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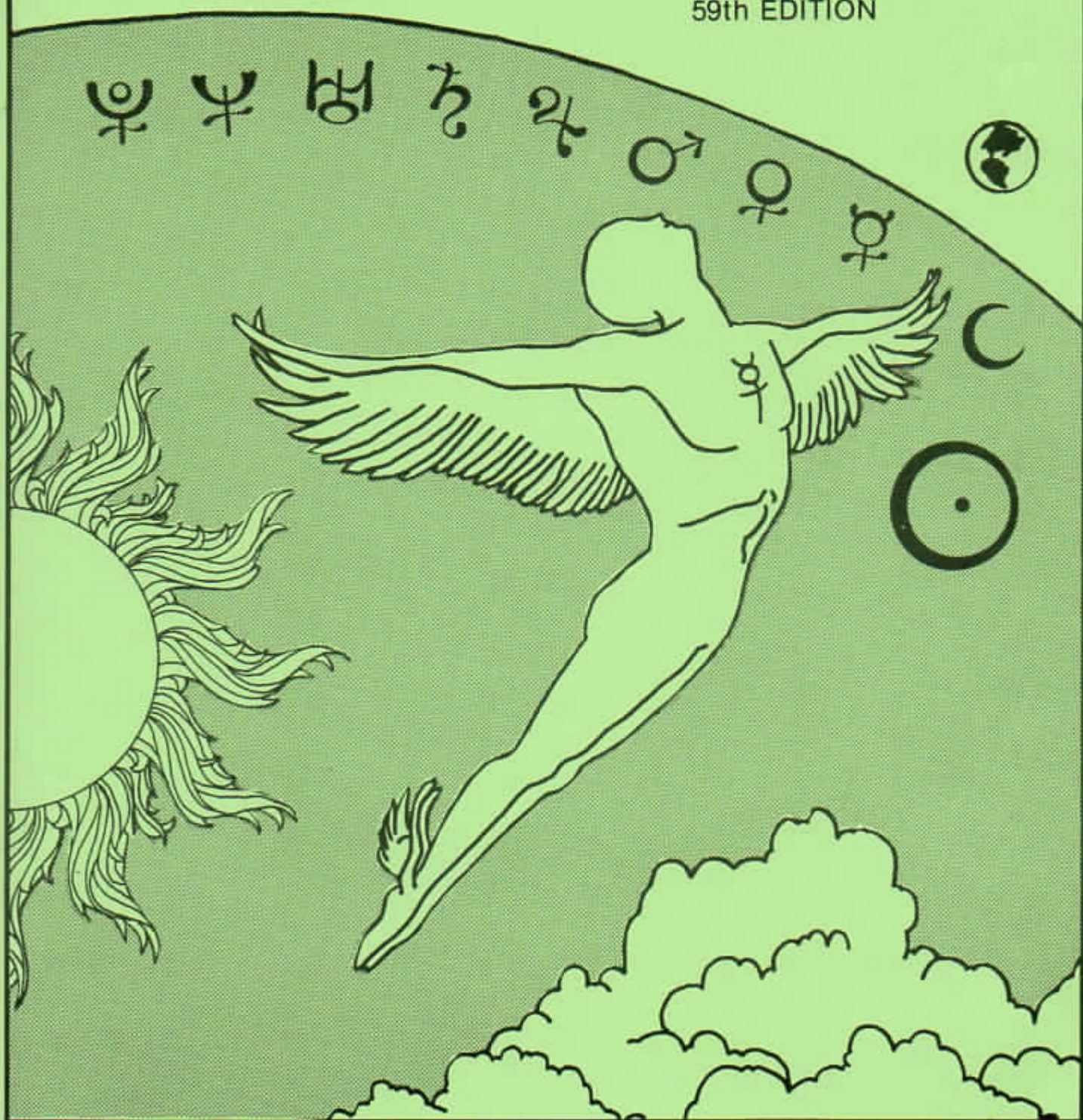
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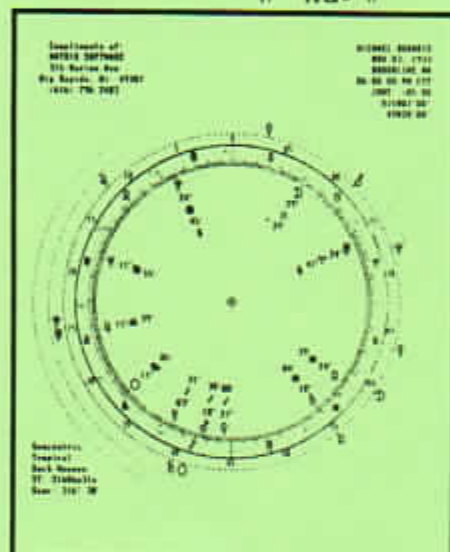
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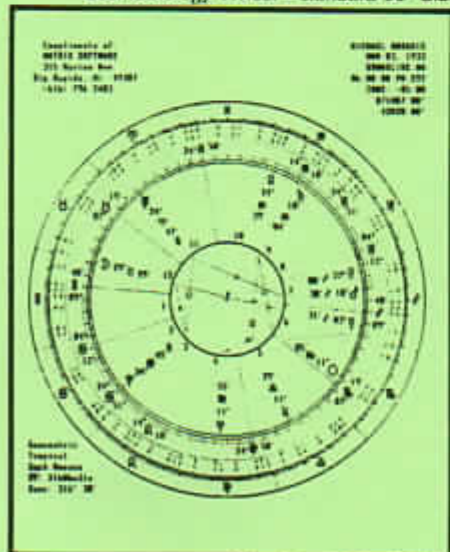


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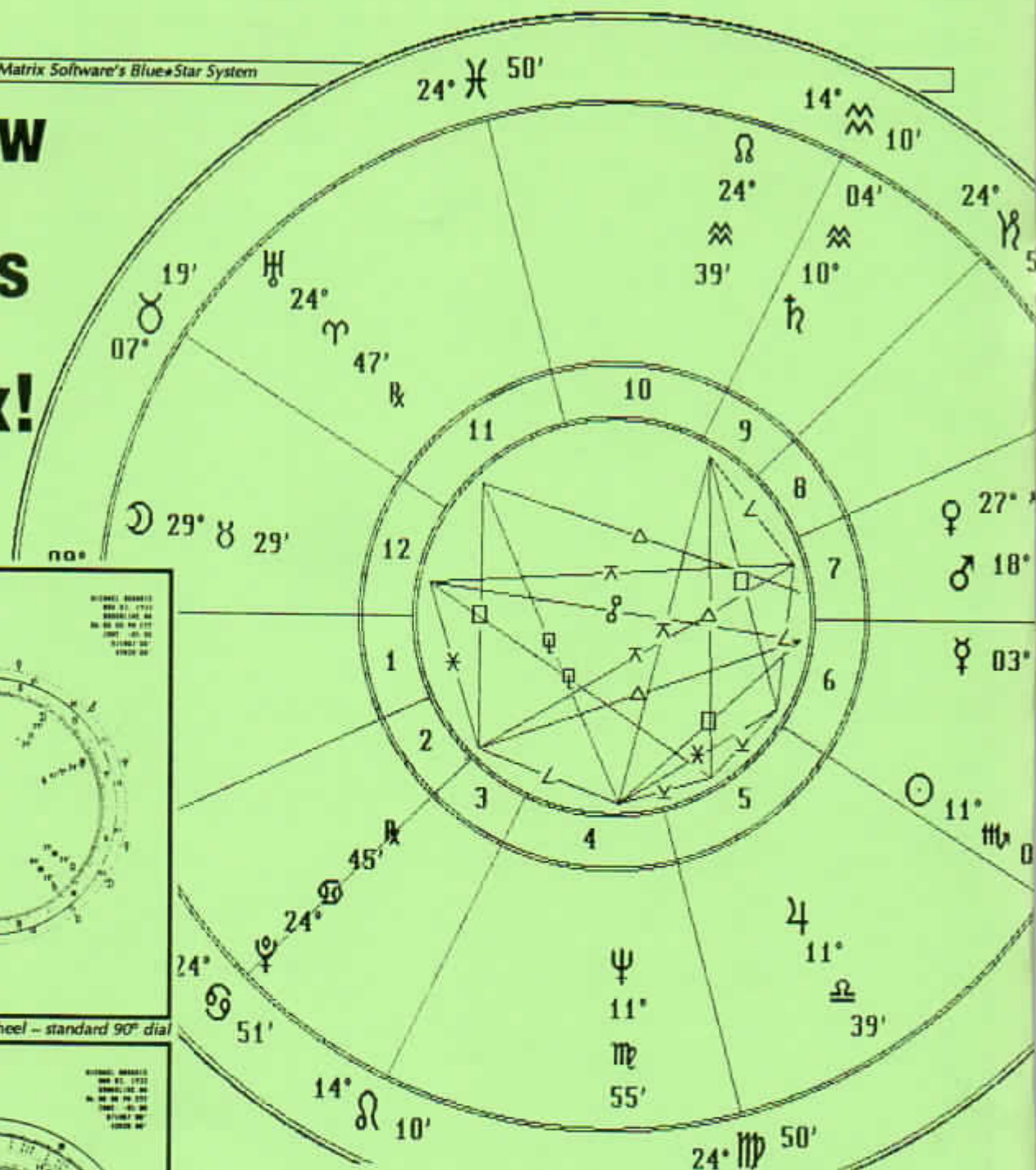
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HI! I think I am just going to call this my "WELCOME BACK" issue and letter. I have so many things to be thankful for -- mainly for all of you wonderful people out there who have shown their interest, their concern and their generosity for myself and the **MERCURY HOUR**. I certainly would not be writing this letter without your help and understanding. If I haven't personally answered all of your letters it is because there has been so little time to do anything except concentrate on getting the MH up and running again. **BETTY AND PAM** have both been great in getting things organized. (We keep a bottle of Roloids on the office shelf in case of emergency and have only used half the bottle so we are doing much better?) I just wish you could see **BETTY's** list of notes for the computer program and printers! **PAM**, with her Virgo rising, suggested Betty get it all organized, instead of all the scraps of paper she has around. Our Aquarian Betty thought that was very funny! I will say for one who has never worked on a computer before she has done a real good job!

This edition may look a little strange, as I warned you it might. We have two different kinds of printing and letter sizes because we couldn't get the laser to work the way we wanted it to. We finally solved that problem and continued on with the laser but didn't have time to go back and do all the rest over again. You can tell me which print you prefer.

My letter is being done in two

columns simply because several have written in to say they don't like things across the full page, to difficult to read. You asked for it -- you got it!

Apparently some folks didn't understand (or didn't read!) my last letter in which I said we would only print **TWO** articles, each no more than 4 double spaced, or 2 single spaced pages. **PLEASE** get what you have to say into this space so I don't have to cut stuff out to make it fit. We have to give others a chance to put their two cents worth in! I am only trying to comply with the wishes of many who don't want long articles.

There has also been some discussion about the extra editions. I guess I am going to have to try and clarify that again. There have been a few suggestions about it that I can't print! Some have suggested that I just include them in the subscription price and raise the price. This I don't want to do. Some said to send them out basically for free. MY question is: Don't folks realize that it costs just as much to print and mail the extra as it does the regular? A lot of folks don't get the extras so unless they are prepaid I don't get them printed. I print about 25 to 30 over in case someone forgot to order ahead but that's all! Not only does the printing and postage have to be paid for but so do Betty and Pam for the preparation of the extra. To some I say -- **get real**, this is not a money making proposition to begin with! (As Jewell found out rather quickly!) I started the extras

many years ago so that everybody got their chance to have their say. In order to do away with them I would have to leave out a good deal of what comes in and do a lot more editing. (Which I hate the thought of.) As long as one third of the subscribers want them I shall continue to print them. It is now about half. Enough said or would you like to comment further on this issue?

Wouldn't you know that as soon as I got the MERCURY HOUR back the Post Office decides it must make some changes in the way the Bulk Mailings are done. (Among other things.) ALL ADDRESSES must have three lines ONLY. The name on the first line, the street address and apartment number or whatever on the second line and the city, state and zip on the third. THAT IS IT! We entered them in the computer this way and we also had to be sure that it fit on the line indicated for the labels. This called for abbreviating, leaving out business references, etc. We did the best we could under the circumstances and hope you understand our problem. I doubt if complaining to the government would help at all!

BETTY, PAM, and I just watched a video tape put out by VLS, "PREDICTIONS '89". There are many astrologers involved: MICHAEL LUTIN, GLORIA STARR, JIM LEWIS, ROBERT DONATH, ARCH CRAWFORD, GARY CHRISTIAN, to name just a few, a total of 22 actually. The tape deals with finances, relationships, health and just about everything you would like to know about 1989 including a fashion show. (This I could have done without.) The tape is 87 minutes in length. I thought it was very well done but wished the second half was done the same way as the first half. The main theme of course is the three major planets in Capricorn. It deals with the Saturn/Uranus conjunction and also Pluto in Scorpio. The price is not bad -- \$24.95. For more information on it write to: VLS Att: Sharon Lynn, 2100 West Loop South, Suite 610, Houston, TX 77027. You can also order it on your credit card by calling 1-800-333-0901, operator 30.

I am going to remind you once more that as Editor/Publisher of the MERCURY HOUR I do reserve the right to edit, to print or not to print, as I see fit. I'm the one

who has to read the complaints and try to please as many as possible. I also have to get as many letters from different people in as possible. As someone who wrote in said: "IF YOU AREN'T PART OF THE SOLUTION, THEN YOU ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM!"

An interesting (there's that word again! Where would astrologers be without it?) thing occurred the day after Helio Saturn went to 0 deg. Capricorn. That was the day that Jewell informed me I might have to take the MH back. My Sun and MC are in Capricorn.

MARGARET HARDING from Manhattan Beach, CA sent us a thought that the Pennsylvania Dutch grandmother of her "astrology Godmother" told them: "It requires Seven Sweets and Seven Sours to set a proper table!" Remember that when you are reading future editions of MH, please.

Here are the statistics on a head-on collision. Oct. 2, 1986, 4:18 PMEDT, Lynchburg, VA 79W09 37N25. You'll miss the whole thing if you don't put the helio planets in the chart. Helio Mars was 10 Pisces 28' and Helio Saturn was 10 Sag 18'. The Geo Mars was 26 Cap and Geo Saturn 5 Sag. NOPE! I am not going to get off your backs about taking a good look at helio placements! After 5 years of working with them I won't do a chart without them. Natal, events, I even put them on the 90deg. dial. Every way I work with Geo I also work with the helio. This way I get the whole picture, not just half of it.

If anybody buys "ASTROLOGICAL PIONEERS OF AMERICA" from the AFA or anywhere else, will you PLEASE correct my birthtime in it to 12:54 PMEST. That damn 1:19 PM time is still floating around and I have no idea how many times I have tried to get it corrected. It was a rectified time that I never used. It just wasn't me! I also wrote to one of the gentlemen involved in the book and told him I didn't feel my only claim to fame was lecturing at an AFA convention! I would much prefer being remembered as a recipient of the MARC EDMUND JONES AWARD in 1984 and for publishing the MERCURY HOUR for many years. (My Helio Mars in Aries was showing?) "Did you hear Pat Bowlen sold the Denver Broncos to Corazan Aquino and they will move to the Philip-

piners? Then they will be called "The Manila Folders"! MARY SCHNEIDER of Denver sent us that little gem. I have a date of Oct. 11, 1960 for the Broncos. If that date is correct they have Neptune opposing Mars at 9 of Cancer. Their Sun is at 17 or 18 of Libra and the Moon from 28 of Gem to 10 of Cancer, Mercury at 12 Scorpio, Venus at 17 Scorpio, Jupiter at 27 Sag, Saturn at 12 Cap, which could explain a lot about some of their problems? Heliocentrically they have Mercury 18 to 21 Cap, Venus at 0 Cap and Jupiter at 8 Cap. It will be interesting to see what happens with this team this season. (Does anyone have a better date for them?)

LUISA BURNS very happily shared with T. PAT DAVIS the information she was able to obtain on Dan Quayle's birthtime. It was written in "The Lebanon Reporter" newspaper on the day of his birth. The paper stated he was born "at noon" in Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis on Feb. 4, 1947. There is another part to this story that is rather discouraging however. It seems when someone called Dan Quayle's Mother to ask for the time they were informed by his mother that "an ASTROLOGER friend of mine said I should not give Dan's actual time of birth to anyone." Call he/she what you would like but definitely NOT an astrologer, who isn't willing to share information with others.

Wayne Moody of MATRIX sent me a couple of sample charts from their new program. It is the 90 degree dial! (There is an ad in this edition for it.) The Ebertin Dial with the chart in the center of the wheel is just great. The glyphs are large and easy to read. Naturally the program does a lot of other things as well but I do like that 90 degree dial printout. You can update your existing program (512K or 2.1). See the ad for more information. This is it for this time. Will be waiting to hear from you. The earlier you get your letters to me the surer you can be of them getting in the next issue. We will go to press on Feb. 15th and be typesetting as we go. A word to the wise!

Love and Hope,
EDITH

WELCOME BACK

The following is a list of people who had dropped out of the MH but are now back. They are ready to "talk" - are you?

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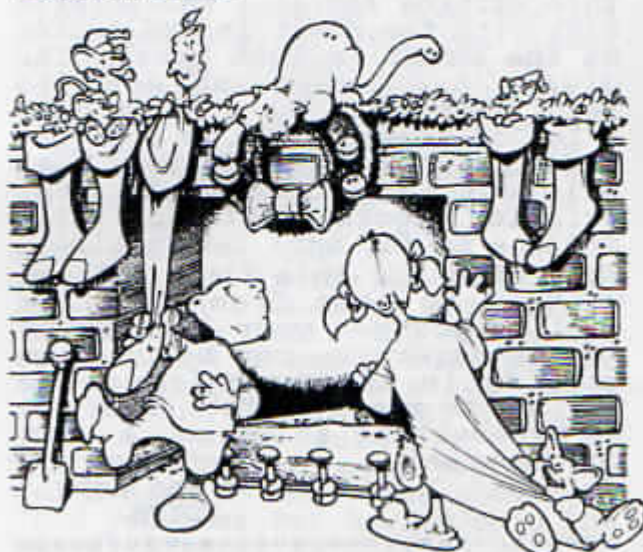


CHART MART

by

MARC PENFIELD

Well, this summer has seen some new data come to light, what with bios on the famous being published en masse.

CRANE, CHERYL (Lana Turner's daughter who killed Johnny Stompanato, her mother's lover) was born in Los Angeles, CA. on July 25, 1943, at 5:16 a.m. Data from the Birth Certificate. You really should read her book DETOUR, it's a real shocker and not for the faint-hearted.

CROCKETT, DAVY (explorer) was born in or near Greenville TN. on Aug. 17, 1786, on a "hot August morning" according to the local Chamber of Commerce. My speculative time has about 20 Virgo rising with Mars conjunct the Asc. Sure seems to fit his lifestyle, doesn't it? My spec. time comes out to 7:30 a.m. LMT.

HEPBURN, KATHARINE (actress) was born in Hartford, Ct. on Nov. 8, 1907 (not 1909 as previously given) according to the book YOUNG KATE by Christopher Andersen. He substantiates this date with numerous local newspaper clippings and college yearbooks. According to the author, when young Kate was born, her mother wanted to see if she was born with red hair, so she asked the doctor to hold her up to the window. Sure sounds like a daytime birth to me. My guess would be a fire sign rising, possibly early Sagittarius or Aries. The Moon in late Sagittarius squares Saturn and opposes Pluto, a definitive description of her personality.

SHEARER, NORMA (actress) was born in Westmount, Quebec, Canada on Aug. 10, 1900 (not 1903 as states in Sabian Symbols). Time generally used is 10 a.m. Data from the book NORMA by Lawrence Quirk.

WINDSOR, DUCHESS OF (wife of Edward VIII) was born in Blue Ridge Summit, PA. on June 19, 1895, (not 1896 as usually noted). Data from the book THE SECRET LIFE OF THE DUCHESS OF WINDSOR by Charles Higham, in which he goes at length into the illegitimacy of the Duchess and the reason why certain dates were falsified. Lois Rodden once told me that the Duchess was born on the kitchen table very late at night, more than likely with Aquarius rising. I've come up with a speculative Asc. of 2 1/2 Aquarius with a 24 1/2 Scorpio M.C. which seems to fit the events of her life.

So there you have it, three bios which give us differing years than what is generally accepted.

From LOIS RODDEN comes the following:

BUSH, GEORGE (Presidential candidate) was born in Milton, Mass. on June 12, 1924, between 11 a.m.-Noon according to his mother. According to the NADI system of rectification (which works 95% of the time), the time could be either 10:53 a.m. or 11:47 a.m. EDT. The former gives a M.C. of 25 Taurus with Asc. at 0 Virgo while the latter gives a M.C. of 8 Gemini and an Asc. of 11 Virgo.

BENTSEN, LLOYD (Vice Pres. candidate) was born in Mission, Texas on Feb. 11, 1921, at 2:30 a.m. CST according to the Birth Certificate, shown in Gaueuqlin's Book of charts.

BORGE, VICTOR (pianist) was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on Jan. 3, 1909, around 5 a.m., according to Borge.

BURTON, RICHARD (actor) was born in Pontrhydyfen, Wales on Nov. 10, 1925, in mid-afternoon just as his siblings were coming home from school, according to Burton. Two decades ago when I personally read the chart for Burton in Las Vegas, he told me the time was "very late at night". I drew up a chart for 11 p.m. which gave an Asc. of mid-Leo, and it worked quite well, especially with the synastry with his wife, Elizabeth Taylor.

DUKAKIS, MICHAEL (Presidential candidate) was born in Brookline, Mass. on Nov. 3, 1933, at 6 p.m. according to his mother. Data obtained by Frances McEvoy from the hospital gives the time as 5:50 p.m.

DUKAKIS, KITTY (his wife) was born in Cambridge, Mass. on Dec. 26, 1936, at 6:50 a.m. according to her father, Harry Ellis Dickson.

QUIGLEY, JOAN (Nancy Reagan's astrologer) was born in Kansas City, MO. on April 10, 1927, at 4:17 p.m. according to data given by her to Doris Chase Doane.

HOLMES, JOHN (porno. star) was born in Pataskala, Ohio on Aug. 8, 1944, according to his birth certificate. He gave the time of 6 a.m. (EWT to Robert Paige, while he gave me the date of 1945. Wonder who is right?

Well, that's all for now. Glad Mercury Hour's on the road again. Keep up the good work, Edie. We missed you!

DON BORKOWSKI
SALEM, OR.

Enclosed is a check for the reinstatement of my subscription to the good, old MH. Oddly enough, I find it is actually harder for me to waste paper by double spacing than it is to avoid personal attacks.

(Tell you what Don...I'll change that to "two single spaced pages or four double-spaced pages, just for you to be happy! Edith)

In the August, 1988 issue of HELIOGRAM, I reworked an article, adding a stronger Helio perspective, to a contribution that originally appeared in MH #50. I received some feedback regarding use of progressed houses; it seems that they are unfamiliar to some people. So, I would like to offer some insights on progressions.

Those of us who have studied astrology for more than 10 years have seen enormous technological changes affect the way astrology is practiced. I prepared charts longhand from 1971 to 1975, used a calculator from 1975 to 1982, and have used a computer ever since.

When stripped to the rudiments, the arithmetic of astrological computations is drudgery of the worst kind. Consequently, over the thousands of years of astrological history, those techniques that have survived have done so, either because they work or because the math was easier. Progressions are a case in point. When astrologers had to perform their own astronomical observations, 90 days of transits would provide 90 years of progressions.

Fortunately, progressions work. Yet many of us who use progressions are still encumbered by archaic conventions that bow to unaided math. First is the ACD, the adjusted calculation date. This figure is a date on which the uncorrected ephemeris listings will be exact. The ACD is bunk! It is a tempting shortcut that looks good on the surface, but it precludes any serious depth of analysis.

The second is the ignorance of progressed houses. It is most common to progress only the ASC. and the MC. And aspects made by these progressed angles correlate strongly to events. Back in the days before tables of houses, cal-

culating the angles was a real nightmare. Calculating the succedent and cadent cusps was even worse. So, equal houses enjoyed much popularity, and progressions were left incomplete.

When I began my astrological studies in 1971, I simply decided to take Llewellyn George's venerable A to Z and work my way through it. Even though I later decided that many of his calculations were unnecessarily cumbersome, I was always exposed to progressed houses. After I decided that a self-taught astrologer has a fool for a teacher, I learned some refined calculation techniques. Progressions are to be calculated from birthday to birthday. For your birthday, add one day for each year of your new age (pun intended) to your date of birth. Keep the same time, same time zone and same place and calculate a natal chart. This is your progressed chart, and all its planets and cusps are as accurate as your natal ones. To find your progressions for dates between birthdays, you will need to have progressed charts for the prior birthday and the coming handy. Then you just interpolate between the two charts. This goes for the cusps as well. Even though all 12 signs rise every day, don't worry about it. (If you want to try considering it, this gives what are known as quotidian cusps. I have drawn no conclusions about them because I get good results the other way.)

I put the progressed chart together with the natal chart on a double wheel. I draw the natal chart in the center in black or blue ink, and the progressed chart is drawn on the outer wheel in red. Allowing each month to be 1/2 of a year, I will also include a schedule of the progressed Moon by month. Aspects can be figured from the progressions to the natal chart and to other progressions. I use an orb of only one degree, but for corroborating aspects involving the Sun or Moon, 1 1/2 degrees can be allowed.

Progressed minor cusps are read just like progressed angles. They can be correlated with events and attitudes equally, and they take on the coloration of the house involved. Using Placidian cusps, I have Venus, Pluto and the Sun in the 8th house. I had my tonsils taken out when my progressed

8th cusp was conjunct Venus. When it was conjunct Pluto, I suffered the death of a friend. Sexual events marked the conjunction with the Sun. Surgery, death and sex are all manifestations of the 8th house. These were no coincidences; when my friend was killed, my progressed MC was conjunct by Mars at the same time. Mars and Pluto share ruler-ship of Scorpio on both my 11th and 12th houses. Similarly, Venus rules the throat, neck and tonsils. Taurus on the 6th. cusp with Venus in the 8th illustrates health problems in those parts of the body. That progression showed the timing. Regarding the sexual event, the Sun rules Leo, which in my chart, is intercepted in the 8th house.

I use both progressions and transits. Even though the technology used to predict with transits has been around for awhile, there is no reason to throw the baby out with the bathwater. Astrology has an affinity with Aquarius, ruled by futuristic Uranus and anachronistic Saturn. Both have something to offer. We should always strive to think and to get the most out of our tools.

SUSAN MANUEL
Falls Church, VA.

Recently I wrote encouraging you to sponsor another 7 Hills Conference next April. A few days later I received the HELIOGRAM where you mentioned your Neptune aspects and said you don't even feel like writing. Despite my enthusiasm for 7 Hills, I do want you to know that I certainly empathize. For the past two years I have been struggling to understand and accept the transit of Neptune square my natal Neptune and M.C., a Midheaven eclipse, and at the same time, Pluto squared its natal place. Neptune will finally separate in November, but at present I still feel drained, zonked, blinded, confused and empty much of the time.

What irks me is that I seem to have gleaned so little understanding from the process, so little wisdom, so little growth. Despite attempts to gracefully accept all that has happened, and willingly adapt to the difficulties of trying new circumstances, I feel like the same stubborn person I was two years ago. I am not a very good Neptunian. As for Pluto, once before in my life I lost much of what I then considered dear. It was difficult, yet I recreated my life and reinvented myself with a certain zest and sense of

adventure. Now it seems necessary to begin again, but I feel too tired to even consider the prospect right now. So, I will continue to "tread water" for a while longer.

Well, this is certainly starting out to be a delightfully cheery letter. Did I mention that Helio Saturn and Uranus are square my Mercury? I promise not to write again until they square my Neptune and I have more words of hope and joy to share.

If you're ever visiting Washington I hope you'll call me. Under the rays of Neptune in Capricorn we could wander the streets aimlessly, complain about the Federal Government or do any number of other fun things. It's a Pisces town with its Neptune at 27 Libra, conjunct the axes of black holes Centaurus X-3 and Andromeda M31. I learned that from the Heliogram, thanks to Diana Rosenberg. I also learned that my Sun and Mercury are aligned with black holes. However, now that I've revealed myself to be a sniveling depressive, and put down the Nation's Capital, I am beginning to fear you may hesitate to call me even if you visit Washington regularly every month for the next five years. Oh dear.

Trying once again to end on a sincere and upbeat note, let me say that I really do wish you peace of mind, rest and relaxation.

(Susan - Rest and relaxation? Now that's FUNNY! Edith.)

DORIS GREAVES
TATHRA, NSW

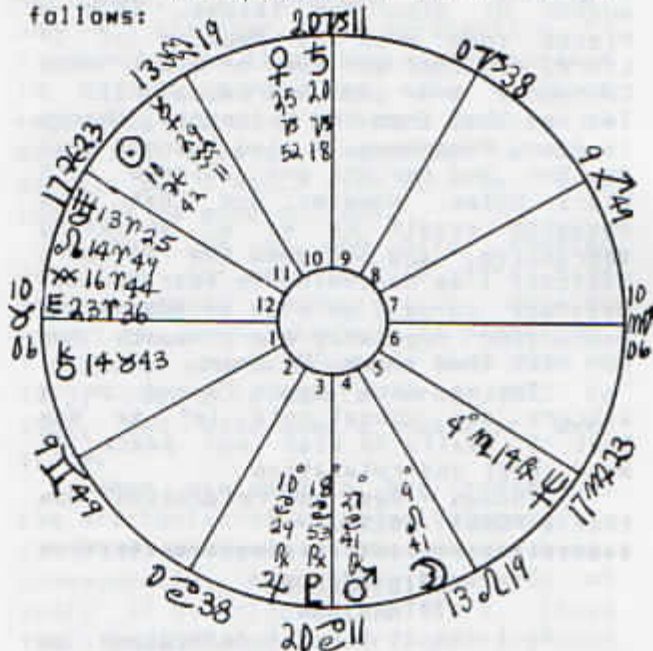
As I see it the Saturn/Neptune on your Sun next year linking as it does with America's chart could make it heavy going. The Saturn/Uranus this year is not encouraging membership in astrological circles-in fact there has been a real down turn in interest. Next year could be even worse as England and Australia are also affected by the Saturn/Neptune/Uranus in Capricorn. A lot of pressure will be on you Edith at a time you should be retiring in comfort.

(Thanks Doris, I needed that! You are right about the heavy going, at least for awhile until things get straightened out here. I wonder if the Saturn/Uranus in Capricorn will mean astrologers are going to have to take more responsibility for their work or if it will just be more work for astrologers. Perhaps it could be that Saturn, as the teacher, will bring things back to reality in an innovative fashion! (Edith)

**MARGUERITE DAR BOGGIA
SANTA PAULA, CA.**

Recently I read an interesting prediction about Mikhail Gorbachev that evoked my interest in a speculative chart for him. The idea occurred to me that the eclipse in Sept. 1988, at 18:40 Virgo must have been on his progressed Moon.

To my surprise the progressed Moon was in Virgo! Using the time of 12:05 GMT the computer came up with a Midheaven of 20:11 Capricorn with Saturn exactly conjunct it, and Pluto opposing it, and an Ascendant of 10:06 Taurus. The speculative chart is as follows:



Mikhail Gorbachev
March 2nd, 1931
Krasnogvardeisky,
Stavropol, USSR
45N51 41E31
12:05 GMT

About three and a half years ago when he came into power the progressed Ascendant conjuncted Jupiter, sextiled the Ascendant and trined the Sun. The progressed M.C. trined progressed Jupiter.

The eclipse of 9/11/88 conjuncted his progressed I.C. at 17 Virgo and his progressed Moon at 20 Virgo. On March 7, 1989, the solar eclipse will fall exactly on his progressed M.C. At that time his progressed Ascendant will SQUARE Uranus; progressed Mars will QUINCUNX natal Sun, SQUARE The Ascendant and conjunct natal Moon. These aspects may validate the prediction, to wit: There will be an attempt on his life and he will survive. Apparently he should not be bringing up the past mistakes.

Since many of the predictions in Share International magazine, made by the Master Maitreya have come to pass, such as the end of the Iran-Iraq War, Cuban troops will leave Angola, or are about to come to pass, such as the release of the hostage, Terry Waite, etc.. I gave some credence to the present predictions.

Anyone interested in receiving all of the predictions to date, can send a large self addressed stamped envelope to Tara Center, Box 6001, No. Hollywood, CA., 91603 with a \$1 donation for printing costs.

Other predictions were interesting, such as the overflowing of the Thames, and the flooding of the Houses of Parliament.

The eclipse in March, 1989, at 17 Pisces is exactly on my progressed Sun, which squares my natal Moon in the 8th, and is in an exact Yod with Neptune, and the progressed M.C. which conjuncts the natal part of death. In addition, Mars, ruler of Scorpio Ascendant exactly opposes it. These are only a few of the aspects. At the time of the UAC CONFERENCE on July 13, transiting Saturn will be at 9:55 Capricorn. My natal Sun is at 9:51 Capricorn.

**SHIRLEY MEIER
Shelburne, VT.**

Am feeling overwhelmed by all the Helio data found in Heliogram. I have been setting up Helio placements on outer rims of Geo charts and then simply interpreting House placements, sign changes and interactions between Geo/Helio. From what I can gather from newsletter, others are using Helio charts as an entity in themselves. I do believe I have lots of studying ahead of me.

(Shirley: Just remember that Helio to Helio is the strongest. Helio to Geo. does work but it is the Helio to Helio that really has the impact. Just watch your transits at first. Edith)

**ELSIE LANDRY
San Francisco, CA**

"When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost."

**EUNICE C. BEALE
Boston, MA**

To Allen Blathwaite (Oct. '88 edition, pg. 27) I have a Fixed Grand Cross and Water Grand Trine.

MELINDA CHRISTENSEN
Seattle, WA.

I was very upset by a review recently done by Richard Nolle and published in his magazine StarTech. So I am sending you the same letter that I sent to him along with the request that you print it in Mercury Hour.

Dear Richard Nolle Sept. 24, 1988

It's been about two months since you wrote your review of MacAstrologer. After which I called you and left a message on your phone machine about my confusion as to why you would write a not only incomplete, but a misleading review. Needless to say, you did not respond to my phone call, or offer me any written explanation so I could understand your actions. I apologize for not writing sooner, but this is not a pleasant letter to have to write, and I have been extremely busy with my business.

First off all, let me state that having reviews done on MacAstrologer is something I value greatly. But I would just as soon do without a review if it is going to be incorrect, malicious or misleading. The StarTech review was comically, and obviously misleading by showing the default design and saying that it was a MacAstrologer standard printout. The default design is nothing. It was put there only to make designing the chart you most prefer an easier process. The default design is bland and boring purposely because I can't even begin to say what most, or what any astrologer is going to find best, prettiest or artistic. The program comes with four sample designs: Natal, Triple wheel, Solar return/Progression, and Composite/synastry. If you had no designing impulses of your own I would have assumed that you would have used one of these designs.

I don't know if your review was done maliciously. But I thought the column was at the least unprofessional to so widely misrepresent my product visually, and also in print. Your review failed to clearly define the features of both programs. And by "features" I mean not only calculations and program capabilities (which you only touched on), but also interface, and ease of use--something that Macintosh prides itself greatly on, and an area in which MacAstrologer greatly excels. Lastly, I was shocked to read: "I showed both printouts to half-dozen 'people on the street' to get their impressions. All of them...preferred Graphic Astrology..." As if to say this was a contest. This low level of reporting integrity is extremely offensive.

I understand that you are not a Macintosh user, therefore reviewing a Macintosh Program may be difficult for you. Yet with all of your computer experience you, surely, must realize these short comings, and I would think that then you might send a preliminary copy of your projected review to the manufacturing company so you can at least assure correctness. Doing anything less libeling. And I must assume that was your intention.

You are unfit as an Astrology computer program reviewer for the sole reason that you sell Matrix products. It is quite obvious to me that the two StarTech issues Cancer and Gemini breach a space in time in which something happened---Graphic Astrologer was picked up by Matrix. So you can now sell Graphic Astrologer at a 10% discount along with all of your other Matrix software. That can be the only explanation for why you treated my product in the casual and damaging manner in which you did. I am sickened and disappointed that you review Astrology computer software in this manner.

(Richard - wuz you a b-a-a-a-d boy? Edith)

Here is Richard Nolle's reply to Melinda, which he has asked us to print.

Dear Melinda,

Thank you for your letter of the 24th, received today. It may come as some comfort for you to know that your reaction to my review is typical. (No one has ever shown your rare lack of taste and judgment, but I have gotten irate letters and phone calls from the head honchos at every software house by now.) Software producers are never happy with my reviews, because I attempt to be objective about their products. They of course, because of personal involvement, cannot be objective.

Thus for example Dennis Haskell complained about the very same review of his (Time Cycles) software and yours (Full Phase), even as you are complaining. Like you, he wishes I had shown more of the kinds of output his program can produce, instead of only one example. However, as was very plainly stated in the review, "each of these two programs provides more kinds of output than I can show you in a single column."

Face it Linda: no publisher can or will make available enough space to provide illustrations of all the var-

ious output options any software can produce. That's what paid advertising is for: allowing companies to state their case their way. If you want to have a biased presentation of your product, buy an ad. If you want an impartial presentation, take your chances on a review. Your suggestion that I should have sent an advance copy of the review to you for your approval or to check for inaccuracies is ludicrous, first because there are no inaccuracies in the review to which you refer, and second because no one in a right frame of mind would ever put a fox in charge of the chicken house. As I say, if you want an advertisement, buy one - don't expect a reviewer to write one for you.

I personally don't care who makes a product when I review it. What I'm looking for is what the product does for what it costs. What I attempt to do is to make readers aware of the strengths and weaknesses of a product, and then offer a recommendation. (In software reviews, I qualify my recommendation by saying that what the user has in the way of hardware and what the user wants to do in the way of applications may make one program preferable to some users and another to other users.)

Thus I have sometimes recommended an Astrolabe product over a Matrix product (for example Progressed Astro-Report over Life Progressions), and sometimes the reverse; I have also recommended small third party software over offerings from the "Big Two," as for instance the review I wrote comparing Cosmic Patterns' Kepler to Blue*Star Level II from Matrix. If I thought your product was a better value, I would have said so. Over-all it isn't, in my opinion, and that's something consumers may wish to consider. However, in recognition of your program's ability to customize printouts, my review does state "it does offer a great deal of flexibility for users who want to design their own chart layouts."

I must say I am appalled at your ignorant assumption of some tie between myself and Matrix's decision to distribute Time cycles Software. First, I have never sold any Macintosh software to anyone, preferring to refer them to Full Phase and Time Cycles for information and sales. Thus I have sent customers to you and to Dennis Haskell gratis. For this I am repaid with your unfounded insult. And you have the nerve to accuse me of bias, when you jump to conclusions in ignorance because it suits your natural prejudice in favor of your own product! I do not know when Matrix decided to distribute Dennis' software, which has long been

distributed by their major competitor, Astrolabe. Since I have no financial interest in any of these three companies and have never sold any Macintosh software, it is none of my concern what arrangement Time Cycles has with Astrolabe or Matrix. For all I know Matrix may have decided to become a Time Cycles distributor after reading my review - when they realized what a superior product it is.

It seems unlikely that you will understand my perspective on your program. I have compared your program to the one from Time Cycles, and I find yours inferior in some ways, superior in others. In order to provide a check on any personal aesthetic bias, I took the step of asking others to choose which default output - yours or your competitor's they found most attractive. For this you take me to task? I disagree with your claim that MacAstrolager "greatly excels" in ease of use. It does not, in my experience, and I have tried both programs without being personally involved in either. Neither you nor your competitor can make that claim.

As I say, every software producer has had at least some complaint about every review I have ever written. No reviewer ever completely pleases the person whose product (books, software, whatever) is being reviewed. That is not the reviewer's job. The reviewer's job is to give accurate and impartial information on the product for the benefit of readers who may be potential users/consumers of that product. I have never had a complaint from a reader of my reviews, excepting letters such as yours from producers who disagree with my conclusions. I take that as a sign that I'm doing my job.

In closing, I hope you'll reread the review. Perhaps then you'll see that it presents MacAstrolager as a good product - not as good as Graphic Astrology Gamma Edition in many respects, but a good product nonetheless. If you really think that reviewers will generally think as highly of your product as you do, then you're mistaken - and that seems to be the real problem here. It's a competitive world out there Linda, and MacAstrolager has a long way to go to measure up to the competition in many ways. On the other hand, the competition doesn't offer the customized output MacAstrolager does - as pointed out in my review - so you've got something in your favor. Build on that strength, work on the weaknesses, and your program ought to do very well!

Sincerely yours,
Richard Nolle

DOROTHY S. WILLIS
Nova Scotia

WINTER SOLSTICE
DEC. 21, 1988, 3:28 P.M., GMT

Probably the most overall disturbing effect of this winter is the first of three geocentric conjunctions of Saturn and Neptune, beginning Feb. 19 thru March 19th. The exact date being March 3rd. This will bring widespread and longlasting lows across the world. Lack of sunshine affects everything, from crops to health. Predominantly S.E. winds are at variance to the normal flow. As this occurs again in June and the last in November, the year will be plagued. Oddly enough, severe droughts usually occur adjacent to the lows, bringing more grief to areas. The Helio conjunction takes place at full Moon on July 18th. With eight planets in the southern half of the chart, and all but Pluto and Jupiter in southern declinations, most weather patterns will affect the southern lats. more severely. Jupiter in northern declination promises a milder winter for the northern areas.

The Sun, Uranus, Saturn, Neptune and Mercury all lie within 12 degs., and all are southing and in southern declination. This has almost a blanket effect on both U.S. coasts, the Caribbean and South America as well as the west European coastal areas and the East Asiatic. Storms generated at sea will make their way to these shores eventually. For the U.S., lows forming off the east coast will veer eastward, back onto the continent, moving northward. While Neptune has a moderating influence on the temps., Uranus and Saturn in Capricorn are bitterly cold. In the northern lats. ice cover will be very thick and extensive. Uranus will bring cold winds from the Arctic air masses swooping down over N.E. Canada and also Alaska, where the group squares the M.C. Saturn, who is opposing Chiron, starts off with a semisextile to Venus which will bring a brief spurt of fair weather, but as Venus moves to cojoin this whole cluster in Jan. winter will take on a severe turn.

Venus, nearing a semi-sextile to Pluto, lies at 79W, down the east coast and Florida, through Cuba and Panama. The Caribbean subtropical air mass, which is moist and warm anyway, will get an added shot of moisture which will then circulate northward. Rains through the full Moon on Dec. 23rd, until the new Moon in Jan. when conditions will dry out some. The full Moon on Dec. 23rd. may be particularly nasty for Florida and the mideast. Lunation

Saturn lies over the east Florida coast while the lunation, cojoining Uranus, lies over the Gulf coast, leaving Florida the meat in the sandwich. This extends from Hudson Bay through Panama. In the eastern hemisphere, eastern Indian and the Bay of Bengal are under the same influence.

Mercury crosses the eastern tip of Brazil only 2 deg. past the conjunction with Neptune and about to square Mars on Christmas day. Humid cloudiness, changing with Mars' energetic influence to winds. Mercury, with Neptune, lie over Japan and eastern Australia, while squaring the M.C. over northern British Columbia, through Vancouver Island. Strong winds along that N.W. coast, westerly. Temps more or less seasonal, humidity up and a chance of hail.

Geopluto lies right on the Nadir at 1E and 179W, with Mars forming a trine the first week of Jan. At that time Mars will be over 124W and 56E, squaring the Moon. This places Mars over the N.W. Territories, B.C., western Washington, Oregon and N.W. California.

Mars at the solstice, in Aries, is dry and cool. He lies at 128W and 51E, practically the same areas as above. In Jan. he aspects Jupiter by semi-sextile which may raise temps. slightly but will continue the dry trend in the west. March 11th he cojoins Jupiter to bring abnormal dryness, with increased heat following and severe electrical storms to the west coast.

Jupiter lies midcontinent at 87W. Any moderating of temps. will occur from there east. This is not always good, as when warmer air meets cooler, precipitation results and in this area that could mean some heavy snows. The same applies to 93E, and the squares at 3E and 177W. This latter point may be a signal for seismic activity when Mars cojoins.

The Moon lies at 74W, but being in Gemini, her moisture will be lessened along the N.E. coast.

HELIO

Mars in the Helio chart throws his heat and dryness only 3 degs. from Geo. Jupiter's influence, at 90W. He cojoins Jupiter on Jan. 9th raising temps., bringing possible thaws, dryness and thunderstorms. This covers the same area as Geo. Jupiter. He also affects China, India and western Europe.

Venus, in the last degree of Libra, crosses the meridian at roughly 107W, from Regina to El Paso and on the Mazatlan, Mexico. She moves rapid to sextile Uranus, Saturn and Neptune, followed by the conjunction to Pluto on

Dec. 30th. COLD WAVES!! Followed by rising humidity, torrential rains in the far south, heavy snows in the north and in higher elevations. Venus also crosses India and squares over eastern Europe.

Jupiter, in Gemini, covers the same areas as Geo. Venus. Warmer temps. with drying winds. This gives a puzzle. Geo. Venus says wet for Florida, while Helio Jupiter says dry and lovely. We shall see.

Pluto lies about 94W, through the plains states. He is still within orb to the sextile of Neptune and Saturn, but the orb is widening and so lessening. Mercury is applying to the square Dec. 22nd, winds will rise. Pluto also affects west Europe, India and New Zealand.

Mercury in Aquarius lies over the Atlantic bringing some cold winds across west. Europe and Britain. He also lies over the Aleutian Islands. The square to Pluto may see some reaction there. His square to Mars on the 27th will see high winds also.

Uranus, Saturn, Neptune and Chiron are all in the same position as in the Geo. chart.

There are two eclipses this winter, the first, Feb. 20th, a lunar eclipse, and the second, the solar eclipse on March 7th.

"BOBBIE"

Middlesex, N.J.

To comment on the 58th Edition: Maka Ingle, p. 6: Words fail to express my feelings for you as I read your letter about your son's death. My father and step-mother were killed in an auto accident ten years ago. The "shock" and "Uranian-type" wound this creates within oneself is something only the "time of Saturn" can soothe, and hopefully, heal. Also, p. 36: You discuss the possibility of astrologers charging for their services. Yes, we have been trained and that training is an on-going, continuing process which has cost many dollars what with lessons, lectures, seminars, books, etc. Yes, we are providing a service to others because of what we have learned. And, yes, we do spend time in preparation before and time with the client.

Time is one of our most valuable assets, and as anyone familiar with business realizes, "Time is Money", and "In order to make money, one must spend money." Money then becomes a "tool" to gain other "tools"--in essence, whatever our material needs or desires are. And, we must consider material needs and/or desires because we live on this Earth.

Giving is another important fact to consider. It makes one feel good to give help to another when it is needed, whatever the method of giving is. However, there are times when "no help" or "saying No" is the best help/assistance we can give. If we give too much, the recipient may not only feel in debt to us, but may also become embarrassed to the point of avoidance.

Many people ask questions, but do not truly want the answers. They need their "problems" for their own psychological reasons, and no amount of discussion from anyone (including an astrologer) is going to correct their situation until the individual is ready to let it go. An astrologer charging for their services isn't charging for the "information given" as much as it is for their "time spent". In addition, it also shows the "seriousness of intent" on the part of the client as well as the seriousness of what is involved. And, because the client has to pay for the service, (s) he is more apt to appreciate the seriousness of the information given. It IS more than just "fun and games". The astrologer receives value for his/her money; each has given; each has received; a balanced situation of exchange and interaction.

To John Kalus, p. 14: Do you have a publisher's name or place where "The Cheiro Book of Fate and Fortune" by Cheiro can be purchased? When they say, "The World's Greatest Seer", they are right-on! You are correct in using the word "uncanny". I recently found the treasure, "Cheiro's Book of Numbers" -- I could not put it down! In one rather small volume, he answered questions I've posed to other numerologists over the past ten plus years; either they totally ignored the questions, or their answers were "way out in left field".

It would be interesting to consider the degrees of the planets in a natal chart to his system of numbers to see if they correlate events and/or occurrences of import to the individual. I've found the degrees themselves can have an effect on the age of the individual according to the planet which is involved; perhaps this system will take into consideration the "minutes". Will have to explore this avenue further.

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DON BORKOWSKI

SALEM, OR

A CYNIC'S CENTILOQUY

A centiloquy is literally a speech of a hundred items. I have endeavored to make a hundred statements relating to the study and practice of astrology and including both astrological odds - and - ends and great amounts of my personal philosophy. Ptolemy and Alan Leo had their own centiloquies; now, here is mine. This centiloquy is written with the intermediate student in mind. Advanced students should know this material already, and wide-eyed beginners will probably think I am an awful man.

1. The best substitute for a natal chart is a solar chart. If the birth time is known, then think of what an accurate solar chart you can also get.
2. Often the physical characteristics of the planets will be reflected in the physical characteristics of people who have those planets prominent.
3. The ascendant is generally the most important factor in the horoscope.
4. Aries is the sign of the ram, but Aries is also the sign of the sheep. (Think of how soldiers have to follow orders unflinchingly.)
5. The sidereal zodiac has some validity in mundane astrological work, but I've never seen it have any validity in character analysis.
6. Angles are severely overrated. They have gained their importance through the relative ease in which they are computed mathematically and through the fact that most astrologers agree on where they are. Progressions and transits to minor cusps are just as important.
7. Most people's looks are generally keyed to the rising sign. The majority of the remainder have looks related to the Sun sign. A few people appear mainly like the Moon sign. Some people look like none of the above. Of course, there is no way to tell, by just the chart, whether its owner will favor the Sun, Moon, or rising sign.
8. Equilibrium charts show vividly how the other planets relate to the planet used to base the chart upon.

9. Conjunctions are symbolic of mixed blessings. Both positive and negative implications are merged in the whole.
10. I have never seen a semi-sex-tile prove anything.
11. Ascertaining unknown ascendants by the color of clothing a person is wearing is both preposterous and as affront to any serious astrologer. People do change their clothes. Also color choice is affected by fashion and by progressions and transits.
12. Music is not communication. Musical skills and interests are often shown by the second house. The third house shows communication. It must be kept in mind that the second house is the twelfth from the third.
13. Landscaping is often considered the province of all the earth signs. Really, the act is mostly Taurean.
14. All succedent houses represent activities that involve other people. These houses also all have financial connotations.
15. The greatest weakness of today's astrological students is that they are more impressed with quantity over quality.
16. Birth certificates are not sacrosanct.
17. Don't let the intellectuals and experts tell you what to think. Make your own intelligent decisions from the evidence you find.
18. Signs are generally more important than houses in geopolitical astrology.
19. Equal houses can explain a lot of theory, but there is a huge difference between theory and practice in any discipline.
20. A detailed knowledge of chart calculation in terms of celestial mechanics and spherical trigonometry does not make an astrologer.
21. Gemini ascendants are often fertile when they wish to be sterile and sterile when they wish to be fertile.
22. When calculating progressions, I recommend producing a complete set of progressed cusps. This adds an additional four pairs of points that move approximately a degree a year.
23. An average mutable influence is necessary for skill in handling changes. Yet a person

- with a mutable grand cross can rarely make a decision without soliciting as many opinions as possible.
24. Houses are generally more important than signs in natal astrology.
 25. Relocation astrology is mostly mathematical game-playing. An individual's best location can be ascertained by studying the 4th house in depth. The new location is then suggested by the traits the 4th house desires.
 26. All house systems work for someone, but when in doubt, use Placidus.
 27. The cross of matter, the crescent of soul consciousness, and that ilk are merely illustrations that should not be taken too dogmatically. Symbol manipulation easily clouds the issues at hand.
 28. An understanding of some signs can be gained by studying the zoological behavior of those animals that are represented by zodiac signs. This is certainly no less valid than studying mythology. Keep in mind that Gemini has an affinity with monkeys, and that Cancer also rules turtles.
 29. The Moon is the most important planet, but it is not as important as the Ascendant.
 30. The Sabian Symbols are the greatest hoax in astrology today. They are not meant to be taken literally, nor are they meant to be taken seriously. Degree symbolism is valid only when it is ascertained empirically.
 31. All branches of astrology can learn from the other branches. Void-of-course Moons are very important in horary astrology, and they are valid in natal astrology as well.

(There certainly is enough here for open discussions! Choose your number and come out writing. I still think "Everything goes better with KOCH" (#26). Who ever saw a Sea-goat? (#28) ok - so a mountain goat and a bull and a lion I'll have to settle for. What's your combo?)

EDITH

(To be continued.)

EDWARD DEARBORN
NORWOOD, PA

HORARY TECHNIQUES APPLIED TO PERSONAL EVENTS

Although we've not come across this idea in the literature, we do wish to suggest the use of horary as a tool for dealing with "event" activities. Some event charts tend to reveal more of an overview while others seem to deal more with details. The use of a primary chart supported by these extra subsidiary charts help one to focus more closely on specifics.

We are certain that many astrologers are aware of this application of horary concepts and rules, but many newcomers to horary astrology may have overlooked the expanded wealth of data one may gain in this manner.

An example in point occurred several years back when my brother-in-law was job hunting. He came across a likely newspaper ad; this led to an interview and the job he held until his retirement.

We erected three charts. The first was set for the time he read the ad; the unspoken concern and question at the time might have read, "Is this the job for me?" The second was set for the time and place for which his interview was scheduled; with the probable thought, "Will I land this job?" And the third was set for the time he was asked to report for work at his new jobsite; with the thought, "What can I expect?"

The first chart provided an overview of his general prospects and yielded information about him and the company, such as, his financial situation, the company's reputation and financial status, the job demands and his qualifications for that job, his prospects with the company, and various matters relating to him and the company.

The second chart showed the degree of rapport between he and the interviewer who was the company's representative. In this case he had the job if he wanted it, for they offered him the position.

The third chart focused more on the work environment, for it was set up for the time and place where he reported to work on his first day on the job. This chart showed clearly his relationship with his fellow workers, his superiors in the workplace, and the general working conditions as they effected him, etc.

Much detail can be learned from subsidiary charts with each providing its own more selective insights.

If you have not applied horary to event charts, or used multiple charts for "fine tuning", you may desire to do so. We have used a job hunt, but you may have other applications for this idea in other circumstances, such as house hunting, car purchases, and the like.

Lee Lehman of Astroid fame, sent us a clipping from "Research News" 1161, the Sept. 3, 1988, issue.

Here is part of what the author, Richard A. Kerr, has to say on Chiron and Comets:

ANOTHER ASTEROID HAS TURNED COMET

It's getting so you can't tell who's who in the solar system. First it was the suggestion that some seemingly ordinary asteroids are comets that have burned themselves out (Science, 2 January 1987, p. 29; 22 February 1985, p. 930). Now Chiron, the oddball of asteroids by virtue of its distant orbit between Saturn and Uranus, is acting like a comet. Meanwhile, some asteroids near Earth are revealing cometary inclinations. Clearly, astronomer's renewed attention to the solar system's small bodies is paying off.

Other than its lonely orbit in the outer solar system, nothing set Chiron apart from the asteroids when it was discovered in 1977. Subsequent studies showed that it is large for an asteroid, perhaps about 200 kilometers or more in diameter, has a neutral gray-black color, and reflects roughly 10% of incident sunlight, which is on the dark side for the rocky asteroids. Its brightness fluctuated by 9% every six hours as it rotated. Brightness measurements over longer periods were not always consistent, but spectroscopic studies failed to detect any release of cometary gas or dust. If there was no comet-like activity, it was an asteroid and it was cataloged as such.

Still, the brightness variations were intriguing enough that some astronomers kept an eye on Chiron. Last February David Tholen of the University of Hawaii, William Hartmann of the Planetary Science Institute in Tucson, and Dale Cruikshank of Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, California, squeezed Chiron into an observing run. This time there was no question about minor inconsistencies. Chiron was twice as bright as expected.

Presumably, Chiron has brightened itself by expelling gas and dust at a distance from the Sun about 12 times that of Earth, or 12 astronomical

units. What little solar heat reaches that far might vaporize highly volatile ices such as methane and carbon dioxide. The large surface area of the resulting coma of dust could then reflect more light back to Earth.

Sporadic activity on Chiron, assuming it has the requisite ices, would not be all that surprising. A coma has been detected around Comet Bowell as far as 13.6 astronomical units from the Sun. And Comet Schwassmann-Wachmann 1, which was also initially misidentified as an asteroid, brightens sporadically by a factor of 100 even though it never comes closer to the Sun than 5.5 astronomical units. Chiron itself is now moving in a 51-year orbit toward its 1995 closest approach to the Sun at 8.5 astronomical units, so increased cometary activity would be reasonable.

Like other comets, Chiron would be a temporary visitor from the reservoir of comets far beyond Pluto. It is now in an unstable orbit. If a few thousand years from now Chiron's orbit swings inward, inhabitants of Earth may be treated to some spectacular cometary activity.

ANNOUNCEMENT ! ! ! !

The UAC '89 Hospitality Committee is looking for volunteers to work as Room Monitors, Hospitality Committee, Information Coordinators, or anywhere they are needed. They need to know which days and how many, you plan on being at the conference, where you plan to stay and when you will arrive. Include your phone number and send the information to ARLENE MERSCHAT, 6 ANCHORAGE LANE 3A, OYSTER BAY, N.Y. 11771. She will be able to answer any questions you may have. They really do need help in this area so if you would like to do some volunteer work at the conference please get in touch with Arlene as soon as possible.

PRUE SMITH
Portsmouth, R.I.

I received the October edition of Mercury Hour and to my surprise and absolute delight a familiar return address on the envelope. I opened up the envelope with an excited sense of anticipation, read your opening letter to all of us, felt an enormous sense of pleasure to the magnitude of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah, and said a deep prayer of gratitude! (You could practically see the halo's around Betty and Pam's heads when I read them that! Edith.)

ROBERT COLE
San Francisco, CA
AGAINST ASTROLOGICAL
COUNSELLING

Would you buy an Astrology chart from a person who promises results based on the following claims?

"And I will fly with you so that you may truly come face to face with who you really are! I will design a program which will strip away the facade and reveal the Inner I."

"Our destiny is written in the stars. Astrology can help you find the road your soul wants to travel."

"Experience clarity, discover purpose, recognize challenges and opportunities, and take effective action. We take a modern approach to the original science of Astrology so you can take your life where you want it to be."

Not only are the claims made in these advertisements ludicrous in their exaggeration but they also put the astrologers who wrote them on the very verge of fraud. Astrology is not a validated counselling system or therapeutic program. In fact, Astrology has been rejected by every leading psychological, psychotherapeutic, and psychoanalytical group in the world. It is time that professional Astrology groups exercise their memberships of those who claim to use Astrology to counsel individuals who have personality, relationship, and/or career problems.

Astrology was never intended to serve as a psychological technique, but in the 1970's under the influences of psychologists such as Carl Jung and Carl Rogers, the concept of a neighborly self-help therapy opened the doors to hobbyists who had studied the metaphysics of Astrology, and suddenly astrologers were calling themselves counsellors capable of translating the complex daily emotional problems in terms of arcane astrological symbolism. Dane Rudhyar is the archetypical "humanistic counsellor" whose training in music had little or no relationship to the grandiose psychological theories which he promoted under the illusion of shamanism among his loyal fans.

In recent years, the fields of psychotherapy and psychoanalysis have been drawn into serious question. Most recently a superbly critical book entitled Against Therapy by Jeffrey Masson (Atheneum Books, 1988,) repeatedly questions the value of psychological counselling in general. Masson asks: "What right does anyone have to offer counselling to another person in trouble and then ask for money?" Masson wants to know if a counsellor is truly

alleviating pain in the patient's life or just projecting fashionable moral and ethical standards on the patient's actions for his/her own good.

Masson reveals Freud's sexual perversions in his "therapeutic relationship" with the famous Dora patient. He proves that Carl Jung collaborated with the Nazis while he was president of the International Society for Medical Psychotherapy during World War II when more than 150,000 mentally disturbed patients were exterminated by the SS. In his final chapters, Masson discredits the whole profession of psychological counselling as a system of oppression developed by powerful white men to stop the upward mobilization of women and minorities in the world of fascist patriarchy.

One of Masson's most interesting criticisms is the idea that a counsellor is driven by nature to change the actions of the patient by making strict demands on the patient to adhere to the moral and ethical standards considered "normal" by the rest of the society. He claims that modern counselling is not designed to bring peace and health to the consciousness of the patient but to bring the patient in line with trends of lifestyle which are widely accepted by the vast majority.

So called astrological counsellors fall quickly into the huge pit of misconception which most counsellors in the 20th Century have also fallen into. The idea that people who express dissatisfaction with their lives need some help, that they need to discover what they really want--this is a wrong assumption. Nobody needs help unless they ask for it. Referring back to the exaggerated claims at the start of this article, you can see how astrological counsellors and astrotherapists prey on complaining patients and promise to help them find their true inner nature; this information is supposedly locked in the symbols of the horoscope. And the astrological counsellor charges money for the help because only he/she understands the true symbolism of the horoscope.

For the past 15 years I have worked with and around astrologers exclusively, and I have only lately begun to accept the awesome fact that 75%-85% of the "professional astrologers" in the U.S.A. are "adult children of alcoholics" (ACA's). One or both parents of most astrologers were alcoholics in the astrologers youth, and this implies a whole series of other tawdry innuendoes such as child abuse, incest and violent family separation. The reason why this statistic is so crucial is because it gives a good

reason, if not the very best reason, why astrologers promote themselves as counsellors, rescuers and saviors of those suffering from pain, social agony and indecision.

Although the intentions of most astrologers who do counselling are well-meant, many add confusion and pain to the lives of their clients by trying to rescue them from confusion and pain coming from profound scars in the client's psyche. A truly intelligent and genuine astrologer, especially one who's aware of his/her background, would automatically refuse to help anyone who asks for counselling with emotional and social problems. For, more often than not, clients who come to an astrologer with such problems are ACA's themselves. They are trying to unlock the mysteries of parental abuse, social injustice, and personality isolation. There's little or nothing which the weird symbols of an Astrology chart can do with situations like these.

In my opinion now is the time for professional astrologers to officially organize to eliminate the thin scum of "astro-psychology" which has grown over the science of Astrology since the 1960's. Trying to use Astrology as a legitimate counselling tool is fraud, and it calls down on an otherwise noble science the cynicism and meanness of the authorities in the community. Trying to use Astrology as a counselling tool is like trying to use a garden rake as a hair comb. Astrotherapy and astrological counselling should be publically condemned as poorly illogical aberrations of a system which evolved from primitive agricultural models. And the condemnation should come from within the astrological community itself.

Astrology is NOT a business for counsellors. Astrology is a business for consultants.

In general, the humanistic astrologers have made a gross error in their attempt to extend their flimsy and questionable psychology over the ancient traditions of Astrology. No doubt the temptation to "validate" astrological theories in the language of modern psychotherapy will pester astrologers for even another 100 years. But real astrologers should be constantly vigilant against such heresies.

In conclusion, I personally feel a deep sense of security in knowing that each Astrology chart reveals to its owner a mysterious understanding of self which is incomprehensible to any other being in the universe no matter how qualified in "psychology" or "astrotherapy" that being may claim to be.

Naturally I expect a major reaction to this article from the astrological counsellors in the community. I can be contacted at the following address and the feedback is welcomed. Robert Cole, P.O. Box 884561, San Francisco, CA. 94188 U.S.A. Phone: (415) 558-8004.

(I had to cut this down to the four pages allowed, from the six submitted. I think there is enough left for everyone to get the idea! You know Robert, just for a change, it might be nice if you told us, just once, what you do agree with in our community. You may discover how many nice, caring people there are in Astrology today. Edith.)

GWEN STONEY

Lane Cove

N.S.W., Australia

I met Victoria Shaw as a "pen friend" through the M.H. years ago when she asked anyone to write who was interested in murders. She sent me data and I exchanged what I had. Victoria was coming down to give me more details and phoned she had her computer "locked up". I have the same computer and phoned Susan, who sold them to us and she said she would go and see what she could do. She phoned me back and gave me such a shock. She said Victoria's brother said she'd died the day before. I attended the funeral and her mother said Victoria's wish was "time my death so Gwen can rectify the chart". Victoria has two times, one at 00:42 a.m. and one at 1:16 a.m., May 25, 1935, Ashfield, N.S.W. I preferred the earlier time for many of the events she gave me to work on with Cosmobiology. At the time of death Solar arc Saturn=natal Asc. and the transit Asc.=natal Saturn. The later time of 1:16 had no aspects. We were about to do research together so I shall miss her.

(Marc Penfield wrote a lovely tribute to Victoria and mentioned in it that she was placed in a hospital two days earlier from complications of asthma, and refusing to be placed on a life-support system, passed into eternity at 11:45 a.m. on Aug. 17, 1988, in a northwest suburb of Sydney. Edith)

A COMMENT!

- Funny! Today Discovery blasted off at Cape Canaveral and at Lynchburg the new redesigned MERCURY HOUR is getting ready for orbit! I'm so happy I could sing.....
(Not tonight guy - I got a headache. Edith)

LEE WEINREB
Los Angeles, CA

Yea. Edie! Welcome home. You've been missed. No doubt in my mind that M.H. will survive it all!

To John Kalus, pg. 2, July, 1988, I read your explanation regarding Nostradamus and the earthquakes. I had no idea you were writing metaphorically about California and a possible quake. It didn't appear that way to me. Be that as it may, your point is taken as such and all is forgiven. As you probably realize by now, I do not approve of doom and gloom. I have had a few clients who came to me after an astrologer read to them all the doom and gloom that awaits them. These people were almost destroyed by that reading. I read to each client differently. Cancer Asc.? Go easy, this person can be very emotional. Libra Asc.? Careful, this person hears only the negatives. Capricorn Asc.? I know I have to work hard to be in control of the reading. And so on.

I have been reading with interest, John, your thoughts on the coming elections as well as what others have been saying. Of course, it is easy to be a Monday morning quarterback. (Or is that changed to Tuesday?) I don't do Mundane Astrology but prefer to read what others have to say. I hopefully learn a lot that way. However, I have charts on all the possibilities. I didn't progress any of the charts (no time) as they are active enough with the transits. Cuomo's chart has an I.C. of 12 Sc. 17, with his Moon at 13 Sc. 28 in the 4th House, and transiting Pluto conj. Now, Pluto, to me, does not reward. It says that it is time to change and don't fight me.

Transiting Saturn/Uranus oppose his Mercury (11th House) says that he should rethink his goals. I think he had to do this very unexpectedly (Uranus) as that Pluto aspecting his Moon could mean that there is some kind of emotional problem for him. I don't know if Cuomo's mother is still alive, but I feel that she or his wife could be having problems. He did not want to take on the hard task of campaigning. I think he did not want to expose his family (4th House) to the public (Moon) scrutiny that a candidate had to undergo. Time will tell.

Quayle's chart is interesting in that he has tr. Pluto setting up a T square with his Sun at 12 Aq. opposing Pluto at 12 Leo. Also his Venus is at 28 Sag.! The least said about him, the better.

On November 9th, we will all be busy looking at the charts!!

Ann Requa, pg. 26 July, '88, asked a very interesting question about the Void of Course Moon. I'm not sure I understand exactly what she means. Ann, are you asking about a V/C in a Horary chart? Or do you mean a V/C transiting the natal chart? I'm anxious to hear the answer.

Maka Ingle, I'm so sorry to hear about your son! May God give you strength through these trying times. I send you love.

More later Edie.

JIM HAYNES
Hollywood, CA

I need your help...Make Ingle, Defiance Gregg, Dorothy Willis, ANYONE!!! Edith, do we have any astrologers from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada?

I want very much to make a chart at the crash site of one of the most dramatic mercy flights in Canadian history. It happened about 16 years ago, in a twin-engine Beechcraft, involving four people: the pilot, a nurse, a pregnant Eskimo lady suffering from labor complications, and a 14 year-old Eskimo boy with appendicitis. I have made a chart for the takeoff in Cambridge Bay, which was supposed to end at Yellowknife, and then to a hospital with the passengers.

Yellowknife is in a southwesterly direction from Cambridge Bay and somewhere along the flight the pilot, studying a map in the treacherous weather, clipped a treetop and slammed into a hillside. Thirty two days after the crash the plane was found. Only the pilot was alive. The story was in the papers for months.

What I need from someone is the coordinates--longitude and latitude of the closest place to the crash site, a place 12 miles from the crash, a place called Unreachable Lake. The Canadian Tourism Office sent me a sheet saying there is no such place listed. This is impossible as the article by Chris McRae who wrote it up in Northern Lights clearly states "The plane was found 12 miles from Unreachable Lake."

If it can be of some help in checking the Canadian papers, or something, the takeoff was on November 8, 1972, the plane was found on Saturday December 9, 1972. Perhaps the information may be in the Edmonton Journal from which Chris McRae quoted some information. Or if someone may know of Marten Hartwell's whereabouts. He was the pilot. I'm sure he would know where he crashed. Can someone help, or give me any ideas? Except going there myself. I can't; I'm recovering from orthoscopic knee surgery. Anything anyone can do will be very appreciated.

CAROLYN H. CAUFMAN
BEAR, DE
WILL THE REAL DUCHESS OF WINDSOR
STAND UP

The ultimate Cinderella story of this century was enacted in 1937 when King Edward VIII gave up the throne of England to marry the woman he loved. Since that time there has been a steady stream of books, magazines and newspaper articles written about the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. The latest book, "The Duchess of Windsor - An Intimate Biography", by Charles Higham, is of particular interest to astrologers. Higham includes in his book facts which were not previously circulated but most important to astrologers, he questions the year of birth of the Duchess. Naturally there is room for argument but Higham offers reasons and sources for the information he presents.

The chart for Wallis Warfield Simpson in "Profiles of Women" gives as source, "R. H. Oliver quotes AA, January 1937, data from the attending physician." Dr. Lewis Miles Allen was 22 yrs. old at the time Wallis was born. Is it reasonable to suppose that 41 or 42 years later, when he was in his mid 60's, he would remember the exact time and date he delivered her? Is it reasonable to hope he went through dusty records - if he had even kept them for that length of time - in order to ascertain the correct birth data? My own supposition is that in 1937 when Wallis wrote to her Aunt Bessie in Baltimore to ask Bessie to send her a copy of her birth certificate for purposes of obtaining a divorce, that Bessie provided Dr. Allen with the data. Why? Because no birth certificate existed. The birth was unregistered. Furthermore, Wallis was not baptized.

Wallis's parents were married either five months after she was born or seven months before depending on which year of birth is correct. Both families objected to the marriage because Teackle Warfield was terminally ill with tuberculosis. It is hard to believe that a baby born into a socially prominent Episcopalian family would not be baptized but this has been well established. But consider that before the turn of the century a baby born out of wedlock could not be baptized in the Episcopalian Church and was "condemned to Hell." From the evidence presented it appears that the families on both sides took great pains to hide the illegitimate birth. A family genealogy published in 1905 made no mention of Wallis or her parents.

Could it be that when Aunt Bessie

was trying to obtain an acceptable birth document for Wallis it was she who provided the Dr. with the data, which he then attested to?

There is no law in England which forbids the king to marry a divorced woman but it was assumed that this was the reason the wedding was objected to, and was assumed to be the reason Wallis was never accepted by the royal family. Now documents have surfaced which suggest that illegitimate birth was one of the reasons, together with a past history of shocking behavior. The royal family did have her thoroughly investigated at the beginning of her relationship with Edward which turned up enough negative information to insure that she would never be allowed to enjoy the title, Her Royal Highness. In addition to her out-of-wedlock birth and not being baptized there was the matter of her scandalous behavior during her first marriage to naval officer Win Spencer. What follows is a grossly abbreviated sequence of events that took place during that marriage. To call it a bare-bones outline is an understatement.

When Win Spencer was shipped to China by the navy the marriage was unraveling. Wallis went to Washington, D.C., to live and subsequently became romantically involved with Italian ambassador Prince Gelasio Caetani and then with Secretary to the Argentine Embassy Felipe Espil. The relationship with Felipe became the scandal of Washington when, in a fit of jealousy she clawed his cheeks until they bled.

On July 17-18 at midnight she sailed from the Brooklyn Navy Yard bound for Hong Kong as an unofficial courier for the navy and for an attempt to patch up the floundering marriage. While in Hong Kong Win took her to a "singsong" house, a house of prostitution where it is said she learned Oriental techniques for dealing with sexually dysfunctional men. Win later moved out of their home to live with a male artist.

At one time Wallis became involved in a menage a trois with Katherine and Herman Rogers. She had affairs with Italian naval attache Alberto da Zara and with Italian Count Galeazzo Ciano. There is evidence in the files of the F.B.I. that she was involved in spying in China - for the Russians. It is believed she earned money by gambling and trafficking in drugs. She became pregnant by Count Ciano and performed an abortion on herself. She was hospitalized on August 20, 1925. In September she sailed for the U.S., still very ill. The abortion caused her gynecological problems the

rest of her life and destroyed all chances that she would ever become pregnant again.

Is this kind of life best described by the 1895 chart or the 1896 chart? What about the Moon sign? In both cases the Moon is ruled by Venus, but Moon in Libra in the 8th? And consider both Saturns in the 9th House in the '96 chart. Wallis traveled all over the world, lived all over the world. Both charts have Uranus in the 9th but Saturn is in Scorpio - either in the 8th or the 9th House, depending which year of birth is correct. And how about that Helio Venus? I prefer Helio Venus in Scorpio in the 8th over Helio Venus in Gemini in the 4th.

Wallis's adult life was dedicated to acquiring whatever would bring her prestige, personal aggrandizement. She had a breathtaking collection of jewelry, her clothes were by the top French designers. Even in the upper strata of society there was gossip about her excessive clothing expenditures. She did a minimum of charitable work, spent most of her time decorating a succession of homes and attending to her personal appearance. Wallis's relationship with the King of England began while she was still living with Ernest Simpson, her third husband. There is reason to believe her training acquired in the "singsong" houses of Hong Kong was useful in her relationship with the King. He is rumored to have had a sexual dysfunction. In addition an anonymous "friend" says Edward was a repressed foot fetishist and that Wallis, "...indulged this perversity completely." He also says they, at Edward's request, became involved in elaborate erotic games. These included nanny-child scenes: he wore diapers, she was the master; she was dominant, he happily submissive.

Again I ask, is this Moon in Libra in the 8th, or is it Venus and Saturn in Scorpio in the 8th?

Astrology has as many branches and specialties as the medical profession. We have general practioners, the equivalent of pediatricians, researchers, mental health specialists, and many more. This is an appeal to every reader of MERCURY HOUR to express your opinion using your own specialty, your own favorite technique. Even students have opinions, hunches that I would be interested in hearing. Those who are proficient in progressions will be interested in some specific dates:

First marriage - Nov. 8, 1916
Divorced - Dec. 1927, (no day given)

Second marriage - July 21, 1928

Divorced - Oct. 27, 1936
Death of mother - Nov. 2, 1929

Marriage to Edward - June 3, 1937, at 11:42 a.m.
(The wedding took place at Monts, France - near Paris)

Death of Edward - May 29, 1972 about 2:00 a.m.

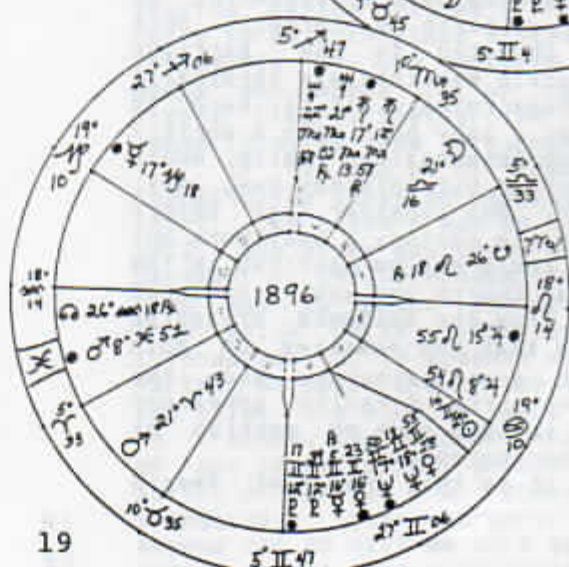
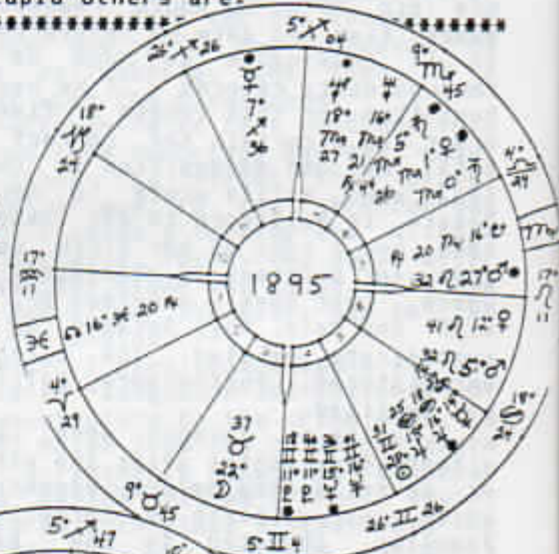
Death of Wallis - April 24, 1986

Edward's Birth data is: June 23, 1894, - 9:55 GMT at Richmond, Surrey, England - 51N27 0W18 ("American Book of Charts" - Rodden.)

Please take time to help solve this mystery astrologically. If I have not included information you need please write to me via Edith. I'll answer promptly.

And just one more thing. If there are answers to this request with which you do not agree, please spare the readers your criticisms. There are no incorrect answers, this is a brainstorming session where every tidbit is important. Just tell us what you find, share even gut-level feelings. PLEASE, let's not turn this into an excuse to tell the readers how great you are and how stupid others are.

WALLIS WARFIELD SIMPSON
June 19, 1895 - 27:30 GMT
Blue Ridge, Summit, Pa.
39N43 77W28



DENNIS FRANK
Auckland, New Zealand

See it was so exciting to see Michael Munkasey's piece (p.45) on the birth of the U.S.A.!! For several years I've been gloomily watching U.S. astrologers deliberately avoiding the need to do the historical research necessary to establish when the birth did actually occur, preferring instead to indulge themselves in various fantasies and rectifications that no intelligent person could possibly take seriously. "Comments on the Birth of the U.S." deserves 10 out of 10 for the quality of its coverage of the issue - extremely rare praise from an exact Saturn/Mercury conjunction in Virgo!! The only thing I could find to disagree with was the suggestion that political changes are the result of new political ideas; this is a red herring. Political events are the cause of political changes - ideas merely motivate people sufficiently to cause events to happen. Birth-charts of regimes or nations are drawn up for the time of a specific event.

The birth event is identified in practice by finding the correct answer to the question: 'What moment did this regime obtain state power?' or 'At what moment did this nation attain self-government?'. The formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the members of the Continental Congress in the late afternoon of July the 4th, 1776, was just such a political event - the birth of a new political reality. Obviously the idea of independence had already been adopted by the Congress on July the 2nd. Indeed, some might argue that the concept of independent self-government for the American colonies had been born in the minds of various individuals some considerable time previously!

I had been aware of the Sibly chart for some years. Can anyone explain why he drew it up for the same time in London? I'm happy to acknowledge my inability to do so! Does it put his credibility as an astrologer seriously into question? I've also heard of a famous painting of the Signing of the Declaration that shows the rays of the Sun coming through a window at such an angle as to indicate a late afternoon time. I also discovered Bishop's book a couple of years ago, and noticed that the time indicated therein concurred with that apparently used by Sibly, and was very close to the times derived by Dane Rudhyar and Barry Lynes.

However, I had also been inclined to think that the vote on July the 2nd

was the real political event - the formal initiation of the state of independence, as John Adams thought, and the signing was merely symbolic. An article appeared in the NCGR journal not long after that, by Julian Armistead if I recall correctly, that was useful and reinforced this interpretation. However, Michael Munkasey has now made it clear that when the Congress voted on July 2nd, they merely approved the principle of independence - they expressed the intention to become independent; but when they voted on July the 4th, they approved the formalization of independence - they actually became independent by formally declaring themselves to be so.

Readers who consider themselves to be actively involved in the political side of Mundane Astrology may be interested to know that this binary nature of political power transfer seems to be some kind of universal principle. For instance, treaties are first signed and then later ratified. So, in the astrological analysis of the ANZUS Treaty and the political rift that occurred between New Zealand and the U.S. when the N.Z. government adopted a non-nuclear defense policy in 1984, that I published in the ASNZ journal in '85, I was obliged to refer to both a chart for the signing (noon - if anyone can search the files of the San Francisco newspapers and come up with the time of the signing of the 1st Sept., 1951, I'd appreciate it) plus the chart for the moment when the treaty actually came into effect. The latter is of course the primary one for the astrologer, being the formal commencement of operation of the new political system. Several other fundamental principles of political Astrology were also identified in my "Precision Event-Timing in Political Astrology", published in N.Z. early in '87, but probably available internationally soon as it has been accepted for inclusion in the International Astrological Handbook that Charles Harvey, president of the British Astrological Association, is producing.

I do feel that the suggestion that the evening meal in the 18th century American colonies was taken around 4 PM needs further verification, particularly as sunset did not occur till 8:30 PM that day in Philadelphia. This seems to offend against common-sense and natural biological cycles. Evening meals are almost universally located around sunset, just as lunches are around noon and breakfasts are around sunrise. Michael seems to think that we should take Dane Rudhyar's word

for it, but I would prefer further confirmation, such as from a dictionary of traditional American customs. The suggestion that the colloquial phrase "in the evening" actually meant "in the afternoon" likewise seems pretty dubious to me. The word "evening" so far as I know refers to the time of the darkening into night after sunset throughout the western English-speaking world - dusk is the first part of evening - however I would probably be impressed if I were to be deluged by MH subscribers all claiming that their ancestors did actually have such a weird meaning for the word "evening", rather than the one we have today.

So in conclusion I think Michael has proven the case for July the 4th being the correct date, and made a strong case for a late afternoon time, yet I don't feel the time is quite proven.

Here is Michael's response to Dennis Frank:

MICHAEL MUNKASEY
Falls Church, VA.

TO DENNIS FRANK;

I am responding to you about your comments to the MH on my article concerning the events surrounding the adoption and voting upon the Declaration of Independence for the U.S. from Britain. First of all I wish to point out that there were several typographical errors in the MH edition of my article which did not exist in my original text to MH. For instance, the MH edition stated I was never a history "bull" but I wrote to say I was never a history "buff". I counted many such typos which subtly changed some meanings, and was disappointed in seeing so many of these. I had also telephoned MH to correct the time of sunset on July 4th 1776 as being 7:36 PM LMT, and not 8:30 PM as published. Unfortunately, this was not done. (I am hopeful the new MH regime/old regime will restore order and prior editorial control and quality.)

Dennis' comments and questions: "The birth event (of a nation) is identified in practice by finding the correct answer to the question: 'What moment did this regime attain state power? or At what moment did this nation attain self-government?'" hit the heart of the entire matter which is central to answering the question of what time the U.S. was born as a nation. Once some definitive historical research is done pinpointing the circumstances and direction of the time,

then the astrological work to determine the actual time of start or birth through event rectification can begin.

As to your question of the time of the evening meal in that summer of 1776, the daily procedures have been well established and documented. The time of the evening meal was around 4 p.m. Delegates to the Continental Congress were expected to eat a hearty breakfast and be in their seats by 9 a.m., for the doors were locked then to prevent interruptions. No lunch break was taken, purposely, as the statesman figured their stomachs would shorten the length of the speeches in the afternoon! Thus a break of routine and a continuance of the session past the 4 p.m. adjournment time was most unusual. This was why the delegates noted that it was close to sunset (i.e., about 7 to 7:30 p.m.) that they adjourned on July 4th (following the signing, and also following about two hours of procedural matters). The delegates had been following this routine work of the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. sessions for 15 months, and the pattern was well established. The phrase 'in the evening' in 1776, was taken to mean, therefore, the time of the day after 4 p.m. and the evening meal. I hope this satisfies the questions you have raised concerning this important matter.

Dennis, you are correct in stating the time is not yet proven for the birth of the U.S. I just hope I can get a few other astrologers to agree on the history of the events and their timetable on that date. I have thrown out some convincing historical research, and now it is up to other astrologers to help me either correct or verify these findings. The history of the events in Continental Congress on July 4th, 1776, are clear. The delegates discussed the wording of the Declaration of Independence until sometime after 4 p.m. on July 4th, and then adopted it by a lengthy individual roll call and subsequent unanimous vote. The time of 2 a.m. signing is totally erroneous and not historically accurate.

Some very small doubt remains in my mind about Julian Armistead's arguments for adopting the 2nd of July, but I would need a great deal of convincing to adopt that date. One big question concerning the adoption of the 2nd of July, as proposed by Julian, is raised by the founding fathers themselves: if they thought the 2nd was the date of founding, then why did they choose to establish tradition by celebrating the 4th as the day of founding in subsequent years? Obviously the people who participated in the events themselves

thought this country was founded through the events occurring on the 4th, and not the 2nd, of July.

The event rectification can follow once we agree on the history of the period, and whether the vote and subsequent signing of the Declaration itself was in fact the birth of the United States. I feel that the adoption of the Constitution was the start of the Government, and not of the United States as a nation, so I still stick with about 5 p.m. LMT on July 4th in Philadelphia, PA, as being the start of the birth of the United States of America. It is time to either historically dispute and correct the historical facts I have presented, or to proceed from this time and date with a valid rectification. All else is just wasted time and effort.

KAYE SHINKER
Wilmette, IL.

Maka and I have been having some astrological fun since you forwarded my letter to her. The following is the result of our collaboration.

CAPRICORNVILLE alias MANLEY HOT SPRINGS

Think about the various key words for Capricorn! Ambitious, Cautious, Organized-Responsible, Reserved, Status Seeking. Imagine a town full of goats frolicking under the Northern Lights and the nearest corporate headquarters is a thousand miles away.

Maka, a student of Astrology has been hanging out in Manley Hot Springs collecting chart data from the populace. Kaye's Macintosh in Chicago has been processing it. The first few groups of charts seemed pretty normal. As one might expect very few people in Alaska were born there, most of the population was born after 1940, and no particular ethnic group could be identified. Yet Capricorn planets keep jumping off the charts.

The whole project began as a gesture of astrological good will, however the goat kept butting in and the town's folks kept getting curiouser and curiouser. They seemed to want to be the subject of a little astrological research. Enter Dennis Haskel's program for the Macintosh, talk about quick and easy, and soon Maka was sending Kaye data for the whole Hot Springs herd.

From the beginning the charts contained an uncommon amount of Capricorn. Kaye began to visualize a whole town of Mountain Goats. Could it be

true? The Great American outback was supposed to be populated by fish and polar bears. How was it then that 41 of the 60 charts had Capricorn planets.

The others? Nine had Cancer planets (probably not significant) and 10 charts had no planets in either sign. Of course Maka had one planet in Cancer and none in Capricorn. She definitely was a visitor, Fairbanks was in her future.

Then we thought about the other possibility. Usually an astrologer hears from those clients that have interesting planets in the sign Saturn is currently transiting. Maybe Maka dropped into town because of the interesting Saturn Uranus Neptune transits.

At any rate Maka and Kaye have what appears to be some interesting data concerning signs, that might suggest geography might attract certain signs to the point that they dominate a population group.

Can some Mercury Hour type statisticians give us some clues?

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JIM HAYNES
Hollywood, CA.

A rousing cheer for Edith Custer who, once again, has taken over the reins of the Mercury Hour. Edith, I for one, loved your comeback letter, or at least the positive portions of it. Especially, I liked the "strictly informal", let's get back to talking to each other...why the M.H. was created in the first place, astrologers talking to astrologers...open channel of communication...the M.H. was never meant to be a structured, formal or technical magazine...that is, the long, boring, inane articles that take up so much communication space, etc., etc. If I want to study an article I'll look at ASPECTS, Welcome to Planet Earth, or Considerations. There's plenty of technical material there--all that anyone really needs as far as I'm concerned, anyway.

I've done a lot of thought on it and Edith, this is the way I see it: Edith, you collect it, put it together, produce it, but it's our magazine. This is to say, we all collectively contribute communications, financial, or whatever is needed...or else there will be no Mercury Hour. It's as simple as that.

Speaking of contributions--I know there are those who don't see eye to eye with Joe deMello, but I can tell you he has a great heart. I got a letter from him and he said he knew Jewell had gone south with the check he's sent in not so long ago, so he's sent another one to Edith. It so moved me that, though Jewell went south with my money in February I sent in for a subscription, too, in spite of being strapped with medical bills. Who knows--maybe there may be others out there whose hearts may be warmed. I can guarantee that Edith's task will be a little easier.

Oh, yes, I'm going to tell my fan club of two who quit because my letters were always in the extra--to get back on the list. I'm going to tell them, "Edith's back and the old communication's in." Sorry, I got on a soap box and got carried away.

In the new, 58th edition, Make Ingle, p. 6: Welcome back. I'm still stunned by Tripper's suicide. Words of consolation are futile, but know that my heart goes out to you in sympathy over your loss. Strange, but you never mentioned that you had an older son, Bart. Hopefully, he will help soften your tragic blow.

Barbara Shafferman, p. 9: Funny how you hit two twins right, too, but just the opposite ones as I did. But that's the way two astrologers can see

the same thing I guess. I tried for the first time because twins are one of my pet projects.

Sonja Foxe, p. 17: On the elections. My political affiliation having no bearing on it, for the first time I tried predicting elections in 1980 by the inauguration charts. I correctly predicted a Reagan win in both 1980 and 1984. This year on July 21, before Dan Quayle was chosen, the Inauguration charts looked inconclusive to me, so I went for the Lunations. Dukakis looked good, but Bush looked better, so I predicted a Bush win this year. By the time you read this you'll know whether I was correct or not. An interesting thought occurred to me. It seems to me that Dukakis and Bentson are opposing a total of two: Bush and Quayle. But Bush and Quayle seem to be opposing a total of five: Dukakis, Bentson, the press, Newspapers and the Debate Panel. Lest you think that I am prejudice, let me leave you with this question: Why was it that Quayle was asked four times "If you had to take over the presidency, what would be the first thing you would do"; yet Bentson was not asked the same question even once?

Marion March, p. 33, and Barbara Shafferman, 19th ex. p. 4: I feel confident about the U.S. chart having a Sagittarian Ascendant. In a lecture, an astronomer, George Noonan, linked Sagittarius to the United States affairs. Some evidence of Sagittarius importance is seen in the Beodetic Midheaven of Washington, siderally which comes close to 21 Sagittarius 21.

Don Byrne, p. 37: I was very intrigued with your letter. The Minoan civilization worshipping Taurus the Bull at that time, strengthens the siderealist, Cyril Fagan's conviction, that the era of 3000 B.C. it was the Taurus Age.

Anne Neighbors, p. 67: Polarities can be as potent as conjunctions, or at least in my opinion, and I can only tell you of my experiences when Neptune opposed my Sun. Particularly, I had driving problems. Once I was going to pick up typewriter ribbons from a place I knew well. I got on the freeway and, somehow, got sidetracked from one freeway to another for about three hours before I found the right turnoff. Another time, I was going Glendale, a route I know like the back of my hand but I got on the wrong side of the freeway leading onto a surface street with a blind spot at the end. As a panel truck came into view around the bend I wondered why the horn was blaring at me. Turning the bend into the open, streams of cars were coming at me. My heart in my mouth I made a

quick U-turn and returned the way I'd come. My thinking about Neptune on a planet or important point is that, when you least expect it, things can get fuzzy, misty, unclear. I never stayed home in bed and my advice is to do the same thing I did: before I left the house I made sure my head was "was screwed on tight" and then I was all right.

Paul Mahler Dam, 19th ex. p. 61: I really liked your Ted Bundy delineations, especially the way you brought in the fixed stars. What would you take in cash, or what can I do for you, to get a copy of your fixed star list, coordinates or not, but with the delineations you use? Please let me know.

Long live the Mercury Hour.

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Dearest EDITH, PAM, BETTY,
WELCOME HOME, WELCOME BACK, WELCOME,

Now we can expect to get back to a real Mercury Hour, I can renew with a sense of anticipation. Quite frankly I cannot remember when I am due to renew, and I don't think it matters. I cannot see you forking out a pile of copies when someone else has already spent the money.

I am trying to switch over from Wordstar 4 to Wordstar 5, and I think the tutorial disk may load into your hard disk okay. It isn't possible to load to my two floppy. Looks as if I will have to read the manual. I am a retired mechanical engineer. Have just been running Matrix Astrology programs, and Word Processing. Now I have to read other peoples instructions!! Computers are very easy for the average typist. Even clowns like me find them much more versatile than a typewriter.

But enough of that. Several years ago I had readings from two different psychics who told me to study the meanings of the signs and planets as understood by the Essence at the time of Christ. Does anyone know where such knowledge may be found? In an reasonably modern English translation, I am no linguist.

Girls, please print my address so that people can write me direct. This is just to save time. They or I can send you copies for inclusion in future M.H.'s

I think this could be a very worthwhile study, to get down to basics, see where our art/science had its roots. A lot of knowledge was destroyed, many people regard these earlier scientists as rather crude

people. To those people I would ask, how many of you out there have the brains to start any new science? How were they so advanced in knowledge as to produce maps with curvature before we knew the earth was round? This can end up as a lengthy solo diatribe, I would prefer many to share their views on the subject. Surely that is what Mercury Hour is for?

Now in closing, let me say what many of us must be thinking: we didn't always agree with your remarks, but it doesn't stop us from loving you Edith, you Betty and you Pam. Would it be asking too much to have your full natal information so that we can each construct our favorite charts, mine is Equal House.

(Ray - no sooner said than done! I do suggest you run our Helio placements as well since that is the way we work with our charts, never just the Geo but both Helio and Geo. Edith)

Edith, Jan. 5, 1923, 12:53 p.m. EST Whitestone, N.Y., 73W48 40N48 (Rectified from 1 p.m. "Baby Book")

Betty, Feb. 4, 1930, 5:15 a.m. CST Atlanta, GA. 84W23 33N45

Pam, Oct. 2, 1946, 5:30 p.m. EST Bedford, VA. 79W31 37N20.

MARGARET MEISTER
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Chiron is a comet! It says so in this month's (Sept.) issue of the American Scientist Magazine. They have found that it has a tail. Ho Ho Ho. If Chiron rules Libra then what do Halley's and Kohoutek rule? Maybe Halley's should rule Capricorn since it always affects those in authority? Or Leo since it's the fall of kings? Since Mercury in Virgo often possesses the faculty for tripping over its words, maybe Kohoutek should rule Virgo since nobody can pronounce it? Maybe we should give rulership to the Perseid Meteorites. They could all rule Pisces since they fall in a shower.

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I made a big move to Baton Rouge, LA., from Virginia Beach, VA. Let me tell you when transiting Pluto opposed my natal Mercury and Pluto conjunction in the 11th House, I left all my old friends behind and do I miss them. After being in Virginia over 40 years I am homesick too. But being a Gemini I'm sure I'll adopt. Please print this and my address in the M.H. for my friends.

AL H. MORRISON
NEW YORK, N.Y.

In cooperation with your plea that we do answer each other, brief comments to those who mention me or who raise questions on which I have a strong opinion.

Sonja Foxe: My experience and observations are that solar eclipses maturing in progression last a full year in their astrological impact. Every transit aspect to the eclipse degree sets off an additional event or situation.

Diane Lawson: Any planet very near the Ascendant does describe both the situation at birth, something of the complications/medical problems, as well as life-long character traits. The closer the aspect, the more strongly manifest, of course. In many charts, a rising Saturn is found correlated with delayed birth, prolonged labor, difficult births, unwanted children, stillbirths (no life at all). If there is physical defect, it is usually a matter of something being not full size or normal proportion. Such natives really earn their perspective of taking life seriously, from day zero.

Anne Neighbors: Marc Edmund Jones taught that a definite aspect with Neptune is better than a wide-orb situation in which Neptune was only brought to focus from time to time by transit Moon translating the light/collecting the light. Neptune opposition sometimes forces an unnatural-seeming clarity. Heavy Neptune transits do not relieve us of necessity to make decisions, stay on the job, but it sure as hell requires that we pay attention to what we are about, and take into account that we may be letting some error into our judgment. Neptune is currently opposing my Pluto. My astrologer says to be very careful what I write, be very sure I intend to say it, knowing full well there's not a snowball's chance in hell that anybody is going to understand it in the sense intended.

Robert Cole: You misunderstand. I am not 'taking you on' as somebody eager for vicarious bloodshed seems to want. You seem to lack information most of us have.

You use the term 'shaman' as if it would be something less than optimum.

In cultures lacking paper, printing, ball-point pens, laser printers, word-process gizmo, any culture outside Gutenberg's world, all wisdom is conveyed by 'oral tradition'. It is the shaman who spends his/her life learning, and being there to offer solutions to perceived questions/issues/problems.

The Druid notion (as recorded by the Roman inquisitors prior to their genocide of the Druids) was that if you could not remember X, then you do not deserve to know X. An old man in Ireland told me that we started pecking marks onto stones, we started losing the use of our memories, that we are still at it. He also said that he and I are both Druids.

I didn't change the subject. Druids were shamans, according to the records made by the Romans.

Today, a shaman is a personage whose judgment is taken seriously by the tribe, on such matters as medical care, premonition of future contingencies, all the things big city folk ask on the telephone from computer data banks (sometimes, books, yet).

Sun Bear is a shaman teaching Native American culture, and doing a bit of proselytizing, naturally. One of his associates has awarded me a symbolic item, proudly displayed above my chalkboard. I am a shaman.

In what you are condemning as 'shamanism', I was lucky while yet young to hear many mature astrologers explain all sorts of things. I took notes where and when I could. Seldom did I get scholarly references to explicit books.

What I have is a whole non-organized library of useful information, integrated with everything else I have learned, thus not directly attributable, for the most part, to any single source. This is being a shaman.

This business of a single source is a sort of hysteria in itself.

I have half a century of confidential revelations from clients, from heads of national governments all the way down to homeless street people, many races, creeds, colors, all ages, every sort of sexual orientation. What happens if from this experience, something dawns on me as to how something manifests? You are going to demand book title, page number, from where I cribbed it?

Much of all this is beyond documentation. Some of the work is classified, beyond my authority to mention. Much of what I know/have sorted out is deleted by historians in censorship. The achievements of Black people are systematically ignored, often impossible to document later. Where is any current emphasis on what we did in CORE? While it was still biracial and active?

It is not natural to lack bias. I am biased in favor of my client and client's projects. If these are not projects I can accept as legitimate, ethical goals, my bias takes me out of

it. I will not help a client pick a 'good' time to import narcotics, for example.

I am a big-city shaman, in that I have multi racial charity clientele who need to understand our social system better, and how to cope with it. I go into meetings of these people with social service agencies, to help sort out troublesome situations, bear witness, as a 'friend of the family', on such questions as eligibility for help for individuals in anomalous situations.

Robert Cole: To understand the story of the many Raphaels, Sepharians, Gabriels, and other pen-names:

In 18th and 19th centuries, Astrology being explicitly forbidden by law, many English astrologers used as pen names the names of Angels. Charubel is such a name. Near all of these names end in 'al' or 'el'.

Publishers liked this arrangement. When the first 'Raphael' got too old to function, the printer merely got another man to do the work, but continued the same pen name - they're still doing this.

I have here somewhere some old 'Raphael's Almanac and Prophetic Messenger' dated 1838 or so. That gives me the idea that particular 'Raphael' is no longer walking around. One hundred fifty years after becoming mature enough to do Astrology is a bit too long.

For details, better you should pursue our English colleague, Nick Campion. He makes a career out of sorting out and documenting such details.

The reason that the English almanacs, ephemerides, books, with pen-names Raphael, Sepharial and others were used in America is that there was nothing else available.

In Evangeline Adams' radio time, there was not yet invented the cassettes we take for granted. Wire recorders were in, but very costly, difficult, cumbersome, unreliable and unstable.

Given the enormous unpublicized but very real political pressure to abate all her troublesome discourse, naturally, all the wire-recordings were destroyed, legally, illegally, informally. In those days FBI agents often settled entire constitutional cases simply by suggesting that such and such be destroyed, and getting compliance.

It is unreasonable to demand such things as records of suppressed information from so long back, and expect to get it from conventional, scholarly, book or computer recorded sources.

I have a low opinion of Evangeline Adams' actual work, having seen quite a lot of typed reports to clients, and having had quite a bit of discussion with older people who had consulted her in person. She did a much better job with the books she got Dodd, Mead to publish.

J. Pierpont Morgan, like so many clients I have seen, was mainly interested in more money, at less risk at the earliest opportunity.

I do not think consulting an astrologer necessarily causes any spiritual or other development.

Dorothy Willis: I learned from Marc Edmund Jones that in doing Horary, the time to use is when the astrologer is 'seized of the query'. That is, when I realize that a query is being asked, and try to find the time. (My aura destroys all manner of time-pieces, so I cannot wear any such). His rationale was that it is the mind of the astrologer doing the intuiting, being used as the investigative instrument. The query comes at the moment at which the mind of the astrologer is set to receive and deal with it. The location must be where the astrologer is.

It does work, even when I reach out and include planets unknown to William Lilly, and the older astrologers from whom he copied outright or used to develop his own stuff.

John Kalus: Correction: J. McCormack, nicknamed/pen-name 'Geejay'. (Not S.).

Ann Requa: Those planets very late in sign often have some major aspect from a transit Moon which is void of course in relation to transit Sun and/or planets. Such a native can function very well while others not so blessed are bent out of shape, making a mess of situations, not responding adequately. Such people are natural emergency-response people. We need them.

Daniel M.H. Gordon: On the mind of an astrologer: Agree with you all the way. But can we find some simpler way to say it? I only wish more of us could see it our way.

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I'm researching in medical Astrology and desperately need to contact other astrologers and nutritionists in this field. Can anyone help?

A compliment stands in order for the fantastic job you are doing and your great sense of humor.

**"THE COSMIC MUFFIN"
DARRELL MARTINE
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The following are excerpts from his June '88 Newsletter.

Astrology stands on its own after 5,000 years of knowledge, so what I want to accomplish here is to give you some background on the Scientists to help you when confronted by arguments based on quotes in newspapers from these learned People of Science.

Why would a Scientist even take the time to debate an astrologer that they consider to be no better than a tea-leaf reader? Is Astrology so threatening to them that this general interest by the public forced scientists in 1978, to form the Scientific Investigation of the Claims of the Paranormal (CSICP). They issued a statement in 1978 condemning Astrology and even had an attorney named David Lichtenstein appealing the FCC ruling that people like yours truly had every right to discuss Astrology on Radio and T.V. without government interference. But this is what the scientists wanted. Why--you might ask? What I am about to tell you might shock you a bit, so please read this sitting down. In 1933, many scientists around the world signed a document called The Humanistic Manifesto. In 1973, this document was reworded and was called The Humanist Manifesto II. This was signed by MANY Nobel Prize winners, Unitarian Ministers, and scientists of all types, including Carl Sagan, B. F. Skinner, Isaac Asimov, etc.. Astrology was not mentioned in the document, but the aforementioned CSICP came from one of the tenets of the Manifest. It comes from the section in the Manifest that addressed religion. I quote from The Humanist Manifesto II. The Humanist Magazine, the September/October issue, 1973.

"Religion

FIRST: In the best sense, religion may inspire dedication to the highest ethical ideals. The cultivation of moral devotion and creative imagination is an expression of genuine 'spiritual' experience and aspiration.

We believe, however, that traditional dogmatic or authoritarian religions that place revelation, God, ritual, or creed above human needs and experience do a disservice to the human species. Any account of nature should pass the test of scientific evidence; in our judgment, the dogmas and myths of traditional religions do not do so. Even at this late date in human history, certain elementary facts based upon the critical use of scientific reason have to be restated. We find insufficient evidence for belief in the existence of a super-natural; it is either meaningless or irrelevant to the question of the survival and fulfillment of the human race...But we can discover no divine purpose of providence for the human species. While there is much that we do not know, humans are responsible for what we are or will become. No deity will save us; we must save ourselves...Traditional religions are surely not the only obstacles to human progress. Other ideologies also impede human advance."

It is under this last sentence that Paul Kurtz and his Humanists have vowed to discredit, humiliate, and destroy astrologers. Under their publishing arm, Prometheus Books, they have such offerings as Astrology Disproved, The Nazis and Astrology and Ethics without God. So when these people go to the major newspapers, radio stations and T.V. stations, they go with hefty academic credits and the endorsement of many Nobel Prize Winners. What these people in the media do not seem to ever know now is that these scientists come as Humanists!!! Since they believe in nothing that cannot be proven by the narrow confines of the scientific method, they cannot believe in God or Astrology or simple intuition. When I was on the McNeil/Lehrer Evening News debating Jeremy Stone, President of the American Federation of Scientists, I brought up the fact that Mr. Stone was a Humanist and also did not believe in God for the reasons I have just mentioned. He had a very shocked look on his face that I knew this, surprised that I was familiar with the Humanist movement, and totally ignored my remarks. This needs to be done more often in the press, for it is sneaky and misleading for these scientists to appear to be educating a stupid public for benevolent reasons. Not when I'm around they don't!!!

Keep in mind that there is now scientific evidence that now states that every 93,408 Years the solar system completes one full cycle, with the assembly of planets assuming the

same configuration. I have often quoted the previously held scientific statement that this positioning of planets took 26,000 Years to complete. Every four minutes of times the planets are changing, as I often remind you. Hence--there are no duplicates born at least that you will ever likely meet. Since no two horoscopes are alike, at least not for over 93,000 Years, you CANNOT compare two charts by scientific methodology. It doesn't seem to bother scientists that the Laws of Physics cannot explain and/or prove Gravity. I am waiting for the Humanists to denounce Gravity for us. Let me close with a long overdue tribute to three very great astrologers who were very well educated, pursued their knowledge, and accomplished their amazing goal. We know them as the Three Wise Men pursuing the Star of Bethlehem. Congratulations to you guys, and I sure wish you were around to help me take-on these Scientists/Humanists.

JANET INGERSOLL
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I had wondered why my M.H. did not come. WELCOME BACK! We missed you. I guess you were just not to retire! It does sound like a difficult job that you have now..but good old Capricorn can reorder things. You did sound rather 'disturbed', about the situation..which I sure can't blame you for. I have been with M.H. since 1974 and enjoyed every minute of it..M.H. must go on! Keep up the good work.

Could it be that Neptune in Capricorn squaring Ret. Mars now kind of got to you? I don't remember your chart, but it seems logical. With Saturn in Capricorn soon also, you will certainly have your share of work to do..but it will be done! Don't overwork yourself. It is raining here in Anchorage right now. We have snow down the mountains, but not here yet. Another winter has come so fast. With my natal Moon/Saturn conj. in Aries..ruler of my 4-10th Houses, Neptune close to my Nadir squaring Ret. Mars in Aries on my Mo/Sat.. I have been tied up ALL SUMMER nursing and taking care of my two ill parents..and their home..plus my own family of five..a big house and nearly nightly group meetings or healing sessions..and Astrology group. Busy is not the word! Mercury is Ret. again..so today I got your letter about the confusion..I was also confused somewhat. My husband bought a used telephone..and it doesn't ring! My catalog order came today..wrong size! etc..

Joan Abel's new stationery - I love it. (And I bet Joan O'Neill does too.)



"Position is everything in life!" Or
"After dinner Taurus."

JOAN LAMBARD
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Your concept of M.H. as a communication between astrologers is an excellent one. I am sorry to say that in the four years (84-87) I was a subscriber I did not get involved enough to write even once to say hello, ask some questions and tell the others how much I enjoy their letters. I hope to do better this time!

Astrology has been a favorite interest of mine for more than ten years, and I plan to devote more time to it when I retire (hopefully the end of this year). We recently purchased a personal IBM-compatible computer (Tandy-TX) and on the advice of Camille Adams I bought NOVA from Astrolabe. I agree with Camille that NOVA is an excellent product---just wish I had more time to spend with it right now! I am interested in hearing from others who are also working with NOVA.

Another area of interest is cusp-ers. We have several in our family--I am on the cusp of Pisces and Aquarius, my husband is on the cusp of Aries and Taurus, one of our sons is on the cusp of Libra and Scorpio, and my sister is on the cusp of Virgo and Libra. Would enjoy hearing from anyone who is also interested in this subject.

(I believe I once heard Zip Dobyns, many years ago, say that if your Sun was 29 degrees Virgo 59' you were a Virgo and I tend to agree with that. If the individual doesn't have any planets in Libra why would Libra be involved. I think that's where the confusion comes in with "cusp-ers", they may have planets in the next sign that color the personality. What say the rest of you? Edith).

Since Dot said this will hold thru the winter I've put it in this edition. Edith

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NOVA SCOTIA
ANNUAL ECLIPSE, SEPT 11, 1988
4:49 a.m. GMT. 0W0, 40N0

One of the things which will become more apparent as the winter goes on, and has already started, is an increased extent of cloudy, rainy and colder weather as now that Saturn has passed Uranus and is approaching the conjunction with Neptune, the pattern of two lows with a high inbetween is broken. Instead the pattern will be of two extensive lows in a row, with the high eventually behind them. The inclement weather will last much longer than we are accustomed to, and will continue well into 1990. This has a decided effect on all living things, people, crops etc. The lack of Sun reduces vitality, disease increases and depressions ensue. Another odd trait is that droughts often form in parts of the world. High heat and humidity accompany these.

Saturn Neptune, Uranus and Chiron In this eclipse these lie over Alaska and the peninsula down through the Pacific promising storms and high winds. Saturn and Uranus lie right over Hawaii, with Neptune (opposing Chiron) 10 deg. east, over Tahiti. Unfortunately, they square the N.E. coast from Greenland through Nova Scotia, then across the Atlantic, Bermuda and the Leeward Islands, crossing Brazil and Argentina. Heavy storms in the northern areas with rain and snows broken by brief highs. A strong possibility of heavy early snows in the northern and higher lats. A brief Bermuda high could form over that area, just enough to cause some very unstable conditions as it meets Saturn's low, and the more easterly winds come inshore. Oct. 18th brings the last conjunction of these two planets for the next 45 years, at 27 Sag., (roughly 40E and 140W) as they are still in Sag. Sept. may start off on the warmer side, but once they reach Capricorn, the temperatures will drop.

Mercury, who starts off retrograde until Oct. 20th, lies over the Atlantic, just touching eastern Brazil. He squares the meridian through the Yukon and across the Pacific. With his aspects to Saturn and Uranus, coming in the future, winds will be high. On Sept. 11th, with the eclipse, Mercury cojoins the Sun, and this promises severe windstorms and generally stormy weather over both oceans and as Mercury

is in the northern portion of the chart, the worst storms will be in the northern lats. In the Eastern Hemisphere, his line runs right through Japan and New Guinea for possible tremors, and through Australia close to Adelaide.

Later, Mercury sesquares Jupiter in Gemini, increasing dryness, then the sextile to Saturn and Uranus will bring strong winds and colder temperatures wherever Mercury aspects.

Jupiter lies right over Great Britain and western France at 1E. Venus, applying to the sextile from Leo should increase both dryness and heat bringing above normal temperature. France had best watch its remaining grape crop. Jupiter is southing in the chart, so the southern areas will feel more of the effects. The square falls out at 89E, through already drought stricken China, and Bangladesh. It must be remembered that Jupiter expands the affects of whatever planet aspects.

In the western hemisphere, Jupiter lies at 179W, over the Aleutian arc, across the Pacific just west of the Tonga trench, a very unstable area. He squares at 91W, right along the Mississippi valley and western Ontario, through Yucatan and Guatemala. This position at 91W may very easily upset the normal flow of cool dry polar air that comes down from the central arctic during the winter months, bringing unusual weather to the central area of the continent.

Venus, in Leo and applying to Jupiter by sextile and Mars by trine, lies across the Northwest Territories, to Northern California then down the Pacific. Hot, dry winds in the northern areas at the beginning, but the 19th Sept. may bring a cooling trend. In the south Pacific, Venus in this position usually indicates warm, moist lows, rising from the south to cross Mexico and into the S.W. states. With all three aspecting from dry signs, the usual moisture may be considerably lessened and the heat increased until the northward heading lows collide with the cooler air masses flowing down and east from the continental polar air. The pattern we have is Jupiter's effect on the far Alaskan lows, then his effect through the square on the same mid continental lows that Venus also affects. Between these two lie Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. Four dry and one wet across the west, not really what the western areas need. When Venus moves into Virgo, and squares Jupiter on Oct. 9th, rain/snow may sweep in.

Mars in dry Aries, lies over the northeastern coast from Newfound-

land down across the Leeward Island and through central South America. Being retrograde until Oct. 28th, his first aspect is the trine to Venus Sept. 15th, which will produce abnormal heat for the time of year, with above normal dryness. He squares Neptune Sept. 20th, over Alaska, where Neptune lies on the meridian, therefore some seismic effects may be forthcoming. Mars is also southing, taking the heat and dryness into the southern lats. On Sept. 28th, he reached his biannual perigee station. Not as hot as '86, but hot. Fires are a danger.

The Sun and Moon: The eclipse point lies at 73W, over the eastern coast, through Cuba and western South America. It squares the meridian over the Alaskan Penn. and across the Pacific. In the Eastern Hemisphere, they lie at 107E, which crosses mid China, down through Sumatra. They square at 17E through central Africa. This eclipse is only visible over the very Eastern section of Africa. I'd suspect more crop failures in East Africa around the equatorial regions as well as some dry weather through Virginia and the Carolinas.

Pluto lies at 25W, over Iceland and east Atlantic. He squares at 115W with the square to Venus on the 17th for a heat wave. Saturn only 1 deg. past the semi-square for emphasis.

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HELIO

In the Helio chart, we find a similar pattern, but from different signs. Jupiter in Taurus, exactly sextile Mars in wet Pisces, while Venus is rapidly closing the conjunction to Jupiter. In the Geo chart, these were all in dry signs, while here they are all in wet. Jupiter to Mars, anywhere brings heat and drought with the overtone of thunderstorms. Mars lies over the east coast, squaring the meridian at 178W over the Aleutian Islands, while Jupiter squares over the Mississippi area. Venus moving east to cojoin Jupiter from the plains may bring some showers, but the heat will dominate. Since all are southing, the southern lats. will feel more extreme effects. Jupiter lies at 11W, squaring at 101W, Venus lies at 20W, squaring at 110W, while Mars lies at 68W. Venus and Jupiter run down through Mexico, while Mars runs through Puerto Rico and western South America. In the eastern hemisphere, Jupiter just touches the western coast of Africa, Venus runs through central Iceland on the M.C.,

across the Atlantic. They both square over eastern Russia, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Mars tho squares the meridian over Greece, while lying on the meridian at 112E. That puts Mars over eastern mid China, through Indonesia and off the western coast of Australia. Drought and heatwaves will continue in these areas.

Mercury, Saturn, Uranus and Chiron all lie within 9 degs. and thus cover the same area of the world. Chiron is opposite Saturn, and they cover the longitudes from 26E to 36E in the eastern hemisphere, over western Russia, Istanbul, Egypt, the Sudan and east South Africa. They square the I.C. over the Philippines, Indonesia and western Australia. Mercury, of course, moves swiftly to cojoin Uranus, Saturn (opposing Chiron) and Neptune by Sept. 15th. In the west, they all lie over the Aleutian and Alaska, thus thru the Pacific with Saturn Chiron and Uranus over Hawaii, down the Pacific over the Line Islands (there was a volcanic eruption there two years ago, all is not quiet yet). They square the M.C. over the northeast coast, again, from 52W to 62W, Newfoundland through South America. In the Helio chart, these planets are in Capricorn now, with Uranus at 0 degs. while Geo. Uranus does not reach the 0 deg. until Dec. 3rd Capricorn is cold! There are almost three months time elapse to watch for the differences between the Helio placements and the Geo. For the Helio, cold, wet lows throughout all the northern lats., and in the very deep southern lats., such as southern Argentina and Chile. Deep frosts, through the winter heavy ice. Extreme rain may hit southern California and the southwest as the cold penetrates the warm, moist air that usually rises from the mid Pacific. On the eclipse date, the weather will be rather unsettled, with very high winds, which will abate after the 15th (Sept.). Winds will remain easterly-southeasterly. Extensive lows will cross the continent back to back. Very little Sun. Later in the season the snows may be very heavy wherever the lunation charts show these planets to be.

Neptune lies over Alaska and the Pacific, only 2 degs. off the Geo. position, the forecast is the same. Aleutian lows will be deep and heavy ahead of the Saturnian ones. The northwest coast can expect little break from the cloudy, foggy weather. This also affects the sub tropical jet stream pushing more moist air eastward across northern Mexico and up. Mars and Neptune are 75 degs. apart, therefore are

in HELIO aspect (and any aspect produces effects. This aspect is boosted by Mars sextile Jupiter.

Pluto lies at 23W, 1 deg. from the Geo. position, therefore is the same except that Helio Pluto has no aspects, other than the rapidly separating semi-square from Mercury.

For those following transpluto, which I forgot in the Geo chart, he lies at 80E and 100W. The conjunction of Geo Venus on Sept. 26th, will be his first aspect.

BARBARA MAY
Tucson, AZ.

One thing that has been fun and enjoyable thru everything has been working with the Helio, Heliogram/SIG. I've been getting better and better results, so must assume I'm finally getting the hang of using it a little more wisely. Lately the Helio in all mundane charts is really talking to me. (Lately meaning since last summer.) With individual charts it's been a bit less clear, but the results fascinate me. I agree with Pat on Helio indicating public persona when we're dealing in the mundane area, but not necessarily with individuals. Too many variables here to make a cut and dried statement. My clients are all pretty comfy with the Helio now, and have done their own observations and feed them back to me. I've now come to this somewhat tentative conclusion: on a day-to-day basis, either Geo or Helio Mercury/Venus/Mars work inter-changeably. Both seem to adapt to particular situations evenly. But in a crisis or stress situation I'm seeing this trend emerge: Helio Mercury overrides the Geo strongly, and usually, no matter how important either Mercury is in the chart. A possible explanation for this is that the physical location of Mercury to the Earth and Sun is unique, OR that the thought process is more separate than we think as astrologers. We look at the Moon for how you react in stress or crisis. Or the M.C. The rest is not consistent with this. The rest being Venus and Mars. Here I'm seeing the either/or model, where sometimes under stress the Helio Venus is real obvious, or the Geo Mars. But HOW the individual is seen by others and how they see themselves in stress or crisis is Heliocentrically. This is public AND private. These people feel the Helio Mercury response. As I write this to you I realize I haven't shared this with anyone else. But you've worked with the Helio longer than I have. What do you think? Of course all of this is casual observation at this point. Being self taught,

I learn best from those I work with. And the Helio Mercury response isn't limited to people. I've got a friend with a horse, for God's sake, who also in the show ring becomes his Helio Mercury if things go wrong. (?) Like all people, if the show is going so-so, he is interchangeably both of his Mercuries. But let another horse go out of control, and he IS his Helio Mercury.

On that somewhat zany note I'll get off my soap box, well one foot anyway.

Somebody said everything happens for a reason and I've done TWO elective surgery charts for clients since all the junk for my own. On the THIRD one (a client who really seems to live her Helio placements more than the Geo) it hit me I've always calculated all the parts using Geo positions. So I calculated this gal's Geo and Helio part of surgery. As her Geo and Helio Mars are in different signs, so are those parts. Should we use both? If so, which one takes precedence? I always wondered why the Pars was so routine and the other parts not so. But the Pars is the ONLY part I know of that wouldn't change adding Helio, as it's the Sun/Moon/Asc. This question from a Helio Mercury conj. Geo and Helio Neptune in 12. Ha! I think I'll drop Maggie a line to have this put in the next Heliogram as it will at least make the SIG folks think, and I'm sure everyone will have a different answer. (?) I think of some pretty screwball stuff sometimes.

Heard about Seven Hills in 1990, and that's just fine. By then I should be ABLE to do handstands...in the lobby of the Radisson Hotel in beautiful downtown Lynchburg.

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DELPHINE JAY
WINTER PARK, FL

TO: DONA SHAW,

A friend of mine brought your letter to the MERCURY HOUR to my attention. Your comments about Lilith to the Ascendant of another were very interesting. I jotted down some things I wanted to share with you.

When you wrote that you found that "if Lilith was conjunct Asc., the Lilith person felt the Asc. person did not like them on first meeting. The Asc. person found the Lilith person a puzzling personality for some reason". I would say that you are right on. I am glad that you are going to her interpretation as a drawing power or tanta-lizing and that you have not seen the evil forces attributed to this poor lady forever it seems. Of course her positive points are as common as are the positive points of any stimuli. However, as for her interpretation as a denial - yes, in the context of the Lilithian feeling the Ascender did not like them on first meeting - the initial denial is felt also by the Ascender in the form of a denial in clarity as to how to respond to this person.

However, in spite of and beyond the initial denial, you could say a "crashed program" of contact understandably results from the immediate personalities involvement clouding the picture. If however, the meeting is under impersonal circumstances as in the meeting during a particular interest or project that is being given fuller attention than the people present, such initial denial is then absent as the personal is then by passed for the "mental" meeting taking its place in its stead.

Truly, Dona, only one who experiences this characteristic of Lilithian encounters can understand how the Lilithian is responsive to our detached projections of self rather than our attaching projections (being an instinct of mind).

Such a delicate line it is - but made so uniquely aware to us in Lilithian connections. Particularly in the case of the Ascendant, as this point is initially our personal projection point. It would therefore be the classic point from which to observe it in

action. Don't you agree? Thank you for your kind word about my book. I truly appreciate it. Much luck for your continued work and God bless.

NANCY EDWARDS
Virginia Beach, VA.

Welcome back! So glad to hear the good news that the Mercury Hour's Mama has returned. Your 'child' was looking rather scruffy. The typo's were numerous, and the grammar was awful. I was on the verge of canceling when the October 1988, edition arrived - with YOUR return address on it. Enclosed is my renewal check, and all the good thoughts that I know you, Betty and Pam will need.

I won't be writing under the name, Annie Aquila, any more, as I realized there were some having difficulty calling me first Annie, then Nancy, so we'll zap Annie back to Arcturus where I'm sure she'll be happier anyway.

I hope your return means that we WILL have another **Seven Hills Conference** - those hills of Lynchburg kind of grow on you, and the company's not bad either. (Think positive for April or May 1990 Edith.)

When there's more time, I'll send a little something on the Dimensions of Consciousness, and how they relate to Planetary Sojourns and Earthly Incarnations - a philosophical concept on Astrology from the Edgar Cayce readings, if you think readers would be interested. (If you can add some meat and potatoes they might be! Edith.)

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PAT LEWIS
Palm Bay, FL.

I have enjoyed reading the Helio-gram always something to learn there. T. Pat Davis is helping to inform the population and make us aware of "other" things than what was first learned. A wonderful lady who doesn't get enough recognition or applause for all her hard work. I spent a delightful day with her, last year, and finally some of my plaudits and praise have fallen on "open" ears. I suggested to the South Florida Astrological Association that she be invited, and she is speaking there on Feb. 11. I'll be sure to attend.

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TANI TOYEN
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Dearest Edie,

Hello??? Anyone home?? I don't know if you moved, or are still up there? You may be living around the corner from me..nahhh- I'd know that, I'd hear your phone ringing constantly.

Let me know where you are, where you're going, and when and where I need to pick you up - just call, you know even if you don't hear from me for a year I'm as close as your phone.

Please write your news, when you will be here, and where and more or less what's happening.

I am in bankruptcy again, so you will find me in line at the poorhouse, with a big ladle and torn sneakers. I assume all this will change shortly, as my progressed Sun has just entered Capricorn-which would be very helpful, if it wasn't followed by a prog. Moon in Libra ... nothing like an ambitious sloth - maybe this is the time to invest in Lazy-Boy chairs business, or sell velvet cushions, perhaps I could spend the next two and a half years deciding what business to go into...hahaa, yes, that's it! I shall put velvet cushions on my Lazy-Boy chair, crawl into it, and deliberate the vast avenues leading to mega buck making ... the easy way, I could write a book from the chair, and call it PAINLESS PROFITS, or SELL YOUR STUPID IDEAS TO PEOPLE STUPIDER THAN YOU---there is just no end to exciting business possibilities. Is this how every Capricorn gets started? I need some chocolate bon bons, fast! Dialogue between prog. Cap. Sun and prog. Libra Moon: Lib Moon..."yes, I need some bon bons fast" Cap Sun..."they rot your teeth and make you fat, besides they cost too much" Lib Moon ..."shut up you cheap old fart, you're depressing me"

Oh, I can see this is gonna be a fun 2 1/2 years...keeping my prog. Sun and Moon away from each other...perhaps a job in Willy Wonka's choc factory?? Maybe a nice investment in Nestle corporation ... Anyway, drop me a quick line, and let me know what and where ... enclose a Mars Bar.

Someone is looking for Louise Gallo's address. Does anyone know where she can be reached?



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MELISSA A. FORAN

East Windsor, N.J.

I was wondering if I may ask for Astrology school recommendations? You see, I would like to continue my education by attending (Astrology) college, but am at a loss of where the "best" school would be as far as professors/curriculum. It is important to me that I become a good astrologer. N.Y.C. scares me to death so I am opposed to taking classes there. I would much rather attend a structured "Astrology school" than take any correspondence courses on the subject. I was hoping M.H. readers could help me.

JUDITH GEE
London, England

I note with quiet satisfaction that George Bush is candidate for President. and doing well. If you will refer to one of your earlier numbers in I think 1986, when he stood before, and I predicted he would be president. I was wrong that time, but remember his horoscope as being very dignified and responsible, with I remarked, 'elements of nobility'...

I note with considerable awe, the importance of Capricorn next year, with Saturn, Uranus and Neptune all in the first half of Capricorn.

No wonder that the nations are turning conservative and consolidating the ecology of Earth.

Older generations will now predominate. The youngsters have had their day and funkied it. Gone with drugs, promiscuity, single parentage, and homosexuality. Many lack discipline and responsibility.

The revolutions that set in with Uranus/Aquarius in the early years of this century are well and truly ended.. The revolutions everywhere have found only disaster, poverty, disease, mismanaged earth resources in S. America and in Africa. And the dictatorship of ruthless, cruel tyrants.

Not all lost, as many have learned the surface values are not enough. The materialistic sciences are thoroughly discredited. Many of us have seen deeper and into other dimensions. We are wiser and in some sense aware of the potency of our Mind, and also Soul!

There is a lovely Moon in Sagittarius aspect to Mercury Libra as I write and Moon is on my Mars, so I am prophetic! Forgive my preaching, but now seems the right time for prophecy. Not prediction which has to do with the temporal, but prophecy, which has to do with eternal.

All love to friends and non friends.

Hi Judith: Welcome back. Things were getting pretty dull without you. Looks like we gave up the "revolution" and are going to take on a couple of generations instead. There is the

argument of course, that we, as the "older" generation, didn't do very well either what with World War II and the ensuing mess after it. The generation before us wasn't much better with their war and prohibition and gangsters. Looks to me more like the whole human race has been screwing up for MANY generations and things aren't getting better! How's this for a pleasant thought - the "older" generation isn't going to have to worry about it much longer (maybe another 20 years?) and then the "younger" generation can suffer thru what they created, just as we had to do. Life goes on regardless. Glad you are back with us. Edith

CHRIS McRAE
EDMONTON, CANADA

Dear Jim Haynes:

How's this for service... your query and a reply all in one issue?

A year ago when you contacted me about the coordinates for Unreachable Lake because of my original article, you may recall that after considerable research I was unable to come up with the information. Unreachable Lake appeared to have vanished.

This time, when Edie's letter arrived, I wondered what stone I had left unturned and began once again dialing Government phone numbers. You know how that is...everyone gives you a new number to try. This time I hit "pay-dirt". I actually talked to a man who personally worked on the ground search team and he was able to produce some documentation. He said the Journal newspaper somehow got the wrong name for the lake near which the plane was found. Instead of Unreachable Lake, it was Hottah Lake.

I was able to find Hotta Lake on a map in the London Times Atlas of the World. It is a good sized lake close to Great Bear Lake, immediately south of McTavish Arm and east of McVicar Arm.

Now, here is the best part, Jim, he gave me the exact coordinates of where the plane was found....118W58 and 64N51

(Rest of info: Take off - Nov. 8, 1972 - 3:30 p.m. - 69N03 105W05. Plane found Dec. 9, 1972).

JIM LEWIS
El Cerrito, CA.

Welcome back, doll! Look at it this way. If God had intended you to just sit around by the pool and enjoy your golden years, She wouldn't have given you such a set of brains.

A word of advice. Please don't typeset columns all across the page? It makes it hard to read, since I have been noticing that the type isn't as clear as it was ten years ago. I wonder why. Must be those damn laser printers. (Couldn't be your eyes are ten years older, could it, Jim dear?)

About the election: Well, the media says that today, Oct. 15, would be closer to the mark, "debate". (I think "joint pep rally" would be closer to the mark). It's all over and we can look forward to four more years of backward. I'm not so sure. It occurred to me while I was attending **Mark Lerner's** excellent "Welcome to Planet Earth" Seminar last August that Dukakis has Sun square Saturn, and Bush has Sun opposite Jupiter. Bush's largest lead was back when Jupiter was moving forward, and Saturn was retrograde. But now they've reversed, and, moreover, next Tuesday, October 18, Saturn conjoins and passes Uranus for the last time. Though no one would want to claim George Bush as a Uranian, he does have the Sun closely square that planet of the puer aeternus, in his 7th House, and his own favorite puer aeternus, Dan Quayle is an Aquarian. Maybe just maybe, the American people will, after October 18, realize that the possibility of having President Quayle is just too dreadful, and regain their reason in the nick of time.

Since it will all be over by the time this gets printed, I'd better move onto other matters.

In fact, I suppose it makes not a lot of difference who wins. Whoever it is, it is Herbert Hoover. (Sounds like my kind of guy! Edith)

M.H. readers might be interested to know that I have organized a special "mini-track" for the upcoming UAC-89 on the "History of Astrology in the 20th Century--Our Pioneers". It will comprise about five lectures and perhaps a video tape or two of

some of our great senior astrologers. Already agreed to present are Doris Chase Doane, **Paul Grell**, J. Gordon Melton (a noted academic historian), Julia Wagner and Carl Weschcke. It should make an interesting series of lectures, and educate some of us professionals about our own past and intellectual forebearers.

UAC is probably going to be the largest and most successful convention this decade. No one should miss it, especially in steamy, tropical New Orleans in the cool and Cancerian month of July.

JULIANN C. RYAN
Kansas City, MO.

Thank God for **Edith Custer!** Without her **Mercury Hour** could have died without a word as a number of other astrological publications have. Thank you, Edie for taking over.

The 58th Edition is like a text on Mundane Astrology. Agree or disagree, I want to thank everyone for their insights. Too bad we couldn't have had them on time and perhaps more by this time. That's the way things worked out. Perhaps we can have some rehash on the whys and wherefores of the election results in the next issue.

Must thank **Marion March** for her data. I always look forward to this contribution. While I use some of it I collect all of it and have become known around Kansas City as a resource. Without your help, Marion, I find it harder to keep my reputation. Thanks

Stephanie Erickson's interview with **Robert Hand** was excellent. Enjoyed all of it and gained new insights.

THE UNITED NATIONS CHART. Few topics have intrigued as many astrologers and some of the best astrological work has been done by really outstanding professionals in an effort to prove once and for all the "True Chart". **Michael Munkasey** has certainly given a wonderfully researched historical essay to identify the correct time. Karl Maret, in Libra issue of WTPE, presents a well reasoned argument for the Surrender at Yorktown. It seems that every sign from Gemini to Sagittarius is offered, and defended, for the July 4, 1776, date. Many events, from the founding of Jamestown to the

inauguration of George Washington have been offered as the True Time. The arguments, both historically and astrologically, appear to stand up. I'm confused. What can one do with this abundance of riches?

Because I have little understanding of the scientific method, I am very impressed with the work of **Richard Nolle** reported in STAR*TECH, Leo issue. He tested 14 U.S.A. charts against 524 event charts and found that the time when the U.S. Constitution became the law of the land won hands down. (00:13:12 L.M.T. March 4, 1798, at New York, N.Y., 73W57, 40N45). That would agree with **Michael's** statement "a--moment in time when the founders agree that what is old is gone, and what is new has begun."

Are you ready for a U.S. Chart with 29 Scorpio rising? Neither am I but if that's what we've got we'll have to live with it. Perhaps we could prevail upon **Michael Munkasey** and/or **Neil Michelsen** to review and critique (possibly repeat) **Richard's** work and give us an independent report. We keep talking about Astrology being a science but are we ready to give up our pet beliefs for facts?

Frances McEvoy: I really enjoyed your articles on Benjamin Franklin and George and Martha Washington. Well researched and well done.

Mark Penfield: You certainly are prolific but could you please give us complete charts and identify the house system. They appear to me to be slap-dash and are always put in my files with a ? mark and I can't use them until I redo them.

Anne Neighbors: I can't imagine suggesting anyone closing down their lives when Neptune transits. Few people would follow that advice anyway. I do tell them to be meticulously honest during the period so they will not be the unconscious perpetrator of fraud or the victim thereof. (Have you ever tried to cheat an honest man?) A client, who ignored my warning, almost lost a professional license by cutting corners. She had done it in the past without any problems.

I also warned them that they are not seeing things with their normal clarity and should be very

careful when making decisions or taking action.

For those clients who will listen it is usually enough to explain the circumstances and sound the warning. Another client, under an accident aspect, told me that three times she could have totaled her car if she had not been driving defensively because of my warning.

As far as I'm concerned this is what Astrology is all about. Explain the circumstances an individual is in, help them discover the best way to deal with it within their own reality, and tell them when it will pass. We can endure almost anything when we know when it will be over.

For what it's worth department. Friday, October 14th, I saw the first positive political commercial. **Michael Dukakis** on values. Transiting Saturn just 30 minutes past the conjunction with his natal Venus.

Really enjoyed **THE OUTER THREE PLANETS AND CYCLES OF NATION AND EMPIRE** by **Daniel Gordon**, 19th Extra, p. 25. This is about the right size for a reprint article. When I see three, five or more pages devoted to reprints I feel cheated. The space could be used for letters and information from others. This goes double when I have read it in the original publication.

Art Poppe (19th Extra p. 30), your Creative Process is excellent. Reminds me of a workshop with **Frances Sakoian** when she demonstrated the Cutting Planet and the Planet of lowest degree. A good teaching tool that I will use. Thank you. I liked the principle of your Empty Houses (p 35) but the descriptions did not hit home. It makes me wonder if my empties may be opened through relationships. Intend to look into this by setting others planets in my chart and my planets in theirs. Do the empty houses we fill for each other define the relationship?

Have always learned a great deal when I put one persons planets in another's chart. The most amusing instance occurred when a long time friend moved back to Kansas City. I could not wait to introduce her to my best friend. The introduction was hardly out of my mouth before they were clawing and spitting at each other. How could this be? My

two best friends couldn't stand each other and were actively aggressive, a trait I had not seen in either before. Comparing their charts did not turn up the problem but when I put them both into my chart it all came out. If friend one's Mars made a soft aspect to a planet in my chart, Friend two's Mars made a soft aspect to the same planet in my chart. When a planet in one's chart made a hard aspect to one of my planets the same planet in the other's chart made a hard aspect to the same planet in my chart. So it went, always the same planet in both charts making an aspect of the same nature to a planet in my chart. No wonder they were my two best friends. I was having the same relationship with both of them and they couldn't stand it.

Paul Mahler Dam (19th Extra p. 32) What beautiful charts you make. They are a delight to the eye. The astrological interpretations are very good also. Please continue with the classical medieval school aphorisms. I find them most enlightening. Have only known one astrologer who used the Hyleg and have been able to find little about it. Could you give us more information? I read with interest and enjoyment everything you write.

NETTIE PARRS
Garden City, N.Y.

An Astrology friend of mine had an attack of colitis and couldn't find it in any of her charts. And since she hasn't a computer, I volunteered to find it.

In looking for something, I always start with the PRENATAL ECLIPSE. ROBERT JANSKY'S INTERPRETATING THE ECLIPSES states: "The house in which the PRENATAL ECLIPSE occurred seems to be continually emphasized throughout the life of the individual". So her PRENATAL ECLIPSE is 4 degrees AQUARIUS, in the 6th House. Set up DIURNAL CHART for onset of colitis June 6, 1986,

(A) Prenatal Eclipse 4 Aquarius, sq. transiting Pluto 4 Scorpio in 4th House.

(B) Diurnal Ascendant 26 Cancer conj. natal East Point 27 Cancer.

(C) Diurnal M.C. 13 Aries sq. natal 12th House cusp.

(D) diurnal M.C. 13 Aries sq. Jupiter 13 Capricorn R in the 4th House.

(E) Solar Eclipse of April 1986 at 19 Aries sq. natal Jupiter 19 Capricorn in 6th House, and eclipse sq. transiting Venus 19 Cancer in 12th House.

COLITIS is a VIRGO-PISCES Polarity 6-12 House matter. In progressed chart for June 6th, 1986, VIRGO-PISCES was a 6-12 Polarity.

Jim Haynes I was never comfortable with my horoscope. (Who is?) My birth certificate, and my father's recording of my birth in his journal, have it recorded as 7:25 p.m., EST. So my I.C. is 29 TAURUS 50, both by my calculations and Michelsen's. Before, and after I was married, I always lived in two different places during the year. In the winter, I lived in the city, and in the summer at the seashore, or country. Now I live in the city in the summer and in winter I live in Florida. Tropically my I.C. is 29 TAURUS, SIDEREALLY 5 TAURUS. How could I have a TAURUS I.C.? Wouldn't it be more GEMINI?

ROBERTA STRAIN
Middlesex, N.J.

In answer to your plea Edith, I am enclosing my subscription fee and a few Congratulatory words for the NEW re-ownership of M.H.! I am certain you have your work cut out for you but I also have known NO HAPPY CAPRICORNS--unless they are in their "counting houses" reaping all those fantastic monetary benefits. And forget it, they don't "dry up and blow away" either, they become immortalized on pedestals working diligently on goals and dreams such as M.H. to afford the community an on-going basis!

I finally gained more insight into the meaning of your logo on your letterhead of that "quivering" mountain goat. She knows no one, absolutely no one, is going to let her down off that mountain, except for an occasional vacation every three or more years, if the situation warrants it! WELCOME BACK, EDIE!!! We've missed YOU.



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MOLLIE SOMMER
Redlands, CA.

Horray! Edith's back. Now maybe things will be done right, for a change.

Charlotte Tuton: Your historical novella's ("novella" because the times are speculative, making them works of fiction) reminds me of the story of the 11 year old girl who was interested in penguins, so her grandmother got her a book about them for Christmas. The grandmother received a thank-you note from her which read, "I appreciate the book you sent me but it told me quite a bit more about penguins than I wanted to know." I had skipped the one on Jane Grey, but I went back and read it to see how much pertained to Astrology. Not a hell of a lot. Don't you have any accurately timed charts to write about?

I finally ran the Bush and Dukakis charts for November 8th, and nothing in the Dukakis chart indicates that he can win. Did anyone notice that Bush's secondary Helio Mars will conjunct his natal Geo Mars around December 8th, 1988? That aspect is exact for six days or so. It's in his 6th House of health and is curious, if not down right alarming, when you consider Mars rules his 8th - so, what could it be? Mars rules guns, so lets hope it's only a case of shingles. At any rate, it will probably be brought out publicly (Helio).

October '88, pg. 54: Re: Astro Twins list. My eye happened to catch the birth date 7-11-97; a truly classic example of planned parenthood, wouldn't you say?

Edith: I think you should send Jewell complimentary copies of M.H. and then edit her responses, or not print them. About a year ago, I wrote that, since I read only half of the stuff in M.H., I thought it would be reasonable that I should pay only half of the subscription price. Apparently she didn't think it was very funny, because she edited it out. In fact, she deleted the whole page. Oh well.

Joylyn Hill: Oct. '88, pg. 65: There is no "Helio" Moon. You would use the Geo Moon with the Helio planets. By the same token, there cannot be a Helio Part of Fortune. I've read your letters for many years, and you are a

very savvy astrologer. If you're just starting to use Helio, I can tell you, you are going to love it.

Maka Ingle: Oct. '88: How courageous you are to have shared your tragic loss with us. I'm certain I could not have done it.

Al H. Morrison: Thank you so much for your simplified version of the 1040. I'll let you know if it works.

Jim Haynes: Oct. '88 Extra: Thanks for clearing up the confusion re recorded times of birth in Ill. and Pa. Also, Jim (or anybody), I would love to see a list of characteristics for Asc. signs. What information I have on rising signs is scattered where I don't know. Jim, you say Virgo Asc. people are tall and thin; do they also have a dimple or cleft in their chin, ala Kirk Douglas? I don't have his chart, so I don't know if he has Virgo rising or not. Anyway, I read that someplace. Leo rising is hirsute. I had a neighbor whose son committed suicide, and I asked if I could do her chart. She gave me the date and place, and while she was looking for her birth certificate, I did a speculative chart, putting Leo on the Asc. I figured it had to be either Leo or Sag. (something was happening to Jupiter at the time of the suicide), and she had massive hair, beautiful hair, and a Leo Asc. put Sag. on her 5th, and, I think, secondary Jupiter conjunct her Asc. When she located her birth certificate, I was only seven minutes off. But it was all that hair! So Leo is hirsute, along with whatever else.

November 1st will wind up my Saturn Return, which wasn't bad at all. Of course, I have Saturn trine Neptune, so a lot of it was probably spent in a sort of mental fog. But, I sold my house, got an awful lot of money for it

(Saturn is in my 2nd), and I'm eligible for a windfall, so I don't have to pay taxes on any of it. Neptune rules my 4th of the home so profit from the sale of the house. Not bad for a Saturn Return. By the way, according to Ronald Davison, Saturn trine Neptune is scrupulously honest, which I have found to be true (my stockbroker has Saturn trine Neptune; now, isn't that special?) does anyone have infor-

mation to the contrary on that?

Charlotte Tuton: You can't progress a Solar Return. All it is, basically, is a transit chart.

MARC PENFIELD
Pacific Grove, Ca

MOVING TO PARADISE

Well, I finally made the big move out of the L.A. jungle in late September. I'd been trying to get away from the crowds, horrendous traffic, smog and negative attitude ever since I left the travel business over three years ago. My progressed chart for 1988 showed that the Moon would conjunct progressed Jupiter in April and May, so I went to Portland on a job-hunting trip, but nothing came of it, except an offer to work for Scientology. In August, the prog. Moon would conjunct natal Jupiter, so I decided that if I was going to make a major transition, this would be the time to do so. Things has gone from bad to worse in L.A. for me, both career-wise and domestically. I needed a drastic change, and approached my Aquarian sister in Cleveland asking her if she would like me for a roommate. But shortly after Labor Day, I got this wild idea that I might not have to leave California at all, and thus began to make plans for another job-hunting trip, this time to Monterey, San Francisco and Sacramento. I reasoned that if I got a job offer in one of those places, that was to be where I would hang my hat. I wanted to work in a bookstore so down came the phone-books and lists were made.

I left L.A. on Sept. 16th for Monterey as the Sun sextiled my natal Jupiter, Jupiter was in the 9th house of the "trip chart" and the MC was the same degree as my natal ASC. I stayed with **Bonnie Parker** whom I had met two years earlier at the SJAA conference in Bakersfield. The following morning, I went job hunting, first to Carmel. Five minutes after entering my first prospect, I was hired: they wanted me to start immediately, but I told them that since I was still living in L.A. that I would need a week to move up here. At this time, My prog. Moon was 26 Cancer, just crossing the relocated 4th house for me in L.A., still

within orb to natal Jupiter and leaving a semi-square to natal Saturn. My relocated ASC in L.A. was being opposed by transiting Pluto and also sesquaired by Saturn and Uranus. Needless to say, it was time for a change. The relocated progressed ASC was 1 1/2 Cancer, squaring my natal and prog. Neptune, so life for me in "la la land" had become disappointing.

I left tinseltown on Sept. 22nd just as the ASC was conjunct my Mercury/Mars conjunction: the Sun was in the final minutes of Virgo and by the time I put the key into the door of my new place, the Sun had entered Libra. The transiting Moon was trine my natal ASC, it being exactly square to my Sun when I left earlier that morning. Two days later, I began my job at a bookstore in Carmel as the Sun was trine my natal Uranus, ruler of my MC. Mercury was trining my MC as well. When I was paying my rent, the landlady asked me if I wanted to work for her three nights a week at the motel next door. I told her I would have to think about it, and after another three days, I consented and began work there as the Sun trined transiting Jupiter and my prog. Saturn. So in less than two weeks, I had gone from no permanent job to having two jobs. I really lucked out in the domestic arena, having Jupiter naturally in Cancer. I found a place less than 100 ft. from the ocean in Pacific Grove, a quiet and tranquil community just west of Monterey. My cat Vickie, made the trip with me: her prog. Moon (ruler of her ASC) was trining her natal Jupiter and her prog. Sun opposing Jupiter in her 4th house. Her prog. ASC has just entered Leo, just as mine will shortly before New Year.

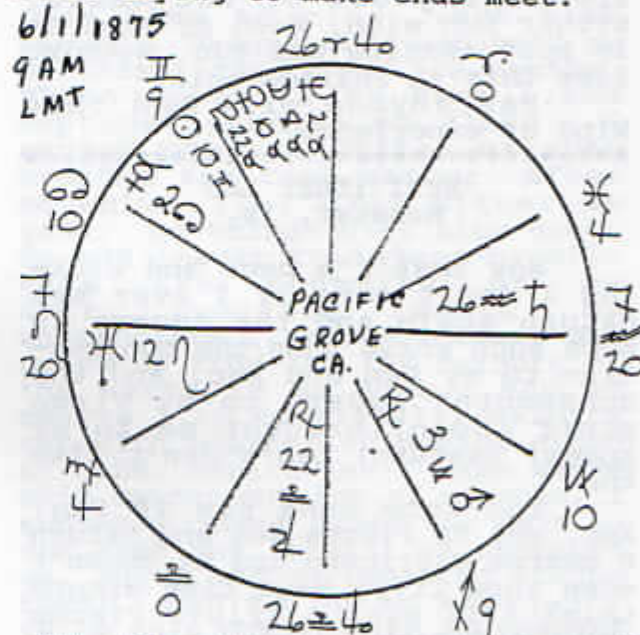
Pacific Grove has been called "the piney paradise", being found by Methodist ministers in the summer of 1875 as a summer retreat, or Chataqua. Its Sun is conjunct my Saturn and its ASC is within minutes of a conjunction to my natal Pluto (see chart). Pacific Grove's Saturn is conjunct my MC and its Jupiter is trine my ASC. No wonder I find this place so agreeable, not to mention financially profitable. I pay an extremely low rent for this area, about \$1.00 for a 350-square foot duplex I share

with an elderly gent next door. It's just what the doctor ordered for me to recuperate from those negative vibes I was getting in Los Angeles. It's true they roll up the sidewalks in this town at 6 PM, but then, there's also no crime to speak of and the people are friendly and hospitable. If I want action, I can always go to Monterey which has its Jupiter opposite my ASC and its Moon trine my ASC.

I work in that "fairy tale village" called Carmel, right on Ocean Avenue ten blocks from the beach. Some might say Carmel was really founded back in August 1771 when Father Serra moved the Mission San Carlos de Borromeo to this area to protect the native girls from unwarranted advances by the soldiers of the Monterey presidio. But modern-day Carmel really began in February 1888 (see chart) when a parcel of land was sold to a developer. Even though the first settlement failed as a Catholic retreat, it's still considered the founding date of this community. Carmel's Sun is conjunct my natal MC, so it's no wonder I was offered a job so quickly. Its Moon in mid-Taurus opposes my Sun/Venus combo and its Mercury trines that combo as well. Carmel's Venus opposes my Jupiter and its Mars trines my MC. I haven't been able to ascertain with certainty the ASC of Carmel, but something tells me that Taurus would be a likely candidate. Carmel is very environmentally-conscious, especially of its trees. There are no house numbers, no mail deliveries and street lights are conspicuously absent, which might point to Saturn being in the 3rd house. Carmelites love their privacy and have a love-hate relationship with the tourists who continue to pour into this town by the thousands each weekend. Maybe that's Jupiter in the 7th opposing Pluto on the ASC. I really believe that Neptune should be on the ASC or close to it. The architecture in Carmel is world-famous and has the quality of a Hansel & Gretel fairytale.

So far, I've done little astrological work here, being too enthralled by the beauty of the region. The ocean is at the end of my street and the weather is an endless source of wonder and

amazement for me. It can be foggy and misty here at home and just a few blocks up the road, the sun is out. Pacific Grove is known for its Victorian houses which attract tourists and guest alike. Many of them have been turned into bed-and-breakfast inns while others operate as restaurants. Life for me in the past month has gone from one extreme to another, but then that's typical of Scorpio types. For those wishing to contact me, my new address is 11 Marine, Pacific Grove, Ca 93950. My phone number is: 408-655-1830, but what with two jobs and exploring the region, I'm not home much these days. For those of you considering relocation, I hope you find your paradise like I have. Someone up in heaven must like me thus allowing me to move to a place where I can feel like a human being again, instead of a robot trying to make ends meet.



SOURCE: "A Piney Paradise" by Lucy Mc Lane says the meeting to establish Pacific Grove began at 9am in the Howard Street Methodist Church in San Francisco.

(Carmel chart on page 44)

JEANETTE K. OSWALD
Ocala, FL

We moved to Ocala in July of 1987. Before we moved I inquired and found Ocala was incorporated twice, Aug. 6, 1968 and January 28, 19885 (Jeanette - We put the year down as you wrote it - is it supposed to be 1985? Edith)

The first, of course, ties in with my Sun and Moon. The second, my Jupiter. Both charts have Moon in water.

Since we are here, the Leos

A hand-drawn circular diagram with "CARMEL CA." written in the center. The circle is divided into 12 radial segments by lines extending from the center to the circumference. Each segment contains handwritten numbers and symbols. Surrounding the circle are additional handwritten notes, including dates, times, and numbers.

Handwritten notes around the circle:

- Top left: 2/18/1988, 11 AM PST, 25
- Top: 8-50, 18, 18
- Top right: 26, 29, 10
- Right: 25
- Bottom right: 15
- Bottom: 8-50, 18
- Bottom left: 26

Handwritten notes inside the circle segments (clockwise from top):

- Segment 1 (top): 29, 23, 4
- Segment 2 (top right): 4, 1, 2
- Segment 3 (right): 28, 16, 15
- Segment 4 (bottom right): 14, 1, 2, 7
- Segment 5 (bottom): 2, 3, 1
- Segment 6 (bottom left): 27, 15, 10
- Segment 7 (left): 17, 10, 25
- Segment 8 (top left): 29, 23, 4

since we are practicing Holistic medicine and not "piece by piece" curing. Example: It takes five minutes on a correct birth chart to observe which organs will be hit first by AIDS and it WORKS on

100% of the charts. Medical proofs are there.

For those who are unaware of the word "oncogene" here is an explanation. The very first Oncogene that has been identified was that of "ROUS Sarcome", a form of cancer, and since then hundreds of oncogenes have been identified by official microbiology. they are an anomaly of the DNA that some human beings have, hence: cardiovascular, cancer, schizophrenic diseases, plus some others like Alzheimer (this particular oncogene has not yet been discovered though it evidently exists, as far as I know, as of May 22nd, 1988,) or Myopathy, etc.. Papillomavirus has also its own oncogene. All this means is that certain human beings have a higher risk of developing such or such a disease, nothing more. Be careful with this knowledge. It DOES NOT mean, by any way, that someone having a particular oncogene is GOING TO develop that particular disease, it only means, the RISK of...

To Michael Munkasey: Re: the birth data of the U.S.A.: How right you are. I've been using, in the little mundane that I practice, the July 4, 1776, rounded time :05h00p.m.. I agree with you about no more speculation on this important date/time.

To Marc Penfield: They were nice articles about the "LAX at LAX Airport" and the David Burke crime. I don't agree with you totally when you write "I always do a chart for flight departure when I decided to fly". It stands to reason that on any similar time there will be several flights going out so the departure time can be delayed as much as an hour sometimes so this chart would not be valid. Again, just use the H.C.T. and then you will have the RIGHT answer as far as anyone's chart is concerned, providing the birth time has been rectified as precisely as possible.

To Marion March: Yes, you are absolutely right on SOLILUNAR Precession Free Returns if you compute them this way, which is the ONLY WAY to. I have done hundreds of them and completely agree with you and Joan McEvers as far as: whenever someone MOVES THE YEAR PRIOR to the Birth Date, if the move has been more than, I

would state, three months away from the principle residential location. The only thing valid in the Return is the Transits for the DAY of the anniversary, and the rest of it you can throw away, it will only lead to errors. I have dozens of proofs of this. If the person has lived, let us say nine months around her main residential Latitude and Longitude, then the Precession Free S.L. Return is fabulously exact, may time by THE DAY. If the person has moved that much, the year prior to the anniversary date then one must use either the Solar Arc System or the H.C.T. or whatever he/she uses which gives results ALL the time.

JANICE VAN SCHUYLER
Boise, ID

I know that you cannot succeed unless we all write in from time to time...but with Saturn, Uranus etc. conjunct my Ascendant this past few months, Pluto opposite my Moon...and Neptune opposite my Pluto...I cannot stop to write..or even breathe for that matter. After November 1, I will either be gone...or things will slow down. To add insult to injury my clients are pounding on my door...everyone wants my watercolors...anyone I every met comes un from the far corners of the earth to my door...and of course I am continually helping out with unexpected deaths close at hand. Healthwise I have had a skin cancer cut out of my nose. I suddenly cannot stand the pain in one knee and it will be operated on. And I had an impacted wisdom tooth. Had to go to emergency twice this summer with my husband (bleeding problem) and was in a plane that dove into a terrible forest fire here in the primitive region. What a summer. I'll take a Saturn return anyday.



**JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO
SAN FRANCISCO, CA.**

With the resurrection of Mercury Hour a lot of us here are surely counting our blessings and hoping that many who have fallen by the wayside will return to the fold. I have much for which to be thankful to M.H. First and foremost are the numbers of marvelous people I have met and who have become personal as well as still M.H. correspondents, the Borkowski's, Joan O'Neill, Nan Burket, Jim Haynes, Eileen Schmidt, Kay Taylor, Ed Dearborn, Bob Prince, Gloria Leggett, and so many others. Speaking of which, two weeks ago, Gloria sent me four shoe boxes full of tapes she no longer wanted for herself, and what a lot of stuff that turns out to be. Not only did she send the tapes, but she sent all the charts and notes that go with them. I shall have a feast going into winter.

In July I went to the AFA convention at Las Vegas. I know some people think Las Vegas is a less than sanctified place, in the minds of some, for an astrological convention. Neil Michaelson was there, and he was providing a daily gambling chart based on Joyce Wehrman's winning program. I bought one that said my best times were from 4 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., so after staying up talking until two o'clock, I dragged myself out of bed and got down there to meet a proper time after 7:15 a.m. I modestly got on a quarter machine without even thinking, because I usually stick to quarter slots, and soon had a bucketful of quarters. Whoa, I thought, what am I doing here? and I moved to a dollar machine. Soon I had a box-full of those. And I remembered to quit on time, for I had to go change and clean up for the rest of the sessions. You cannot believe the casino at those early hours, and people were beginning to come in again by the time I quit. By the end of the convention I had won almost \$200 which is beautiful when you know that my chart is not essentially a lucky gambling chart. So what better place to prove Astrology than at the slots, or what have you, and let the sanctimonious prove it in church.

Convention expenses were also cut by running into Gary

Korpi of Phoenix who had driven up and needed a roommate. And he was able to meet friends of mine like Mike Cramton and Jan Muzurus and take us to the less expensive buffets around town. Mind you, expensive as food was at the Hilton, it was the best quality food in town. I did not make a single 8:30 a.m. session the whole convention. One of the star turns was Paul Muenier of Brussels, Belgium, who did a three part seminar on Pluto. I went to one of the best workshops on diurnals done by Arlene Kramer, and one of the best horary workshops I have ever attended, done by Charles Robinson of Key West.

But astrologers can be such sheep. Every day, schedule changes were posted just inside the convention area door. I'd bet less than half the people there did not check these changes. Most of the changes were substitutions for people unable to come, and featured volunteers who filled in for them. I was in several substitution lectures, including my own, and people kept coming to the door asking why what had been originally scheduled for that room was not there. And there were signs on the room doors, too. And almost to a man/woman, the enquirers went away to look for something that was scheduled and overlooking what was being given.

The convention was a vast success. It was fun. It was informative. The hotel gave us a preliminary party. The Starlight program was dropped and some evening speakers were very good, especially the AFA CPA who was very witty about keeping records to satisfy the IRS, and the dermatologist who gave us some interesting scientific facts on Retsin-A and its effects. I personally loathed the fashion show. Some of us found it very difficult to coordinate the astrological descriptions with the costumes being shown. My lack of sympathy might also have been sparked by the fact that in a three story high room, fully air-conditioned and well vented, there was NO smoking. Everyone knows smoke always rises. There are times when the foes of smoking are pushing their weight just a little too much.

It is sad to report that the convention was also notable

for the numbers of people who did not show up, the missing personalities who stayed away for reasons we all know too well. I cannot state often enough how at odds I am with members who will not volunteer work or expect their organization to pick up the tab for having them on the program. Many people are miffed with the AFA for other reasons, I can only say that our loss has also got to be their loss, but that is poor consolation to those of us who would rather they had not stayed away.

Now should it not be about time to have another Seven Hills? I have to have an eastern vacation next year, and I would like to know about the dates for Seven Hills to coordinate it with going to New England. Maybe sometime after Mercury retrograde in June or July? I have a perfect entertainment on the first American astrologer W.H. Chaney and his noted son Jack London which Seven Hills might like and which I volunteer. (Send you the script, if you wish; I'm rewriting it now.)

I do want to call attention to the September American Astrology issue which has in it a fine article on Jean Harris and the Scarsdale Murder of Hy Tarnower by Charlotte Tuton. The charts are speculative, but it is a piece far superior to some other work Charlotte has done. I shall, however, long remember the final judgment that, had Harris not found Tarnower, she would have found someone else of the same sort. I guess we cannot go around saving people from themselves or doing heavy second guessing on events to come.

I have always stressed how my chart works so well, how Mars on my angles always produces events, so I have every right to believe that my chart is indeed totally correct. But for the heck of it, let me say that I expect to die when the Sun is square natal Scorpio Sun, when the Sun is in 4th, 8th or 12th, or the Moon is in those places, when Mars is angular and mutable and when Neptune adds either mystery or coma to the matter (I have a Leo Neptune in the 4th, so what drama might that involve?) I also expect my chart ruler Mercury will be involved then. But I am not going to go looking for it

anytime soon.

Almost got it the other day, however. My sister is here on vacation, and we were driving back to town, just nearing the off ramp turn into the city, when a car came up on my right, swayed in his lane, bounded right against the side of my car, and veered off a millimeter before contact. Up on my right comes the police hot after the fast car, and they got him. Pluto was at 10 Scorpio 10, and natal Sun is 11 Scorpio 01. All day we had been doing switchbacks on Nasciamento Pass without guardrails and with nothing but enjoyment over a car which handled so well. The sister who was with me is a Sag. with Libra rising and Cap. Moon and a real zinger of a chart: Lou Spencer, 2:17 a.m. EST, 24 Nov. 1930, Newport, RI., 41N19, 71W17, due for her second Saturn return early next Feb.

Can someone find correct Lat. & Long. coordinates for Popovo, Poland, birthplace of Lech Walesa. Those given in the AFA Bulletin some time back were for Bulgaria, which means some explanation is needed. Beth Koch insists those given were right because they are the ones being used by the Astrological Assn. of Europe. End of fourth page. Good luck.

MARION D. MARCH
Encino, CA

Hurrah for Edie! Hurrah for Mercury Hour! Maybe now we'll get back to the real business of exchanging ideas and research, of telling each other about good books, interesting speakers, special events, seminars, conferences ect.. That's what made the Mercury Hour fun and interesting. So here's my small contribution.

First of all let me tell you about the UAC'89 (United Astrology congress) which will take place 13 July through 18, 1989, in exciting New Orleans. We'll be staying at the beautiful Fairmont Hotel, known as the "Grand Dame" of hotels. There will be three post congress workshops on the 19th. the faculty is even more outstanding than UAC '86. There will be 216 lectures covering 12 different areas (tracks) of interest. There will be a mini-series on the History of Astrology in North America

dating from the 17th Century til today. There will be a special room with relaxing music, as well as a free speech room. The evening entertainment includes a grand opening with a keynote speaker, a Stellium of Stars faculty reception, a new play by Michael Lutin called "I was Nostradamus," a riverboat cruise, a gala black tie dinner with entertainment and the presentation of the Regulus awards, music by Gerald Markoe as well as International Networking Meetings (ARC). In other words--there'll be something for everyone, and all of it can be had for \$165 registration (call 800-AT UAC89) and \$462 special package which covers roundtrip airfare as well as ground transportation, five nights hotel (based on double occupancy) including tax, five continental breakfasts and five buffet luncheons, plus tax and tip on all meals. Certain cities will have credits (Chicago \$90 less) and others add-ons (Los Angeles \$50 more). Hope to see all of you in New Orleans.

To Joseph DeMello (page 4, 19th Extra edition): In this day and age caesarean sections are, unfortunately, nearly routine and happen at all and any time of the day or night. The reason is malpractice suits. With all the new machinery (special X-rays, scans etc.) to which the mother is hooked up, any change in the baby is not only noticeable, but recorded forever. A routine up and down in the birth process can later on be interpreted as negligence by the doctor. Therefore, they all err on the safe side and order immediate surgery at the first struggle of the baby. There are also still some elective caesareans, but they have become fewer and fewer, since most young mothers are aiming for natural birth and go to the hospital Lamaze trained, husband and wife working together, and both being terribly disappointed at the turn of events.

To Guy de Penguern (page 28, 19th Extra edition): I don't "hate" you for saying that 80% of our lives or more is programmed from birth on, I just don't agree with you. What I really dislike is your definite statements such as Chiron is definitely master of

Libra, no more question about that, exaltation in Sagittarius." Have you an exclusive on wisdom? Did you receive a special message from God? Or? How about just a little bit of humility and stating that for you Chiron seems to work particularly well in Libra and Sagittarius and you'd be interested in what experiences others have with this non-planet. I happen to know quite a few people who seem to think that Chiron is ruled by Virgo and that it has a lot to do with health. Personally, after putting Chiron in charts for more than two years, I have eliminated it again. It just did not add enough for me to make it worth my while. Please note Guy, I said for me, but I'll be very curious to hear what others have found out. After all, Pluto was discovered more than 50 years ago, and people are still discussing its rulership and exaltation.

To Paul Mahler Dam (page 32, 19th Extra edition): Looks like the Jesse Jackson birth time has been settled by him. At the Democratic convention he stated during his speech: "When I was born late one afternoon on October 8th." Up to that point, I always used the Scorpio rising chart which seemed to fit him quite well. His mother supposedly said that Jesse was born at 3:30 p.m. The Aquarius rising chart with Sun in the 8th is not bad. To give you, as you requested, a few events: Mother - Helen Burns, a beautician and part-time maid. Stepfather - Charles Jackson, a postal employee. Higher education - University of Illinois for one year, then BA in sociology and economics, North Carolina A&T in 1964. Post graduate, Chicago Theological Seminary 1965. Family: He met his wife Jacqueline while she was a freshman at North Carolina A&T. He was 20, a star athlete and already a civil rights activist. They married two years later and by now have five well educated children. Two girls and three boys. Career: Ordained minister 1968. Executive director Operation Breadbasket 1966-71. President of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) 1971-83. Democratic candidate for president in 1984. President National Rainbow Coalition, Inc. 1984, to now. He is a charismatic

speaker, but had problems to earlier insensitive remarks about Jews. Also known as political agitator, publicity hound and skirt chaser. Many of his positions were better explained than the two candidates now running! Hope this brief sketch helps.

Well, that's all for today. Good luck to you Edie. And send me some of your new subscription blanks so we can spread the good word to everybody.

BOOK REVIEW

by MARGUERITE DAR BOGGIA

ASTROLOGY The Classic Guide to Understanding Your Horoscope by Ronald C. Davison, Pub: CRCS Publications, Box 1460 Sebastopol, CA. 95472, \$7.95, paperback, 175 pp.

This book is a reprint having first been published in 1964, when Ronald Davison was well known as an outstanding astrologer. Written over 20 years ago, it is quite modern in its psychological insight as to the meaning of the planets.

In addition to a keyword system for understanding the essence of the planets in the signs, he has a still classic chapter on his method of delineation, presenting two charts as examples. As to aspects, he focuses on the planets involved rather than the type of aspect, regarding the intrinsic nature of the planets in aspect and their placement.

His example of an interpretation of the Moon-Saturn aspect (the negative interpretation in parenthesis) is: "Deepens feelings. Serious (hypercritical, skeptical); hypersensitive (feels unappreciated, inadequate); reserved (inhibited, apprehensive, discontented); practical (stupid); industrious, orthodox, careful (mean); patient, self-denying (negative, unresponsive); help from elders (hampers progress); (mother unsympathetic, dies young); few children, (indigestion, poor health)" Of course, he indicates that allowance must be made for modifying effects of sign, house position, type of aspect, etc.

While I do not agree with him on few interpretations, on the whole, I would highly recommend this book for beginners.

JANE RHODES
Cincinnati, OH

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Would also like birth and
death data for Pope John 23rd.

BOOKS WANTED:

Astro for Men; Astro for
Women. By Rebecca Van Ifft.

MOLLIE SOMMER

Redlands, CA

Oops! Did I say in my other letter that I didn't think Dukakis would win? Or did I write that to someone? I've got to start keeping copies. If I wrote that in my MH letter, I'm going to have to retract that. Saturday I did Sen. Bentsen's chart, and both Dukakis and Bentsen have progressed Saturn sitting right on their M.C., if their birth times are anywhere near accurate. Since Saturn on the M.C. indicates taking on a great deal of responsibility, I think it's reasonable to conclude that they will pull it off, surprising as that may seem. The method I would use to rectify Dukakis' chart would be to put the degree of the progressed Saturn on inauguration day on his natal M.C. (17:32 Aquarius), which would make his birth time 6:13 p.m. vs. 6:00 p.m. Interestingly, this makes his secondary M.C. on January 20, 1989, inaugural day, 13:28 Aries, exactly sextile his rectified Asc. 13:28 Gemini, and secondary Helio Mars a close square at 13:30 Cap. At any rate, that's the birth time I would start with and check it out from there. There's more, but Edith has to go to press.

I'm wondering if the progressed Helio Mars conjunct natal Geo Mars in Bush's chart (6th House) could indicate a stroke (or a shot in the head?). That aspect is exact from December 2 through 11, 1988, using the 11:05 a.m. birth time that Zip got from a family source that is supposedly absolutely accurate.

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MARY ELLEN CHOATE
 Fairview Hts., ILL.

Just had to take time and try to get a few lines off to let you know that we decided to take a trip, starting Oct. 10th, (our 35th anniversary). With Mercury Rx. I was a bit worried. Charles has Mars 11 Ar. 18 and Sun 29 Pi. 48. I was especially alert for anything that might affect him.

In the 19th Extra, I read an interesting piece by Joseph S. DeMello, about Mars and colds. On Oct. 14th, about 8:00 p.m. CMT in Farmington, N.M. Charles became quite nauseated. Then again after we got home on the 25th. Today he went to the Dr. for a flu shot and check-up. He rarely gets sick so it fit like a glove. Charles hadn't eaten anything that would have caused him to become so nauseated either times. On the 25th - about 7:00 p.m. CDT. He also has Chiron 2 Ar. 43. His birthday is March 21, 1919, 4:00 to 5:00 a.m. CST, Rockwood, IL. (9 miles south of Chester, IL.) This info, is from his mother, quite some time back when her memory was reasonably good. He is the oldest of eight children. Six are still alive.

CAMMILLE ADAMS
 Bowie, MD

I am sure that quite a few MH readers, like myself, were interested in the TV movie Jack the Ripper. At the end they ran the birth and death dates of the individuals involved. Having taped it I was later able to copy it down, so here goes.

Sir William Gall, Queens Physician, Born December 31st, 1816. Died January 29th, 1890. First attack, probable stroke Oct. 10th. 1887, Second attack, diagnosed as cerebral hemorrhage by Son-In-Law on January 27th, 1890.

John Netley, radical, incited riots, Born May 19th, 1860. Died September 20th, 1903, Died under wheels of own coach.

Sir Charles Warren, Inspector of Scotland Yard. Born February 17th, 1840. Died January 26th, 1927. Sir Charles went on to fight in the Boer War and then helped with the Boy Scouts.

Robert James Lees, Psychic, known to have advised Her Majesty Queen Victoria. Born August 12th, 1849. Died January 11th, 1931. Wrote books on reincarnation and telepathy.

Richard Mansfield, American

Actor, Born May 24th, 1854. Died August 30, 1907.

George Godley, assistant to Detective Abberline. Born October 31st, 1856. Died July 20th, 1941. Rose to the rank of Inspector.

Frederick Abberline, Detective assigned to the Jack the Ripper case. Born January 8th, 1843. Died December 10, 1929. After a final investigation of the case, left the police force.

JOYCE WEHRMAN
San Diego, CA

Dear Mercury Hour subscribers, enthusiasts, friends and Edie, Hurrah!!! Edie's back!

I thought you might enjoy some "key phrases" that I am currently using for transiting aspects.

**JOYCE'S KEY PHRASES
FOR TRANSITING ASPECTS**
co Joyce C. Wehrman 8-1988

Conjunction: Coming to attention...either for action or tears. This aspect depends very much on the planets involved.

Semisextile: Just not enough...handle the lacks...keep perspective. This aspect is often found when losses happen. The same old reliable standards seldom work.

Sextile: Excuses. Someone else does it better. With this aspect there may be opportunities, in reality I see people around you benefiting more than you do.

Square: Action...time to "do". This aspect calls for something to happen, action to be taken and changes to me made.

Trine: Too easy, opportunities can slip by. This aspect often allows you to "take life easy" and miss out from being lazy. It can indicate a "fun" time, but not too productive. Beware Neptune Trines, they almost always are the forerunner of problems.

Quinx: "Beat the odds" do something different...Renunciation, Mechanical failures, Alternatives... "Overlooking" something! This aspect calls for you to change your routine, habits, etc. It is often found in losses, if you stick to the same old thing...Good diet aspect. *Note: If you feel like everything is going wrong and you can't find a transiting aspect, it is probably

a quinx...as this is the "overlook" aspect. The planet we tend to "overlook" is Neptune.

Opposition: Involved with someone else. With this aspect, you are going to be involved with another person and must balance

between your needs and theirs. Above all, it is important to remember that you will not get anything 100% your own way. An aspect of giving in.

Semisquare: You may win, but not get to keep the "winnings". This aspect relates to personal self worth, money and circumstances, the trick is to come out ahead.

Semisquare: Caution, probable error in choice. This is the stop, look and listen and double check many times over, before acting. It is one of the most difficult aspects of all, it often carries great indecision.

Parallels relate to well known ways of doing things, thus they frequently have to do with favorites...unless the parallel is to Uranus, Neptune or Pluto.

Contraparallels relate to change, thus they frequently have to do with "longshots and underdogs".

Accident prone aspects are: The Semisextile...not prepared enough. The Quinx...you "overlook" something. The Sesquiquare...error in choice. The Semisquare...losing "your cool".

Here's to peace, we need it...Here's to love, we gotta have it...Here's to the next horse race, may we all win it!

CHRIS McRAE
Edmonton, Canada

Enclosed is my new subscription to **Mercury Hour**. It will be great getting it again! You sold **Mercury Hour** about the time I appeared to have "dropped off the face of the earth", as you, my dear friend, and others, so aptly put it. I look forward, once more, to keeping abreast through **Mercury Hour**, of all that is happening in the exciting world of Astrology. In fact, I am also enjoying being actively involved in Astrology again.

For those who may still remember me and wonder what happened, my chart was being bombarded by several outer transits, including a Saturn return (my second!) and I needed to step

back a little to regain both my equilibrium and my perspective. It is always remarkable to pass another milestone in growth, self-awareness, and self-mastery. Astrology gives us a much deeper understanding of the process. Those transits need not devastate us...they illuminate us!

This past year I put together, in book form, a research piece that I had been involved in for several years. The book is called *The Geodetic World Map*, published by the AFA.

The map concept takes Sepharial's Geodetic Equivalent cusp system and visually presents the angles on a wall map, giving visual impact to the transits as they move across the angles of any geographic location. It is also an accurate and swift relocation concept allowing you to see which planets in a chart fall into the angles of any geographic location without doing any calculations.

I have just begun my second book.

I look forward to my new issue of *Mercury Hour*.

BARBARA SHAFFERMAN

Wantagh, N.Y.

Welcome back! It's great to have you at the helm again. As far as I'm concerned, don't give the skipping of the July issue another thought. It's well worth the price of one edition to keep *Mercury Hour* afloat. A world without MH would be a very dreary one indeed!

I was so happy to read that you're trying to get back to "the original premise of an open channel of communication--talking to each other, sharing ideas and views." I have felt like a voice in the wilderness for the past couple of years, crying for more letters and less articles and reprints; yearning for the informality of the old *Mercury Hour*. Also, limiting articles to four double-spaced pages is a great idea. If someone can't get his ideas across in that space, I don't want to read about it in *Mercury Hour*. It belongs in a formal Astrology magazine.

I also have missed your chatty, informative reportings of the Astrology conferences that you attend. Since I am pretty much tied down to home base, I used to attend the conventions

vicariously with you. I hope that once you get things straightened out, you'll have time to do that again.

I'm sorry Jewell is having such difficulties though. She worked awfully hard and made a very valuable contribution when she decided to reissue the early years of *Mercury Hour* in such a nicely organized form. I recommend these to everyone who didn't subscribe to MH then -- there's lots of good information and you also get a lively overview of the recent history of our astrological community.

Welcome back also to **Dale Huckleby**, Oct. ed., p. 63. You were always one of the most informative contributors to MH, and I missed your letters in recent years. Since, as you say, the only way to know the effects of a transit is to observe it in the lives of other individuals, I will share my experiences with Saturn over the Ascendant. Since I have a Capricorn Ascendant, the transit should be especially meaningful for me. I have Saturn in Sagittarius, so the first transit occurred around age two. Bearing out what you said about psychologically wanting to be obscure, I was a very shy child who would have loved to be invisible. Early success in school made me much more self-confident and by nine or ten, I became pretty aggressive. At that point Saturn was in early Aries and going through my 3rd House.

The second time Saturn crossed my Ascendant, there was very little psychological about it -- it was definitely a circumstantial change. I gave birth to my first child, had to stop working to take care of her and began a period of obscurity which I definitely did not want. Interestingly, this period ended again when Saturn was in early Aries. My daughter is mentally handicapped, and I became very active as a community leader then, fighting for the rights of handicapped children.

Saturn will cross my Ascendant again in January of 1989. I haven't a clue as to what will happen, but will let you know. I hope all this has been helpful in adding to your case histories of this transit.

Joseph DeMello, 19th Extra Ed., pg. 59--Thanks for your feedback on progressed Mercury

retrograde. You're lucky you have Mercury direct again. I won't have that until at least age 73. Somehow I can't picture regaining a good memory at that age.

Again, Edith, welcome and good luck. I'm really looking forward to the January issue.

TEES REITSMA
The Netherlands

In Mercury Hour 1988, I was pleasantly surprised to see my article published re Cosmic Patterns. Unfortunately Pars (=Pars Fortunae, Part of Fortune) was changed several times to Mars, making it very difficult to follow. I do hope readers understood, not being able to find Mars at that location in the accompanying horoscopes.

The second part of the story re UNOCAL developed some fascinating facts in the meantime:

On June 7, 1988, the Los Angeles Times published an article with the headline: "Hartley to step down as UNOCAL Chief"; at the same time I crossed the U.S. border (during a short trip to Canada) for the first time since I left the U.S.A. in September 1981, (after 20 years there), being employed by UNOCAL Netherlands since then.

You may have noticed that the three Uranus/Saturn conjunctions will be very visible in UNOCAL: first conjunction conjunct Neptune (ruling M.C.) conjunct South Node in the radix of UNOCAL Inc., second conjunction conjunct Sun radix UNOCAL Netherlands B.V. and third conjunction square Sun radix UNOCAL Inc. - all to the degree exact!

To date the following happened: the change in top management on June 1, 1988, making Richard J. Stegemeier the new chief executive officer. As published by The Daily News on September 23, 1988, UNOCAL is now busy with revitalization, selling off unprofitable subsidiaries and even its world headquarters in downtown Los Angeles, while rumors about takeover run wild.

Also, in the Netherlands, the office was moved, which started on February 23, 1988, Mars (ruling 1) in transit conjunct Saturn transit and Uranus transit all at 0 degrees Capricorn, exactly conjunct the sec. progr. Sun (ruling 6) at 0 degrees Capricorn.

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changes in structure! Keep an eye on UNOCAL to see it happen! Of course I can only publish what has already been published elsewhere, but it remains very educational from an astrological point of view.

The first part of the story re the Astro-Circle Foundation also calls for further information. We appreciate the announcement of our Astrological Day on March 4, 1989, on page 66, but I would like to add that two more speakers have been added in the meantime: Jeff Green and Monica van Rijn. I am enclosing the full program.

The Solar Eclipse of March 18, 1988, for The Hague showed Asc. at 1 degree 55' Capricorn, being the midpoint of Saturn and Uranus as well as the radix M.C. of our Foundation, square to the Solar Eclipse. As a result, Paul de Roos resigned and we now have three members of the Board left, while our magazine changed to a bimonthly magazine. The Part of Fortune of our Foundation was conjunct the Eclipse, while Venus 45 degree eclipse and in opposition with Pluto was helped by our radix Jupiter at 12 degree Capricorn, ruling 9, the future. Apparently it was time to make room for the future and reschedule our work.

When the Moon was in Aquarius last August (my own at 19 degrees Aquarius), I suddenly realized that our Foundation was being used as an instrument of the cosmos! Let me explain.

Our first Astrological Day was on January 18, 1986, with Mercury at 19 degrees Capricorn and the theme: "Unity in Diversity". When we look at this degree in the Mandala of Dane Rudhyar, we read: "The fulfillment of the individual's creative function through his participation in a group performance consecrated to a transcendent realization of unity" (see the theme for that day!)

The next three Astrological Days were planned around the major conjunctions: February 13, 1988 - Saturn/Uranus; March 4, 1989 - Saturn/Neptune, February 6, 1993, - Uranus/Neptune.

In all three cases, we see that Mercury, the messenger of the Gods, is located at 19 degrees Aquarius on the day of the conjunction! If we look up this degree in the Mandala of Dane Rudhyar, we see: "The answer of

spiritual agencies to thorough, sustained and victorious individual efforts".

We also see that the last conjunction completes a circle, the conjunction of Uranus and Neptune is at 19 degrees Capricorn, which is the location of Mercury at the time of our first Astrological Day, when we did not yet follow the major conjunctions, but did have the theme of "Unity in Diversity", the theme of the future in the Age of Aquarius.

Our Foundation therefore acted as an instrument of the cosmos to draw attention to these conjunctions that are so vitally important for mankind as well as to the theme of Unity in Diversity. We have therefore decided to complete the circle of themes as well: January 18, 1986: Unity in Diversity; February 13, 1988: Freedom in Bondage; March 4, 1989: Visions and Reality; February 6, 1993: Freedom in Unity.

We can only hope that many will hear the cosmic message, brought to us by Mercury, and I quote here Jeff Green from his book "Uranus - Freedom From the Known":

"The need here is for the Sagittarian vision of Unity in Diversity, not Unity in Sameness, and the need for various groups within all societies and nations to allow for the intrinsic right of any group or person who has different ideas, beliefs and values to exist, so long as he/she is not trying to impose them on another group or person".

JOSEPH S. deMELLO
San Francisco, CA

Many thanks for the genealogical feedback. Tone it down Jim Haynes, and I enjoyed your article T. Pat Davis, although I am sure neither of us will ever presume to address Elizabeth II as "cousin", with all that distance and time between us all.

John Kalus (2-ex), I heard a nasty rumor that the quatrains used in the Nostradamus film was made up by screen writers. Please stop being pushed out of shape when I quote a lady who I think is one of the best astrologers around. Even when I quote her wrong. I have just found my notes and the handouts from the wonderful lecture done by Joan McEvers on the 26 known charts for Ronald

Reagan. Of these, Joan chose six which she preferred, beginning with a solar chart with Sun Aquarius rising. Now I see that Ivy Goldstein-Jacobson uses 4:02 a.m. for Sagittarius rising, and it is just possible that Joan Quigley also uses this chart in her work for Reagan. Katherine deJersey tells us that Nancy gave her 2:00 a.m., and this is the same time used by Carroll Righter and Marc Edmund Jones. I like all these charts for Reagan, but his love of sleep before making decisions rather points to Sagittarius more than Scorpio. If Reagan were Capricorn rising, he would kick out any aides who embarrassed him.

Some signs are called double signs, but Scorpio is quadruple. A Scorpio can be an eagle or a dove, a snake or a scorpion, and any good Scorpio can be two, three or four of these at the same time. The best axiom for Scorpio is that you should never believe one who tells you he is coming at you from only one angle.

Shirley Oliver (34-ex), I prefer Campanus because it puts Mars in my 6th, where I think it really manifests, rather than 2 degrees before in the 5th, since I do not spend that much energy on love affairs, and never have. My Mars is rapidly departing at wide orb from a square to Jupiter in the 8th, which Noel Tyl calls a gambler's aspect. Sabian says 24 Libra is a degree of distinctiveness, while Sepharial, translating La Volasfera in 1904, called it the degree of research. Neither my Mars nor my Jupiter aspect my Sun (darn) so I doubt either one has much to do with my ego. Bearing in mind, of course, that Mars rules my 12th and Jupiter my 7th.

Liz Yohe (34-ex), the "point" is not that there are so many ways to interpret a chart, but that one of those ways should be astrological.

Arthur Christopher Poppe (35-ex), your empty house attributions do not seem to apply to me. My first teacher, quoting Ivy Goldstein-Jacobson, told us that the problems come from the house where one has planets. I have noticed that clients seldom ask questions about matters of their vacant houses. Vacant houses are still ruled by their significators and take the matters of

those houses to be worked out through the houses where the significators are posited.

Joylyn Hill (38-ex), what makes you think things are different today than they were in the 50's or 60's or any other time. When one is in high school and close to transiting Saturn opposite natal Saturn, there is always peer pressure and striking out for individual expression and adulthood. Whether it takes the form of adherence to fashion, wearing three crinolines, or ripping off Cadillac and Mercedes emblems for jewelry, or getting into cigarettes, kids have always and still react, experiment, and it may be that there are just more kinds of "cigarettes" to try these days.

I recently encountered what is called Local Space Charts. Based on your natal chart, a clear plastic overlay is created based on azimuths. This creates a chart somewhat different from what the chart looks like, often the reverse look of the natal chart. And these charts may be made for any place you go on earth just in case you cannot remember them.

What you do with these overlays is to place them at center wherever you live, making sure north aligns to north. If the center is further north, then all below it becomes south. If you move to the extreme west of town, all else becomes east.

In my chart this is illustrated in some rather amusing ways which you are all bound to find when you do this with your own charts. Those of you who know my chart will see that Neptune in my chart falls at the top of this special local-space-chart. So, when I go north from home, Neptune holds sway. My bedroom is situated so that when I get up in the morning, I cross the hall to the bathroom going toward the Sun. Stranger than that, when I lie in bed and attempt to go to sleep on my right side, I may relax, but, since I face the Sun (figuratively) I cannot go to sleep. If turn on my left side, I face my East Point or Vortex.

When I leave my house and think of my chart as it is seen on a chart blank, I think I head out in the direction of Venus or Jupiter. Not so. I am heading out toward my East Point or Ascendant. Then I turn south and head

in the direction of my M.C. Then I transfer and turn southwest in the direction of my Venus, transfer again to the direction of Jupiter.

Even getting more picky, if I look at various locations at work and consider where I first worked on site, where I work now in computers, lies in the direction of my Mercury. From my new site, my odd site is in the direction of my Ascendant. If anything, this should serve to remind me of the meaning of my present job, and the responsibility to actual records and their details (from which we compile our statistical work).

The main thing to think about when using Local-Space-Charts is to remember, no matter how small the town where you live, if you place the center of the overlay wherever you change to a radically different direction you will be headed, then, in a different direction. This will change in your attitudes as you go. If I go west-west-north, I head in the direction of my Mars, and I should watch my attitudes more carefully, wary of danger. If I head northeast, I head in the direction of my Pluto. Southwest of there will always be in the direction of my Jupiter.

By now I hope you have the general idea. You can get a hint at how your chart is going to look by doing the old student trick. Face north. Pick up your chart so that the M.H. is pointed over the back of your head. What was on the bottom of your chart will be directly north. But what still lies to the west should be transposed to the east, and vice versa. You will not have to vice versa it if your chart is done on thinner paper and you look at it from the back of the sheet.

But, getting to specifics, you will know why in certain parts of town you feel differently, why you never seem to go into other parts of town. You will know why when you sit at your desk, you react to your client according to where the client is seated. Two friends are looking for a new place to live. From where they live now, a trip to the office is not in a very favorable direction. So they are looking for a place where the direction to the office will be along the path of the Sun. Alas, as in all Astrology, what is the

path of the Sun for one of them is not the path of the Sun for the other. So those of you who are single do not have to worry about that. But just think how complicated you can get when you try to advise clients with this sort of knowledge in the background. Why I have been in apartments where I have wondered why a living room had become a bedroom and the dining room had become the study (while the bathroom was then further away than it should have been). Or try to get an architect to design your home with some of these factors involved!

HAYA MURRAY
New York, N.Y.

How good it is to be back home with the Mercury Family! I hope that not too many of us strayed away during Edith's absence from the helm. I welcome this opportunity to say "Hi" to old Mercury friends... **Sondra Joyce, Joseph De Mello** (always enjoyed your contributions) and **Elizabeth Gackowski** (have wanted many a time to contact you and maybe arrange to get together some time when you are in New York, but for the life of me can't find your address or phone number.

During my absence from the fold have been doing a lot of work with the asteroids and am intrigued by the clarity with which they indicate orientations and personality traits. For those who haven't yet read it, I warmly recommend "The Asteroid Goddesses" by Demetra George. For my money it is the best thing on the subject to date. Find that in a number of charts, in certain placements Icarus indicates an indomitable spirit which continually "reaches for the Sun" in spite of innumerable setbacks and hardships while Pandora often denotes an intense, healthy desire to "know, a mind open to any subject that fires the individual's imagination and which tends to keep that person eternally young. More about other asteroids some other time.

I believe that some time ago I questioned the emphasis placed traditionally on Mars-Venus aspects in charts as indication of sexual compatibility in comparison, because often I find

that two people have exceptionally happy relationships and compatibility without any aspects at all between the two, as well as lack of any aspect in individual charts. Recently I did a comparison between two people who have a long-standing and exceptionally happy, compatible relationship though in the man's chart there is no Mars-Venus aspect at all (Venus at 7 degrees 6' Gemini in 3rd House, Mars at 21 degrees 31'

Scorpio in 8th though he has been highly successful with women since early adolescence. Her Mars at 7' 20' Virgo sextiles her Venus at 10 degrees 7' Cancer Rx, which is in too wide an orb to form a trine with his Mars, while the fact that his Venus squares her Mars has no negative effect at all. In fact, theirs is one of those rare 'ideal' relationships one hardly ever hears about. This is just one out of a number of charts I have worked on; in another, an almost exact Mars-Venus conjunction in Gemini proved so disastrous that as a result the woman was completely 'turned off' sex for good.

Fortunately the terms 'hard and soft' have replaced the old 'good and bad' in regard to aspects and many instances make me wonder whether we should not revise our thinking about squares and oppositions. In charts that are heavily cardinal a preponderance of squares and oppositions appear to have a very positive influence; not so when the emphasis is primarily fixed.

One last feline footnote (I know that Edith has cats): The happy couple I mentioned earlier acquired an adorable blue Russian kitten last year and wanted me to do its chart. The kitten's Sun falls exactly on the woman's Ceres in her Taurus 1st House and has certainly aroused all her nurturing instincts, while the Moon is in close conjunction to the man's Mars. Like a proud father, he is happy to report that the vet who gives the kitten his shots, pronounces him a 'perfect specimen', in short a 'son' after daddy's own heart, because it is very intelligent, adventurous and to quote the man "absolutely fearless"

More next time. And best of luck to the new-born Mercury.

P.S. Over the years people have solicited personal data from me in connection with research

work they were doing and I obliged. But in spite of their initial assurance that I would be advised as to their findings, I have never heard a word about the outcome of the research work from any of them. Did they forget, die, or just lose interest in the project???

JOAN ABEL
New York, N.Y.

Welcome back! They're dancing in the streets in MH Land!

With transiting Mars in my 1st House and natal Mars being squared by that Terrible Trio in early Capricorn, I've been having a rough ride. In July, the on-&-off-for-20-years pain in my side returned with a vengeance. But some good came of it, as I finally saw a specialist and found out I have a "nervous" bowel (typical Moon-in-Virgo!) and the 20 years of bland, fiberless diets were doing more harm than good. I felt better almost instantly, knowing that all I had to do was control my natural Moon-in-Virgo stress network!

In mid-August (new Moon) I got a third cat. My two resident furries were hostile at first--the male territorial, the female jealous, but tiny Twinkle, 2 1/2 years old, is a practical puss and waited out the rough days. Now she's bold as brass! She looks Piscean, with her sea-green eyes and blurred patchwork markings, but boy, she must have some fire prominent somewhere!

No sooner did my furry family settle down than things started to heat up at work, preparing to move the office. Machinery broke down and wasn't repaired, cartons and files were there to be tripped over, and though we were in a posh neighborhood, the place deteriorated into a dump!

We moved into our new quarters on Oct. 11th and have been here two weeks. The phones are all screwed up, some work stations are incomplete or non-existent, there are wires underfoot and wet paint all over, there was a welcoming committee of mice and roaches, and last night the place was burgled and wires cut that put our word processing system out of commission till further notice. We have no refrigerator as yet, and my diet is in ruins!

For a whole week, I picked my dainty way through all the booby traps in the new office, only to catch my foot on 23rd St. last Saturday evening. I took a flying flop, landing hard on my right hand. I couldn't grip anything for a couple of days, but it's better now, no thanks to Messrs. Saturn, Uranus and Neptune!

That's one edge we astrologers have...we can always blame it on the Stars!

If the Transiting Trio is making all these waves, especially for cardinal signs, what's happening to people being born around now?? For instance, I saw a news special on those poor little tykes born addicted to cocaine, heroin or whatever other poisons their mothers have been shooting or snorting. The kids will never have a normal life. There must be some heavy Karma going around!

I've been playing around with midpoints and am all shook up. For instance, my best friend has natal Sun/Moon conjunct in Leo and bingo! That conjunction is smack on my own Sun/Moon midpoint! Between my chart and that of my actor idol, Derek Jacobi, our Sun, Mercury and Venus midpoints are ALL sitting on my Moon/Neptune conjunction 10 degrees Virgo! This is all so mind-blowing I want to go back and research everybody who's ever influenced me since Year One!

The Astrology in the White House brouhaha seems to have been a flash in the pan. I doubt that either Bush or Dukakis would be likely to revive it. Maybe on the next Uranus/Neptune conjunction. Neptune seems to be the arbiter of styles and fads...

One negative aspect of the office move was my having to give up my lunch-hour volunteer job at the Humane Society. The people AND the animals there had become my friends, and I really miss them. I might get up there on the odd weekend or holiday, but it won't be the same. It was a wonderful respite from working with people!

Born with Sun/Pluto conjunct, I've gone from one long enthusiasm (or obsession?) to another, enjoying and learning a lot from each. But I think my real place is with animals,

that's my 7th House Moon/Neptune conj. in Virgo. When I retire, still some years down the road, I plan to do a lot of work for the dogs and cats at our shelters, and help spread the word on the good sense of spaying and neutering. Why bring lovely puppies and kittens into the world only to have them euthanized or worse?

See what I mean?

Well I've come fairly close to finding my "Astro-Twin", and I don't like what I've found!

This is the daughter of an elderly lady my cousin asked me to contact. My cousin lives in Florida, and her elderly friend was in danger of losing her apartment in Long Island. She was especially concerned about her cat, hoping she wouldn't have to move to a place where pets weren't allowed. I got in touch, offered to take the cat as a last resort, and in the course of our chat, she mentioned her daughter, born July 15, 1934. So was I! It was my cousin who clued me in that the daughter is an alcoholic, can't hold a job, and took her mom's house and all her money. Last summer, I went out to visit the mom, and the night before, got a call from the daughter, three sheets to the wind, wanting me to find out her birth time from mom and do her chart. She said she was born "around 2 a.m." (I was born at 9:15 p.m., which makes it a rather tenuous twinship). Mom couldn't remember the birth time, but from her comments--her daughter's rather haughty and arrogant--she must have a Leo Moon, while mine is in 10 Virgo. With Cancers, the Moon makes all the difference. Perhaps I'll find a twin closer to my birth time and personality at a future time. I may be a lot of things, but an alcoholic isn't one of them.

To Diane Lawson: Re your question on planets conjunct Asc., and "birth experiences", I have Saturn in 27 Aq. conj. my 1.53 Pisces Asc. My mother once told the circumstances of the night I was born--seems she ran up the subway stairs, which hastened my arrival! If she hadn't been in such a hurry, I'd probably be a Leo! She also threw up her blueberries (I don't like 'em --never did!), and quoted my birth time as 9:20 p.m., later rectified to 9:15, but THIS IS STANDARD TIME. My one-hour-earli-

er chart just isn't me! I know that years ago, many institutions kept to standard time, even though most of the world switched to Daylight Time.

I strongly believe that planets conj. Asc. "stamp" us for life. I'm not a Saturnian sourpuss, but I AM cautious in whatever I do--probably to a fault--and prefer a structured life. One astrologer told me Saturn/Asc. indicates a reluctance to come in and be born.

If your question is about birth as an event, this is about all I can offer. If you're asking about what the planet(s) in conj. do to influence the character or personality, I can talk your ear off.

WHODUNNITANDRAN

Commentary from Mystery Chart Architect:

Joy aboundeth in the very solar plexus of this clandestine scribe, that so many have found pleasure and active industry in divining the first two "Name the Person" offerings. The gift of the year's subscription prize money from this meagerly endowed student of the stars (and of the Stars' stars) has therefore not represented a useless expenditure. For this revelation the scribe is indeed pleased.

Yet tarry awhile: Permit me to explain to some few and several that the sample delineations created and proffered are in the spirit of deceptiveness-cum-humor; designed with the intent of providing cause for rib-tickling, teasing laughter.

The adept reader-astrologer is not specifically asked to choose any of the three given, though some of the latter assuredly touch upon certain correct but loose identifications with the mystery natives.

Oh, if jollity be the music of life, let us play on, eh?

One dear lady respondent - page 2, 19th Extra, July '88, bottom left, seems to have taken the mock delineation #3 of the revered Mohandas Gandhi with such grim seriousness that she harumph-hed indignantly at the "birdman" comparison. This reaction motivated the clandestine architect to step briefly into this demi-light, if ever so cautiously for the purpose of clari-

fyng the technique of the mystery delineations.

Very pointedly tongue-in-cheek, dear lady from Delaware-et-alia, created to elicit abundant preliminary chuckles or be the guest of the architect and outright GUFFAW. Guffawing is FREE.

Think on it: Mr. Gandhi no more resembled "The Birdman" than Mr. Einstein resembled a London stocking stalker.

'Tis all in good fun; all in levity...and now, back to my quaint, vine-covered, shady workshop where I shall gaze bemused, at the amber-colored bottle-glass window apertures, reflecting that the real tease in these mystery examples lies in the recognition that all delineations given could be highly accurate. The general principles are sound enough. What makes them "off the mark" rests with the unique uses made by each extraordinary native, not by the clinically observed planetary placements themselves. Hence, it is in the KNOWING the outstanding, yeah "famous" native that causeth the "ordinary" and adequate-enough interpretation to appear "ludicrous."

In an ordinary soul bearing the same nativity specifics, the life-lived might well be as accurate in its banality as the comic delineations appear. It is thus all in the handling of the planetary energies - not in those placements themselves which separates the absurd from the sublime.

CHARLOTTE TUTON
San Diego, CA

To: Daniel M.H. Gordon:
BRAVO! Thank you so much for your 19th Extra article; a truly outstanding contribution to ethics and conduct in the "world of Astrology."

To those who missed Mr. Gordon's insightful, intelligent and deeply sensitive article on pp. 29-30 of the July '88 Extra, I recommend it highly. Useful on multiple levels, it comprises inspiration for practical, metaphysical and ethical guidelines for our relations with colleagues and clients alike.

Mr. Gordon's whole text ought to be adopted as an implicit credo of humility and respect in our field. Excerpting some of

his comments he says, "The astrologer (should) guard against things which destroy..one is the passion for analyzing and discussing ad infinitum and nauseum (sic). This is getting caught up in the delusions of reasoning, and really shows ignorance..If the astrologer indulges in these passions then a wrong sense of satisfaction brings greed. A wrong sense of the state of one's affairs and circumstances brings anger, and the inability to judge what is correct conduct brings foolishness..He/she must be able to think without getting angry, greedy or having his/her mind follow a train of desires. He/she needs to avoid slander, lying, deceiving, idle gossip or insults. He/she should..make every effort to maintain the highest character and an aware, compassionate and understanding mind concentrating on those things which will elevate and smooth the mind..People can be cruel, trying to set themselves up to lord it over others..They are ignorant of the law of cause and effect as it extends through time.

"The problem has been in the incessant tendency of humans to categorize life into positive and negative polarities. Good and evil, black and white etc. Usually, they don't know any better how to live."

In my opinion, Mr. Gordon's article represents one of the "Best of Mercury Hour." It is a unique piece, one to be referred to often - and to be cherished.

As of June 4, my residence on the east coast is entirely in the past. Now, you will admit that that was a shrewd way to avoid the passage of Saturn, Uranus and Neptune through my 12th House! A word to the wise, therefore! If YOU are facing that triple transit through your 12th, why - Presto-Change-O! Just pick up and move some 45 degrees of Longitude WEST! If you already ARE west, well..there's always Tahiti..or Australia beckoning! This way, I have "received" a 2 Capricorn Asc. and my progressed 3-4 Pisces Sun smack on the LaJolla relocation progressed Asc. Not bad for openers, plus moving the Sun, north Node and Mercury into the 1st House - all to the good, I'd say.

Judy Cooley, thank you for your sensitive comments. It was heartwarming to know that someone

took the time and interest to erect my chart from the bits and pieces I'd given about my birth data. It is 1-1-36; 9:22 a.m. EST. Baltimore, MD. 76W37;39N19. The reason I'd never offered it previously is evidence of my shy, self-effacing side - Mercury in the 12th natally, ruling 4th and 8th; thus Mercury carrying by placement and rulership dominance over all three water houses which are intrinsically the most private, most secretive and yes, shy or self-effacing.

But that's not all to the picture as anyone can see from my chart. It's the chart of a chameleon. both Aquarius rising and 28 degrees (Placidus) of Pisces in the 1st House have chameleon-like qualities. For me, it's both Little Red Riding Hood and the female Dick Tracy. In looks, I resemble a blend of Lee Remick, Glenn Close (FATAL ATTRACTION- in more ways than one, I might interject!) - and a pinch of Meryl Streep. In nature I realize that I have a complicated spirituality, but mostly spiritual it is. Yet, inhabiting the planet along with everyone else, I'm as capable as the next Aries-Moon person, of flailing out with my medieval trusty truncheon when someone repeatedly rattles my cage for no understandable reason he/she gets the Aries club.

But that's not all of it, either. First and foremost, there's the Capricorn Sun. And contrary to what someone erroneously wrote awhile back, Capricorns decidedly do not "become very grim when the slightest thing goes wrong." Perhaps neat and tidy Virgos react to "the slightest little thing." But Capricorns treat life's petty little "slightest things" as elephants treat flies or whales treat minnows. Capricorns and Scorpios have the most patience under stress. They handle the process of patient waiting in different ways and for different reasons. Since I'm a Capricorn, I'll tell you that Capricorns can and will tear down the entire structure if they perceive clearly that the foundation of the said structure (situation) is rotten from the ground up. They will then raze the place clean and being parsimonious, they will then utilize the old bricks and materials to rebuild something

sound on the same location.

Judy Cooley - I refrained from coming forward with my birth data not because of the shy factor as much as because I frankly didn't see how my chart would particularly interest anybody. A good friend of mine in Denver and also an M.H. club member, once wrote to me, "I'm not the least bit interested in raw charts of people I've never met and don't know anything about, nor have any relationship with." My feelings exactly. So you see, Judy, I'm flattered and very much taken with the fact that you inquired about me and my chart. You sound like a very nice, sensitive person. We could all do with hearing more from you!

(Charlotte says her "suggestions" are to be taken as pure humor. She did not move to the west coast to avoid the transit of Saturn through her birth chart. She was only joking about that. Edith)

In one of Joe deMello's letters to me he mentioned that his natal space chart works as well as the local space chart does, for him. I'm wondering if anyone else has experimented with this and found it does work. It would make things a lot simpler since it is a little difficult to get the exact longitude and latitude at times for the place of living or employment. I know I would have a heck of a time trying to find it for where I am living and working at the present time. Joe says: "The odd thing is that the natal space chart also works out here. It would be interesting to see if the same happens to you." How about letting us know if any of you have worked with it this way and how it works. What do you think of Steve Cozzi's book, "PLANETS IN LOCALITY"? I found it pretty interesting myself but really haven't had time to work with it as yet.

EDITH

JOHN KALUS
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TED BUNDY'S
"VIPERS NEST"
CHART PATTERN

Some will recall the numerous articles that were being published in the early 1960's, regarding the dates of February 4th and 5th, 1962, when a major conjunction of seven planets occurred in Aquarius. In a book titled *URANIA'S CHILDREN* by Ellic Howe, originally published in Great Britain, which deals with the life and times of Karl Ernst Krafft and other German astrologers before and during the Nazi era, there is reference to a major conjunction of six planets occurring in Taurus in the spring of 1941. In the spring of 1935, Krafft's friend Dr. Ferriere, while searching through the ephemerides discovered this conjunction in Taurus, Hitler's Sun sign. In a letter to Karl Krafft he mentioned this major conjunction and suggested that it symbolized "a nest of vipers". Krafft replied that he had discovered the conjunction in Taurus in 1926, and added: "The affects? collective insanity? Flaggelation?"

I admit that when I read this I despaired of any cluster of planets being referred to as "vipers nest", if it did not include the south Node of the Moon, and in this instance the south Node was 1 Aries. The cluster in Taurus in the spring of 1941, marked a form of "collective insanity", in Hitler's increased war efforts. Whether or not the Feb. 1962, cluster in Aquarius, conjunct the U.S. Moon, marks our entry into the Vietnam conflict, and its subsequent flaggelation is a matter of contention.

This brings us to Ted Bundy's chart, page 10 in the April, 1988, *MH*, courtesy of T. Patrick Davis. Bundy currently sits on death row in a Florida prison.

In the July 1988, 19th Extra Edition, page 61, Paul Mahler Dam remarks: "Well, Mrs. Davis, you complain that its not fully evident in the chart that he (Bundy) is a psycho-path..." What Mrs. Davis said was: "If any *MH* readers have data of people born during the period of Nov. 24-25, 1946, what information can you

share? I am sure there are good people born then. What is the difference in the charts and backgrounds? I'm not convinced that all this can be foretold from the horoscope as we currently draw them, even with Heliocentric added". This is a valid observation, and may in fact point to the limitations of Astrology as currently practiced. However, putting aside, momentarily, the period of Nov. 24-25, 1946, let's look at Bundy's over-all chart pattern.

Ted Bundy's natal chart consists of a stellium of six planets in the 4th House, in addition to the south Node, a configuration alluded to by Dr. Ferriere as a nest of vipers. What the odds are that any individual with this configuration, with a south Node in the midst of a cluster, will be involved in crime is not known to this writer, but that some of the most heinous crimes have been committed by those with this configuration is evident.

There is Bruno Hauptman, for one, born November 26th, 1899, at 1:00 p.m. in Kamenz, Germany, 51N15' and 14E05'. Hauptman had 6 planets (The Sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn and Uranus) posited in the sign of Sagittarius. The north Node was posited at 21 degrees Sag. Why in this instance is it the north Node, supposedly beneficial, rather than the south Node? Well, the south Node is in Gemini with Neptune and Pluto opposing the cluster. For another thing, Robert Hand in one of his books writes that Alfred Witte of Germany, the founder of the Uranian school of Astrology, minimized the good and bad distinctions made between the two Nodes, since both Nodes form an axis about which planetary patterns form. Bruno Hauptman was tried and convicted for the kidnap slaying of the Charles Lindbergh baby.

Then there is Lizzie Borden. She was born July 19th, 1860, Fall River, Mass. Her chart consists of grouping of 6 natal planets in Cancer and Leo in the midst of which there is the south Node at 2 degrees Leo. Even though Lizzie Borden was acquitted of the axe murders of her stepmother and father in a trial which ended on June 21, 1893, it is believed that she was guilty. Emma Borden, Lizzie's sister,

also has a chart with a fairly large grouping of planets tenanted by a Node, and may have been directly involved in the crime. I do not have her chart at hand.

In the article on Ted Bundy, Mrs. Davis writes: "While many people would assume or hope that T. Bundy is an isolated case born in that time, this is not true, I have a case of another man born exactly 18 hours 15 minutes after Bundy, also in the northeast, whose savagery against women equaled or exceeded that of Bundy--and savagery is an appropriate word". So now we have two cases. Bundy is not the only one for that date.

On the other hand, Henri Desire Landru, a French murderer, born April 12, 1869, had 6 natal planets in Aries minus the Node. He was beheaded in March 1922, when the south Node was transiting through 10 degrees Aries. If it could be determined when he began his crime career I am certain it would be found he began at some time when either the south or the north Node were passing over his Aries cluster of planets, thereby activating them via Eclipses. Barbara Watters in "The Astrologer Looks At Murder" states that the French police estimated he murdered as many as 300 women but that this figure might be a bit of gallic exaggeration on the part of the police.

John Demjanjuk (Ivan the Terrible) does not have a cluster (Oct. 1988 MH, page 10) but his Nodes are near the retrograde malefic Mars square retrograde Neptune-Jupiter, which may serve an identical purpose. His true Ascendant and M.C. are unknown, but were these known, it might well be they are part of the malefic Mars, Neptune, Jupiter square retrograde configuration.

Charles Manson (born Nov. 12, 1934, at 4:40 p.m. EST, Cincinnati, Ohio), has both a four planet stellium in Scorpio, and a grand cross linked to the stellium. The north-south Nodal axis extends from 4 1/2 degrees of Aquarius to 4 1/2 degrees of Leo in square to the Scorpio stellium and forms the frame work of the grand cross. In addition to this, there is posited at 14 Virgo a Mars-Neptune conjunction which semi-squares Manson's Pluto at 26 degrees Cancer at the Nadir, semi-squares his Mercury

in Scorpio near the Descendant, sesqui-squares his Uranus at 29 degrees Aries near his Ascendant, and sesqui-squares his Moon at 1 degree Aquarius. This does not even include Manson's Sun-Venus conjunction at 19 degrees Scorpio square Saturn at 21 Aquarius.

Naturally, not all natives with a cluster and a Node, or a malefic square, T square, or grand cross, linked to a Node develop to such an extreme. It may be, as Paul Mahler Dam suggests, in regard to Bundy's chart, that the constellation of Bundy's planets is bad because it is tied in with malefic fixed stars. Paul M. Dam mentions Tycho Brahe who believed that "the fixed stars are the mother-forces" that "work upon man through the medium of the planetary spheres". Edward Johndro appears to have believed the same, and in the "The Stars" tries to show how destinies relate to the meshing of a native's planets with the fixed stars. This involves considerable mathematics which I doubt that most astrologers are trained for, and while retrospectively we can prove a lot of things in Astrology, the question is, is this method practical for astrologers in every day practice.

Perhaps the truth is that there are certain hidden forces within each of us, acquired through centuries of evolution and passed on by inheritance, that tend to impose a synchronicity on our behavior, while at the same time, external cues and factors do much to fine tune these preset rhythms, sensitivities, and receptors to the cosmic pulse of a living organism's environment. How else can you explain the fact that one individual may have a bad constellation and turn out well while another may not. Because behavior patterns may be due to certain hidden forces within each of us, acquired through centuries of evolution, might not a three or triple way composite chart consisting of the nativity and his father and mother reveal something? If a three way composite chart would not reveal anything, how about harmonics? Or do a harmonics chart on a three way composite chart.

I am prompted to hazard that a node amidst a cluster of pla-

nets, such as Ted Bundy has, conceivably compound the negative effects of a highly incompatible cluster. Bundy was born a few hours following a Solar Eclipse, and a few days before the Lunar Eclipse of Dec. 8, 1946, occurred. His cluster is angular, therefore a stellium.

Whether a stellium, grand cross, T square or square linked to the Nodes occupies angular, succedant or cadant houses appears to correspond to a life area through which the subsequent integration or disintegration, and or the subsequent equilibrium or disequilibrium through action or inaction is most likely to occur. Again, according to the aspects which describe the condition of the matter at hand.

LORRAINE G. BROWN
 Bellrose, N.Y.

I have never met you personally, except through the pages of **Mercury Hour**, but have always enjoyed your dedication. Bravo!

I too share your lack of knowledge of computers, and want to pass along a gem that I found in the AFA Convention book. It is a pocket computer put out by Astron of Hamburg, Germany, distributed by Hugh B. Martin Co., 154 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, CA. 92075. I do not know Mr. Martin, except through talking to him by phone, and he was most helpful in advising me which buttons to push!

I had been looking for a computer for a long time, but hesitated because it would take up needed space in my office, and I really am not geared to figure out how to use them!

I am passing this information on to you and your subscribers only with the intention of sharing the fun I am having with this computer! I guess I sound like a commercial, but really, it is wonderful to do three steps and come up with two systems of houses, corrected planets and the true and mean Nodes and Chiron, if used by you.

Thanks for letting me share my thoughts.

HILDA HUSTON
 Edmonton, Alberta Canada

Re - 19th Extra Edition. Art Poppe. Your article on page 30,

was much appreciated, it made a lot of sense to me. I haven't decided yet about your one on page 35. Have you ever thought of doing one on the Intercepted Signs?

Blatvatsky: Re: "Theosophical Society and Astrology" or Alice Bailey. Any comments anyone?

In 19th Extra also - to **Defiance Gregg**. p. 47-48, I do not have an overweight problem, however, I do have another, it's called "Citric Acid". Have you ever noticed how many things in a grocery store are made with it? I'll toast to that "Manna From Heaven" anytime, but with a glass of ice water, as pop has citric acid in it also. My planet Venus is in the sign Aquarius, just 4 degrees from my Midheaven in my 9th House. My birth information is 3-17-23, 10:00 a.m., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Good luck in your new position as manager of Homer Care for the Salvation Army. As a young lady, my grandmother was a lieutenant in that service.

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I'm out in rural Big Island, all out of touch with the world. Back in Kansas City, MO., I could supplement my astrological appetite with books and other astrologers. Here, I'm lucky if I see anyone else outside my family.

Please don't leave me to starve intellectually. Send **Mercury Hour** ASAP. (Anyone got a minute to drop this lady a line and let her know we are still here and will be if she wants to "talk". Edith)

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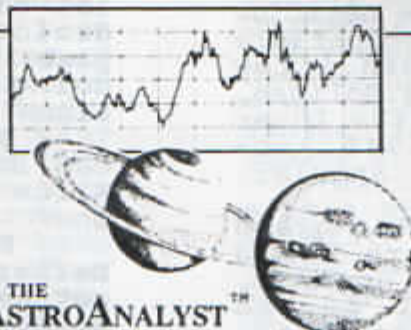
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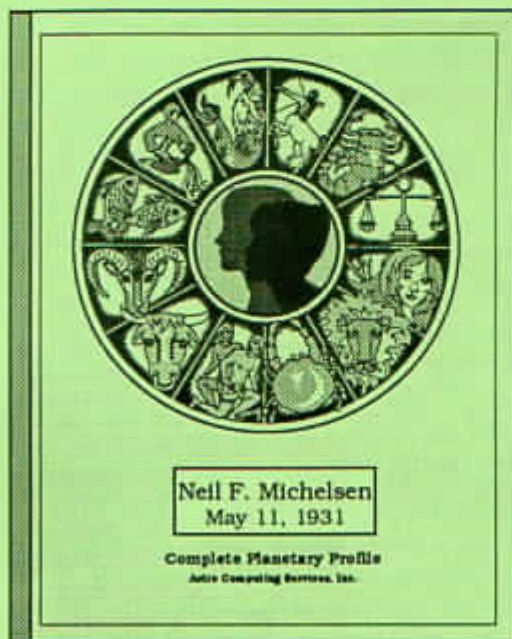
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