeed in achieving high offices, wealth, and, after he has acquired courtly manners, will enter into an advantageous marriage.

And because Mercury is in such a close opposition to Jupiter, it appears that he will be uncommonly superstitious and will thereby draw a great many people to him; or will sometime allow himself to be thrown into the position of the ringleader of a discontented mob. For the great conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter in the ascending position of the conjunction(s) in the angles, and the Sun in the place of the the great opposition in 1613 combine then and in the following years of his life to indicate all kinds of gruesome, terrible upheavals affecting him—as will later be reported in more detail.

(end of fragment)...

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Mary Downing

Owings MD mdowning@allware.com

Hi folks. You've had two issues of the remodeled **MH** so far. I thought you might like to know the reasons why we're trying some things.

The aim is to ultimately increase circulation by attracting new subscribers and more advertising. This requires making **MH** look a little more like other magazines in certain ways; with changing covers, having articles and listing them on the cover, and using more modern internal layout. Consider: If you picked up the **MH** for the first time, you'd find a group of correspondents all of whom knew each other, most carrying on conversations started years ago. Would that attract a new subscriber? Not likely. That's why we're adding articles.

MH has a unique resource with you all, the "cast of characters," who comment and take material and run with it. This doesn't happen in ordinary magazines. Lorraine Welsh and I have contacts with writers who will submit full-scale articles. Combine the two, and this can result in a unique publication; hopefully one that will attract new subscribers and paying advertisers. It takes money to print and mail. That's what we're hoping to do, bring in new readers and new advertising money while keeping everything **MH** already has.

That isn't easy. I told Edie I was tap-dancing on eggs trying to keep all and sundry happy. **MH** has had the same format forever. But formats are incidental; it's content that's important. The idea is to keep everything it's always had, and add something more.

Some like the new type fonts, some don't. We're experimenting. Using real kerned fonts, instead of typewriter-style fixed space type, allows almost one-third more material in the same 64 pages. That's the space being filled by articles. Hopefully we'll find a combination that pleases most if not all readers. "All" is impossible.

A ragged-right format is much easier to read. Justifying forces out the space between words making it more difficult for your eyes to track. Sometimes two words will squeeze completely together. This paragraph is **justified**. The rest are **ragged-right**. Please compare – but remember, "justified" is currently considered a dinosaur because it's hard to read – and it is particularly with a font like Verdana.

Several people have recognized the reason for the unequal sized columns, but a few have missed the point. We can do real layouts of charts and

accompanying commentary if we have space to do it. A two-column format limits the size of the charts or forces us to use a full-page layout. It's very common ever since the 70s to alternate two, three and uneven columns throughout a publication. *Pick up anything on a newsstand and look.* It also allows for a wider assortment of advertising space.

Bottom Line: Maybe it'll work, maybe it won't; but we've got to try! If you need more money to keep publishing, the best way to get it is with new subscribers – and that means some change – something nobody altogether enjoys.

Little typesetting lesson: I am setting several different fonts in assorted sizes. Unless you do it for a living, you don't realize how type faces are measured -- from the top of the highest ascender to the bottom of the lowest descender. An 8 pt Times can seem larger than a 10 pt Arial. What you are reading now is 10 pt. **Verdana**, a sans serif face which is very wide. Hopefully it's also easy on old eyes.

This is the third one we've tried folks! No, the printer doesn't do this. I do. Ink is black, paper is white, type is "fonts," and justification refers to even right-left columns caused by artificially spacing-out the copy.

This is 10 pt **Times Roman**, (*MH* with the Jewish Center/Eclipse cover) Times Roman is considered the easiest body font to read. Newspapers usually use 9 pt. It is a serif (footed) font.

This is what 8 pt **Times Roman**, (which someone had the humor to assert I was using) actually looks like.

This is 10 pt **Century Schoolbook**, (*MH* with the Christmas Cat cover). You'll notice how much wider it is than Times Roman. Still considered one of the extremely easy fonts to read. Used for (surprise!) school-books. *It gets my vote, but ragged-right.*

This is 10 pt **Arial Condensed** that I use for captions, *because it has a nice italic, and...*

This is 10 **Arial**. Arial is a sans-serif (no little "feet")

This is 10 Pt **Verdana**, which is a "bastard" face, because it has some ersatz "footed" appendages on "g" and "t" and "j" making it more readable than Arial.

This is 10pt **frustration**, I use **it** when people can't make **UP** THEIR minds.

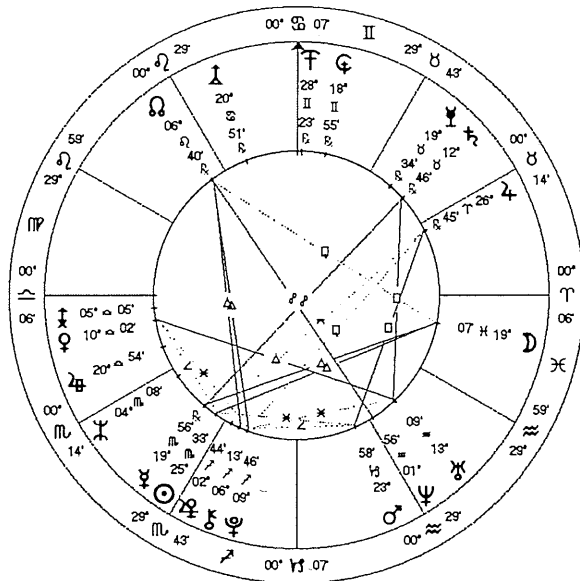
June Goodwin Knight

Houston, TX November, 1999
Sun Scorpio - Moon Scorpio - Asc. Leo

Texas A&M, if you are interested, had a major catastrophe. Their annual Bonfire construction of huge long massive logs fell down killing 11 students and injuring 25 others. The center pole, which was two butted logs spliced and bolted together, broke at the two ends- leaned over with all the logs following. The height 55 feet, and the diameter was about 50. It is a tradition that has great stature and longevity; since 1909.

Bonfire collapse at Texas A & M

02:38 AM CST
Thursday 18 Nov.
'99 at College
Station, Texas.
Coordinates
(according to The
American Atlas,
Shanks) are
30N37'40 x
96W20'03



As near as I can find out from KPRC-TV News (Channel 2) it was at 02:38 CST Thursday 18 Nov. '99 at College Station, Texas. Coordinates (according to The American Atlas, Shanks) are 30N37'40 x 96W20'03; Longitude Correction is 6:25:20. So far, I haven't discovered the University or the Bonfire birth dates, which certainly would complete the picture. It takes a week to build the Bonfire construct so guessing is out.

Venus was rising at 10 Lib 02 conjunct Zeus at 5 Lib 05 (which is also conjunct the Asc. at 00 Lib 06) in the catastrophe chart - so that reflects the tremendous outpouring of concern. The chart is littered with 0 and 29 degree cusps. MC is 00 Cancer 06. The Chiron-Pluto conjunction is in the 3rd house conjunct Cupido explaining the extreme family-type communication of the trained participants; Neptune; South Node and Uranus in the 5th; Vertex at 0 Aries 27 conjunct within 21 mins. The Descendant. Nocturnal *Pars Fortuna* at 9 Gem 36 in the 9th. Sag-Gem and Pis-Vir are intercepted.

Admetus is just outside of the 5 degree orb with Saturn in the 8th. Transneptunians are: Cupido-2Sag23; Hades-19Gem23; Zeus-5Lib01; Kronos-28Gem19; Apollon-20Lib56; Admetus 19Tau33; Vulcanus 20Can51; Poseidon-4 Sco 10.

I haven't figured the helio or declinations, or heard the final results of the engineers investigation. I hope all this entices you to follow it to conclusion. •••

Marion March

Encino, CA November, 1999
Sun Aquarius - Moon Sagittarius - Asc.
Sagittarius MC Libra

LIFE IS CYCLIC

At age 4, success is not peeing in your pants

At age 16, success is "gettin' a little"

At age 25, success is graduation and a wedding

At age 35, success is about career and family

At age 55, success is about graduations and weddings

At age 65, success is "gettin' a little"

At age 90, success is not peeing in your pants

Una Chiodini

Largo, FL November, 1999
Sun Scorpio - Moon Aquarius - Asc.
Capricorn

(101/B/47) SUSAN D. SIMMONS.: Yes I've seen this grid. The book, *Numerology - Romance in Your Name*, by Juno Jordan had it on page.271. My book is old and a bound edition. It only comes in paperback now. So I might be off by a page. OK.

I notice you left out that if a person commits suicide .. You are 99% sure there is a #two active. I once had a man take a palm print of a women who had committed suicide. The #two was active and it showed in her palms. I guess truth is truth no matter what form it comes in. I didn't have the time of birth so I didn't do the Astrology.

I like the way you talked about the 1 and 2. It makes sense, though, to corporate

your need and other persons. "One" stands alone and doesn't even think of asking for help. The "two" thinks everyone is there to help. Oh I wish I was a "two" instead of a "one". Only joking

Thanks for your very good insight. I'm just learning this stuff after 30+ years...I just might learn all the shades of Astrology and Numerology and Palmistry. Smile. Good luck with your insight. You write a good article Susan.

LELA CHAVELLIER POWELL (101/B/52)
LORD I JUST LOVE ALL OF YOU. YES, YES YOU ARE RIGHT. KOPPEL IS THE RIGHT SPELLING. ISN'T THIS MAGAZINE TERRIFIC?

EDIE: Keep the home fires burning. We all love you and I want you to sing at my Memorial Services.. Smile.

This has nothing to do with Astrology, But I was just reminded of a saying my dad used from time to time. *"Whiskey when I'm sick makes me better. Whiskey when I'm well makes me sick."* I don't know why I thought of that. So Enjoy

Donna Sneed

Mexico, MO December, 1999

Sun - Aquarius - Moon Aquarius - Asc. Pisces MC Sagittarius

My letter was the case for Transpluto as the ruler of Taurus fixed Earth. You said Transpluto was supposed to be like Pluto only stronger. Pluto clears away the old to make way for the new.

Think of the many changes and upheavals undergone to become as it is now. Earned income was not as we know it. It was food, clothing and shelter, animals and their hides also medicines and food from plants.

The animals have changed too so maybe if it was the cause of all the change maybe it should rule the mutable sign Virgo. Maybe someone with charts of the countries can check and see what Virgo was doing during things like earthquakes, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, etc. Does any of this make sense?

(Many of the astrologers check the above charts but usually look for sudden upheavals, explosions etc. Maybe someone should look at Virgo and Mercury, its ruler? —Edith)

December, 1999

Susan Aiu from Hawaii sent this to the ISAR newsletter. I thought some of you without computers might be interested in her observations on "Out of Bounds" planets. I'm sure she won't mind sharing it with you.

Have been using OOBs for many years, as they are one of the quick and easy interpretations to look up. This followed classes and correspondence with KT Boehrer (*sp?*) in Texas, I think—so long ago. Anyhow, Sun and Saturn never go out of bounds. The ones that do, look for something not normal.

Moon OOB is an over-nurturer, or they turn it off. Venus is similar dealing with feelings, and the ability to turn off is obvious. Mercury OOB is either a chatterbox or silent. My daughter is one, and I'm glad when she calls as she gets to pay for her endless stories. Mars OOB is highly energized, and has also to do with the sex drive, either you like and need a lot of it, or you turn it off. Jupiter hardly goes OOB, the outers often have to do with violence, esp. Pluto, either in it, like a war, or witnessing it, like a fight down the street—we must have a whole generation of these by looking at what's on the movies & TV.

I always check these positions out for a client and otherwise as it gives a little extra meaning to the planets interpretation. You may also watch the transiting OOBs and see how people react to them.

Pat Lewis

Malabar, FL.

December, 1999

Sun Libra - Moon Sagittarius - Asc. Leo - MC Taurus

BOOKS & TAPES FOR SALE

I have finally got boxes full of Astrology books - these basically are new books and some, I think, may not be in print any longer. I don't remember seeing them on shelves anywhere in recent years and wish to sell them off - most never read-had been ordered for others and never picked up or paid for and willing to let go for prices I paid for which is a substantial saving over today's prices. Plus over 500 audio tapes from lectures of various Astrologers for sale.

A list of books and tapes can be sent to whoever wishes to see it, to me Pat Lewis, P.O. Box 500572, Malabar, FL. 32950.

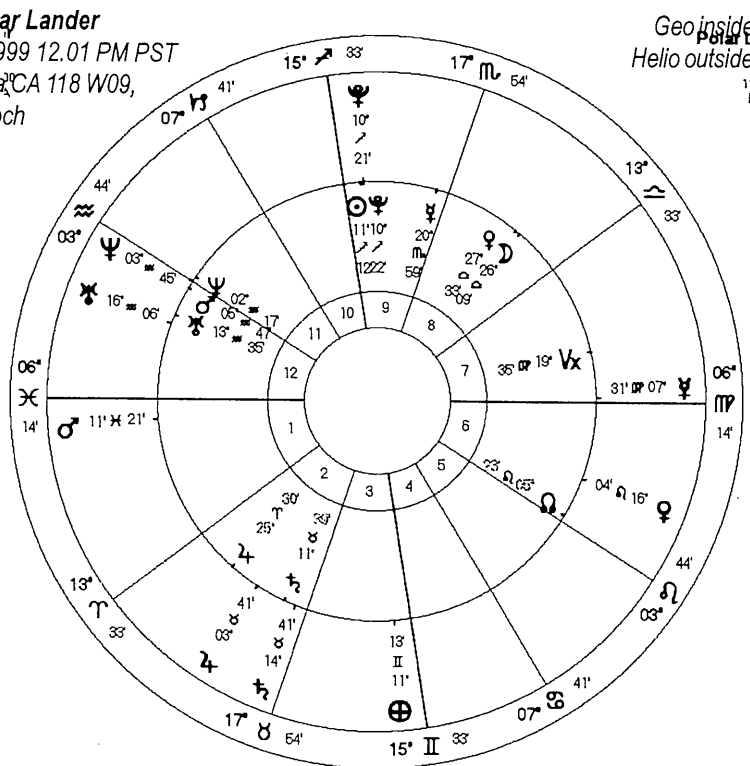
Urzula McDonald

Kearney, N.J. December, 1999

I am reading a book by Anne Rule called *A Rage to Kill*, her true crime series No. 6. What do I find on page 239? The story of Marsha Moore's disappearance with a background of her life. Just thought I would pass this on in case anyone else is interested.

Mars Polar Lander

Dec. 3, 1999 12:01 PM PST
Pasadena, CA 118 W09,
34N05 Koch



Geo inside
Helio outside

haven't heard how you are doing. Please write when you can and let me know how you are. Can I do anything to help with the **Mercury Hour**? Type and proofread letters perhaps? When finished, I could send them back to you by e-mail as file attachments. Let me know if you think I can of help in any way.

I'll be thinking of you and hoping you're doing well.

P.S. Can't tell you how much we're enjoying life back in Michigan. Just being near Lake Michigan, the sand dunes, and the forests makes me happy. We bought a house way out in the country - three acres and a pond, so there's quite a bit of work to do, but that's okay. No street lights out here, so the night sky is awesome.

Susan Manuel

Falls Church, VA December 4, 1999 Sun Aries - Moon Scorpio - Asc. Cancer - MC Aries

HELIO PLANETS — MARS POLAR LANDER

The attached file is a geo/helio chart for the time yesterday at which the Mars Polar Lander was supposed to have landed on Mars. So far, the NASA team at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory hasn't heard any signal from the lander, and I'm wondering when and if they will. I'm following this story because I'm studying the current helio grand cross involving Earth, Mars, Mercury and Pluto. This isn't the first time that stories of the planet Mars have led the news when a major Earth-Mars aspect is in force.

In the chart you'll notice the synastry between the degrees on the geo angles and the degrees of the helio planets forming the grand cross. Isn't it amazing how often we see this in charts set for critical times in important event sequences? (Chart info: Helio patterns - Mars Polar Lander 12/3/99 Pasadena, CA, zone 8, 12:01 PM PST, 118W09, 34N05.)

I'm wondering if today, when helio Mercury completes the grand cross, NASA will hear the first signal from Mars? I have some doubts, since the Moon will square geo Mars today. However, tomorrow the Moon will conjunct geo Mercury, and that is a more hopeful sign. Yet the hard helio aspects suggest that problems occurred just prior to or upon landing, and it will require the intensive efforts and all the concentrated brainpower that the men and women of mission control can muster if they are to figure out how to communicate with the lander. The helio pattern suggests to me that conditions must be absolutely right for things to work out as planned.

How is your health? So glad you had help with the previous **Mercury Hour**. Since moving way out here in the middle of nowhere, I'm quite out of touch with the astro community, so

Winnifred

A. Kemp

West Vancouver, B.C. Canada

For weeks I have been writing bits and pieces and never getting anything finished. The problem is that I keep trying out the various formulas described by contributors and invariably get bogged down reading some of my books neglected for years. So I am determined to write something today, albeit sadly lacking in complete answers to the wonderfully interesting articles by contributors to **MH**.

First the new format: (102nd issue, not 101th with a lip). The new cover was a shock but I like it. I do not like the Cast of Characters as set out. It is almost impossible to find something after reading the whole issue and wanting to review an article if you don't know the page number. The old way was much better. I could make notes beside each name and go back later and pick out the arti-

cle immediately, all I needed was the name of the contributor. The setup with varying widths of type is good. But I do not like the names of contributors in Script that does not stand out, and also the practice of putting a name on the bottom of a page and a headless article on the next page.

(As you have noticed the Cast of Characters has been changed back to the old way and we are working on the other two. Edie)

ROWENA WALL's article on Y2K Madness (102/9) and **MARY DOWNING's** doctors notes (102/26) were very amusing. **BYRON WAHL'S** article about the flying excrement (102/14) surely indicates some crazy nut deliberately dumping from the air as a means of 'protesting' which seems so popular nowadays.

HAYA MURRAY (102/28) I am one of those who 'remain polarized on the Big Four' asteroids mainly because my ephemeris covers only those ones. I do use them and find them a great help in delineating.

BESS TORNELL (102/38) My Uranus will be some time in the near future as I am in my 83rd year. (I don't have an ephemeris beyond the year 2000 and will have to wait until I get one from the Rosicrucian Fellowship—I like their ephemerides because they show declinations as well as an Aspectarian for each year.) I will be interested in hearing what happened for you when your Uranus returns.

MARK HOLMES (102/39) Ivy Jacobson's book, *The Dark Moon Lilith in Astrology*, is complete with ephemeris 1890-1999, and delineation's for many placements. She relates the Hebrew story but says Eve is personified as a Satellite, a new moon, emerging crescent shaped or rib shaped from the side of Adam as the New Moon emerges from the side of the Sun. Makes much more sense than using Adam's rib! She says Lilith in the natal chart involves DENIAL in whatever house she appears. I have used it in all my charts and find it very revealing. Is this the asteroid Lilith you speak about?

WALT MASTERS (102/40) Robert Kurtz Granite's book, *The Fortunes of Astrology*, covers every conceivable Part or Point, first from lists of Al-Biruni and then some modern ones. Fortunes involving Sun and Moon should be 'changed' which means for night births (between sunset and sunrise) the plus becomes minus and vice versa. I have a night birth so Fortuna becomes ASC. minus Moon plus Sun. The Pt. of Astrology in this book is ASC. plus Mercury minus Uranus Pt. of Disappointment is ASC. plus Mars Minus Venus. Don't change for Death even though Moon is used (ASC. plus cusp of 8th minus Moon). M.E. Jones says ASC. plus Mars mi-

nus Neptune is "Popularity". Devore's *Encyclopedia* has a large section on Arabic Parts, but no indication of "Change" or "Not Change". My Part of Mother (ASC. - Moon + Venus) seems spot-on. It works out to be late Pisces conjunct Chiron in 9th, and mother was a Sag. Sun and suffered a hip injury with her second child (had six more!) and died at 50 years of age having suffered hip infections all that time.

Ivy Jacobson and Devore both show computations that I find hard to use. My ASC. is 10 Leo 10 which they say should read 4 signs, 10 degrees 10 min. I find it much quicker to use 5 (Leo) 10-10 and all other signs the same way. So my Sun becomes 6 Virgo 7:24 and Moon 11 (Aqu.) 21:26. It works out the same and certainly is faster to use my method. It seems to me there was some controversy over this in *Mercury Hour* several years ago.

Please, someone, what is the difference between the Mean Node and the True Node, and which is shown in ephemerides? I have read that some ephemerides give both the Mean (estimated) and the True. If only one is shown, is it the True Node?

There now! I've done it again. Thinking about the Nodes got me rereading the two books I have on them—actually I have three (a small pamphlet-type book). But I still can't find what I want to know about the difference between Mean and True Nodes.

JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO (102/59) For my famous 'death' chart I used a formula of **TODD COLLARD's** as set out in (94/30). The Eclipse was quincunx the ASC and I went 365 days AFTER to Feb. 26/99 and found an abundance of aspects. **DOROTHY SARKA** said there was not enough energy to take me off the earth but I thought every angle was covered. Much to my chagrin. In (95/22) **TODD** gives a much more detailed explanation of how he predicts death.

It's now mid-December and I began this in late November so must stop and get it in the mail. As for the Nodes, the books I have stress the importance of both Nodes, the South one indicating reincarnation, among other things.

Christmas will be well past by the time this shows up in *Mercury Hour*.

And we will be well into Y2K. I am very curious to see if anything untoward happens. If all goes well I plan on taking another cruise April 11. And home just in time to see if the stellium in Taurus affects any of us. Happy Easter! (Oops—just noticed something else I don't like about the new **MH**—there is no address with the name on first page.)

(The January edition now has it and this edition will have the new address (NO, I haven't moved) 911 caused us all to change here in Locust Gardens. You know folks - if you don't tell us what you like and don't like I have no way of knowing so write and let us know, please. Edie)

Lorraine T. Welsh

Needham, MA December, 1999

Hi Gals,

Am leaving in an hour but wanted to comment on the **Mercury Hour** which arrived in yesterday afternoon's mail. Another triumph! It looks great and I love the cat. I disagree with the comments about last month's design as I thought Mary had done a wonderful job. Someone should tell **JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO** that the cops with the kids picture was not Littleton but some place in California—the Jewish community center that got shot up. Also I miss the ragged right column which lends such an air of modernity and also is so much easier to read. Justified columns went out years ago (at the Museum, we stopped about 1970) because of the stilted look it gave copy and because ragged right was easier to read. But you knew that! Anyway, the issue is great. Congratulations. I am proud to be a very, very, very, small part of all this.

*Enjoy the holidays you three. And all in **MH Land**.*

Defiance Gregg

Seaside, OR December, 1999

Sun Scorpio - Moon Taurus - Asc. Gemini

LOOKING AHEAD IS HARD TO DO

Religiously-Neptune (more fiction than truth) and Jupiter, (more truth than fiction) with the Signs, Leo (Pride), Pisces (healing affect of faith), Sagittarius (Faith in our own knowledge) has already given us many changes in this passing century. We find to our dismay...Neptune has entered the cool affect of Aquarius (opening our eyes to reality) and Jupiter going its merry way concerned with Taurus themes (the nicer things in life).

Religiously, I have actually heard a TV program that has presented an unused idea about the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph who followed the Jewish Faith in every way, according to the Bible, seems to be missing a wife. I can live with the idea, that as a religious family, Mary and Joseph most probably followed the rules of the times and most probably saw their son off as a married man. All the Apostles took

their wives on their journeys and we all know who followed Jesus. So we have advanced the concept of a Married Jesus before the end of the last century. From the writings, I had supposed Mary Magdalene was in love with him on a deeper level than he seemed to show to her. She was with Him as he was taken from the cross, which was the wife's privilege. So perhaps it is so. Priests were also married during the first 300 years after Jesus died.

With some tranquility still with us, we hang on to the past with more and more TV programs showing an entertainment's view of past history/and our computer tied in some way to each person's life. We are all aware that a new generation of discontent and rebellion is building as Uranus works its way through its own sign of Aquarius. We have a new generation of "Monitors" They are monitoring each other, and we are monitoring them. We end the century in the "Monitor's" mode. It is the start of a Monitor's Generation.

The 10th house of Capricorn's domain, has a new regime of business ventures happening overseas that won't come to light until Pluto, that solver of mysteries, goes into Capricorn. But all of us know how little we know about business here at home, much less that of overseas. How do they hire? fire? pay? How much profit is being made overseas?. We all recognize the results of a fatherless home life for kids, but few of us know the results of a government run institution upon the minds of the young. This is a "Foster" Plan in place for the future generations. The big planetary lineup in Capricorn in the 1980's was just too much "Conservatism" for anyone to adjust to. As our Government now teach and raise the children, in the first 25 years of 2000, we will see a government ideal of what a child should be. People my age would have laughed aloud if anyone ever told us we had designed a government to do that. But it seems we did.

I was born and will die without seeing what Neptune in Pisces can do to bring about a living and compassionate world to live in. I would like to predict that we will have a period of creative splendor. With creativity, as all artists know, the truth isn't important as much as the end result. By that time, the next generations will have become so clever and designing, that some of them can be thought of as very devious people.

We have not cured Cancer, Heart Trouble, or Drug Influence. If housing ever comes out of government hands, rents will go down so that everyone can have equal access to affordable housing in the next century, even the young on low income employment. While government is

running the show, rents will remain sky high. If city politics and Real Estate people ever get out of housing, owning humble housing would be as common as owning a hat and coat. As it is, most houses we see as we drive by, are empty more hours a day than filled with family. As we end the century, the sun doesn't set upon a country that isn't busy growing drugs for our country. Sometime within the first twenty five years of 2000, young adults will look back into our history and point to the United Nations as our worst creation. Whatever we had in mind, when we created UN, it never came about. It is far too influential. One day soon, we will cry our regrets...too late.

As far as happy? I would say without a second delay that the late '40s and early '50s were our most relaxed years of this century. The balloon skirts and petticoats were all over the place and were fun to watch. Kids looked ahead with hope and sureness. Jobs were lifetime ones in their parent's lives. Jobs were easy to get for the young. The era of "No war" and lovers returning to wanted children was over soon after "The Pill" was born. Now its McDonald's work after school. That happier era really shut its doors, in the '70s as Business Chains, declared bankruptcies to lay off highly paid and pensioned employees, only to reopen down the street under a new name with new employees at lower wages. Many went unpensioned from that disaster during the Reagan Administration. Unemployment offices began to close doors, consolidating in places workers couldn't afford to reach. Statistics were lies.

Pluto in Sagittarius is now tearing up the world as we knew it and designing a financially enriched global village. At least that is the way our political engineers see it. Everyone should be more knowledgeable in 2000's to survive. At present I see an old system hanging on for dear life and more and more young people walking away from old ideas. They are in old-fashioned schools simply due to the laws we have passed to keep them there. The young generation will show they are indifferent by any method of rebellion. Some will go along to please others. When young people gain teenage they should be offered a vote. If they had a vote, I am sure this age would have a different story. The young feel they were given a world to clean up and repair from the damages we caused because of our country's greed. It is almost like inheriting an old worn out house from grandparents who lived high on the hog in it, while it was new.

As far as my favorite magazine, thank heavens it goes to press in the 2000's. We can help with far more sharing of data that we locate. The fun of swapping times, dates and lo-

cations, of birth, deaths and events is what **MH** is all about. We should have as much fun as we read **MH** as we do when we visit our Chat Room. I am very lax about bringing new data to the computer, as I get on-line. I hope to improve as I write in 2000. I always take my pen and some paper, to the computer on Wed., just in case someone is sharing data. I do the same when I read **Mercury Hour**.

Happy New Century. 12/22/99.

Joan Titzworth

Lakewood, N.J. December, 1999

Sun Sagittarius - Moon Libra - Asc. Cancer

ESOTERIC ASTROLOGY IN THE WORLD TODAY

As we continue to enter the Aquarian age, we see signs of many changes coming into the world. The old order moves out and the new order moves in.

For the past 2100 years we have been in the Piscean age and under the 6th ray. The 6th ray is related to both Mars and Neptune and so we have seen many wars and also the development of the Neptunian sciences of Spiritualism and psychism. The sign Pisces relates to sacrificial love, and this was exemplified by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross in order to expiate the sins of mankind.

Now as we move into the Aquarian age, the 7th ray will eventually become the dominant ray of this age. Rays 1, 2, 3, and 5 are also increasing in strength. We see signs of destruction all around us. The earthquakes in Turkey, South America and Mexico. We see people dying in masses, a la Pluto, in frequent plane crashes and other disasters of nature. There are hurricanes, tornadoes, monsoons, fires, mudslides, floods and other disasters that affect large numbers of people. Much damage to the earth and manmade creations has occurred. This should tell us something! We need to work TOGETHER!

The recent crisis in Kosovo and southeastern Asia as well as the India-Pakistan crises show the inevitable struggle of man to control his environment. However, we are going about it the wrong way. These are all examples of the increasing power of Ray one in the world today. Ray one is the ray of will and power. It is also the ray of destruction. We must remove the old before the new can be created. If mankind can learn to work together under the United Nations for the good of ALL humanity and use the WILL aspect of ray one to will only good and eliminate selfish attempts to gain control over our neigh-

bors, then the golden age of the Millennium will truly enter in and the ray of love and wisdom, ray 2, will begin to rebuild the destroyed structures and repair the cleavages of the world.

Aquarius is ruled esoterically by Jupiter, which is a ray 2 planet so inevitably this will happen as we move more and more into the Aquarian age. There are more people born today on the earth who are ray 2 souls and ray 3 souls. We will need them to rebuild the world. Ray 3 souls are the active intelligentsia of the earth so we will need their leadership as we face the problems of rebuilding.

I believe we can lessen the time of destruction and hasten the coming of the golden age if mankind and especially the world leaders come to the realization that we are all one and work together for the good of all. In the 5th kingdom of nature, the kingdom of Souls, we are all one. The realization of this will shorten the time of destruction and hasten the appearance of the kingdom of God on Earth.

We see also, the great strides in science and medicine appearing on Earth. This is a manifestation of the 5th ray of concrete science. This ray will continue to increase in strength as we move into the next century. Ray 5 is the ray that enters the sign Aquarius.

There are other ways that we can hasten the coming of the golden age of peace and love. They are esoteric ways. Meditation is a discipline that is needed to be put into practice by all those that wish to contact their Souls and aid in increasing world peace and the general advancement of mankind. By daily meditation, you come under the guidance of your own Soul, which showers blessings of love and wisdom upon you and guides you in your daily life. It will make you an instrument of peace in the world today which is sorely needed.

Aquarius is an air sign and is very strongly related to the mental body. Therefore, it is inevitable that mankind will become more and more polarized in their mental bodies and become less influenced by their emotional astral bodies.

Aquarius is also a humanitarian sign and we see this influence in the world today in the many civic organizations such as the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, UNICEF, NATO, the Optimist club, and the New Group of World Servers that seek to aid mankind and to fill world need wherever it is found.

So with so great a promise before us, let us all unite in the effort to bring about world peace and acknowledge the value of the individual and the fact of the one humanity.

Sonja Goddard Foxe

Chicago, IL

December, 1999

Sun Libra - Moon Libra - Asc. Aries - MC Capricorn

ROWENA WALL. Thanks for the Toronto information. Chicago's the city that has had a strange mysterious hold on me. I've got a series of Chicago charts, including the 1682 date when LaSalle wrote a letter here sited naming the future Metropolis "Circago" predicting the character of its future citizens. I don't have complete references on hand, but the Battle of Toronto, then York, in the War of 1812 occurred 27 April 1813 when US General Dearborn landed w/his troops and took the town. As I recall, the Brits burnt DC in retaliation for the Yanks burning Toronto, references not at hand. What's needed is info on York, first settled. Reference at hand calls York the capital of Upper Canada which conflicts with other reports of Newark (now Niagara on the Lake) as the capital. Just found some promotional material "In 1792 Newark became the first capital of Upper Canada and remained the seat of government until 1797." It was burnt during the War of 1812 December 1813 and originally laid out in 1791 & the province's oldest community, so Toronto, *nee* York, original establishment post 1791, about 20 years after du Sable set up business in Chicago, summer 1772. It's a super little town. Great place to go on location for a Jane Austen movieshoot, reeks with charm and history — a major life fantasy to fulfill is a Sunday afternoon astrology salon summers at the Prince of Wales hotel.

JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO Kosovo IS a Clinton war. My statement correct as it stands. I quote from Gail Sheehy's *Hillary's Choice*, page 345: On March 21, Hillary Clinton was on the phone from North Africa .

"I urged him to bomb," she told Lucinda Franks, a reporter on the trip. Clinton's mind was crammed with "what-ifs:" What if bombing promoted more executions? What if it took apart the NATO alliance? Hillary shot back, "*You cannot let this go on at the end of a century that has seen the major holocaust of our time.*"

On her second night in Egypt, she waited to hear the outcome of the 11th hour meeting between Milosevic and ... Richard Holbrook. The next day Clinton declared force was necessary. NATO ordered air strikes. Got that dude? I'm right. It was Bill Clinton's decision which case Hillary prosecuted from Egypt, dragging NATO along in the wake of that decision. Clinton's War. Have you the grace to acknowledge that?

MARY DOWNING I wouldn't predict Gore's overthrow until AFTER the convention. He is due for a progressed full moon (1GE/1SA) maturing mid-summer with p-moon then applying to conjunction w/t-Pluto ... enough mo' to get him the nomination. Consider: Rhea Perlman shares a birth date with Al Gore. Rhea could slam-dunk \$Bill any day. The big problem w/Gore is the solar eclipse on his Cappy moon next Christmas. The Nashville chart on this looks victorious & doomed. I'm working on a book to be marketed on the net & conventions on Tecumseh's Curse, because it's that time again. Do not ask who is party choice for president, but ask rather, who is in the catbird seat, the Curse is the reason LBJ wanted to be JFK's v/p. I believe once the Szyzygy & its historical implications on the American Presidency get out there the courage factor will see the field narrow since the race for the top spot will turn into a national game of chicken (remember Kenny Rogers "Coward of the County", guess what scared him?) and the jockeying for VP begins. From signs around town, I'd say there's a back room deal being cut regarding Commerce Secretary Bill Daley's eligibility for VP. From other things I've heard, the mayor's brother sold his home in Chicago last year. Nobody in Chicago likes \$Bill much because he didn't have the moxie to cut a deal last March with the Jerries (the owners of the Bulls) for a truncated

7th Season, so rather than Running with the Bulls, the City Paraded some Cows. Michael wouldn't shoot hoops w/him & Phil a couple of months ago at a fund-raiser, but was at a Sox game, another Chicago team owned by the Jerries. As far as I'm concerned, \$Bill's history, having missed the shot at the spot from the top of the key.

Eddie Custer

Lynchburg, VA January 2000

Sun Capricorn - Moon Leo - Asc. Taurus - MC Capricorn

In two months from 8/25/99 to 10/24/99, foreign countries have suffered 23 disasters with floods, hurricanes and earthquakes leading the list. How many fires have we had in U.S. in that time? There have been disasters since then. This information comes from the "International Mail Incidents" for the fall '99 issue. It of course only mentions things that interfere with the mail. It doesn't mention the many plane crashes, etc.

The chart I use for air flight is the "first flight" of Wilbur Wright, in Kill Devil Hills, N.C. That chart has 19 Aquarius rising. Ring a bell? Do you suppose that the eclipse on Aug. 11 at 18 Leo had anything to do with any of this? Do you think more proof is needed?

Todd Collard

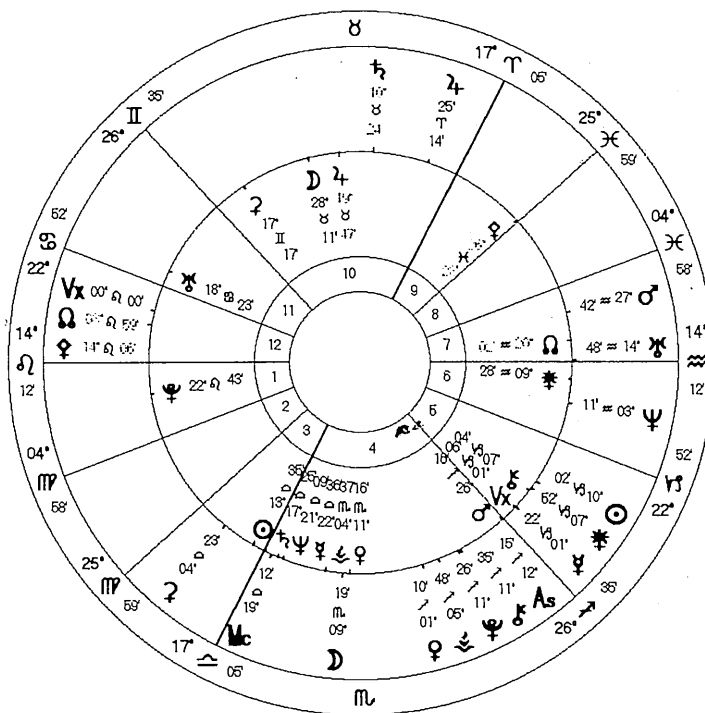
Robins, N.C. January, 2000

Sun Gemini - Moon Virgo - Asc. Pisces - MC

Sagittarius

Here is info on Vladimir Putin's birth data forwarded from the Pan Planet e-mail list. Apparently this came in from "Julianne to Linda"

News Scope's Russian correspondent Boris Izraitel reports Putin's birth time as 1:00 AM in Petrograd, as gathered by Moscow astrologer Sergey Klimov. This puts 14° Leo rising, the exact place of Dec. 31, 1999's Pallas-Uranus opposition. Also Jupiter turning direct in his 10th house reflects an assumption of power. The birth time should be considered speculative. Reader feedback is welcome.



Inside: Vladimir Putin: Oct 7, 1952 Petrograd. 30E15, 59N55 -3h, Koch Outside: Transits for Jan 1, 2000 New Year's Day.

Troy Holter

Helena, MT December, 1999

Sun Cancer - Moon Virgo - Asc. Sagittarius

LAUREN McKEVITT asks in the **103rd edition (Jan., 2000)** what others are reading...

I just finished some Liz Green books from her CPA series: *The Astrologer, the Counsellor, and the Priest* (with Juliet Sharman-Burke); *The Horoscope in Manifestation*; *Barriers and Boundaries*; and *The Art of Stealing Fire*. We all have our fetishes and I'll come out of the closet and say that one of mine is Dr. Green. I've studied astrology for 30 years and I consider her to be a godsend to astrology. I think she's brilliant and we're damn lucky to have her. (She's not giving me a free consultation or any other remuneration to utter this.) She's not only deep and broad, she also has a wonderful sense of humor, on the wry side, which is fine by me. She's worth every penny you shell out for her books, in my opinion, and you do pay more for her stuff than for others. And you can only get them from Midheaven Bookstore in London (or the CPA Press), but it's worth jumping through the hoops. If you want good information you go wherever you need to go to get it, *n'est-ce pas?* Her penchant is "psychological" astrology, as most people know, but don't let that stop you. I attended her seminar with the late Richard Idemon in Vermont in the mid-'80s and I've never had a better time with my clothes on.

I'm saddened beyond telling that the Arkana line of astrology books went off the radar screen. (They did, didn't they?) I thought they were the best — elegant, rich, deep, multilayered, like eating the best chocolate; you only had to eat a little at a time to be very satisfied. (I was even thinking of popping them in the oven and eating them with a little ghee.) I suspect they're all out of print, but don't quote me on that. Whatever you have to do to run them down is worth the effort. Powell's bookstore in Portland might be able to find them, or one of the other book finders on the net. One of my favorites is *The Marriage of Heaven and Earth*, by Gregory Szanto, which I mentioned before in this journal. His book is an exquisite exposition of time as it relates to astrology and life. I exchanged letters with Gregory recently and he tells me he has another book in the works. Can't wait. He might be able to tell you where to find that book. His address is: Stuart Ave. 16; Eastbourne East Sussex; BN 21- 1UR, England.

The other books in the series (at least the ones I have) are all great. Lauren mentioned two, *Working with Astrology*, by Michael Harding

and Charles Harvey, and *Hymns to the Ancient Gods* by Harding. Others which you would do well to track down are *The Gods of Change* by the late, great Howard Sasportas (his books are gifts from the gods); *The Moment of Astrology* by Geoffrey Cornelius; *Astrology, The Evidence of Science* by Percy Seymour; and *Astrology in the Renaissance* by Eugenio Garin; and *Retrograde Planets* by Erin Sullivan. These were all the Arkana books I was able to attract to myself before they disappeared into a finer dimension. Are there others I'm missing?

Let it always be remembered that we all stand on the shoulders of giants, bless their pea-pickin' hearts. Some of them are actually breathing the same air as we mere mortals as we get beamed into the new millennium. Good reading to all, and to all a good night.

This article was printed in the January edition with a whole lot of errors which we didn't catch. To be fair to Mark we are printing the article over with our sincere apologies. (Edie)

Mark A. Holmes

Carthage TX, September 1999

To **DON BORKOWSKI (101a/36)**: The golden section is a family of aspects; I'm not clear on the math but the golden section is actually a kind of number by which the circle of the zodiac is divided. I never use any of these aspects except one that is about 12.5° and one that is about 20°; the rest overlap other aspects. I try to keep the number of aspects that more or less coincide with other aspects to a minimum.

The golden section aspects (you could maybe call the 12.5° golden sections and 20° golden sections, like I do, or maybe something else) are kind of intense, acting with emphasis or in concert. I have never omitted the South Node from chart interpretation. I've never ignored the Descendant, IC, Vertex, Part of Fortune, or East Point, either, but have only recently gotten to where I can calculate the Vertex and East Point by hand. I don't usually use the Antivertex or West Point. Some people have thought I use too many factors in the chart, but sometimes I think we need to add the minimum of factors we need to cast a chart and still regard it as intelligent as opposed to Sun-sign-only crap.

To **LELA CHAVELLIER-POWELL (October 1999)**: Funny how so many intelligent people suddenly become mentally incompetent and morally bankrupt to people who hate the Clintons when it comes out they don't think the First Couple is some kind of redux of Nero and

Poppaea. Some people confuse concurrence with their own opinions with objectivity, intelligence and ethical, constructive behavior. Facts become malleable like raw pasta and mutate beyond recognition, morphing into the strangest and most wondrous new incarnations, when filtered through these people's egos and preconceived theories. I've yet to see anything that would disqualify the 8:51 AM, Libra rising birth chart for Bill Clinton. It doesn't show him to be either a saint or the Antichrist; it basically shows him to be human. What you say about maternity ward procedure and hospital air-conditioning in the South circa 1946 may be true, but I'm in east Texas and while it may be warm at nine in the morning in August, it's not actually hot yet, even indoors without any kind of A/C. I have done sustained manual labor both outside and enclosed areas with weak air conditioning in the summertime around here on a daily basis, so I should know. Just because they could have scheduled the C-section for the wee hours doesn't mean they did; it could have been later on in the morning. The main reason for the 3:44 A.M. birth time seems to me to be your personal politics. I'm sorry, I don't buy your theory.

To **BESS TORNELL (101a/38)**: Most of these sweepstakes and psychic offers that I get go straight to the garbage unopened. Those manipulative individuals who don't declare their intentions on the envelopes may get me to open them, but when I find out what it is the letter goes immediately to the circular file without any further reading or consideration.

To **JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO (October, 1999)**: I use the same orbs for solar, lunar and parti-returns that I use for transits. In my experience, planets in returns are not weakened by virtue of their placement in the cadent houses or strengthened by virtue of being in the angular houses. They just manifest differently according to their house placement and aspects.

And yes, what sense does it make to try to save the world while letting the little problems, or the ones right in your backyard, fester? The Kellogg-Briand Pact outlawed war in 1928! The Dayton Accords, for example, stopped a war, the one in Bosnia, with modest but concrete results. Lyndon Johnson's Great Society hasn't eradicated poverty, but it did reduce the number of the poor and improved the lot of the poor that remained. Although nobody likes people who never give second chances, I think people are disgusted with constant alibi-ing, trying to explain away or gloss over bad behavior.

Like, when Hillary Clinton said her husband is still trying to work through childhood trauma and has to work to keep his zipper fastened, she

was careful to emphasize that he is still responsible for his behavior, and he said the same thing, over and over again, but a lot of people don't seem to have internalized that.

Some wrote letters to the editor (like *Dallas Morning News*, to which I subscribe) making the Pavlovian statement that she was making excuses for him. People are sick and tired of excuses, and they're losing whatever tolerance they had in this country for sacred cows.

A mother whose child disappears or is murdered seems as likely to have it blamed on her than to get sympathy, which would have been automatic fifty-years ago. The idea that a mother couldn't do that let Marie Noe murder eight of her babies (does anybody have her birth data, by the way?), but, then again, Patsy Ramsey isn't automatically guilty of JonBenet's murder, either. Racism still exists in this country—don't ever let anybody tell you we've conquered the problem—and the will to address it still exists, but, strictly with regard to racism against African-Americans, some people are starting to tell those who blame racism for all their problems to get a life, get to work, and shut up.

The last frontier of tolerance for misbehavior seems to be athletes (Mike Tyson, Latrell Sprewell, etc., etc., etc.), and still people protest, at least at first, but continue to pay these guys' zillion-dollar salaries without complaint. At Columbine High, the athletes, like at most other American high schools, got away with murder when it came to the marginalized students, and some as a result ended up in coffins—murdered. You can't take the concept of training a child to extremes—you can't make him or her do or think what you want. You do have to let him or her experience. The best way for a teenager or young adult to find out what adulthood entails is through practical experience. But there has to be a limit to how far kids can take this, take acting out.

To **GUY de PENGUERN (October, 1999)**: What do you mean by decline? France has been a major player on the world state (not just the European one) for what? 500-years? Longer than America's even been around. It looks to me like it's still a powerful country.

To **MARY DOWNING (101a/33)**: My prenatal eclipse (the solar eclipse of July 20, 1963) belongs to the same Saros series, 145, as the one of last August 11. Its shadow fell across northern North America, from Alaska down through Canada and Maine. (It played an important role in Stephen King's novel *Gerald's Game*, by the way). I'm not sure what the impact of my prenatal eclipse, or this one, or the mother

chart of Saros series 145 might be. The Saros 145 mother chart contacts mostly asteroids in my chart, except for my Midheaven at 28 Capricorn, which is sextiled-trined by the Saros 145 Jupiter-Pluto opposition at 27 Scorpio-28 Taurus (major aspects only, 3° orbs). My MC tightly conjoins asteroid Pandora and is also closely conjunct asteroid Horus.

I'm not sure what all this means, either. Yet. The Saros 145 Uranus at 27 Libra is conjunct the perihelion of 1965's Comet Ikeya-Seki, so maybe the eclipse series emphasizes conflict resolution and mutual tolerance (Ikeya-Seki's keyword) through technology (the atom bomb; television, whose first broadcast was made by Philo Farnsworth in San Francisco on September 6, 1927, under the solar eclipse of the preceding June 29), revolutions (Stalin taking control of Soviet Russia and bringing about the Cold War, Douglas MacArthur bringing about changes in Japan, the Beatles changing Western culture) and eccentric or odd people (Lee Harvey Oswald; Buford Furrow, Larry Ashbrook, who, respectively, shot up that Jewish community center in L.A. and that Baptist church in Fort Worth).

And finally, again, anybody who is interested in my book on asteroids Hidalgo, Pandora, and Lilith, *Harbingers of the Modern World*, may send \$18 (U.S. currency only) to me at 1595B Antioch Road, Carthage, TX 75633 USA.

Defiance Gregg

Seaside, OR January 2000

Sun Scorpio - Moon Taurus - Asc. Gemini

ED DEARBORN (103/8-10) I just read **MH** and took the time to write to tell you I was interested in a new project and thought you and Valerie Vaughan were correct that there may come a day, when some will kidnap Astrology, use different language to take credit for a body of knowledge associated with Astrology. I used the address you had in **MH** to respond, although I do not know what my contribution to the project can be. At this point in time, I may be like the young lady in Mar's Bar on New Year's Eve who, upon hearing I was in Astrology, held out her hand and asked if I wanted to read her palm.

To **ALL**: This is what I have noted: there is a trend of interest in every **MH** issue. We seem to be feeling **or** floating with a unified thought pattern. For instance, Ed is talking about starting to fight the fight for Astrology's space and respect, **(103/3) LORRAINE WELSH** is fighting for Astrology's respect from the Piedmont Psychiatric Clinic's Symptom's Checklist for putting

"Use Astrology" in its list as a symptom of mental illness. **(103/11) MARGUERITE dar BOGGIA** complimenting science for giving validation to astrology. Although I cannot believe that knowing Einstein used *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, would show us an interest within him for Astrology. It could have been curiosity to see what others thought was in our cosmo.

As our thoughts go forward to a battle for our Astrology roots to be respected and recognized by the science community, we may be looking in the wrong direction. I do not believe it will ever be respected and recognized by the scientific community. However, we can get our foot in the door as good neighbors with a skill and talent which is worth getting first page coverage on, as happened to me at the end of the century. It will be books, magazines and newspapers which will get our foot in the door.

I am sending **EDIE** the issue of the *Daily Astorian* with the photographed article about me as a 'Neighbor'. The reporter and the photographer who came over were interviewing me as I put both their charts in my computer and analyzed them from the screen. I'd like to thank the producers of Solar Fire for making that possible. When we can get a program to take us out into e-mail with chart power, we will have promoted another step up the ladder of success.

Getting back to my interview, the photographer snapped about twenty pictures to get the one seen on the front page. I think they enjoyed the interview because I spent it telling them about themselves. I recommend applying that method, as the only way to go, if you are basically a shy person. I forgot they were interviewing me and enjoyed the whole experience as much as they did.

Brad, the reporter was just jotting down this and that, so when I read the article it was amazing how well versed in Astrology he seemed to be, having never heard of it before the Editor sent him over to interview me. I think his style of writing, was something to be recognized one day in the future I know it was his talent which put his article into four newspapers that I know of. One was in Bend, another in Salem as well as here, where I want to be known as an Astrologer. My son mentioned it was on the AP wire. It was better than any expensive ad for getting recognized. Sure enough today on Jan. 1st of 2000 I had a call from a lady in Vancouver, WA telling me she had seen it there in the *Columbian*. She is coming tomorrow with her daughter to have a reading.

103/12 BIL TIERNEY, I will be looking for your books when they come to our Book Clearing House, which is the only place I buy books

any more due to a lack of bookshops nearby. I think it is the writers of long and detailed books that help Astrology go forward in the 2000's. By the way, if anyone has Astrology books they are tossing, pack them up and send them my way in 2000. Ha, ha.

My resolutions for 2000

- #1. Use my word processor to write stories in Jan.
- #2. Use my word processor to write stories in Feb. *and*
- #3. Use my word processor to write a novel.
- #4. Write something worthwhile for Astrology by March, *and*
- #5. Find a publisher with an easy going personality like **Edie** to send them to. *Etc.*

Sorry Edie that I had so many non-sentences in my Neptune contribution. I will have Carl edit my stuff before I send it this time. I want to be more professional in 2000. I know it would have destroyed my English Professor if he had read my contribution to **MH**. It was torture.

I often wonder what I will look like in another century if a student comes across something I wrote while I was here. I picture someone sitting at a computer, grinning from ear to ear, whispering, "Silly-Dummy" about the ideas I had put forward. However, knowing that someone in 2000 would never get the idea, because it was put here especially for me to use in 1900, I won't be annoyed. I know I am pushed into what I say and do, by someone special up there, with one of those magical tools. When I get to join them, I hope I'll be able to play with their toys too.

JANE STATLANDER (103/13) When you say Buddhism disturbs you greatly due to a lack of community, I think you are focusing on one country's use of that religion. When living in Thailand, I found the Buddha priests to be more human than ours in many ways. They are not allowed to wear anything but silk yellow material. While checking out the time, I saw one fellow reach beneath his robe and take out a wrist watch that would make anyone die of envy. After a quick peek, he quickly hid it. They go without any possession for a year, and most are from wealthy families. The King spent one year as a Buddhist priest. I know they are not called priests but I relate to them as I do to my own religion. The ladies come out of the house and offer them a bowl of food by putting it before them on the street and backing off. Once I tried to shake hands with one and my driver said,

"No-No Madame, Never touch the Buddha." It was embarrassing to be dumb to their ways. They are well loved. I think they appear to be a step away from the real problems because it is their mission to be close to God for that year. Some stay for life, but most are living among the people with real life clothes, so they are not recognizable. Their ceremonies are often lovelier than ours. Especially the lighted candles in hundreds of paper boats, floating down the river, in the dark of evening during All Soul's Day.

Winnifred A. Kemp

West Vancouver BC, Canada January 2000

I have been browsing through some old books based on Edgar Cayce readings and found two interesting astrological statements.

W.H Church's *Gods in the Making* quotes Cayce (in Reading 5755-1) as saying: "Hence the entity was born into the earth under what signs? Pisces, ye say. Yet astrologically from records, there are some two signs off in thy reckoning." Church suggests that the inference here is that all "reckoning" should commence with 0° Taurus in the "fixed" sidereal Zodiac. The reading was given in 1938 and Church points out that it cannot be construed as an "endorsement" of current Western sidereal astrology which is formulated in 1947 by Cyril Fagan and which moves the planets 24 degrees back. Church points out that Cayce used 'cusps' which seem to be non-existent with 24 degree sidereal charts.

Later on in this book, Church discusses the fact that every Apostle was assigned a sign of the zodiac representing each of the 12 stumbling stones to which we are all subject as one phase or another of our earthly development. And a footnote says: "According to Reading 587-6, Jesus was actually born on the 19th day of what could not be termed as March". The symbolic significance of "the sign of the fish" in relation to the birth of Jesus, at the opening of the Piscean Age, is obvious.

In another Reading (2011-3) Cayce advised a student of astrology not to rely on Egyptian records as the variations in time had not been corrected by the Egyptians, but had by the Persians. He told the student to "put the signs in the Persian calendar".

Perhaps some of this can be of use by some of the astrologers of **Mercury Hour**.

Has anyone done a chart of Jesus' birth for March 19?

Marion March

Encino, CA January 2000

Sun Aquarius - Moon Sagittarius - Asc. Sagittarius - MC Libra

Hi Edie,

How do you still manage this? Another 64 pages of **Mercury Hour**... Congratulations!

I hope that all the **Mercury Hour** readers had a great passage into that new millennium/century/year and that all of you have a fabulous 2000 — and if it isn't fabulous, I hope you at least have a good time, good health and that your reasonable expectations will be fulfilled!

Lots of interesting articles and letters in the 103rd edition, but in the few minutes I have to write, may I make a correction that bothers me a bit. **SUSAN D. SIMMONS** writes on page 51: "If you notice, most people with MA in PI or in the 12th house are physically or mentally disabled in some way and have trouble working."

Pulease [sic] Susan, how many charts have you done and in relationship to that, what is the percentage of physically or mentally disabled people with 12th house or Pisces Mars.

I have done hundreds of both and can only remember one chart where the woman in question had a 12th house Mars and spend a lot of time in hospitals — but the reason she was there — she is a nurse.

In fact I just did a new chart a few days ago with Mars in Pisces, and the man was an athlete in excellent shape. And I remember when I did a lot of Olympic contenders (100 years ago with the AFA) that there were quite a few athletes with strong Pisces emphasis, especially the ice skaters.

So please be careful with such statements as "most people" etc.

Anyway Edie, thanks again for giving so many of us a pleasurable way of spending an evening reminiscing with **Mercury Hour**.

Happy, healthy and satisfying 2000 to all of you

Don Borkowski

190 Superior ST. S Salem OR 97302 January, 2000

Sun Leo - Moon Virgo - Asc. Sagittarius - MC Libra

In personal communication, I'd been asked why I didn't have any letters in the January, 2000 issue, number #103. My answer is very simple: I was just too appalled by how the October, 1999 issue, #102 looked that I never got around to writing. I was so disappointed that I

was ready to call and have the balance of my subscription refunded. So, then #103 arrived, and although some of the problems were fixed, it still looks like too little, too late. Granted, it was probably high time that the **MH** got spruced up. But those changes that took place probably should have been coordinated a little better. My eyesight is still good enough that the font doesn't bother me. It does look a little light, but I'm only 49 years old, and I can still handle it. However the uneven columns are extremely distracting to me. I can't read an article without losing my place.

I hope Edie's note that the columns will be justified will mean that both columns on a page will be the same size. (To me, justification refers to even margins. Anyone who ever corresponded with Ivy Jacobson will remember how her mind was so marvelous that she could choose words that made her typewritten documents align perfectly on the right side.) I have a couple problems with the covers. First, they have nothing whatsoever to do with anything metaphysical. Does the October cover mean to imply that **MARY DOWNING** is the cop, and the **MH** subscribers are children? Second, what makes those "Gangs of Four" so special that they get billed on the cover? It used to be that folks who submitted long articles got them chopped up and continued until the next issue. Heck, my ego, while not king-sized, would really love a mention on the cover. If I were asked to contribute a longer article, I could probably try.

Most of all, I am especially disappointed by the loss of professionalism in the presentation of charts. On the positive side, it was truly wonderful to see 26 astrological charts in the magazine, but a closer look made me stop and take notice. Of the 26 charts, 14 did not have the time zone mentioned. 16 lacked the latitude and longitude. (I know a person could look them up, but that's not the point—they should be included with every chart.) 19 charts did not have a source of data. Edie used to send me letters saying that she wouldn't print any charts that I didn't include a source for. Finally, none of the 26 charts indicated what kind of house division—nor what zodiac—was used. It was safe to assume, for instance, that **JIM HAYNES** does sidereal charts with Lavagnini houses. But I know that because Jim's been a subscriber longer than even **Georgie** and I have, and Jim is consistent and professional.

There is another unrelated problem, We got our January edition on December 27, 1999. How in the world can a normal person be expected to write a decent reply in time to get it to Lynchburg by the 15th of January?

(The October edition was the first one that Mary, Arlene & Lorraine tried to help us with because my sister-in-law Betty was taking care of my brother Ted who had just had a 5 heart by-pass operation, I was in and out of the hospital 3 times in 3 months and Pam was up to her ears in trying to keep things going here. Yes, there were a lot of things to change and I wrote in my letter to you to let us know what you would like to be different. Several did write and we started making changes for the Jan. edition. We still will be making changes as we go along.

In order to put an article in the next edition, say for the April edition, it would have to get to us by Feb. 1st. That gives us time to finish it off and get it to the printers and for them to print it and get it back to us for mailing, hopefully by March 1 - for the April edition. The January edition is always difficult because of the holidays.

I don't feel anyone should be listed on the cover, plenty of room inside for that. I also liked the justified columns, slightly larger type and darker print. We are working on it. When you make a change over it takes time to get things organized.

I don't know why Bob Pelletier's name was in bold since he was but isn't now, a subscriber. Warren Kinsman has been for years and still is.

I keep writing to folks and asking for full information but if they don't send it - well?? Leave out the article? Many don't write often enough or enough to help us fill the pages. The subscribers have to get their mail to us, we either put it on a disk or type it up, send it to Mary who puts it together and also collects some articles, who then sends it back to us for the printer, it gets printed and we mail it from here.

You know Don, I just print whatever is astrological or at least try to. The subscribers write the magazine and if they don't write, I have nothing to print. Edie)

Defiance Gregg

Seaside OR January 2000

Sun Scorpio - Moon Taurus - Asc. Gemini

I wondered how many of us knew that there is finally a man on the Moon. His name is Gene Shoemaker. He was beloved with the Astronomy community and did much forecasting which turned out to be true for NASA. When he died, they took his ashes and put them in capsule, which has his name laser engraved on brass foil.

On January 6, 1998 Lunar Prospector was sent to the Moon. Eighteen months later, on July 31, 1999 it crashed on command into the lunar south polar region, carrying Gene's ashes down to the surface. It was the answer to Gene's dreams of going to the Moon. He wasn't allowed to because of an illness. He was a professor of Geology and worked with NASA since

their beginning. He had Addison's disease which kept him out of his trip to the Moon. I thought that was a nice story.

The Laser printing said—

Eugene M. Shoemaker

1928 - 1997

And, when he shall die,

Take him and cut him out in little stars

And he will make the face of heaven so fine

That all the world will be in love with night

and pay no attention to the garish sun.

From William Shakespeare *Romeo and Juliet* 1595

Don Borkowski

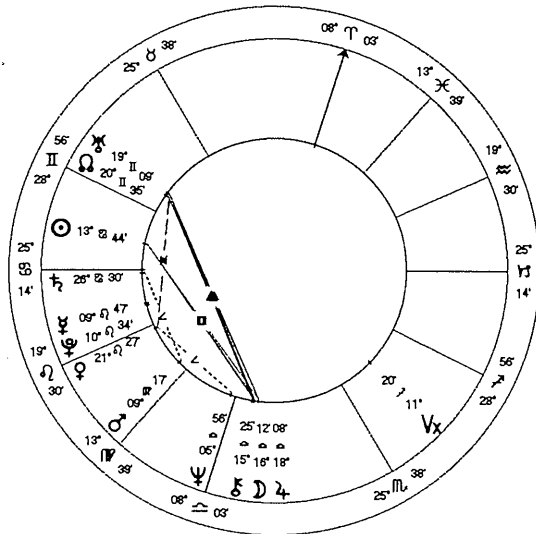
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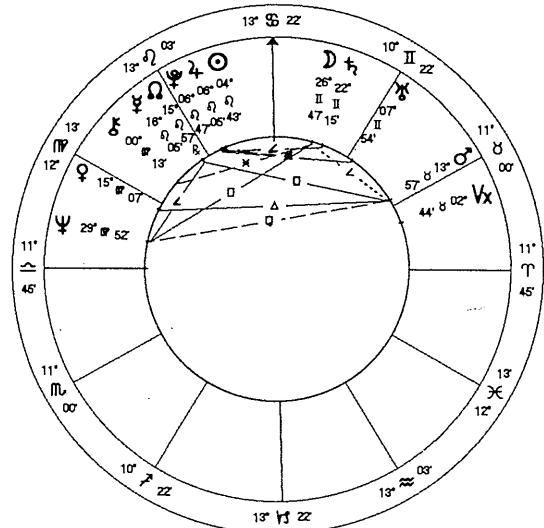
To **MARION MARCH (103/25)**, so which birthplace is correct for Bill Bradley? I had always heard it to be Crystal City, rather than St. Louis. Is the former a suburb of the latter? If this country has to pick some liberal Democrat, I'd rather it be Bradley than Gore. I don't see how any astrologer could seriously support a candidate, such as Gore, with any combination of Mars, Saturn and Pluto conjunct in the first house. Individually, they are all challenging enough, but even a conjunction of any two of them would be enough to cause a problem. I have had friends, born in 1948, with that Mars-Saturn-Pluto conjunction, but they didn't have it in the 1st house. On the Republican side, I don't like George W.'s chart a whole heck of a lot either. Gore's chart shows that he has the potential to be evil and dictatorial. George W.'s chart shows him to be as shallow as an Earl Scheib paint job, and compared to his parents, he is certainly less than the sum of his parts. I sure hope the Libertarians can find someone who isn't crazy, which has been a recurring problem with some of their local candidates here in Oregon.

To **GUY de PENGUERN (103/28)**, both my data and home address are right there in (102/32).

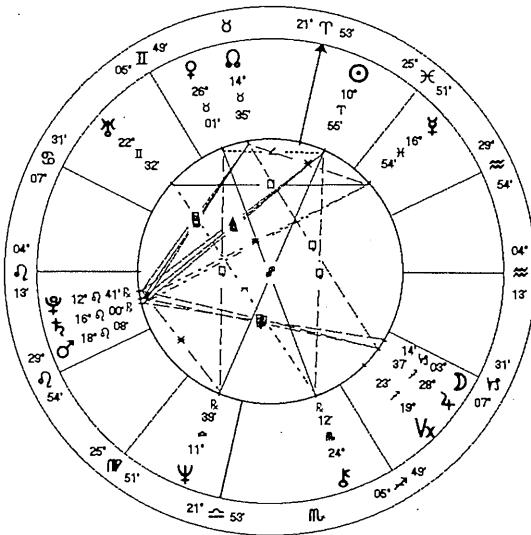
To **LAUREN McKEVITT (103/32)**, yes, I have noticed at least 4 changes in my life that might possibly be attributed to my progressed Venus moving from Virgo to Libra. In my natal chart, under Placidus houses, Venus is in Cancer in the 8th house. Venus rules Taurus on my 5th and Libra on my 10th. Under some other methods, I have Taurus on the 6th cusp, as well. So, the first change is that I had a double health



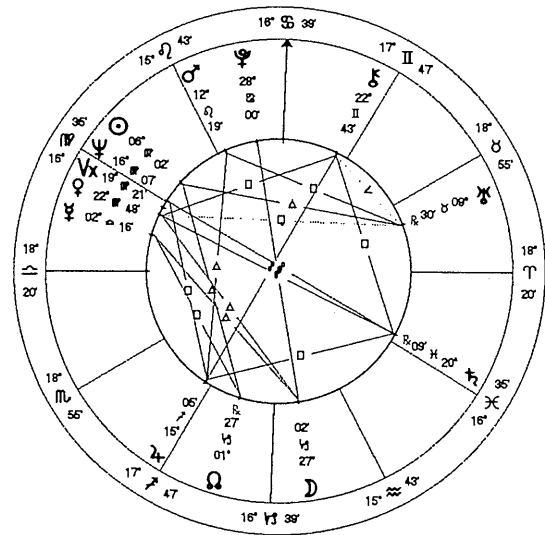
George Herbert Walker Bush New Haven, CT, July 6, 1946, 6:26 AM EDT -4, 72W55 41N18 (7:26 also reported by Rodden)



William Warren Bradley, July 28, 1943, 11:37 AM CWT, 090W11 38N38.37 (St. Louis)- Source Lois Rodden and library



Albert Arnold Gore, March 31, 1948, 12:53 PM EST, Washington D.C., 77W02 38N54



John Sidney McCain, August 29, 1936, Panama Canal Zone, 8N58 79W32 9:00 AM EST -

scare following a physical in March, 1999. This lead me to put myself on a low sugar, low carbohydrate and low meat eating regimen. I lost 28 pounds from March to September. The second change is that I've been spending more money on clothing than I ever have before—even on underwear, which nobody else ever sees. Third, I have finally reached my limit regarding the injustices, psychological abuse and simple lack of respect that I've endured for years in the workplace. And finally, even though it reflects some-

thing changing from Virgo to Libra, (though I'm not sure what it has to do with Venus,) I decided to revert back to my unrectified birth certificate chart. Astrological rectification is a Virgoan skill, and I'm good at it. However, rectification requires a clinical, dispassionate objectivity that's especially hard to attain with one's own chart. Additionally, having my progressed Venus in Libra is a possible explanation why those uneven columns make me queasy.

To **EDITH CUSTER (103/47)**, I noticed that you put both Bob Pelletier's and **Warren Kinsman's** names in bold-face print. Are either of these gentlemen still active in the **MH**? I don't get out much anymore, and the **MH** is my only tie to the astrological community at large. I've been re-reading Bob's *Planets in Houses* in order to get some more insight on my Neptune. Technically, it's in the 9th house with my birth certificate chart, as contrasted to being in the 10th in my old rectified chart. Actually, my Neptune is 15:15 Libra, and my MC is 15:50 Libra. So, with any common orb, they are conjunct, and Neptune can be read in either the 9th or the 10th houses. Ironically, Bob's descriptions of Neptune in the 9th fit incredibly well, but if I'd ever gotten a consultation with Bob, his usage of equal houses would have put it unequivocally in the 10th. Years ago, I noticed that the astrologers who go for equal houses have a lot of Pisces in their charts. I expected it would be Libra. Now it's dawned on me that the solstice point of Pisces is Libra, and vice-versa.

To **PEGGY FLOOK (103/48)**, It wasn't my intent at all to portray all Cancer ascendants, as "dumpy, frumpy, emotional and clinging", but I was dealing with a woman who really was. The date was back in 1971, and I was just learning astrology: calculating charts with logarithms, a pencil, paper and eraser. My calculations arrived at the 29 Gemini ascendant, and I was very concerned that I had made a mistake. Her full data, in case you're curious, was November 30, 1949, 5:55 PM. CST, Iowa City, Iowa, 41N40, 91W32. Over the years, I have found that there are often several physical types that can be associated with a given sign. Most people will fit a type that corresponds with their rising or Sun signs, but there are always going to be exceptions. This fact is one of the hardest for rookie astrologers, and even open-minded non-astrologers, to grasp. There seem to be 2 Gemini types, which I call the "Olive Oyl" type and the "Queen Victoria" type. The former is tall and stick-like. The latter is neither. Both physical types still have the same personality traits. The woman in question was certainly of the "Queen Victoria" type.

To **JOHN KALUS (103/52)**, in all honesty, I've never read much of the Gauquelins' material, even though it is extremely worthwhile. I've just never had much interest in famous people's charts nor in career counseling either. But you are so right that they do give those of us with a lot of cadent planets a sense of support that we don't usually find in the older texts. Did you ever find out why Michel Gauquelin committed suicide? I'd known that he did, but I don't know why. I once heard that Alzheimer's disease

seems to be caused by excessive aluminum salts accumulating in the brain. However, I've never seemed to be able to isolate a clear-cut rulership for aluminum. Mars rules iron, and Saturn rules lead, but aluminum? Marc Edmund Jones was a good astrologer, but he didn't really have the time to be a data hawk of the likes of Lois Rodden. Consequently, he got the charts for his books from the most convenient sources. Ronald Reagan's Cancer ascendant chart was cooked up by Ralph Kraum, who was notorious for disguising the published versions of charts of his Hollywood clients. There are at least two reasons for doing so, which I can accept. The first is to help deflect harm from the clients and their families. The second would be to protect employability in Hollywood's youth culture by disguising ages. We have the data of a show business personality who gave it to **Georgie**. Furthermore, another astrologer we know got the same data from the same person—independently of us. We once tried to give it to Lois, but she just wouldn't believe it. At one point in time, we disdained Kraum's intellectual dishonesty, but now we just accept its existence without passing judgment. Still, in any case, Reagan Sun is in Aquarius, a sign known for its detachment, regardless of ascendant. Several years ago, I deduced that Reagan most likely has a Sagittarius ascendant—probably about 16 degrees. In the mid-1980's, a commonly accepted ascendant for Reagan was 27 Scorpio. This ascendant seemed to be speculated from Reagan's various medical issues. (I expect a typical Scorpio rising man to look like the photo of Bob Pelletier in *Planets in Houses*.) With a 16 degree Sagittarius ascendant, 27 Scorpio would be on the Placidus 12th cusp. Apparently Marion March had deduced the same sign, but not necessarily the same degree. Joan Quigley, Reagan's current astrologer, won't say any more than that he has Sagittarius rising, but won't reveal the ascending degree. Yes, I have Sagittarius rising, too, and I have occasionally been labeled as "oblivious" or "out to lunch", myself. Insofar as Reagan was both an actor and a politician, the Neptunian influence cannot be denied. Most Sag. ascendants will have Libra on the Midheaven. Reagan's Venus, which rules the Midheaven is in Pisces. Although Pisces is considered to be ruled by Neptune nowadays, one cannot throw out Jupiter's historical rulership. There is just too much there. There is just no way that Reagan could possibly have Cancer rising. He neither looks nor acts like one. His children have all lamented the distance they felt from him. No Cancer ascendant would ever distance him/herself from his/her children, ever. If a distance existed, it would stem from either the children themselves or from an ex-spouse.

Doris Greaves

Australia, January 2000

I was so pleased to see the new **Mercury Hour** format. Thank you for your comments on Max and the book preview. Receiving **MH** made me realize how much I have missed it during the time Max has been ill. So many new writers I was amazed at the difference. The new format will also allow for varying sizes of charts.

I will send the helio article as well as the sidereal after I get back from Melbourne. Do you want them on disk or hard copy or both?

(Both disk and hard copy, Edie)

I was amused at some writers commenting on typos in the last edition - obviously they do not know how difficult it is to check technical magazines and books - we checked my book 4 times with different editorial support but still a few crept in. Max usually did the final check but just did not have enough time left to do it.

MARY DOWNING's article was interesting with the inclusion of the graphs. I would also like to see the inclusion of the EQ in all the charts. It is proving as important as the Vertex in natal charts. New work I have done since the book and for my lecture at the FAA conference shows it to be as - if not more - important than Astro*Carto*Graphy in relocation. Hereditary factors also show up making it important in Natal mid-points as well as Rectification options. There is still lots to be done with new research.

Glad also to know that **LORRAINE WELSH** and **ARLENE NIMARK** are working with you. Gloria and I stayed with Lorraine in Boston, 1994 I think and we loved being with her. I have not met **ROWENA WALL** as yet - maybe in the future.

Jan Van Schuyler

Boise ID, January 2000

Sun Scorpio - Moon Taurus - Asc. Sagittarius - MC Libra

This past spring after looking at the aspects for the Aug. 11th Eclipse I became very curious so we went on a cruise down the blue Danube and the path of the Eclipse. We are concerned with people from that area as we are helping a Bosnian boy and an Albanian boy, refugees that the UN has brought here. The Danube went into flood and the Austrian roads had mud slides and the rivers of Europe were very angry. We returned to Austria because of the Eclipse and also my husband had flown the Berlin Airlift 50 years ago and we wanted to see how it had changed. Next we are going to

the Greek Adriatic Islands. We have lived there in past lives and I want to see if I remember any of these places. I have reached the only goal I had in my life that of seeing this next century. Sometimes when we are passing through Saturn aspects and Pluto aspects we are handling the past. I am very closely monitoring any new people that come into my life. Nothing is by happenstance in this life.

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The current format of **MH** looks better, more stylish, but I didn't mind the original format.

My last letter was mangled by the copy-editor (partly due to my inadvertent use of single-spacing and 10-point type). Edith told me it would be reprinted. Here's another one.

To Joan Depczynski (January 2000):

While it's true that the Iraqi and Yugoslav people are under the thumbs of their respective dictators (Saddam and Milosevic), you make it sound like we're a bunch of bloodthirsty evil monsters picking on these poor little guys. For what? Space doesn't permit listing everything Saddam has done in and out of his own country. This is a magazine, not an encyclopedia set. He doesn't give a damn about his own people and takes advantage of every break he's given, and if he died tomorrow, the only people who'd mourn him would be the few who are as low as he is. How else are we supposed to deal with his continuing aggression and defiance of the world's will, if not through sanctions? What his own people are going through now is his fault, and theirs, for letting his regime continue. When they relocate their spirits and get rid of him, then the UN will probably lift the sanctions. Until then...

As for Milosevic, I wonder if people would be as sympathetic toward him if his regime's victims in Bosnia and Kosovo weren't Muslim. I'm amazed to hear this bleeding-heart condemnation of the NATO pilots who actually went out of their way to avoid bombing civilians as a rule. There's no bombing of Yugoslavia now, is there? Milosevic has managed to ruin his country and his international image to the point where it'll take a long, long time before Serbs no longer get to share in the guilt of his regime by virtue of common ethnicity.

To Peggy Flook (January 2000): Cancer can be a very macho sign. *E.g.*, Marianne Alexander, who is a court reporter by trade, notes the birthdates of people who come into courts

where she's serving, and she told me that an unusually high number of men with Cancer Suns end up in court for beating their wives. (There's one solar Cancer male spouse-batterer we all know of; whatever your opinion on the guilt or innocence of O.J. Simpson in the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, the fact that O.J. Simpson beat her up is beyond dispute.) Jesse Ventura is a solar Cancer. Alexander the Great was probably one.

It may be true that this guy you mentioned to **Don Borkowski** has his Ascendant in the last degree of the sign and that his 1st house is mostly Leo, but having Cancer as an Ascendant doesn't make a man a pantywaist. As you said, the guy is anything but. But all this doesn't mean the sign of his Ascendant is without influence.

To Todd Collard (January 2000): I liked your column "How To Write Good."

I once read a short story (I think it was pre-Kennedy Administration) from an old high-school-level English text about an interview with an eccentric sportscaster who made up his own rules for verb forms: similar-sounding verbs all got the same changes due to tense whether they were irregular in that tense or not, e.g., because the past tense of "spin" is "spun," he made the past tense of "grin" "grun". He resented people correcting his grammar, as he perceived it; he thought they were being picky and censorious, but the fact was, they were bewildered by all the neologisms he was throwing out right and left, and they were actually trying to make sense of what he was saying. How did this guy keep his job?

The point being that using good grammar helps make it clear what you are trying to express and make a good impression, which people who use bad grammar "if people can understand" or "if I want to" tend to find out sooner or later. (I have Mercury in Virgo, semisquare a Mars-Vesta conjunction in Scorpio at the Descendant and biquintile Saturn in Aquarius, ruler of my 9th house and MC.)

To Elizabeth Gackowski (January 2000): Virgo may be Hell Month at a lot of schools (though a lot of school systems start fall-semester classes with the Sun in Leo—sign of kids, authority, and...fun?; the Sun's Virgo transit is still early in the school year, if not right at the beginning, if that system doesn't have year-round classes.) How about Gemini, the sign the Sun is in at year's end on the traditional school schedule? Every school official and teacher I had or knew was snappish and low on patience around that time. (Mercury rules schools; the

Sun's transit of the two Mercury-ruled signs brings their issues and influences into focus. My parents were both public-school employees.)

And when the Sun is in Sagittarius, the winter break is approaching at a lot of schools and the holiday ambience makes people a bit lax and restless and disciplinary infractions go up.

Juan Antonio Revilla (you may have heard of him, he's down in Costa Rica and is very active on the Centaurs Onelist.com discussion group run by Zane Stein) thinks that main-belt asteroids such as the Big Four, Pandora, and Lilith are very socially oriented or socially circumscribed, whereas the Centaur asteroids that orbit in the outer solar system are more of the outsider, more lawless and disruptive. It's true that asteroid Lilith, for all its twistedness, difference, darkness, sickness and marginal-ness, is still in and of society, its influence and significations defined by social structure, which may be the reason behind its affinity with Capricorn. E.g., prostitutes, prisoners, mental patients, slum dwellers and kids, out on the margins, all confined by the Capricorn-ruled System. To try to break loose of the System is Centaurean. The difference between Lilith and the Centaurs is the difference between the relationship between the ordinary public-school teacher, who has to be a social worker as well, practically, and his/her student, and the one between Mary Kay LeTourneau and Villi Fuuliau.

Pandora may represent unpredictable changes and opportunities within the bounds of social structure, enhancing and refreshing social structure through disruption and development and application of native human resources, but not overthrowing the System altogether. Hidalgo crosses the orbit of the giant planets, its orbit going from Mars out to Saturn and back again, and is therefore less socially oriented. (It is named for a man who tried to overthrow the System, after all.)

Once again, my address is 1595B Antioch Road, Carthage, TX 75633 USA if you want to order my book on Hidalgo, Pandora and Lilith, *Harbingers Of The Modern World*. It costs \$18 (including postage and handling, U.S. funds only.)

Walt Masters

Saskatchewan Canada, January 2000

Sun Libra - Moon Aquarius - Asc. Taurus

I'm not too pleased with the new format. The print is harder to read, and those unequal columns look weird. Go back to equal columns, or maybe just one wide column on a page.

To **Lauren McKevitt (103-31)**: Your remark, about planets manifesting "on a concrete level", reminds me of a "concrete" event that occurred some years ago. Transiting Saturn was approaching opposition to my natal Pluto. These are two heavy-duty planets, and I was somewhat fearful of what might happen. I considered the circumstances of my life carefully, but could not come up with any plausible forecast. So I just braced myself, and waited to see what monumental disaster might fall upon me. So what happened? My toilet got blocked up! How "concrete" can you get?

To **Bess Tornell (103-37)**: I'm sorry to read of your astrological isolation, out on that limb in Fargo. My situation in Saskatoon is similar, but not quite as bad. There are some Saskatonians who are aware that astrology works. There used to be a professional astrologer here, but he moved away a few years ago. From time to time, I think I should try to organize an astrological society here, but of course I never get around to actually doing it.

To **Susan D. Simmons (103-50)**: Yes, I have a couple of books on Arabic Parts, but I found them pretty heavy going, and seldom refer to them. Mostly, I work from a list of my own Parts, that I got from Astro Computing Service years ago. It includes the formulas.

To **John Kalus (103-51)**: Like you, "I have no idea what might indicate the potential for Alzheimer's in a natal chart." However, I did find something in a progressed chart!

I progressed my own birth chart to the time of my mother's death. I found that my progressed Mars had caught up to my progressed Neptune. They were exactly conjunct! In my natal chart, Mars is in my fourth house, so it represents my father. The conjunction with Neptune suggested that my father would suffer some form of dementia. That conjunction occurred in my natal fifth house, which is the eighth of the tenth, signifying the death of my mother. Her disappearance from his life, was too great a change. His memory began to deteriorate, and he was eventually diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.

To **June Knight Godwin (103-52)**: Aha! Another Macintosh user! There don't seem to be too many of us around. I invite you to send me e-mail at aa333@sfn.saskatoon.sk.ca. We could compare notes on our computers and astrology programs. Now wait a minute.

I see from your letter **(101-36)**, that you don't have e-mail. So, if you feel like writing, I'm at Apartment 203,505 Clarence Avenue South, Saskatoon Saskatchewan, S7H 2C8, Canada.

Lauren McKevitt

Tampa FL January 2000 e-mail: LMcKevitt@aol.com
Sun Gemini - Moon Virgo - Asc: Taurus

I've become fascinated since November with the use of Uranian astrology and asteroids. For too long I dismissed Uranian as too difficult, and asteroids as "chart candy." You just can't read Martha Lang-Wescott's works and ignore asteroids ever again. Her research on them has been brilliant, in my opinion, and she is clear and precise about her delineations.

I no longer see asteroids and Trans-Neptunians as "clutter" in a chart. They do an excellent job as enhancers and pinpointers—providing the detail you need if you're trying to interpret a transit or a natal position. But until I read Martha's books, I groaned every time I saw them and couldn't understand why anybody would put them in a chart.

VIRGINIA REYER (103/15) your comments were interesting about planets all at the bottom of the chart indicating introversion. In my chart, they're all below the horizon, but most of them are in Gemini and Leo, which makes for extrovertism. A friend once described me as "an introvert who can be an extrovert if the occasion calls for it." I thought that was accurate—the occasion calls for it plenty of times. I do enjoy my solitude—have no idea what I would do if I had to relate to anyone else when I got home from work.. Only other chart I know of that has all planets below the horizon belongs to a woman who had a career as a television anchor/reporter, and is in advertising now. I'm sure there are others. There are still worse things to be than a hermit.

Also, on the Camilla Parker-Bowles chart, I noticed she has a Moon/Venus conjunction in 9-10 Cancer in the 12th, squaring Neptune in Libra in the third, and 9 Aries on the MC. Wonder what will happen when that 10 Cancer eclipse on July 1 stirs all that up. Third is communication, or publicity. 12th has to do with secret matters. Will something unknown come to the forefront? Being curious, I decided to take that chart to Uranian and put in an asteroid or two to see if that could be more revealing.

Needless to say, it was. That 10 Cancer sits on a Mars/Saturn midpoint in her chart. The winter solstice (Dec. 22 1999) had Mars/Saturn conjunct the Aries point. Mars/Saturn doesn't have a very good reputation, of course. Camilla's SD Saturn is at 0 Libra, which configures it also with the Aries point. It forms a critical 22 degree aspect with her natal asteroid Diana (!) which was at 21 Cancer.

If you bring in the asteroids, Arachne is at 10 Cancer of Camilla's chart. Martha Lang-Wescott's work, *Mechanics of the Future* describes Arachne as illustrating entrapment, and she notes that with the Moon there can be a "need-based interaction that feels claustrophobic—as though something is closing in." There is a view that "the nest", Martha says, "too easily becomes a trap or prison." The asteroid Sappho is also involved here, being at 10 Libra natively in Camilla's chart.

Even more curious, July 1 was Princess Diana's birthday, and I believe a chart "lives on" even after the person dies. Were Diana still alive, the eclipse would have impact on her as well, falling as it does on her birthday.

I haven't explored Prince Charles' chart, though he does have the Sun in 22 Scorpio, which will be opposed by that Jupiter/Saturn conjunction May 28 in 22 Taurus. If you progress Queen Elizabeth's Sun, it comes to 11 Cancer certainly within the parameters of this eclipse. The North/South nodes of the winter solstice chart are just one degree away from Camilla's ascendant/descendant axis, provided the birth time is accurate.

I'm not experienced enough with Uranian or asteroids to take a guess at what is likely to happen, but it strikes me that something very private will be made public (she and Charles are probably used to it by now). In *The Eagle and the Lark*, Bernadette Brady notes that the Saros cycle of this eclipse has a theme of personal relationships. (*The Eagle and the Lark* is a wonderful book: I think it's called *Predictive Astrology* now, and has gone into another printing, rare for an astrology book.)

Another asteroid story. At work recently, I was having a conversation with someone, the upshot of it being that I had to realize that a long-held presumption about a matter was no longer valid. Shortly after the discussion, I had a strange sensation that a large insect was flying in my peripheral vision. I soon realized it was one of those "floaters" in my eye, and a large one at that.

Since this could mean a detached retina, I hauled off to the doctor, who said that the retina was fine and I needed to live with the floater. The asteroid Astraea, interestingly, illustrates both matters—problems with the eye, and having to re-think a previously-held vision of something. I checked the chart for the moment it happened, and sure enough, Saturn was exactly opposing my natal Astraea by transit.

BOB MAKRAISKY (103/29) your comments on a parallel reality reminded me of how

prediction is so difficult because it cannot take every possibility in to consideration. I've heard it said that Nostradamus' predictions were what COULD happen, if such-and-such a course was taken, and why predicting is always so difficult. There are a lot of interesting books out there about consciousness and particle/wave states, suggesting that the mind in nonordinary states of awareness functions as a wave that is non-localized in time or space. Fred Alan Wolf's *The Dreaming Universe* is excellent, and he suggests an alleged undiscovered field that cannot be equated to gravitational or electro-magnetic fields, but is a field of possibility. I read somewhere that Einstein was working on a unified field theory when he died: It escaped even his mind. (Fred Wolf, by the way, also wrote *Parallel Universes*.)

ELIZABETH GACKOWSKI (103/33) I have two computers at home, one Acer PC and one MAC. I need both. I originally got the PC to run the astrology programs, though I'm told that PC programs can be run on a MAC with special software.

ARLENE NIMARK (103/39) Thanks so much for the Lance Armstrong article, and for using the Uranian astrology. I have a LOT of catching up to do to pay for the years I ignored it.

SUSAN SIMMONS (103/49) I attended Verena Bachman's UAC 98 discussion on the Black Moon Lillith, and she is excellent. I was glad to see she'll be speaking at some other upcoming conferences. I recommend hearing her if you can. (By the way, this is the Black Moon Lillith that Solar Fire charts have. More widely used in Europe than in America, I'm told.)

New editions of two books. I am a member of the Astrological Association of Great Britain, and saw in one of the recent mailings that there are two books that have been updated that are well worth reading: One is Dennis Elwell's *The Cosmic Loom* and the other is Pamela Crane's *Draconic Astrology*. Pam's book is the only one there is (that I know of) on the draconic system, which uses the North Node of the birth chart as 0 Aries. Elwell also has a different viewpoint about Chiron, and I'm anxious to read it: *The Cosmic Loom*, of course, is a classic.

Some interesting internet stuff. If you go to <http://www.onelist.com> and type in "astrology", you will get a VERY long list of astrology e-mail lists that you can subscribe to I was surprised to find that there is one that discusses the Richard Tarnas/Stanislov Grof work.

Edith Custer

Lynchburg VA January 2000

Sun Capricorn - Moon Leo - Asc. Taurus - MC Capricorn

Defiance Gregg asked for some more of my "Reminiscences" so I thought I'd try a few more.

In 1973 I started an auto-graph album. Many of these folks are no longer with us but I still enjoy going thru the book and remembering them. Thankfully many are still around.

On October 1, 1973, Dane Rudhyer signed my album on the very first page. Apparently, Fuze Morrish didn't see eye to eye on things and Fuze said "He isn't signing a page ahead of me", so he signed the same page on the same date.

In January of 1973, Alex Ruperti wrote "To Edith with best wishes from a European Humanistic Astrologer."

On April 7, 1973, Clara C. Darr wrote: "To Edith - An effervescent and lovable charmer."

In June of '86, at UAC, **Rob Hand** wrote "One of the great ladies (no double entendre) of astrology." I was about 40 lbs. heavier than now.

1994 I watched Nick Campion write "Thanks for asking me to a wonderful experience in Virginia."

Marc Robertson wrote "To the world in which I belong and should learn to live through - thank you Edith for BEING."

Isabel Hickey, in the middle '80s said "May the Sun be always overhead and the wind at your back through the journey of life. Blessings, Isabel."

One of my favorites was Mary Voherzk. There is a story that goes with the time she wrote this. Mary and I often sat together at a conference.

At the one particular conference, the speaker kind of went on and on. He said something to the effect that any human or anything can be resuscitated. You can resuscitate a bug. At this point I looked at Mary and said "Oh sure - just don't inhale!" That started us off. We could imagine all sorts of things resuscitating a bug. That's why Mary wrote "If I haven't got a virtue, I fake it. Apologies to Wm. Shakespeare. You and I should not be turned loose in the same room."

Zip Dobyns in April of 1973 wrote "Whoopie, to one of the most fun people I know."

On 6/29/86, at UAC, Roger Elliott wrote "Let's hope I'm Custer's last stand! Lots of love." This was really a fun person. You should have seen him in his wraparound robe (he was in swim trunks) with huge gold dragons on it. He also wore a multicolored wig around the place.

Robert Carl Jansky on 4/25/80 was kind enough to say "A kindred spirit and a good friend."

I have many more for another time - like Barbara Koval's "From one Cosmic Accident to Another!"

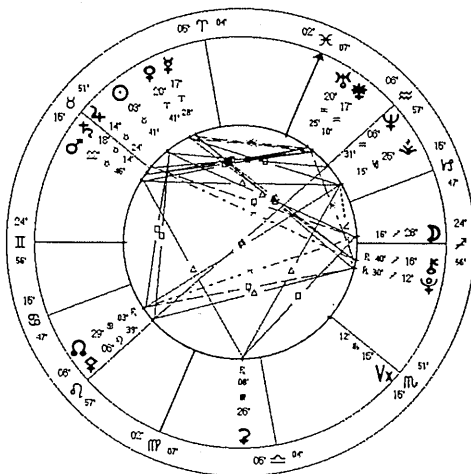
Ed Dearborn

Norwood PA January 2000

Sun Taurus - Moon Cancer - Asc. Taurus - MC Capricorn

So good to see comments about 'declinations' by **JIM HAYNES (103/23)**, **JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO (103/55)** and **JOAN DEPCZYNSKI (103/32-33)**. Hey, you folks! Wake up and smell the kaughphy!

Did you know that there is an 'other dimension' that is beckoning to you, and this very Spring of 2000 will change the way some of you 'silent folk' will look upon the role of 'declinations' in charts? **Something** big, very big, is brewing that will be obvious to all of us fully five weeks **before** the Jupiter conjunction of Saturn on May 28th. **The Grand Conjunction** that the mundane astrologers focus upon every twenty years, and tie to the demise while in office of U. S. presidents during those years that the Grand Conjunction occurs in earth signs, is very likely to be upstaged in 2000 for awhile anyway. Why, you ask?



Declinations—

Mon	-20°54'
Sun	+12°45'
Mer	+04°52'
Ven	+06°46'
Mar	+18°46'
Jup	+15°19'
Sat	+15°19'
Ura	-15°20'
Nep	-18°26'
Plu	-11°06'
Chi	-17°38'
Ves	-18°41'
Pal	+04°39'
Jun	-05°55'
Cer	+15°16'
Nod	+20°21'

April 23, 2000 Washington, D.C. at 9:17 AM EDT.

Declination is the ingredient overlooked by so many astrologers. With the reliance upon computers to 'do our math' and a shortcut to chart erection, I wager that few astrologers are aware that on April 23, 2000 there is an **exact parallel in declination of Jupiter with Saturn** at Washington, D.C. at 9:17 AM EDT. Also, not to be slighted, at that very moment **Uranus makes an exact contra-parallel to both Jupiter and Saturn** from its location near the M.C. of the chart according to my *Solar Fire 4.08* program. Not to slight our friends who watch the asteroids, Ceres makes a close parallel to the 'big two' at this same time.

My mundane skills are not developed, but I see Jupiter straddling the 11th/12th Placidian cusp of the Washington, D.C. chart, and it may indicate a leak from someone in Congress of something big. It could be a health problem that has been hidden from the public. How big, you say? Let us watch the morning papers of April 23 and 24. With Uranus involved, we can expect surprise, fast moving activity, and some unsettling repercussions.

I would suspect that with the concurrent contra-parallel of Mars to Neptune & Vesta on April 23rd, along with the Ceres placement in the 4th house of the Washington chart, that 'the folks at home' will not appreciate the news whether it involves a hike in food prices or some nasty political revelation. **Hey, I am guessing.** Pull out your own 'drawing board' and sing along! You have time yet, before April 22nd, the day Pluto is in exact parallel to Astraea, and that may be the day this whole fireworks display gets ignited. Rest assured, this could prove to be the 'declinational event' that turns several astrologers onto declinations. The May 28th Grand Conjunction will unfold later on.

Remember, five weeks before the touted Grand Conjunction of 2000, is a time to listen to the news, and see & heard astrology in action! Have a pleasant Spring Equinox.

Jim Haynes

Hollywood, CA January, 2000
Sun Gemini - Moon Leo - Asc. Libra

Sidereal Corner ... EDITH, I thought that you were over your back problems. I'm so sorry; Virginia and I wish you a speedy recovery soon in 2000. No doubt it was Y2K cause that I lost a dear, warm, appealing friend...the **Mercury Hour**. I'm afraid that its appeal has fallen with a thud on its seater. And it is about as warm as a bucket of ice thrown over a winning football coach.

I'm sure that I'm not the only one who is disappointed and disturbed by the new tricky look in the new, "improved" **Mercury Hour**. Gone are the easy-to-read, dark, large print magazines that were so good these 100 issues. Gone are the equally spaced columns we are so used to and, in their space are faint, small, wide, hard-to-follow columns, one letter or article finished before another begins or continued on page 45.

Can it be cured? Yes, and to my way of thinking, quite easy. I went to a printer the other day and found that the new type is #8 font, while the old style type is #10 font.

Edith, 1. why can't you just *tell* the printer that you want the magazine done in darker, #10 font? 2. It would be a big improvement if you could go back to the equal columns, except for charts that go into the second column. 3. It would be a major improvement if one article or letter could be printed in its entirety, before printing the next. A case in point is my 103/23 letter in which two charts appeared in my letter that had nothing to do with what I was saying; then, continuing the letter to its end.

Okay, I have had my say and will get off my soapbox. These are just suggestions that, hopefully, may be of some help.

DONNA SNEED (103/5): I will try to find time to help you out in a personal letter. I'm sorry that you are having so much trouble.

VIRGINIA REYER (103/5): It is good that you are working with the Vx. It can be extremely important. I use it and the EP regularly as angles, which they are.

BARBARA MAY (103/11): It's too late for the Part of Y2K. It turned out to be a bust. Much ado about nothing! Thanks for the copy of my *American Astrology*, Nov. 1999 article "Mercy Flight." Also, thanks for the good feelings about it. I notice that it was written in its entirety and NOT with "continued on page 63, or with charts that had nothing to do with the article". The best of luck and health to you in 2000.

GUY de PENGUERN (103/27): May I butt in on **SALLY HARRINGTON's** Hanover, NH., as listed in the *American Atlas* is 72W17, 43N42, Okay?

LAUREN McKEVITT (103/31): I have that book by Michael Harding *Working with Astrology* and it is a fantastic book, using so many techniques. Mainly, I stick to the older books like Manilius' *Astronomica*, *Manual of Astrology* by Sepharial to name a couple

ELIZABETH GACKOWSKI (103/33): You're not the only one on the reading of the

new **Mercury Hour**. I don't have teenager's eyes, but I had problems reading it myself. Mutable Mercuries are not crazy about change either.

BARBARA MAY (103/34): Don't feel bad; I had the same problems.

MARION MARCH (103/35): You said it, my friend; amen!

LELA CHAVELLIER POWELL (103/46): Isn't Rex Bills' *Rulerships* great? I use it whenever in doubt.

EDITH CUSTER (103/46): I wonder if you could give me Emma Belle Donath's address. Years ago I went to a lecture by her and she helped me no end. I've been trying to get her address ever since to thank her for her expertise.

(I am not sure Jim but I think she died a few years back but I could be wrong. Sorry but I have no address for her in either case. Edie)

LEE WEINREB (103/26): I sure am glad that you are okay, my friend. Doctors do the damndest things. Virginia has been going through that now for a sciatica, or arthritis for over a month, while we changed doctors five times. Hopefully we have the right doctor for a change. Time will tell.

PEGGY FLOOK (103/47): Thank you for the note on the ice shelf. I'll try to find it in the library. But, like you, I doubt that it will make a lot of difference at this stage.

TO ANYONE: Do you use the Lunar Returns and the progressive Lunar Returns? There is also a 7 year return of the Moon that tells an event(s) in the 7 years. Start with the natal Moon and make a chart for the next square, or quarter which begins your second 7 year period. See how they suggest events in your life, each chart lasting the next 7 years, and spaced a year at a time up the next 7 years.

I wish each and everyone of you a good Spring. Over and out.

Lela Chavellier Powell

*Tulsa, OK January, 2000
Sun Aquarius - Moon Capricorn*

I have to start the New Year scraping egg off my face! The spelling of the name of the anchor of "Night Line" is K-o-p-p-e-l, Ted Koppel, not K-o-e-p-p-e-l as I wrote in two previous letters. (Someone at **MH** tried to save me from myself but I wouldn't have it—sorry!) Mercury is playing tricks on me as it progresses from a trine to its natal position and enters Gemini. Hope the

improvement in condition as progressed Mercury goes into its own sign signals a corresponding improvement in my communication skills.

The upcoming Lunar Eclipse at 0:26 Leo opposes natal Mercury 29:48 Cap and husband's 6 cusp. I have Gemini on my 6th. The saying is that "coming events cast their shadows before" and I suspect this has to do with a difficult decision we have been postponing regarding our 14-yr.-old Lhasa Apso. This full moon eclipse will involve transiting Neptune which made direct station on the degree of natal Mercury in October 1998, following which I realized my little heel-hugger had totally lost his sight. Neptune is in the 8th house of my birth chart. Whelped 5 August 1985, his 13 Leo Sun is on my Vertex—his acquisition was wish fulfillment since I had lost a canine companion of 15 years, a Pulik, in July of that year and had an aching need to fill the void.

LORRAINE WELSH (103/3) I remember when medical doctors were very critical of osteopathic medicine and chiropractic treatment. Many considered these approaches to healing to be quackery. Those who practice these non-traditional disciplines have worked long and hard to gain acceptance in the medical community and have succeeded. I wonder if the Piedmont Psychiatric Clinic is exhibiting the same cautious, critical mindset against those who practice a blend of astrology and psychology since most medical practitioners I have known have shown some familiarity with and a measure of respect for the old science-art, its wisdom and extensive lore.

MARK A. HOLMES (103/21) Many astrologers whose work I respect and, in some instances, whose delineations I relish, present conclusions I do not blindly accept or wholeheartedly agree with. (And there may be some who would not leave a participle dangling.) You are certainly in the best of company when you work with the 5:29 Libra Ascendant, 8:51 A.M. birth time, for our most prominent sociopath.

The 21 Jan. 2000 full moon eclipse at 0:28 Leo will fall on Monica Lewinsky's 10th house Sun 0:48 Leo and may relate to her new position as spokeswoman for Jenny Craig. This same eclipse falls on the 1:14 Leo Clinton Ascendant and natal Saturn. If 3:44 A.M. has any validity, we can expect Sick-uh-Slick Willie to make or to be personally, physically involved in action or change that will involve or impact another or others. If this Lunar Eclipse falls on his 10th house Saturn (5:29 Libra Ascendant, 8:51 A.M. birth time), we can expect to see important activity or change come about in his status, reputation, or career, in matters that will also involve

family or place of residence. It is interesting to note that this eclipse will impact the MC, the Sun and planets in the 10th house of the 2nd Clinton inauguration chart. By the time we read this in the pages of the 104th edition of **MH**, in all probability we will know what it foretold.

FRANK JAKUBOWSKY (103/25) At the time I wrote about my hearing loss I was periodically flushing out my ear, first with warm, soapy water, then with Murine ear wax removal drops at the suggestion of my PCP's nurse but having no results. My 6 month checkup was about a month away at which time my ears were vacuumed and normal hearing restored—how beautiful all the sounds when you have not heard them clearly for a while! But, I continued to have a problem with balance which I had erroneously associated with my loss of hearing. I have eventually overcome the tendency to lurch while walking and totter while standing, perhaps because I have focused on posture and proper breathing when walking and just standing. I am sure Neptune rules wax even though I cannot find it in any of my books.

SALLY HARRINGTON (103/27&28) I have a lifetime familiarity with Venus in Capricorn—natal Venus 7 Capricorn conjunct Ascendant and in mutual reception with Saturn 19 Libra conjunct MC, Capricorn on 1st, Aquarius on 2nd, Taurus on 5th, Libra on 10th. A question: why would you jeopardize a profitable business arrangement that has worked out well, bringing help with house maintenance chores in addition to rental income, and providing amenities to brighten daily living and enliven your social life, by seeking to introduce physical intimacy, particularly with a man who makes an effort to show you how much he appreciates your home and companionship but does not spontaneously lust after you. That is a recipe for frustration, disappointment, and failure.

JUNE KNIGHT GODWIN (103/47) Is it possible **TODD COLLARD's** statement to **RAE FLEETHAM** was incomplete or taken out of context? There have been five eclipses on my 2 Capricorn Ascendant so far during my life and the sixth will occur late December this year and I like to think I have "miles to go before I sleep."

JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO (103/55) I trust your work and I will neither delete the 8:51 A.M. chart nor discard my file; but have you noticed that the 3:44 A.M. chart has Aquarius on the 8th cusp, signaling something unconventional in connection with 8th house body parts, especially since twisted Uranus is casting an easy aspect from undercover (interception) in the 11th—the house that shows later-life conditions of 8th house organs. Saturn, ruler of the 8th

cusp, describes smallness, shortness, kinks and crookedness; in detriment Leo, Saturn indicates some damage or inferior/unhealthy condition that is saved from the worst by the protective sextile from a powerful Venus. The 1st house portrays the physical body; planets in the 1st modify, describing distinguishing characteristics. By conjunction to the Ascendant and quincunx to the 0 Capricorn 6th cusp, Saturn shows the prominence this affliction would assume in the life. Is it a mere coincidence that the transcripts of the testimony Paula Jones gave to Clinton attorney Bob Bennett in which she portrayed the member he exposed to her in a hotel room (less than 5-1/2 inches, circumference of a 25-cent piece, and bent toward his left) were included in a document dump on the internet ten days before a Lunar Eclipse at 0:26 Leo conjunct the 3:44 A.M. Ascendant and ruler of the 8th?

Frank & Shirley Wharton

Hendersonville, N.C. January, 2000

We're not crazy about the look and readability of the new **Mercury Hour**. Guess it's age - don't like change especially when it's so radical - eyes must be getting bad as we find it hard to read. It just doesn't look like an astrology magazine anymore! But the content is still good so thanks to one and all.

Catherine Sherman

Nutley, N.J. January, 2000

Tell the astrologers to stop looking to Illinois for Hillary Rodham Clinton's (birth data) she was born in Pennsylvania. Back when she was co-maigning for her husband (when he ran for President the 1st time) she said how happy she was to be back in the "state of her birth".

May the new year be the best all of you ladies have ever known.

Guy de Penguern

France January, 2000

Yes, we *had* to move again. We have been with: no electricity, no phone, since Dec. 26, 1999 due to tremendous storms, hurricanes. No water for one week - we heat with only a big fireplace. The electric nuclear plant, near Bordeaux, "almost" blew out: enormous flood and the hurricane. The Gironde [sic] big river went up 5/6 m. (7 yards) fortunately no direct damage to the rented house. Over 150 million tons

of trees are down, 10,000 in the gardens of the Versailles Palace, etc., etc. - we won't have electricity for one month, same for phone/fax only the mail works okay. It is a national disaster, will take more than 1 year to go back to "normal". They are setting 10,000 volt lines on the ground, no poles to replace the destroyed ones. We fight for heat, own food, etc...

Have a wonderful year 2000.

Martha Sabo

South Plainfield, N.J. January, 2000

Sun Scorpio - Moon Taurus - Asc. Virgo - MC Taurus

Here's my renewal for **Mercury Hour**. I like the new look, but having one column wider than the other makes for more difficult reading. These old eyes find the smaller print harder to see, but otherwise it's still great.

Defiance Gregg

Seaside, OR January, 2000

Sun Scorpio - Moon Taurus - Asc. Gemini

TODD COLLARD (103/58) I'm starting with this because it is still good for a smile. JJ #7. Remember to never split an infinitive...etc. There were at least ten which were good for a belly laugh in your "How to Write Good" ditty. Thanks Todd.

JOAN DEPCZYNSKI (103/38) Thank you for coming to my rescue with **LEE WEINREB's** difference of opinion. I had to look up the word inane because I forgot what the discussion was about. Boy what a word! It was definitely a "Spotlight" dramatic explanatory word. I love that newspaper and haven't gotten it since I left the boat. That's two years. I hope to get it again in 2000.

GUY de PENGUERN (103/30) I am afraid I don't know how to write your name, when using capital letters. I may be wrong about the *de*. I was very interested in your work concerning Chiron. It is torture to work with. I wish I had not been raised in Astrology while no ephemeris was being put on Chiron. I admit I am walking on egg shells when I try to explain how Chiron is working in a person's chart. Often I try to avoid mentioning it all together. If Pluto is so small (size of Vermont) that Astronomers are debating if it is a planet, I am sure Chiron is smaller. I guess I feel more at home with big ones like Jupiter. As far as rulership, I wonder if it could be at home with Libra. That is a social sign and Venus is all about social affairs. Love and fun and harmony are all Venus vibes. I know the ancients were a little lax on telescopes in days of

old, but I am sure, as with the Bible (probably written on a poor example of our up to date paper) there is a spiritual knowledge given to the people who walk the path before it is a highway of knowledge. God walks with them. This is a fairly new planet so it should relate to new modern affairs. I am sure Libra's ruler is Venus. We'd love to have Chiron rule something, even I got into that concept a few years back. Here's what I feel intuitively. Chiron may seem like a rainbow bridge to walk across before you get there, it may seem to others like a rock to trip over in your rush to get there, and it may actually be ruler of the sign it was discovered in. Going round the zodiac. Aries-no, Taurus? Gemini-never, Cancer-never, Leo-never, Virgo? Libra-no, Scorpio-never, Sagittarius-never, Capricorn-never, Aquarius-never, Pisces-never. In my opinion, we are a materialistic, practical world now and perhaps it rules a constellation beyond our zodiac and just happened to drop by.

DONNA SNEED (103/5) No Donna, the stroke took away a lot of the physical abilities, but your mind is alive and well. Going to class for nursing had to be put on the back burner, but since I worked at a nursing home for a while, you are way out of distance to any of the people I met in a nursing home. I can see the nurses hair on end with what goes on in your room. You are a high intellectual person with a curiosity that won't quit. I imagine you are a laugh a minute, when they try to keep up with you.

LANCE ARMSTRONG (103/41) I am the old fashioned Astrologer but I have heard many Astrologers say they were Uranian Astrologers and I can understand the use of the 360° dial but fall short on knowing what to do with a 90° one. The eight transneptunian planets tell me there is much to think about in that direction. Having actual planets is bad enough but having hypothetical planets is a thought within itself. Having a Solar Arc is a thoughtful process but having a half or double solar arc can only make life more complicated for a beginning Astrologer. Setting up a noon chart is generally done by all of us when we know nothing about the time. Knowing the time, I cannot understand why a noon time would be used to relate the person to the world of affairs. I am sure Astrology will take steps in every direction now that we all seem to be getting computers to work it out with. I want to congratulate you on your charts and work. It would be far beyond my abilities.

EDITH CUSTER (103/46) How nice for you to share your Astrological reminiscences with us. How about some more? This was an addendum to my last replies. Now I can relax because it's just normal reading from here on out. Loved your

cover. Miss my beloved Mercury as cover. By the way, when writing your next reminiscences, could you tell us how you chose Mercury as our cover to the old editions? Perhaps too, you can tell us why He was the first thing to go for progress?

Joan Depczynski

Chicago, IL January, 2000

Sun Cancer - Moon Capricorn - Asc. Capricorn

To **ED DEARBORN (103/8,11)** You and I seem to be thinking along the same lines. That is, we would like to see the reputation of astrology improved and some acceptance of our art/science by the scientific community.

I have read Barbara Koval's article in the NCGR Spring-Summer 1999 *Journal*—several times, actually—and it's over my head. The gist is that there are no such things as "accidents" like tornadoes, earthquakes, etc. in nature and therefore the "Chaos Theory" is akin to what astrologers do—predict the "unexpected" or changes in the lives of our client, so that if we are able to predict these things, they are not then "accidents".

I feel that "science" is never going to embrace astrology, and if it ever did the astrology community would not be prepared. As you say on page 11, we need to motivate more research which calls for coordinated effort on the part of us individualistic astrologers. I have been a member of the NCGR since the early 1980's and last year became a member of the Declination SIG. In all that time there has been no "research". The *memberletters* and publications are filled with informative articles and teachings, but no research—odd for a group called the National Council for Geocosmic Research.

I think it is possible to gain acceptance in the field of alternative medicine and also in the field of psychiatry. Due to the insurance situation (with so many people having lost coverage, especially those with mental problems), many are turning to alternative sources and so-called spiritual healing has become popular. Since so many illnesses are auto-immune related and the product of stress, astrology has much to offer in its philosophy.

As I read the books of Deepak Chopra, for example, I am able to absorb all that he says so much more easily because of my astrology background. (Chopra's books deal with topics or spiritual laws such as karma and synchronicity with which we as astrologers are familiar.)

I have tried to bring to the attention of **MH** readers and also the NCGR declination SIG the

research of Mitchell Gibson, M.D., doctor of psychiatry. In his recently published book *"Signs of Mental Illness"*, he has identified dozens of signatures for five mental diseases. He uses both regular aspects and declinations, and has made an important contribution to astrology. The format—a small book directed at the lay community—was unfortunate. The pure research should have been published in a professional journal—oddly, Noel Tyl was his collaborator and Llewellyn its publisher.

Gibson says "...at one time astrology and medicine were inextricably linked in a sort of primeval dance that held a deep and hidden link to the inner nature of humanity. At one time, all medical doctors were trained in astrology. Indeed, any doctor who was not a competent astrologer was considered to be a charlatan!... Today medical doctors are besieged from many sides...the public, lawyers, the media, insurance cos., trying to shape and mold modern medicine. However, any discipline that is to survive must somehow come to terms with its origins. Medicine is now being forced to acknowledge the usefulness and veracity of ancient and alternative methods of healing...homeopathy, herbology, acupuncture, crystals, and a host of other disciplines that, ten years ago, no self-respecting doctor who valued his license would admit to having knowledge of."

As I have sat in doctors waiting rooms, I've often thought what a great data bank is in their office files. If only I could have access to them. So that is a problem we face as astrologers—access to data if we are to do research.

Also, we need to "rattle the cages" of astrologers to do some research and put aside their individualism. Perhaps you, Ed, are the one to organize us or possibly reorganize the SIGs to allow a looser format similar to **MH** where those of us who are doing studies on our own could collaborate or at least dialogue with each other. We need new sources of data.

What to research? I have often thought the best project would be twins, both biological and time twins. In light of the Minnesota twin study at the University of Minnesota in which twins separated at birth were studied, the result was so astounding and disproved the nurture vs. nature theory, astrologers should be looking into the findings. Many sets of twins reared apart and never having seen one another were exactly alike in temperament and taste and even in timing of events in their lives—but also there were identical sets of twins that were reared apart and did not have these uncanny resemblances. Has anyone checked the birth certificates to see the time of birth differences, if a

planet changed signs, etc.? (I know the MN NCGR group tried to test their astrological expertise and predict which chart belonged to which twins—but that is not research!)

Time twins! I've noticed many in the **MH** that have one or even many. Why not record events, timing, and other factors to see if there is an above average concurrence.

Other possibilities for research are alcohol and drug addiction and manic depression as both of these illnesses are openly discussed in the media especially by celebrities so afflicted. (My research is focused on these two, and I'm finding declinations helpful.)

To **ANNE LATHROP (102/60)** On your comment to **ED DEARBORN** about OOB planets in your work as signatures for addiction and alcoholism—I too am finding the same. Also planets at or near zero declination are prominent in cases of depressions.

To **GUY de PENGUERN (103/28)** Interesting that you feel declinations would add more confusion to the chart. I don't use asteroids or anything else for that very same reason. Declinations have added the vertical dimension to the horizontal dimension that we are already using and assuming our planets fall on the ecliptic. How astounding to find that the Moon, for example, goes to great heights beyond the ecliptic to every 18.6 years, and that for a period of 9 years it does not reach the height of the Sun at the time of the Solstices.

Other planets have eccentric orbits, especially the inner planets. Parallels and Contra-Parallels are very important in timing death and illness as a conjunction and parallel would constitute an eclipse!

To **JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO (103/54)** Re: Your comment that the early astronauts had the Moon OOB and therefore had they had any psychological problems, they would never have been in the space program. I did not say that everyone with an OOB Moon would have psychological problems—quite the opposite. They are high achievers first and foremost. They are rags to riches, Cinderella, Horatio Alger types—full of energy. This is Boehrer's position in her book, *The Other Dimension*. The potential is there with the OOB Moon that too much energy could cause problems. In fact, I do believe that one of the astronauts had some mental problems following his space trip career. I'm not versed on that. Maybe someone out there knows. As to your natal Venus being out of bounds in Sag., it just gives that planet more importance—more power and potential. As I am studying illness, and not wellness, I can only say

my research shows OOB Venus in both addiction and depression. Dr. Gibson has Venus OOB as one signature for depression.

By the way, weren't you doing a study of Saturn and Jupiter at zero declination? I have been waiting anxiously for the result. Won't you at least update us on your progress? We're interested to know what your thesis is.

Someone asked about Gauquelin and all the trines in his chart. I've been reading the book *Astro-Psychiatry* by Darling and Oliver. In their studies of suicide and murder, the grand trine was prominent in almost all cases—especially the kite formation. You see, the grand trine has mid-points. If you have Mars trine Saturn and Mercury, for example, you have ME=SA/MA, and those points when activated—lookout. Trines seem to act as facilitators, and squares at least offer resistance.

Regarding the research done by Gauquelin, I don't see it as relating to science as much as it is an attempt to prove astrology. That is, to prove that the position of Mars in the houses is a career indicator. Does anyone else see it that way? I can see the study being of interest to astrologers but of minimal interest to scientists. In fact, every debunker of astrology has brought up the Gauquelin study.

Winnifred A. Kemp

West Vancouver, B.C., Canada January, 2000

I hasten to compliment you on the format which has now incorporated most of my beefs. I agree with **JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMello** about script. I think it is suitable in places where handwriting would be used. With my bad eyesight I find the narrow columns easier to read. But then we are not catering to us oldies who are on the downhill slope. It think it was **MARI-ON MARCH** who said it would be a good idea to produce something that is more appealing to younger astrologers and students.

On the whole, **Mercury Hour** as now set up is magnificent. I adore the Christmas Cat and want to pet him.

SUSAN D. SIMMONS (103/51) I hope someone E-mailed you some advice on how to prepare for your death as far as papers, files, etc. are concerned. I goofed miserably, destroying lots of things I wish I had now. But next time (with the help of my son) all astrology files left will be sent to the person involved or shredded.

I just discovered that my son has a paper shredder—after I spent hours laboriously tearing

up paper into little pieces. Have you set up a chart for Feb. 26, 2000?

FRANK JAKUBOWSKY (103/25) Your remarks to me about *The Bible Code* are completely bewildering. I gather you have written a book titled *Uncoding the Bible Code* to refute the findings (as set out by Michael Drosnin) of Israeli mathematician Eliyahu Rips. I think from your remarks you have not read the book and do not understand what is involved.

The decoding of the *Book of Genesis* was the basis of the mathematical formula published by The Institute of Mathematical Statistics in the US. Many world-famous mathematicians tried and failed to prove this formula incorrect. It has not been rebutted. As for the findings being random (as I presume you mean by your somewhat ludicrous example) the formula states: "The Randomization Analysis shows that the effect is significant at the level of 0.00002."

The Editor of the Journal that published the formula said: "Our referees were baffled: their prior beliefs made them think the *Book of Genesis* could not possibly contain meaningful references to modern-day individuals; yet when the authors carried out additional analyses and checks the effect persisted."

The formula originally was based on *Genesis* only, but subsequently the whole Old Testament

and *Revelations* have been decoded—not in entirety, of course, because as Dr. Rips says the information contained in the code is probably infinite.

Michael Drosnin learned Hebrew so he could put the programs into his own computer and check everything Dr. Rips found. Drosnin met with world-famous mathematicians at Yale, Harvard and Hebrew Universities. The US Dept. of Defense and its decoder know of *The Bible Code*. All the world leaders, artists, inventors, scientists are encoded. Every major figure in every major event in world history can be found encoded. Those of you who seem to hate Clinton won't be pleased to know his name with "President" after it was discovered six months before the 1992 election. Innumerable earthquakes are encoded. "LA, Calif." appears with the "great earthquake" and the year 2010. I sent this information to **JIM HAYNES** thinking he would like to set up a chart, but he didn't seem interested.

There is conjecture that this may be The Book of Life or the Akashic Records, containing all information on all of us for all time.♦♦♦

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Sally Harrington

Camano Island, WA January, 2000

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Hi Edie and all in Mercury Land....

I never cease to be amazed by astrology... Now that t Uranus has moved past my T-square, opposition Mercury, square Uranus and Moon my Asc ruler, I find I've let go somewhat, of my electronic addiction... I seem to cutting way back on hours spent on computer. The past few years, I was on over 200 hours a month, 50 hours a week folks... it's incredible to me... my server charges for hours over 200... so I always knew. Lately, it's about 110 a month..

Upon leaving the T-square, t Uranus has moved in to square Jupiter in Scorpio this month in my 4th...T Jupiter is opposite my Moon in the 4th as well this month... I purchased indoor outdoor carpets last weekend for my kitchen, which I wanted for ages.. but when the house was built in '91, my former husband did not..... Last week, housemate Alex put a border up in his bathroom on two walls...blue with pink tones..to go with the blue rug... and surprised me, it looks so good..That's something else I wanted to do for some time .. just one of those things I never did....Not only materials had to be considered but labor as well. Now that I don't have to consider labor.. since he's able and willing to do the work, I'd like to have a border in the living room .. we decided one wall would be best....the wall that borders the sliding glass windows that look out on deck would be best.... as two side walls are slanted due to the 22 ft ceiling....so that's the next project on the books..

Funny how my focus is on the house, rather than puter. I didn't sit down and decide this, mind you.. It just happened... sneaky how these outer transits can be eh...They sort of creep up on one..

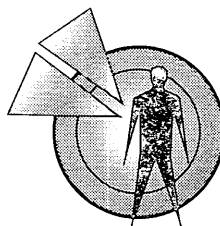
On another subject, I hadn't thought of this till someone on another list, pointed it out... Alex has Jupiter in Scorpio as I do....of course.. he's 12 years younger..daaa.. didn't see the forest due to the trees... my former husband had Jupiter in Scorpio. He was 12 years older than I... His former wife was 12 years older than my husband.. She had Jupiter in Scorpio...Jupiter is in the same sign every 12 years... This came up as I made the comment that my relationships seem to last about 7 years. Divorced after 7 years from first husband.. Legally separated from 2nd husband soon after 7 1/2 years and remained separated until he passed. Best friend

next door and I had a 7 year relationship until he passed in '98. Someone asked if I'd attribute this to the Jupiter cycles. Hadn't thought of that but how true. Jupiter was on my Asc. when I married the first time. It was on the 7th cusp when we divorced as an example.

I attributed this 7 year cycle of endings in my life, to n Uranus square my n Sun. T Uranus spends 7 years in a sign so would be in semi-sextile aspect to the event Uranus upon the demise of the relationship. Also t Saturn plays it's part as it passes through a quarter of the chart every 7 years. It was on my MC exact when I married my first husband. It was on the Asc. when we divorced after a 2 year separation. It was conjunct Jupiter in my 4th for the 2nd marriage and conjunct the 10th when he passed... Saturn rules my 7th. I thought it interesting that it was conjunct the 10th cusp when I married one husband and conjunct again when the 2nd one transitioned. Even the p Moon is involved.. as like t Saturn, it spends about 7 years in a quarter of the chart so 7 years later, it would be in square to the position it was in at the time of the beginning of each relationship.

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When I met housemate Alex, t Pluto was trine my Sun/his Moon and t Uranus was opposite my Sun, his Moon... But back to t Saturn... it was in my 10th house in opposition to my Moon and for him, was conjunct his Asc.. Saturn is in his n 4th conjunct his Moon/Pluto, Moon being the ruler of his 4th. So he moved in with an older woman, Saturn in 4th, who is a Cancer, Saturn conjunct Moon in 4th, who is also Scorpio with Pluto on my Asc... described by his Moon conjunct Pluto.. and all 3 in Leo.. my Sun sign... That's a pretty clear description of his Sat, Moon, Pluto conjunction in 4th...My first husband had Saturn in the first house as well, when we married. As Grant Lewi says of Saturn in an angle, it's a whole new phase of life beginning.

Comments anyone?

Liz Yohe

Newburgh, IN January, 2000

THE AQUARIAN ECLIPSES OF 2000 by Carol Willis

Brick Red Moon: Total Lunar Eclipse of January 20, 2000

Partial Solar Eclipse of February 5, 2000

INTRODUCTION

We have an eclipse pair coming up as the Sun transits Aquarius in 2000. Remember that the astrological "eclipse window" begins about a week before the eclipse, so we're already in the lunar eclipse window at this writing.

BRICK RED MOON: THE TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE OF JANUARY 20, 2000

AP Wire in Atlanta reports, "The full moon is expected to turn brick red for more than hour Thursday in a lunar eclipse visible throughout the Americas. ... Thursday night, the moon will be covered by the Earth's shadow starting at 11:05 PM. EST, an eclipse phase known as totality."

The total lunar eclipse is Thursday, January 20, 2000, 11:41 PM EST, 8:41 PM PST, [which is Friday January 21 4:41 am GMT, 5:41 am CET]. The degree is 0 Leo/Aquarius. The Moon is not only in Leo, it has a Leo dwad, making this a dramatic, creative, and emotionally exaggerated time. Many circumstances seem bigger than life or distorted out of normal proportions.

I'd say an hour of "brick red Moon" is pretty dramatic!! Sounds like a biblical portent, or blood on the waters...?

Neptune, Mercury, and the South Node conjoin the Sun and oppose the Moon in this

eclipse, so this could be said to be a "Neptunian lunar eclipse" again. There's a strong spiritual idealism, longing, vision, and devotion present, vast imagination and intuition, a very thin "veil" to other dimensions, and a necessity of releasing materialistic and worldly attachments. Creating safe spaces and nurturing on all levels is more important than ever now. Imagination is likely to be running wild, and people feeling a bit crazy and vulnerable during this time. Breathe slowly and deeply and stay comfortably centered on all levels. You may find you have more energy for creative projects now.

Moon 0 Leo <-----> Sun 0 Aquarius

N. Node 4 Leo

Mercury 3 Aq

Neptune 3 Aq

S. Node 4 Aq

As in the Leo/Aquarius lunar eclipse of last year, this lunar eclipse will be an extremely dreamy time period, with people feeling like they can't quite get grounded or present in the usual way. The "veil is thin," meaning that there is easy access into other normally hidden or veiled dimensions of life, and many will feel "caught up" into other dimensions. If they're not spiritually inclined, this may feel very confusing.

It's likely to feel confusing even if a person IS spiritually inclined. Errors in sense PERCEPTION, DETAIL, and IN JUDGMENT may abound. There may a sense of going somewhat insane during this time - don't worry, just go with the flow, but stay physically SAFE while you're doing it.

There may be temptation to "mood alter" with fantasies, images, alcohol, drugs, sex, shopping, channeling, whatever one's "drug of choice," and the effects will be stronger than usual, as well as the crash down to reality afterward. Allow for extra rest and sleep as needed during the next month. Reading scripture from the world religions is an ideal inspirational and centering practice.

This is not a good time to try to force yourself or others to deal with the more difficult issues of life, as there may not be the energy or will to address them now. On the other hand, the psyche is very loose and free, which may facilitate breakthroughs via certain kinds of therapy or energywork. But anything involving a heavy confront or facing will not succeed well during this time. Beware of wild imagination also: false accusations, false memory syndrome, false channeled information, false past life information, etc.

Transcendental spiritual practices and devotions excel during this time. This is also a time

of ecstatic and peaceful merging of energies in romance, especially tantric practices, which are about creating a quality of space together plus union with the divine. If possible, avoid major decisions during the next month, as judgment is likely to be off. Do not travel under the influence of drugs (even prescription drugs could be a problem), alcohol, sleepiness or other ungrounded spacy states of consciousness.

In contrast to a solar eclipse, it's safe to look directly at a lunar eclipse.

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE OF FEBRUARY 5, 2000

The partial solar eclipse of February 5, 2000 is at 16 degrees of Aquarius, 8 am EST, 5 am PST, 1 PM GMT, 2 PM CET. The partial eclipse begins 10 minutes before; observe eclipse safely and do not look directly at a solar eclipse. This degree again has a Leo dwad underneath it, echoing the dramatic, creative, and exaggerated themes of the lunar eclipse preceding it.

In a solar eclipse, the Sun is eclipsed or obscured briefly by the Moon, symbolizing a moment in time where the normal rationality and order in our world is superseded by the non-rational, emotional, psychic, imaginative, or even something a bit wild and chaotic. Solar eclipses have been considered "fateful," definitely NOT business as usual. In a way, eclipses are like Mardi Gras — anything goes, and probably will. The effects of a solar eclipse are strongest the week before, the day of the eclipse itself, and a week following, tapering off sharply over the next 6 months. Some astrologers say the effects of an eclipse can last up to a year. Certainly there are echoes and reminders of life-changing events that happened during an eclipse, whose impact reverberates over the long term.

This solar eclipse is unusual in that the Sun is exactly conjoined Uranus, as well as the Moon of course — a dynamite configuration to ring in the new millennium with scientific discoveries, inventions, electronics, space travel, universe expansion, mind expansion, metaphysics, sudden enlightenment, personal uniqueness, cultural diversity, societal planning, internet connectivity worldwide, planetary consciousness, light phenomena, abstract modeling, and systems thinking. A very accelerated and exciting time to be alive!

Downside risk includes the following "wake-up calls" for those not already paying attention to the metaphysical aspects of life: explosions, accidents, lightning strikes, electric shock, arrogance, idiosyncratic uses of the will, tension, stress on the nervous system, and kundalini experiences. Heads up!

Tom Owens

Midland, TX January, 2000

VIRGINIA A. REYER— I enjoyed your Vertex **101/24**, Vertex signs and Transpluto 102/45 and Nodal Barrier 103/15. You are obviously a skilled Astrologer. I will enjoy hearing more of your insights.

JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO—I too think Chiron may rule Libra as both **you** and **MAR-ITHA POTTENGER** indicate but it seems to me that the effect of the "wounded healer" (that became the constellation Sagittarius) also has strong influences of Sagittarius/ Jupiter. I stumbled across a web site, <http://www.magiastrology.com> which has published several books (I read their *Astrology Really Works* which was an excellent books that covers much about declinations). Magi astrology's web page touts their new book, *Magi Astrology: Key to Success in Love and Money* and has several lessons. Lesson #2 claims Chiron rules marriage, spouses, soulmates, and children born in marriage as well as karmic ties and is also very important in matters of money.

JOAN DEPCZYNSKI—(99/36, 99/100)

Both of my parents were born with out of bounds Moons. My Dad (b. 5/30/1912 Chickamauga, Ga. @ est. 3:30 AM) has a singleton Moon OOB. His father died shortly after birth and when his Mother remarried he was placed in a Chattanooga (Tenn.) orphanage. At age 16 he moved to the YMCA and worked his way through High School selling newspapers. Mother (b. 11/06/1914 Grand Island, Neb. @ est. 11 PM) has both the Moon and Venus OOB. Her father lived a long life but during her childhood he had to farm in California while the family was still in Nebraska so there was a separation. My parents came of age during the depression which imprinted upon them greatly but I would rate Mother's insecurity as much greater than Dad's. Of course Dad's Moon in Sagittarius gives him a large measure of optimism but one would expect his singleton OOB Moon would show him as the more insecure.

I would like to share my observations on Declinations with **MH** readers. Charles Jayne (The Best of Charles Jayne) stated that "the usual one degree orb for declination is far too narrow for low declinations" and suggests that by converting declinations to longitudinal equivalents one can use conventional orbs. I believe that by using both longitudinal equivalents explains why contra-parallels do not operate as oppositions but more as just hits (longitude of one is conjunct the co-longitude of the other).

Also, it appears that when there is a connection by declination between two or more bodies and those bodies have a connection by longitude with any other body, all should be treated as a rolling conjunction (blending of energies). If there is an OOB body in this connection a stronger influence is felt for this body. With OOB bodies it's like the Native has another of that body that is much stronger which operates at it's co-longitude and longitude equivalent.

I include declination longitudinal equivalents when doing a Synastry comparison and always use charts' midpoints. Ebertin's *Combination of Stellar Influences* (CSI) is invaluable for both interpreting midpoints hits and for blending of planetary influences. Jayne indicated that he used parallels/contraparallels for synastry comparisons and only conjunctions, oppositions, and squares were meaningful for synastry (think 45 degree. charts). Personally, I use the longitudinal equivalents for both the declinations and their opposite declinations for both charts when doing comparisons on the theory that there is a resonance. When a body is crossing over the equator and is at or near zero degrees it will be at the midpoint of all contra-parallel within that chart or contra-parallel formed by other charts. I use CSI to interpret the effect.

It has also occurred to me that since the Vertex is the intersection of the ecliptic and the prime vertical, it will effect contra-parallel equivalent longitudinal midpoints. I have not researched this one though would appreciate comments.

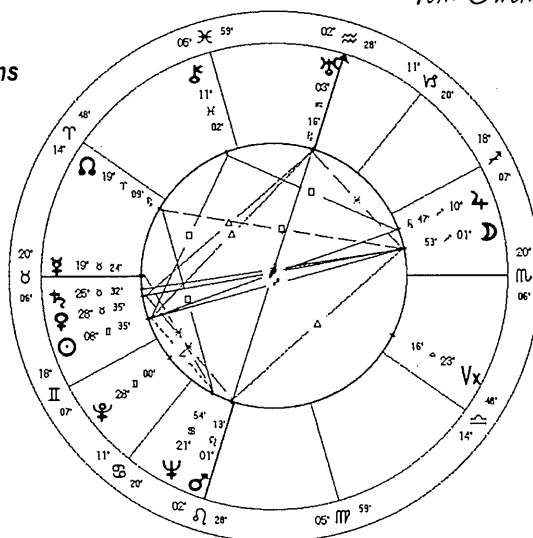
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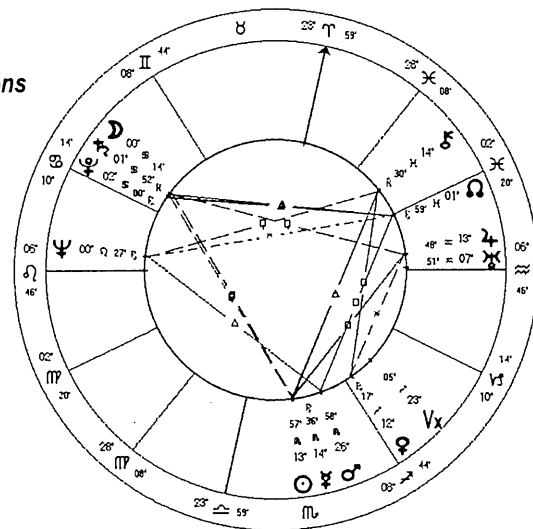
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Ura	-20°00'
Nep	+21°09'
Plu	+17°21'
Chi	-02°28'
Nod	+07°30'



Father (b. 5/30/1912 Chickamauga, Ga. @ est. 3:30 AM) singleton Moon OOB.

Mother's Declinations

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Jup	-17°36'
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Nep	+19°41'
Plu	+17°53'
Chi	-01°46'
Nod	-10°47'



Mother (b. 11/06/1914 Grand Island, Neb. @ est. 11 PM)

Frank Jakubowsky

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January, 2000
Sun Libra - Moon Libra - Asc. Gemini

It is time for me to warn prospective mothers to avoid getting pregnant between April 13, 2000 and June 2, 2000. It is the time when more children will tend to be left-handers and suffer problems like allergies and asthma.

That is based on my research of 1,899 left-handed baseball players. They tend to be born 201 to 250 days after the conjunction of Mars and the Sun. So there is a cycle of about two months out of two years of more left-handers. The reason seems

to be that if the period of the conjunction occurs when the fetus is one to three months old then there is an excess of the testosterone hormone, which causes the left hemisphere of the brain to not develop enough.

This would be a good research project for someone to duplicate my results. It may take about two thousand left-handers with the day, month, and year of birth, along with their name to check for duplicate names.

There is no need to have neither the time of day nor the place of birth for this test. It would only require finding the percentage that was born 201 to 250 days after the Mars/Sun conjunction. I can supply a list of the days after the conjunction for the years of the 20th century.

If any one is interested then contact me and I'll supply you with a photocopy of that data. A person should have an e-mail address to be able to collect the dates.

This is the kind of test that scientists respect because it is simple. It is also a good test that many women would be interested in. It offers a simple way to limit health problems. To make money on the project you can sell the results to those left-handers taking part in the project.

Maybe you saw my ad of Big Bang goes puff. It was in the major tabloids and many newspapers and magazines. The readership was in tens of millions. It also said the big bang theory will be forgotten in ten years. This is a good time now for astrologers to get even with the astronomers and show how their ideas are false. I have pointed out that my books, *Creation* and *The Creative Theory of the Universe* gives an alternate theory, which I am now calling the quasar theory that can replace the big bang theory.

Luckily, Marilyn vos Savant was saying the same thing in the *Parade Magazine* of November 14, 1999. Then in the January 9, 2000 issue she said the astronomers couldn't answer her objection to their singularity concept.

To get an idea how wrong the big bang theory is, read *The Cult of Big Bang. Was There a Bang?* by William C. Mitchell. The paper 57 of the *Urantia Book* explains of a Quasar and its trillion year life cycle. My books, *Big Bang Goes Puff*, \$1.00; *Creation* \$5.95 and *The Creative Theory of the Universe*, \$8.95; can be bought from Bold Books. Add \$2.00 shipping charge per order.

I guess it is up to me to point out that I was listed in Marquis, *Who's Who in the World*, 2000 edition.♦♦♦

Virginia Reyer

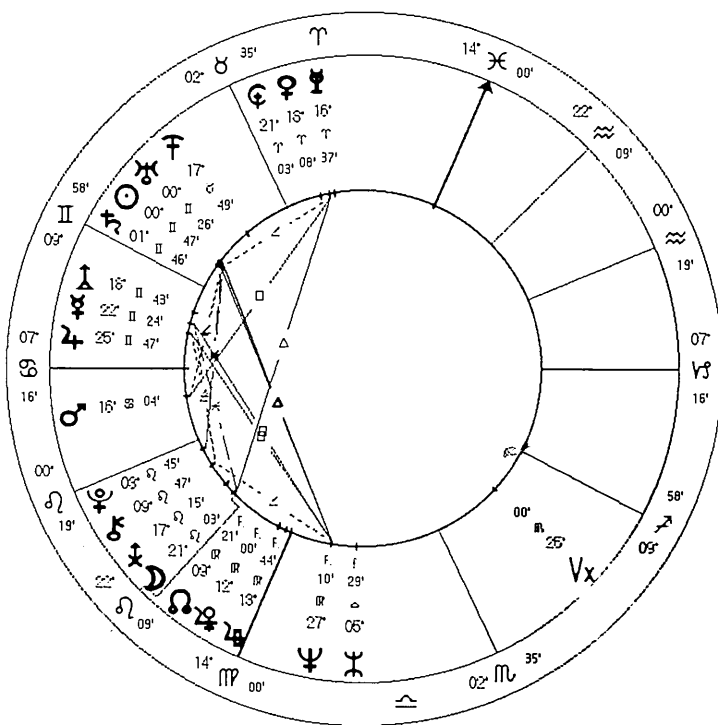
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THEODORE KACZYNSKI

(This chart is rectified by me.)

Theodore Kaczynski, born May 22, 1942, Chicago Ill. At 7:53:35 AM. CWT. 87W30 Long. 41N52 Lat. This gives him 7°16" of Cancer rising. MC 14°00" of Pisces. Vx. 25°00" of Scorpio. Ted was a professor of mathematics at Harvard University. Young Kaczynski, a.k.a. Unabomber, it turns out, was a volunteer in mind-control experiments sponsored by the CIA at Harvard, in the late 1950's and early 1960's.

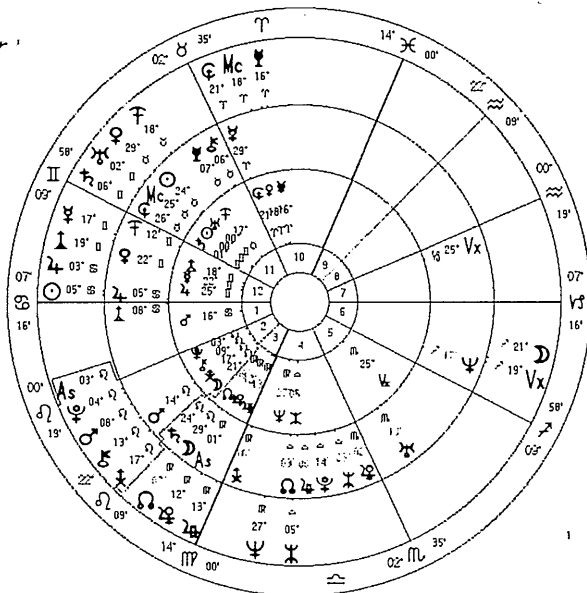
Michael Mello, author, published a book *The United States of America vs. Theodore John Kaczynski*, notes that young Kaczynski agreed to be



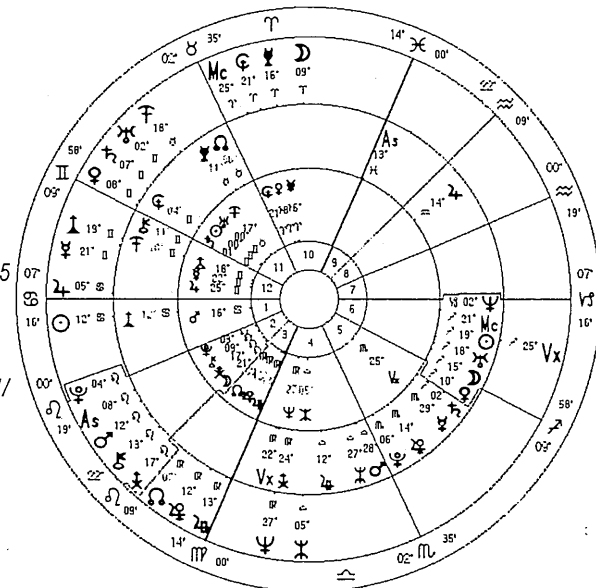
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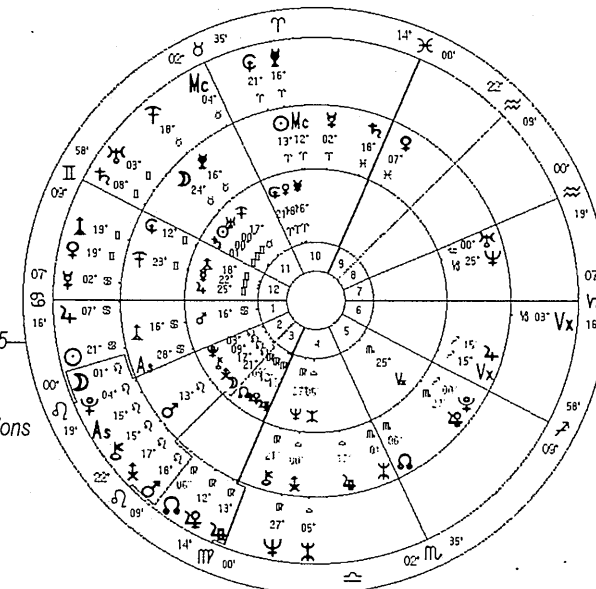
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Transits for 5/15/1978
— first bomb
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Secondary
progressions for
5/15/1978



Inside —
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Middle —
Transits for 12/11/1985
— first victim
Outside —
Secondary
progressions for 12/11/
1985



Inside —
Kaczynski natal
Middle —
Transits for 4/03/1995—
arrest
Outside —
Secondary progressions
for 4/03/1995



the subject of a psychological experiment from 1958 to 1962. Dr. Henry Murray zealously prosecuted the CIA's efforts to carry forward experiments in mind-control conducted by Nazi Doctors in the concentration camps Source - *Los Angeles Times*, July 9th, 1999.

Time magazine in Oct. Issue, featured Kaczynski, who wrote a book *Truth Versus Lies*, published by Context Books.

Kaczynski was sentenced in 1998 to life imprisonment without parole, his bombing campaign killed 3 people and injured 23. He pleaded guilty to avoid a trial, in which his lawyer had planned to offer an insanity defense. David, his brother, turned Ted in, in 1996.

Now, Ted wants a new trial saying that he was coerced into pleading guilty. Kaczynski asked the Court of Appeals in the 9th. US Circuit Court of Appeals, to be allowed to withdraw his guilty plea and go to trial on Jan. 19th, 2000.

Kaczynski's chart has 7°16" of Cancer rising which is the midpoint to Venus/Neptune at the rim of the chart. Neptune in the 4th house rules the 10th, shows an inherited weakness, indicating possible Bright's disease, a chronic kidney condition, also eczema which can indicate a leaking bowel, (Virgo). This leakage can further affect the health leading to deep psychological problems, causing an imbalance in the body. Note: Neptune at 27°10" of Virgo Rx. and Venus which rules the kidneys, both are 165 degrees apart and are focal points. Venus/Neptune is Asc.

Venus/Neptune shows a highly emotional temperament and gives too great a susceptibility to the influence of others. Asc. Midpoint is self-deception which creates difficulties with

authorities and in the home and/or family, Neptune also indicates a parent, there could have been a problem in early childhood, can also indicate a parent who was not there, or who was sick, could also indicate religious overtones within the family, either exaggerated or absent altogether. (Venus in Aries/Neptune is Asc.) which smoothes cooperation with others, is not well placed in Aries where Venus is in detriment, and Virgo on the 4th a parent (mother) could have been too strict with potty-training, the sign Virgo is said to have an anal fixation (ruling the bowels) squaring Jupiter and Mercury both planets also ruling the parents (10th and 4th house) in the 12th. These planets also indicate disappointments in "love". Mercury conjunct Jupiter gives an active mind.

- Moon, Mercury and Mars are out of bounds.

- 19 degrees of Aries is on the MC.. This degree indicates an electrician and a reformer, is square to Mars. (The letter-bombs had to be wired, needing some knowledge.) see Progr.

- Neptune is also square to Jupiter, the ruler of the 6th house. Ted has a heavy tenanted 12th house. 17 degrees of Leo on the 3rd house is said to indicate a double personality, is conjunct the Moon at 21 degrees of Leo, which shows homicidal tendencies.

- Uranus/Saturn = Sun, shows great tension, a rebel given to violence, but it also gives the power of endurance and to pull through.

- All planets are east of the chart except Neptune. The Moon is the ruler of the chart at 21°03" of Leo.

- Moon Neptune is the Node at 9°06" of Virgo is self-deception, gives a love of solitude, a dreamy nature, a poor sense of reality. Gives artistic interests.

- Moon is square the Vertex is 8°01" of Libra midpoint, Square the Asc. is unconventional.

- Vx./Kronos is midpoint Moon, shows a teacher who is a professional, possessing mastery and skill, giving a sense of superiority.

- Jupiter/Neptune is midpoint Chiron at 9°48" of Leo is a semi-square giving weak initiative, wants to expand the self and to grow distant from others. Being cut off from reality and to lose touch with the real world. Feels himself hurt and wants to hurt others and in so doing does more harm than good, gives a sensitivity to hurt.

- The Moon (ruler) Semi-Square to Asc. he is very restless and wants seclusion, shows incompatibility in the family.

- Vx. at 25°00" of Scorpio and Anti-Vx. at 25°00" of Taurus point to alcoholism. Solstice Mercury conjuncts the Asc. Semi-Square to the Moon.

- Appolon is conjunct the IC. Is a combination of Jupiter and Gemini. Gives great powers to the intellect.

- Declination to the Vx. = Contra-Parallel Uranus, Saturn and Trans-Pluto.

- Planetary-Nodes = Mercury's North-Node conjunct Kronos increases the mentality.

- Neptune - the only planet at birth being Rx.- went D in 1959. Mercury went Rx. by progression in 1952 at 25°36" of Gemini Conjunct Jupiter - D in 1976 at 17°03" of Gemini.

- Ted left home at the age of 16 to go to Harvard on Sept. 15, 1958.

- Natal Merc./Moon midpoint to Progr. Asc. Progr. Vx. is Qcx. to natal Asc. Indicating something unusual or something unexpected will happen that will change situations and matters involved. Also Vx. square the Nodes. Also trans. Venus and trans. Mercury are Square Progr. Vx. and trans. Uranus conjunct natal Saturn showing great emotional tension and conflicts, also lack of adaptability.

- In 1962 Ted's Progr. Vx. was at 9°55" of Sag. conjunct. Antares, subject to presentiments of impending tragedy. Mind-control experiments could have started it all.

- Progr. Moon at 24°23" of Taurus conjunct Caput Algol Opposition natal Vx. or conjunct natal Anti-Vx. which was the start of much trouble to follow and with Progr. Moon moving through the sign Gemini in the 12th house to follow.

- Ted then went to the University of Michigan in 1967, trans. Jupiter conjunct his natal Moon. Kaczynski left his teaching job at Berkeley on June 30, 1969. On June 29th, 1969 there was a full Moon at 7°52" of Capricorn in Opposition to his natal Asc. trans. Saturn at 6° of Taurus Square to Pluto trans. Jupiter, ruler of the 6th conjunct natal Neptune in the 4th. trans. Uranus at 26° of Scorpio conjunct natal Vx. Trans. Neptune at 22° of Virgo Square natal Mercury. His progressed Asc. at 29°08" of Cancer, solstice his Uranus, Sun and 12th house. Trans. Mars at 2° of Sag. in Opposition to Venus, Uranus, Saturn and the 12th house. Ted then went to build his cabin away from civilization.

- He placed his first bomb about May 15th, 1978 at the age of 36. He felt betrayed. Progr. Mars/Pluto midpoint = Asc. Trans. Mars square trans. Uranus; progr. Moon conjunct progr. Vx.

MERCURY HOUR'S

Angels

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Lorraine Fraley
Connie King
Doris Carrico
Bonnie Wilson
Jeanne Harrington
Curtis Fitts
Carole Schreiber
Cammille Adams

Trans. Jupiter conjunct natal Asc. Trans. Neptune opp. nat. Mercury. There was a trans. full Moon on May 22nd at 1°05" of Sag. opp. the Gemini planets, Uranus. Sun and Saturn, trans. Saturn was conjunct natal Moon.

- The 1st Victim was on Dec. 11, 1985. His progr. Mars is conjunct progr. Asc. His progr. MC. 5°52" of Taurus square progr. Pluto exact. progr. Neptune at 27°22" of Virgo. Neptune = D. The Vx. is 4°20" of Capr. qcx. nat. Uranus also natal Pluto. The progr. Asc is now conjunct the natal 3rd house showing changes in mental attitude.

Kaczynski was arrested on April 3, 1995 and put in jail. His progr. Vx. was opp. his natal Asc. progr. Asc at 19 ° of Leo conjunct progr. Mars and progr. Jupiter conjunct natal Asc. And progr. Moon conjunct natal Pluto.

He was sentenced to life in prison in 1998. progr. Vx. in Square to MC and IC at 14°36" of Sag. progr. Sun conjunct natal Jupiter. Ted had a progr. New Moon in 1994 at 20°27" of Cancer square to natal Hades at 21°03" of Aries.

ADDED NOTATION: Kaczynski has an interception in the 5th.

house, the sign Scorpio is intercepted and the Vx at 25.00 of Scorpio also. This shows delays and difficulties in courtships and love affairs. Pluto the ruler of Scorpio is placed at 3.45 ° of Leo. This attracts possessive, domineering and contrary individuals.

The interception ceased by progression in 1957 at age 17, with Neptune Stationary to go Direct in 1958. Transit Saturn conjunct natal Vx and transit Uranus conjunct natal Pluto. These were important contacts to the Vx. Even with the interception gone by progression, the basic influence remains predominant and will be triggered by transits, by progressions, by eclipses or lunations when contacting the Vx. There is a lot more here one could go into, which I do not choose to, because I feel that I have covered the most important part of this chart.

References: Dates are from newspaper clippings. Degrees of the Zodiac by Charubel and Donna Henson. The Combination of Stellar Influences by Ebertin. Pre-natal eclipses: Total Lunar eclipse at 11°50" of Virgo March 3, 1942 Eclipse of the Sun. March 16th 1942 at 25°44" of Pisces.

Una Chiodini

Seminole, FL February, 2000
Sun Scorpio - Moon Aquarius - Asc. Capricorn

Chuck and Lois Hannan had this in their journal so I'm passing it on. Lillian Celic had a Navel Map and Chuck and Lois used it in the *NCGR-CHICAGO JOURNAL*. Chuck and Lois gave me permission to send it to you.

Chicago is very easy to get around in. The Streets State and Madison is the "0" point. If you are looking for a correct Longitude & Latitude, these are the streets:

North and South streets			East and West streets		
Halsted	(800 W)	87W39	Foster	(5200 N)	41N59
Ashland	(1600 W)	87W40	Addison	(3600 N)	41N57
Kedzie	(3200 W)	87W42	Fullerton	(2400 N)	41N56
Pulaski	(4000 W)	87W43	2500 South		41N50
Central	(5600 W)	87W45	5200 South		41N47
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Jane Statlander

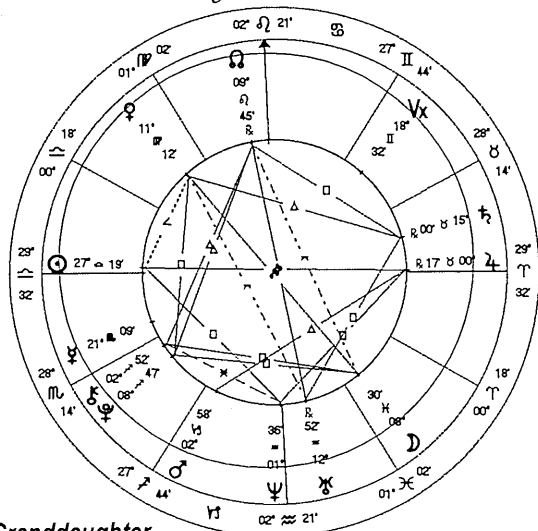
Tel Aviv, Israel February, 2000
Sun Aries - Moon Libra - Asc. Leo - MC Taurus

Your new format looks very good. It has a nice upbeat feeling.

My daughter, Rachael according to my reckoning should have given birth on 16 October at 6:00 A.M.. Instead the baby was born at 6:00 A.M. on 21 October, 1999, Jerusalem, Israel. Rachael was born at 11:49 A.M., September 11, 1975, Hornell, New York.

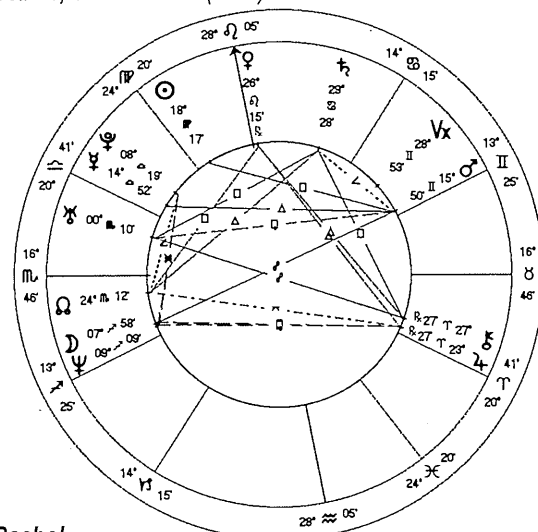
I must have all my planets in OOB especially the Moon. I have, thank God almost boundless energy. I am incessantly doing, planning, nearly overwhelming everyone around me with projects and things I'm involved with. My birth data is 22 March, 1943, Newark, New Jersey, 2:14 P.M. EST. (See charts on next page)

Statlander Family Album



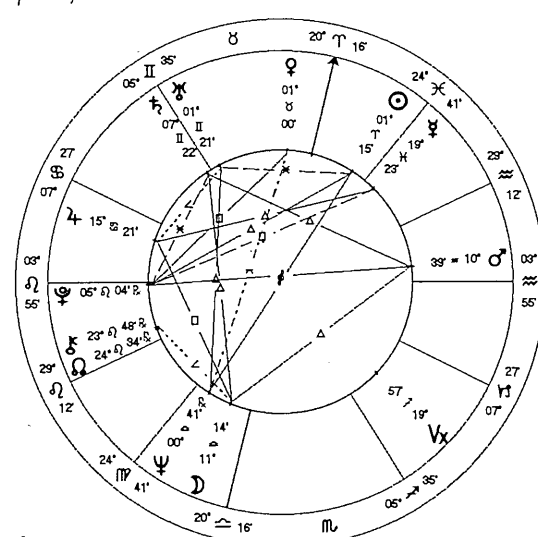
Granddaughter

Oct. 21, 1999 Tel Aviv (-2 hr) 31N46 35E14 Koch



Rachel

Sept. 11, 1975 11:49 EDT Hornell NY 42N14 77W02 Koch



Jane

Mar 22, 1943 2:14 PM EWT Newark NJ 40N44 74W11 Koch

Virginia Reyer

Glendale, AZ January, 2000

Sun Gemini - Moon Taurus - Asc. Gemini

LATITUDES.

When calculating the Vertex for extreme latitudes will give a negative co-latitude. Charles Jayne maintained that individuals born within 22° North or South of the Equator do not have a Vertex.

I have been working with the Vertex for some time and have researched many, many charts and in doing so, have come across charts with low Latitudes and it enticed me to check them out. I have done about 30 charts with low latitudes and they worked out fine, using the computer. My conclusion is that the Vertex should fall on the west-side of the chart, between the MC and IC. I will give the formula at the end of this article.

When I studied with Charles Jayne beginning of the sixties we had to do calculations by hand and/or calculators. Computers today make work so much easier, and also more accurate. Some of the charts I have done with low Latitudes I also had some personal history at my disposal, to check the Vertex. Some of them have the Vertex in the 9th or in the 4th house which tells the story about the individual. I include some in the following pages. I include some birth-data here with low Latitudes for the reader to check out if they wish.

- Aquino, Corazon. Philippines political leader. Jan. 25, 1933-4.04 AM- LMT at Tarlac Province, Philippines. 120E33-15N29. Vx.26.36 of Leo in the 8th house. Asc. 27.58..of Sagittarius.

- Desi Arnaz (Lucy show) Mar. 2, 1917-12.30 PM. EST. Santiago, Cuba. 75W49-20N01. Vx. In the 5th house at 6.42 of Scorpio. Asc. 26.02 of Gemini

- Swami. Sep. 11, 1930. 7.40 PM. GMT. Bangalore, India. 77E35 -12N59 . Vx. in the 4 th. House at 0.41 of Scorpio. Asc. 7.41 of Cancer.

- Duvalier, Francois, Jan. 31, 1983 at 7.30 AM. EST Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 72W20-18N33. (Son of President of Haiti) Vx. In the 7th house at 18.19 of Virgo. Asc. 29.12 of Aqu.

- Miguel. (entertainer) Apr. 3, 1956 at 5.00 AM LMT. Panama City. 79W32- 8N58. Vx. In the 7th house at 29.03 of Virgo. Asc. 26.10 of Pisces.

- Leaky Richard. Anthropologist, Dec. 19, 1944, at 5.00 am LMT Nairobi, Kenya. 36E49 1S17, Vx. in the 4th house at 3.02 of Aries. Asc. 14.26 of Sagittarius.

• Sukama, Political Leader. Jun. 6, 1901. 8.20 AM- LMT. Soerbaja, Java. 112E31- 7S00 Vx. In the 9th house at 12.14 of Pisces. Asc. 16.50 of Gemini.

• Jane. Jun. 6, 1950 at 11.50 PM EST. Mendellin, Columbia. 75W36- 8N15. Vx. in the 7th house at 26.04 of Virgo. Asc. 9.29 of Pisces.

• Tony. Nov. 6, 1935 at 4.28 PM EST. El Tambo, Colombia. 77W23-1N26. Vx. in the 6th house at 1.09 of Libra Asc. 21.39 of Aries.

I have not been able to check these charts by hand, I do not have a Table of Houses beyond 66 Latitude N/or S. but the computer calculates the Vx. accurately. I have three volumes of *Tables of computed Altitude and Azimuth* (with Latitudes up to 59 inclusive and one Volume up to 86 Latitude) that involve a lot of corrections to get the proper answers. (see the formula). These volumes come from the U.S. Navy Hydrographic office.

There is a *Table of Houses* by Gustave Schweickert, that may be used, called; *Aszendenten fuer Nord Polare Breiten*, goes to 75 N/or S. Latitude, inclusive. I called the A.F.A. to find out if they had any Tables of Houses beyond 66 degrees, (they don't). I also called a good number of bookstores that deal in out of print books to find Tables of Houses beyond 66 degrees North or South Latitudes, but to no avail. I have been working on this for months to get it straight, and what a relief to find out that the computer does it fine.

Years ago there was a Table of Houses available from 60 to 90 degrees N/or S Lat. by Heinz Koster up in Canada, should one of the readers come across them they are Regiomontanus, or Campanus House Tables. I know of no others.

There is nothing in print on the Vx. for the Vx. in tropical areas. Now if we calculate a (see below) regular chart for Southern Latitudes the charts are reversed, it is the same with the Vx. that is if the Vx. falls in the eastern side of the chart, use the opp. sign and same degree. The Vx. is Retrograde in southern regions as well. Also there are two moments each day when there is no Vx., this is also true when we calculate charts above the Arctic Circle, there are two moments each day when there is no Asc. So, there also, is no Vx. when the ecliptic conjuncts the Prime-Vertical the great circle passing through the Zenith and the East and West points of the Horizon.

Now not finding any Tables of Houses where one can calculate a colatitude, one must use trigonometry, with a special scientific calculator.

The formula for this is:

Contangent of Vx. = (SIN (Obliquity) / Tan (Latitude) - Cos (Obliquity) times Sin (RAMC)) / Cos (RAMC)

OR-

Cot(Vx) = (Sin (Obl) / Tan (Lat) - Cos (Obl) times Sin (RAMC)) / Cos (RAMC)

To use this formula one must do first an accurate chart. What is needed is the correct Sidereal time of birth and the RAMC, with this proceed from above. When doing this it may happen that the Vx. falls away from the western half, one must choose the quadrant for the Vx. nearest the Descendant, what I mean by that is- that if the Vx. falls let's say in the 11th. House put it in the opposite house, sign and degree, this will be the Vx. I do hope that I made myself clear on the Vx. and that I have been explicit enough. I calculated about 1500 charts to study the Vx. to anything in the chart and some aspects are hard to find. I'm not done - no one has ever really thoroughly studied the subject. Now what I term a negative Vx. is when it falls across the Asc. line the Vx. is (swallowed up as it were) the declination will be 00.00 N or S. (there is no Vx.) I came across many charts that have this and I intend to go fully into this at a later time. Studying the Vx. is and has been a real eye-opener both to me and to my friends who encouraged me to do this.***

Astro *Twins

April, May & June

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Democratic National Conventions and Presidential Nominees

See what you can find on the internet? Sorry I couldn't get the RNC's list too. Winning candidates are in boldface.

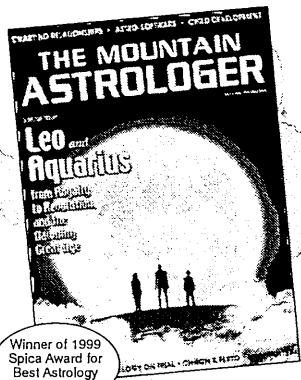
Year	Date	Location	Presidential Nominee
1996	Aug. 26-29	Chicago	WILLIAM J. CLINTON
1992	July 13-16	New York	WILLIAM J. CLINTON,
1988	July 18-21	Atlanta	Michael S. Dukakis
1984	July 16-19	San Francisco	Walter F. Mondale
1980	Aug. 11-14	New York	James E. Carter
1976	July 12-15	New York	JAMES E. CARTER
1972	July 10-13	Miami Beach	George McGovern
1968	Aug. 26-29	Chicago	Hubert H. Humphrey,
1964	Aug. 24-27	Atlantic City	LYNDON B. JOHNSON

1960	July 11-15	Los Angeles	JOHN F. KENNEDY,
1956	Aug. 13-17	Chicago	Adlai E. Stevenson,
1952	July 21-26	Chicago	Adlai E. Stevenson
1948	July 12-14	Philadelphia	HARRY S. TRUMAN
1944	July 19-21	Chicago	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
1940	July 15-18	Chicago	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
1936	June 23-27	Philadelphia	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
1932	June 27-July 2	Chicago	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT,
1928	June 26-29	Houston	Alfred E. Smith
1924	June 24-July 9	New York	John W. Davis,
1920	June 28-July 6	San Francisco	James M. Cox
1916	June 14-16	St. Louis	WOODROW WILSON
1912	June 25-July 2	Baltimore	WOODROW WILSON
1908	July 7-10	Denver	William Jennings Bryan
1904	July 6-9	St. Louis	Alton B. Parker
1900	July 4-6	Kansas City	William Jennings Bryan
1896	July 7-11	Chicago	William Jennings Bryan
1892	June 21-23	Chicago	GROVER CLEVELAND
1888	June 5-7	St. Louis	Grover Cleveland
1884	July 8-11	Chicago	GROVER CLEVELAND
1880	June 22-24	Cincinnati	Winfield S. Hancock
1876	June 27-29	St. Louis	Samuel Tilden
1872	July 9-10	Baltimore	Horace Greeley
1868	July 4-9	New York	Horatio Seymour
1864	August 29-31	Chicago	George B. McClellan
1860	April 23-May 3	Charleston	(Deadlocked)
	June 18-23	Baltimore	Stephen Douglas
1856	June 2-6	Cincinnati	JAMES BUCHANAN
1852	June 1-5	Baltimore	FRANKLIN PIERCE
1848	May 22-25	Baltimore	Lewis Cass
1844	May 27-29	Baltimore	JAMES POLK
1840	May 5-6	Baltimore	Martin Van Buren
1836	May 20-22	Baltimore	MARTIN VAN BUREN
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The ethics of astrology



Is there a code of ethics for the astrologer? Of course. In fact, there are several.

Do you have to follow any code? No. But if you don't follow some sort of ethical code, you will self-destruct, or your practice will.

The first rule for the astrologer who offers professional services is privacy: What the client tells you in confidence is confidential.

That sounds simple, but a lot of people tend to blurt out bits and pieces of what they know if they don't take active steps to remind themselves continually that this matter is not public information.

Every one has the right to the privacy of his own birth data if they wish. Always ask your client if you may use their data (for a classroom illustration, perhaps, or a lecture topic). Don't put their name on the data if you do and make sure some details of their lives are obscured to protect them.

Granted, if you are using data of a public person such as Madonna or Bill Clinton you don't need to be so picky, but private people have a right to be private.

U.S. courts have ruled on several occasions that newspapers, for instance, can print almost any information and criticism of public figures, but private individuals are another matter altogether. The same rules do not apply to them and woe betide one who holds a private person up to ridicule.

Does this mean that you as an astrologer can never discuss what you have learned? I don't think so, at all.

Most astrologers know that Gemini rules things that come in twos. Some may know that Pisces deals with things that come in threes. I once had a client with Venus in Pisces and she had three functioning kidneys. Venus, of course, rules the kidneys. This was a wonderful bit of evidentiary material which I have shared with other astrologers and astrology students on several occasions. Telling that does not violate privacy, I believe, but I certainly would never identify her or use her birth data or full chart without her permission.

The second rule -or perhaps it should be the first rule-is the golden rule: Treat a client the way you want to be treated.

It sounds simple and it is. But in practice, we sometimes need to assess where we are on this one.

Many times parents want the charts of their children analyzed. This is a fair request. However, adult children have a right to their own privacy. Even teenagers should not have information from their charts revealed in ways that would violate that right. Analyzing personality is one thing; discussing sex lives, for instance, is another.

Don't ever give anyone information they are not entitled to that you see in the birth chart. Just because you see it doesn't mean you have to say it.

If you question whether an information request is valid, ask yourself how you would take it if your mother or father or whoever asked it about you.

Sometimes, in the case of parents, you walk a fine line. Sorry, but it goes with the territory. If the parent already knows the child is gay, for instance, and they want to know if that child will ever find lasting happiness with a partner, it's a loving concern and a legitimate question, to my mind. But don't break the gay news to parents. It's not your role.

If the child is handicapped or disabled, the parent may ask more probing questions, and that's only to be expected. They have a vested interest in knowing whether their child will be self-supporting, or whether custodial care might be needed.

One grandmother I know hesitated to tell her son that she thought his child needed psychiatric care. I looked at the child's chart and encouraged her to speak up because I told her it appeared the father was not seeing the problem clearly.

We should always see our role as fostering understanding and helping people make good decisions for themselves. We should be careful not to try to sell our own point of view, however, but rather to offer information and provide an objective sounding board.

Sometimes that means being a listener. Not every client wants or needs a full reading. Sometimes they want hand-holding and just to unburden themselves. It's a valid need and we may be exactly right to serve that. It is not unethical to charge the full rate, even though we haven't forecast anything.

One of our greatest roles is peace maker. As astrologers we can see both sides of a conflict be-

tween two people and often help them to grasp what is preventing harmony between them. We should never adopt any adversarial stance when we read a chart, however.

We are not on anyone's "side." It is not, therefore, a conflict of interest to be an astrologer serving both husband and wife who are not getting along.

On the contrary, we may be the only one who can help them see the other point of view. By holding up a "mirror" so they can recognize themselves, we may help clients see what their needs are and how best to deal with their own lives.

But lest we delude ourselves with self-importance, convinced that astrology bestows godlike power or insight, I must mention referrals.

Many cases that land on astrologers' laps don't belong there. The client obviously-and sometimes desperately-needs to see an attorney, or a physician, or a psychiatrist or a marriage counselor. If you are truly doing your job, you will send them there.

And don't meddle with the situation after that if you do. I once had a very ill client whom I convinced to see a doctor. He promptly put her in the hospital for tests before doing surgery on the cancer that threatened her life. While she was in the hospital she called me to check on whether it was a good day for a particular test.

I refused to say. I told her she was in the doctor's hands and she should do what the doctor said. I am not medically trained, the case was out of my hands and I absolutely will not get in the middle between a patient or client and the professional being consulted.

And this brings up another important principle: understand your limitations. If you don't know anything about investing, don't give investment advice. Every astrologer does not know everything. There are astrologers who specialize in the market. Use them. I sent a client of mine to one last year. I hope she helped him.

It is perfectly all right to tell the client, "I don't know." Another thing that is all right to say is, "I'm not sure." Tell the truth. Sometimes it might be easier to give a client a well-battered platitude, but you are not doing your job.

One young woman I read for many years ago badgered me and badgered me trying to get me to forecast that the man she was interested in would reciprocate. He was married, and I had to tell her she hadn't a prayer. Years later (20, perhaps) she told me the reason she kept coming back to me was that I rarely told her what she wanted to hear but that she could always count on me for the truth.

Use tact in what you say. A wise man once told me you could tell people absolutely anything if you knew how to do it. He was right. If you don't know how, take a course in communications, or counseling.

Honesty is always the best thing to bring to the relationship you have with a client. I can see if a husband is ill in the wife's chart. I can't always tell her what he's ill with. I may have to say, "I don't know." This is her chart, not his. When you explain it, people understand quite well.

One time a client was upset with me because her husband died the day after I had done a reading of her chart and she felt I hadn't warned her about it. I had told her there was a health problem and suggested she urge him to get a physical check up. All I could say to her later was that I was sorry my suggestion came too late. I don't run the universe, I simply try to help people make sense of it.

Read conservatively. If something is shown in a chart in three different ways, you can feel confident about a forecast. But things are seldom as good or as bad as you think they will be. Give yourself some leeway.

Try to avoid situations where your reading may be compromised. It's very hard to be detached about your own children's lives, sometimes. Send your child to an astrologer you trust for career help if you realize you are looking through rose-colored glasses every time you pick up his chart.

The same principle may apply to other relatives and sometimes close friends. If you can't be objective, say so. Sometimes you have to give yourself a good boot in the rear end when you fail to understand your limitations.

The Hippocratic rule physicians follow is a good one for all astrologers to follow:

First, do no harm.

Help if you can.

Hands off if you can't.

This seems so "common sense" we should all realize it, but many times we wade in on someone's life without sufficient forethought.

Prepare thoroughly for each reading. Do the best work you know how to do. It is perfectly acceptable, however, to limit the number of techniques you apply to each client's chart.

Back in the pre-computer days, I spent many hours on the mathematics of each chart, double checking constantly. Now preparation time is much faster and we can use more tools, but we do not necessarily see more. Try not to get lost in the details. Stick to reliable techniques and per-

fect them. Before you read for any person, take a few moments for meditation or prayer. If you do not wish to call it prayer, call it centering yourself, or whatever you like, but take those moments for quiet, reflective preparation.

Don't try to overload the client with information during each reading. There are many times in life when leaving things out of the reading means that more currently relevant things will fit into it. If you haven't discussed every house in the chart, perhaps it is because you were doing a few of them more intensely.

Do this with confidence. Trust yourself. Follow your instincts. Listen to what the client needs. Of course, sometimes you will be flat out wrong. Admit it. Baseball players get paid big bucks for hitting balls less than a third of the time. Astrologers with 90 percent batting averages should be worth millions, right?

Sometimes you will fail. Forgive yourself. Try harder next time. Sometimes you will be criticized. Listen carefully. Your enemies will tell you more important things you need to know than your friends ever will.

Charge a fair price. Don't undervalue what you have to give. You worked hard to learn to be an astrologer. Establish your fees and stick to them. Charge when clients call during the year seeking additional information. If you include such calls—or one of them, perhaps—as part of your annual service, make that clear in the beginning.

If a client becomes a friend, make sure the friendship is not simply a camouflaged way to get free information. If in doubt, stop talking astrology with them and see how well the friendship does. It is not unethical to avoid being used. If a client is taking advantage of your good will and demanding increasing amounts of time, increase your fees.

Establish private time. Make sure regular clients who call frequently understand that you don't work on Sundays, for instance. If you have a client so self-centered they constantly intrude on your life over a long period of time (not simply during a crisis), ask yourself if their business is worth it. Listen to your answer.

Don't allow clients to become too dependent. Some people are born leaners. You are not being a good astrologer to allow it. You may have to cut them loose, even if you lose some income.

Don't operate in a vacuum. Talk to other astrologers. Find one you can confide in who will talk honestly with you.

Continue to study. Grow in your knowledge. Learn new techniques. Add to your library. Stretch yourself. Do the best you can to be a better astrologer year by year.

A word about money. Keep good records. Pay your taxes. Don't play "under the table money" games. Hold your head up. If a disgruntled client starts trouble for you, your hands will be clean. Remember, this is your livelihood, not a hobby. Treat it respectfully.

If you are an astrologer, treasure the name and carry it with dignity. Give astrology the best you can. You have some of the knowledge of the universe in your hands. Hold it with great care. It is a trust.

Share what you know. Teach others who ask, help the beginners, counsel those who want to follow in your footsteps. This is your gift to the world. •••

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Ten rules for astrologers

- 1—Everything modifies everything else.
- 2—Nothing is as good or as bad as you think it will be.
- 3—Forecast conservatively—it's better than looking like a complete fool when you're half wrong.
- 4—Study love, money and health issues. If you become a professional, 99 percent of your clients will want information on them. If you stay an amateur, it's probably what you want to know. The rest is frosting.
- 5—Don't take your transits too much to heart. The word transit means 'passing on by.' The stations are the most reliable indicators.
- 6—Continue to study. Pay attention to the old timers. They're the ones who taught the astrologers that you think are so wonderful.
- 7—Take astrology seriously. Don't give away what you know too cheaply. It cost you plenty to learn it. Charge a fair price if you charge.
- 8—Keep your mouth shut. Don't talk about what your clients tell you and what is confidential information. Before long, nobody will tell you anything and you will stop learning.
- 9—Listen. Half the time your clients just need somebody to talk to. Most of them will solve their own problems if they get a little moral support from you. They probably don't need a forecast as much as the hand holding.
- 10—Share what you know with others trying to learn. It keeps astrology vital into the future. It is your gift to the world.

These aren't the only rules, just a few of the biggies

Tidbits from the Tabloid's

by Arlene Marcia Nimark

Newbits: July 19, 1999 issue of People Magazine: Cindy Crawford gave birth in her Brentwood CA home on July 2, 1999 at 6:00 PM, PDT to an 8-lb. 4-oz, 20 inch long baby boy. She gave birth after 17 hours of labor. The child was named Presley Walker Gerber. The talk is that since his real name is Gerber, and that the Gerber baby has not been change for God knows how long, Presley should be made the new Gerber baby. Does anyone out there have any opinion of this?

Now back to Tidbits from the Obits

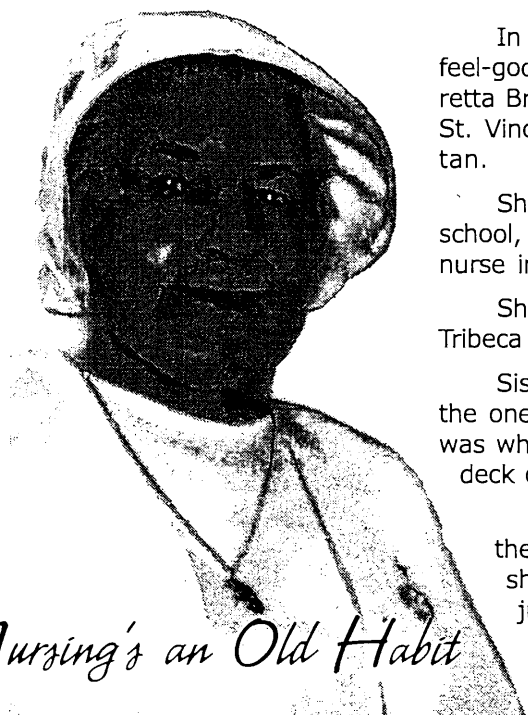
May 13, 1999 *New York Times* Saul Steinberg, an epic Doodler died Wednesday May 12, 1999 at home in his Manhattan apartment. Cause of death not given. He was born June 15, 1914 near Bucharest, Romania. In 1940 he received a degree in architecture from the *Reggio Politechnico* in Milan Italy. In 1940 he fled Italy, and came to the United States using a fake passport. Because of a current quota system he was sent to Santo Domingo and did not make it to New York until 1942. Yet on Oct. 25, 1941 the *New Yorker Magazine* carried a drawing of his for the very first time.

In 1943 he had his first American one-man show, which was held at the Wakefield Gallery in Manhattan. That same year he married a painter by the name of Hedda Lindenberg Sterne. They separated in 1970, they never divorced. She is still alive.

He served in the Navy, in fact he was given an ensign's commission the same day he received his citizenship. He was discharged in 1946.

The March 29, 1976 cover of the *New Yorker* carried his most famous image, a New Yorker's view of the world. In his lifetime he did 642 drawings and 85 *New Yorker* covers.

For Sister Mary Margaret Brock...



Nursing's an Old Habit

In the *New York Daily News* of Oct. 29, 1999, appeared a feel-good article, entitled "Nursing's an old Habit". Sister Margaretta Brock age 86 has been working as a nurse for 65 years at St. Vincent's Medical Center on the lower West Side in Manhattan.

She is the oldest living graduate of the St Vincent's nursing school, and almost certainly is the oldest active emergency room nurse in the country.

She was born Mary Margaret Brock on Feb. 12, 1913 in the Tribeca section of Manhattan, to Irish immigrant parents.

Sister Margaretta has been involved in many dramas, but the one she especially recalled occurred on Feb. 23, 1997. That was when a gunman opened fire on tourists on the observation deck of the Empire State Building.

A family from France was brought into St. Vincent's with the mother and father gunshot victims and the daughter in shock. Sister Margaretta reunited the family before the injured parents went into surgery, and visited with them until they left the hospital. She is still in touch with the family.

New York Times, June 21, 1999.

On Sunday June 20, 1999 Clifton Fadiman died in Sanibel Island, FL. He had lived on nearby Captiva island. Cause of death was not given.

Clifton was born on May 15, 1904 in B'klyn, New York. He was labeled a "Wordsmith" for his encyclopedic command of English. He learned to read at the age of 4 and at the age of 10 was reading Homer, Sophocles, Dante and Milton.

He graduated Columbia University Phi Beta Kappa in 1925. His first job was as a teacher at the Ethical Culture High School (now named Fieldston) in Manhattan, where he taught until 1927. He was an editor at Simon & Schuster until 1933. He then joined the *New Yorker* as book editor, where he stayed for 10 years.

In the spring of 1938 he was asked to be the moderator for a radio program entitled "Information Please", which aired until 1948. In 1952 he became the host of the TV show entitled "This is Show Business". In the late 80s he lost most of his vision as a result of acute retinal necrosis.

July 4, 1999 *New York Times* John Stears, the wizard of film-effects died on Monday June 28, 1999 in UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles. The cause of death was a stroke.

Stears was born August 25, 1934 in Uxbridge, England. In 1965 he won an Oscar for the special effects for the James Bond thriller "Thunderbolt".

In 1977 he again won an Oscar for special effects, this time for Star wars. R2-D2 and C-3PO were his creations. He was chosen to do the special effects for the movie F/X in 1986.

Film chronology: 1957- build aircraft's and model boats for "The One That Got Away." 1958- he did the special effects for "A Night to Remember" a film about the sinking of the Titanic. 1962- he did "Goldfinger." 1964- He created Agent 007's famous car The Aston Martin DB5. 1969- He touched off the avalanche in "On her Majesty's Secret Service." 1968- he built the flying cars for the movie "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"

New York Times, April 30, 1999. Judge Dominick L. DiCarlo died on Tuesday April 27, 1999 of a heart attack while exercising at a gym at the Federal court complex in Manhattan, NYC..

Judge DiCarlo was born Dominick Leonard DiCarlo in the Bay Ridge section of B'klyn, in New York on March 11, 1928.

In 1980 he helped to run the New York State campaign of Ronald Reagan. Two years after Reagan was elected, he appointed DiCarlo to the United States Court of International Trade. In 1991 President George Bush appointed him chief judge. In 1996 Judge DiCarlo left that post.

Nov. 22, 1999 *New York Daily News:* Did you know that Helen Hayes made her first stage appearance on Nov. 20, 1909, at the age of 8? As

I am sure by now everyone has heard about the 14 year old Buddhist leader who fled Chinese controlled Tibet for India. (Data from the January 7, 2000 *NY Times*) He is the 17th Karmapa Lama who is venerated as the reincarnated leader of a major branch of Tibetetan Buddhism. The boy's real name is Ugyen Trinley Dorje and he was born June 26, 1985 into a family of nomads in eastern Tibet.

Karmapa Lama



per Lois Rodden's *Profiles of Women*, Helen Hayes was born Oct. 10, 1900 at 3:25 am EST in Washington, D.C. 38N53 77W01. According to the *New York Daily News* March 18, 1993, Helen Hayes died peacefully in her sleep on March 9, 1993 at 3.30 PM at the Rockland County Hospital.

New York Times: On Nov. 5, 1911, in Sheepshead Bay, B'klyn, Pilot Calbraith P. Rogers took off in a plane to begin a historic first flight across the United States. It was not exactly non stop, the hop to Pasadena took 49 days. There was 24 days lost to bad weather and mechanical problems.

New York Daily News November 29, 1999: Did you know that the first TV broadcast aired from the Metropolitan Opera House on Nov. 29, 1948? This occurred on the anniversary of the first Italian opera performed in America. It was on Nov. 29, 1825 that Rossini's "Barber of Seville" was performed at the Part Theater in New York.

New York Daily News of Nov. 23, 1999: Enrico Caruso made his American debut at the Metropolitan Opera House on November 23, 1903 in the role of the duke in Verdi's *Rigoletto*.

New York Daily News of Nov. 24, 1999. Did you know that November 24th is the birthdate of two illustrious individuals. John V. Lindsay, who won the New York City Mayoral election in 1965, was born Nov. 24, 1921 in Queens, NY. One of his opponents was William F. Buckley, who was born November, 24, 1925 in Manhattan.

New York Daily News Dec. 12, 1999. On Dec 12, 1900 J.P. Morgan, with the help of Charles M. Schwab, created United States Steel, which turned out to be the *first* billion dollar corporation.

New York Daily News Dec. 17, 1999. On January 1, 1892 Ellis Island opened its new facility, the original Federal Immigration Center. Five years later it burned to the ground. The Immigration Center at Ellis Island reopened on Dec. 17, 1900. More than 16 million immigrants passed through Ellis Island before it closed its doors for good in 1954.

New York Daily News, Dec. 29, 1999. On Dec. 29, 1910 the NCAA was born despite the rising criticism against the new game of football for its violence. During December of 1905, the Chancellor of New York University, Henry MacCracken and representatives of 13 other colleges came together to establish reforms in game rules. This resulted in the formation of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States. On Dec. 29, 1910 the name was changed to the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

New York Daily News Dec. 31, 1999: On Dec. 31, 1929, New Years Eve, Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians ushered in the New Year by

playing "Auld Lang Syne" for the first time. It was aired nationwide from the Roosevelt Grill in the Roosevelt Hotel. This led the nation to identify this tune with New Years Eve. Before that evening "Auld Lang Syne" had been the Royal Canadians' theme song.

New York Daily News Weekend Magazine Aug. 20-22, 1999: On January 3, 2000 the coach of the New York Jets, Bill Parcells, retired from coaching (he had retired once before.) He had passed the baton to his assistant coach Bill Belichick. Parcells was born Aug. 22, 1941. The January 4, 2000 *NY Daily News* states that in 1959 he graduated from the River Dell High School in Oradell NJ.

Chronology— Giants

- Dec 15, 1982: Parcells is named head coach of the Giants.
- Sept. 11, 1983, Parcells has his first win.
- Dec. 2, 1984 beat the Jets for his first winning season.
- Dec. 14, 1986: coached the Giants to their first NFL title.
- Jan. 25, 1987 : won Super Bowl XXI .
- Jan. 27, 1991. wins second Superbowl.. May of 1991: resigns as coach of the Giants.

Chronology — Patriots

- Jan. 21 1993: becomes head coach of New England Patriots.
- Sept. 5, 1993: suffers first loss as Patriots coach.
- Oct 10, 1993: first win as Patriots coach. In May of 1996 Parcells asks to be let out of his contract a year early.
- Jan. 26, 1997 His team losses Super Bowl XXXI.
- Jan. 30, 1997, NY Jets contact the New England Patriots owner about Parcells.
- Jan. 31, 1997 Parcells resigns as head coach of the New England Patriots.

Chronology — NY Jets

- Feb. 1, 1997. Jets' Prez, Steve Gutman, phones Bill Belichick.
- Feb. 4, 1997: Jets announces that Belichick will act as head coach until Parcells is able to come on board.
- Feb. 5, 1997: NFL commissioner puts a freeze on hiring (while he studies the contracts of Parcells and Belichick) before approving their deals with the Jets.
- Feb. 7, 1997: Bill Parcells signs a six-year deal making him coach and GM following the 1997 sea-

son for a at least four of the six years.

- *Aug. 31, 1997:* Bill Parcells makes his winning debut as the Jets coach. Jets beat Seattle 41-3.
- *Dec. 14, 1997:* Tampa Bay defeat gives Parcells his first winning season with the Jets.
- *March 20, 1998:* Parcells adds insult to injury, by stealing Curtis Martin away from the Patriots.
- *Dec. 13, 1998:* With their win against the Dolphins, the Jets earn their first AFC playoff berth in seven years.
- *Dec. 19, 1998:* The Jets win their first division title since 1969.
- *Jan. 1999:* Parcells, as Jets coach, gets his first playoff win over Jacksonville. The team moves on to the AFC Championship game, only to lose to Denver.
- *Jan. 2, 2000 (evening):* Parcells told his wife and family that he was resigning as head coach of the N.Y. Jets.
- *Jan. 3, 2000:* Parcells resigns as head coach of the Jets, and Belichick is named to take his place. *Jan. 4, 2000:* Bill Belichick resigns as coach of the Jets.
- *Jan. 4, 1999 New York Daily News.* Bill Belichick was born April 16, 1952 in Nashville Tenn. He now resides in Long Island, N.Y.

New York Daily News Jan 12, 2000 On Jan. 11, 2000 at 1:30 PM, Robert Wood Johnson IV, age 52 and heir to the Johnson & Johnson pharmaceutical and health-care empire, received confirmation that his bid to purchase the NY Jets was accepted. He is the Jets new owner. As of yet I do not have his birth data. The one thing that both the NY Daily News and the NY Times states that he is a very private man.

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New York Times—

"From Parlor Tea to Social Revolution" Chronology of the women's movement —

- Nov. 12, 1815: Elizabeth Cady Staton, born in Johnstown, NY.
- Feb. 5, 1820: Susan B. Anthony born near Adams Mass.
- July 9, 1848: Five women including Staton met for tea at Jane Hunt's house in Waterloo, NY and decided to hold women's right convention.
- July 19,-20 1948: more then 3000 people attended the first womens tights convention in Seneca Falls.
- May 13, 1851: The activist Amelia Bloomer introduced Staton to Susan B. Anthony on a street corner in Seneca Falls, beginning a five-decade partnership.
- Jan. 10, 1878: Senator Aaron A. Sargent of Calif. introduced a sesolution written by Staton and Anthony giving women the right to vote; in was introduced in every Congress for the next 45 years.
- Oct. 26, 1902: Staton dies at the age of 86.
- March 13, 1906: Anthony dies, also at the age of 86.
- Aug. 18, 1920: The 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote is ratified.
- Nov. 2, 1920: Eight million women legally exercised their right to vote. The only signer of the 1848 Seneca Falls conference was Charlotte Woodward lived to cast her vote.



— Metro Section of the Sunday New York Times, Nov. 14, 1999

Birthplace of a Movement

In Waterloo NY (upstate New York) there is a nice little house for sale. The house is called the Hunt House, whose original owner was Richard P. Hunt, and whose wife Jane hosted a tea on July 9, 1848.

Her guests were Elizabeth Cady Staton, and three other women. They gathered to express their indignation about their property-less, voteless status; and found themselves spontaneously vowing to change it. Ten days later in Seneca Falls NY, the first womens-rights convention was held.

Peanuts

New York Daily News Dec. 15, 1999. As of Jan 3, 2000 the comic strip *Peanuts*, by Charles Schulz, ceased, and the last Sunday comic strip ran on Feb.13, 2000. On Jan. 4, 2000 the NY Daily News began rerunning Peanuts strips.

On Nov. 13, 1999: Mr Schulz was diagnosed with colon cancer and on Dec.14, 1999, about 2 weeks after his 77th birthday, he announced that he was ending his Charlie Brown and the Peanuts comic strip. Schultz died at XXX the evening of Feb 12 in Los Angeles, the night before his last Sunday Peanuts strip was scheduled to appear.

Charles Schulz was born Nov. 26, 1922 in Minneapolis MN, and grew up in St. Paul, MN. His first comic strip was published in the "Ripley's Believe it or Not" on Feb. 22, 1937.

The strip he had submitted was a drawing of a dog, "Sparky". Sparky was a hunting dog that ate pins, tacks, screws and razor blades. The first "Peanuts" strip appeared on Oct 2, 1950 in seven newspapers.

Peanuts Chronology

The Peanuts gang (From the *New York Times*, Monday, Feb.14, 2000). Charles Monroe Schulz was born Nov. 26, 1922, in Minneapolis, MN. He died Saturday evening, Feb. 12, 2000, at his home in Santa Rosa, CA.

- Charlie Brown —First appearance; Oct. 2, 1950. True-friends Linus, and various other "pen-pals" appeared Sept. 1, 1958)
- Lucy, his football nemesis, Nov. 16, 1952. Charlie managed a baseball team that never won, but he hit one home run on March 30, 1993.
- Snoopy first appeared on Oct. 4, 1950. *Born*: Daisy Hill Puppy Farm, *Owner*: Charlie Brown. *Siblings*: Spike, Belle, Marbles, Olaf and Andy. Snoopy battled the Red Baron from his doghouse beginning Oct. 10, 1965, Beginning July 12, 1965 he became a novelist.
- Lucy Van Pelt first appeared March 3, 1952. Brothers were Linus and Rerun. Lucy's unrequited love was Schroeder (smitten on May 30, 1953) Began her curbside psychiatric clinic March 27, 1959. Her famous words "Happiness is a warm puppy" first was spoken to Snoopy April 25, 1960
- Linus Van Pelt's first appearance was Sept. 19, 1952. His mother puts strange notes in his lunch box. He carried his blanket everywhere beginning Jan. 1, 1965. He sat in many a pumpkin patch waiting for the Great Pumpkin with no results beginning Oct. 28, 1959.
- Peppermint Patty First appeared on August 22, 1966 Her unrequited love was Charlie Brown, and her true friend, Marcie.

- Schroeder first appeared May 30, 1951 His inspiration was a toy piano.
- Spike's appeared Aug. 13, 1975, but was mentioned Aug. 4, 1975 He is Snoopy's brother
- Woodstock flew in April 4, 1967, and was named on June 22, 1970. Friend of Snoopy Accomplishments; Birdbath hockey.
- Rerun debuted March 26, 1973 although mentioned May 23, 1972 Named May 31, 1972 Sibling of Lucy and Linus
- Marcie arrives June 18, 1968 Best friend of Peppermint Pattie, whom she calls "Sir." She sits behind Peppermint Pattie in school. True love; Charlie Brown
- Little Red-Haired Girl is first mentioned Nov. 11, 1963 She is never drawn.. Once seen in a silhouette on May 25, 1998
- Franklin first appeared July 31, 1968. He met Charlie Brown at the beach. Accomplishments; Center fielder on baseball team
- Sally is introduced Aug. 23, 1959 Born May 26, 1959 Named June 2, 1959 Brother, Charlie Brown Unrequited love is Linus
- Pig Pen First appeared July 13, 1954 Accomplishments: remaining dirty. He always left a cloud of dust behind him as he walked.

New York Daily News Jan. 11, 2000 Arcella Garcia, a 54 year old grandmother gave birth to triplets on Saturday Jan. 8, 2000. The first of her triplet daughters was born 4:49 PM PST at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital. (Lat.. 46N7, Long. 120W30 - American Atlas) According to her doctors no fertility drugs were used, neither was artificial insemination. Conception and birth were natural.

The next tidbit is an obit from the *NY Times* dated Jan. 3, 2000. It starts by saying that a New Yorker born in 1898 died at the dawn of 2000.

Charlotte Green was born Aug. 25, 1898 in Manhattan. At age 10 she began taking piano lessons, the value of learning to play the piano was incalculable. It began a lifelong love of music. She was a good student, and graduated Morris High school in 1916 after three years.

She began working at the law firm of Lord, Day & Lord in 1918 and remained employed there till her retirement in 1978. She had a brother Jerome, was born in 1903 and died 15 years ago, and sister Harriet Green Masury, was born in 1900 and died in 1998.

She spent her vacations traveling worldwide. She never married. On Thursday Dec. 30, 1999 Miss Green was taken to the hospital suffering from pneumonia, and died on Jan. 1, 2000 at 2:45 PM. ...

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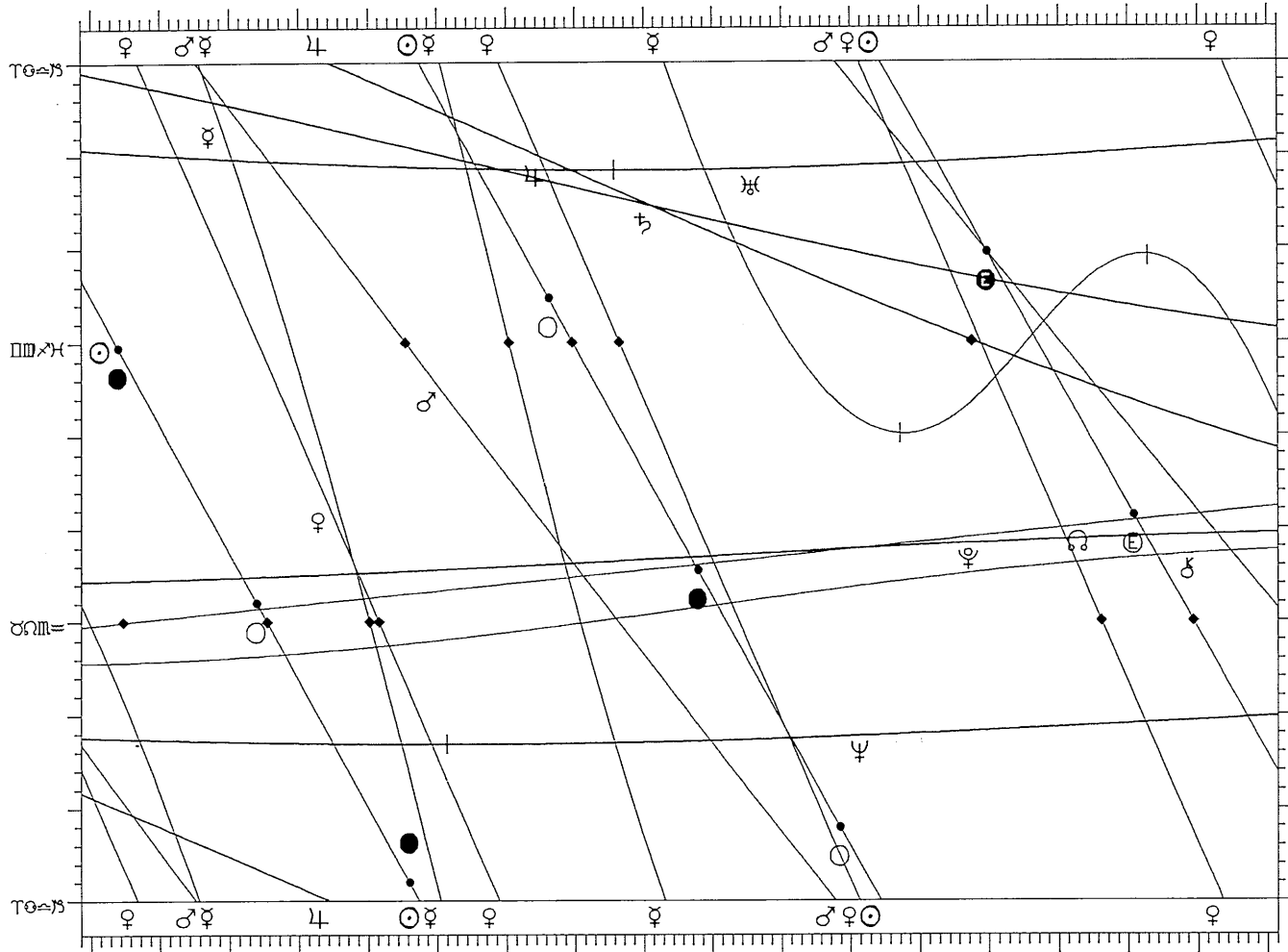
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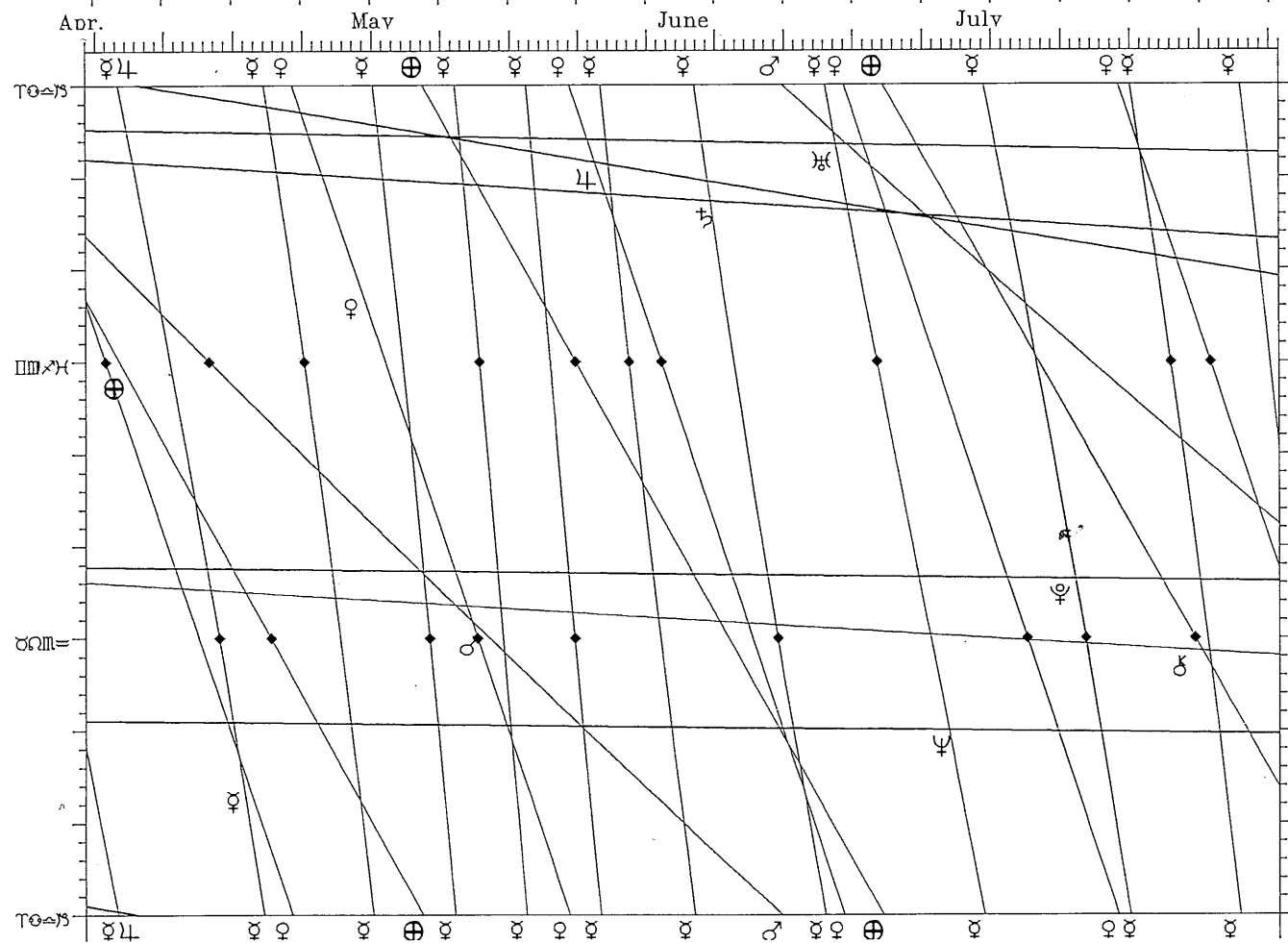
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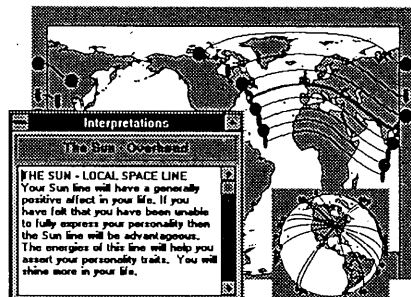
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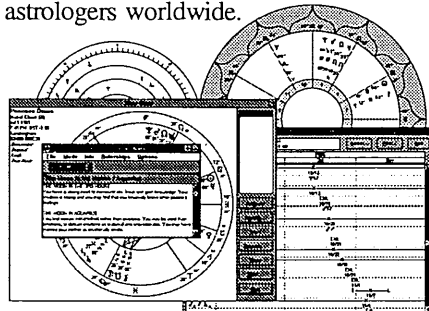


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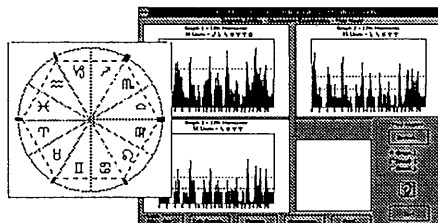
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