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HI!!

We are having difficulty with the 3 1/2 inch disks so please hold off on them for awhile. This time it isn't us, it is the machine and the guys are working on it. The 5 1/2 doesn't seem to be any problem for the most part as long as they are in the ASC II format. PLEASE SEND A HARD COPY WITH THE DISK - JUST IN CASE!

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can with the space and time we have. Some people write a great deal more than others but they are still subject to the same rules as anyone else. Naturally we are going to try and please as many of our subscribers as we can in any one issue. Eventually just about everything that comes in gets printed - all that is needed is a little patience on the writers part! (For which I thank them!)

Have two Cast of Characters for this edition since the 22nd. Extra Edition is also ready to go. If you have paid for it in advance it should be included with this issue. If you want one please send \$6.75 for Bulk Rate or \$8.00 for First Class Rate and we will get it off to you. The supply is limited so get your order in as soon as possible.

Some dates you might be interested in - more on it in the Extra edition. KUWAIT - June 19, 1961 -- IRAQ - July 14, 1958, 5:30:00 a.m. BGT, 44E24, 33N20 (Time from AFA according to "World Book of Horoscopes.") SAUDI ARABIA - Sept. 23, 1932, and the UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - Dec. 7, 1971. Only time given was for IRAQ. T. Pat Davis sent us the birth date and place for Saddam Hussein for which we thank her! He was born April 28, 1937 in Tikrit, Iraq, 34N36, 43E42 - no time given.

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Enjoy the upcoming holidays! See you in the January Edition. Please get your renewals in early - it helps to keep things rolling here.

LOVE & HOPE,

Edith



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**MARC PENFIELD
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**THE GREAT GARBO:
SPHINX OR SIREN?**

Last Easter Sunday (April 15, 1990), the world lost its most famous recluse, the enigmatic and mysterious Garbo, one of the greatest actresses the world has ever known. Few in the annals of show business attained her stature. One seldom needed to utter her first name. Garbo meant glamour, mystery, intrigue and seclusion. Photographers loved to mull over her face as did audiences of the '30s who needed illusion to get them through the rigors of the Depression.

Born into a poor working-class family in Stockholm on Sept. 18, 1905 at 7:30 p.m. (according to the Swedish registry office), she lost her father in 1920 just as her prog. ASC crossed Pluto, the ruler of death and transformation. Two years later as the prog. M.C. trined Jupiter and squared the Sun, Greta Lovisa Gustaffson made her first movie. With the release of "The Saga of Gosta Berling" in 1924, she came to the attention of Stiller who became her friend and manager. When Hollywood saw this film, they hired Stiller who agreed to journey to America on the condition that Garbo come along as his protege. Garbo's prog. M.C. at this time was inconjunct Neptune (ruler of films) and the ASC was entering Cancer in opposition to Uranus. Progressing Uranus by Solar Arc directions also brings that planet to the M.C. Before long, she was paired with some of the handsomest leading men in tinsel town, the most famous being John Gilbert with whom she was reputed to have had a torrid affair. Garbo's Sun in the 5th house alludes to a life of pleasure and the search for creative enjoyment. But Virgo is an earth sign not known for indiscriminate flights of fancy. Garbo was paid \$350 per week at first, but shortly after her first talking film she asked for, and received, over \$270,000 per movie, a record for that time in Hollywood. She was clearly the "first lady of the silver screen", even though she made only 24 films for MGM. Her Virgo Sun and Taurus Moon demanded proper compensation, and through wise investments in Manhattan real estate, she was able to live a life of relative comfort in her declining years. She earned only \$3 million from her movies, a tidy sum in those days when most people were paid only \$1.00 per day.

During her stint in Hollywood, gossip continued about her love life as natal Mercury (ruler of her ASC and placed in the 5th house) was conjunct the relocated M.C. in Hollywood. She sought freedom from the press and the masses who continually mobbed her wherever she went, shown by Uranus trine the M.C. in Hollywood. Combine that with Jupiter square the relocated M.C. in tinsel town and you

find a woman who achieved considerable fame and fortune by not being afraid to shoot for the top dollar. By taking the risk of asking for more money, she won due to Jupiter's beneficence. Her personality cast an aura of glamour due to the Sun's sextile to the relocated ASC in Hollywood. She was larger than life in more ways than one. A tall woman, due to the rising Jupiter in her chart square Mercury (not to mention the natural Nordic build of most Swedes), she nevertheless felt restricted in Hollywood due to Saturn's square to the relocated ASC. Her need for privacy also surfaced at this time due to Pluto's inconjunct of the relocated ASC. In later years, that search for privacy became almost compulsive and obsessive. Photographers would wait for her hoping to catch a glimpse of the famous star in her trademark sunglasses and slouch hats, Garbo being one step ahead of the reporters. After several good films like *Mata Hari*, *Grand Hotel*, *Queen Christina*, *Anna Christie* and *Anna Karenina*, she achieved immortality when she played Marguerite in *Camille* which was released in 1936. Garbo achieved her fame as Saturn was rising in her chart and during its journey through the 10th and 11th houses. By the late '30s, her fame was fading and MGM decided to have her do a comedy for the first time. The movie *Ninotchka*, was a great success and remains one of the classics of Hollywood's golden age. Two years later, she did her second comedy *Two Faced Woman* which bombed at the box office. Garbo saw the handwriting on the wall and decided to go into temporary retirement, just as her prog. M.C. conjuncted Saturn, ruler of her M.C. That M.C. was also inconjunct the Sun in her 5th house and the prog. ASC was sitting on Neptune. Her temporary leave of absence became permanent, and Garbo never returned to the screen, living the remainder of her life as a recluse and wanderer, mainly on the Upper East Side in New York. It was there that she died at the age of 84 as her prog. Sun was inconjunct the Moon and trine Venus, ruler of her 6th and 12th houses. Her prog. Moon at 23 Gemini was just past natal Pluto, thus describing the secrecy surrounding her death. She was rumored to have had kidney problems recently, but the hospital and family thus far have refused to comment.

Many actresses and actors have a built-in insecurity, thus propelling them into the arena of show business where they gain the adoration and acceptance of the audience which somehow takes the place of the love they never knew as a child. Some psychiatrists say that if one is normal and well-balanced there's no need to project false images and play roles to attain a self-image. With Garbo's Sun in Virgo trine the practical Moon in Taurus, one doesn't see the confusion or dichotomy regarding her self-image at all. I think she knew exactly who she was and wasn't afraid to make others pay for creating a false

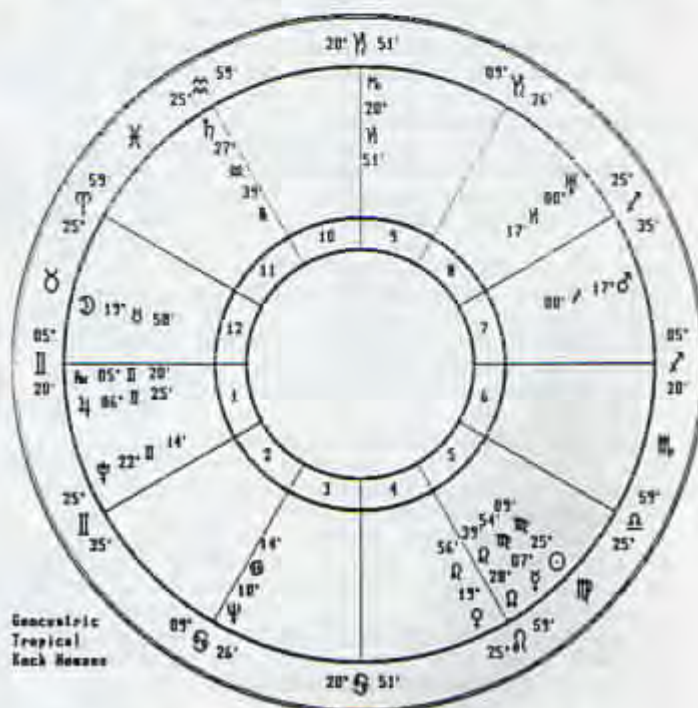
illusion about her life. That Sun, however, was inconjunct Saturn, the father figure planet, so Garbo was attracted to older and more mature men during her career. Her obeisance and devotion to her mentor, Stiller, was part of this search for a strong male figure in her life, but Virgo is entirely too practical (especially with an earth Moon) to be carried away by illusions. The Sun square Mars, Uranus and Pluto made her a law unto herself with an inability to compromise. It's possible that she knew her best roles were those of fallen women who yearned for divine love and that comedy was just not her forte. The majority of her roles had her relatively unsmiling, so when "Ninotchka" was released in 1939, the headlines screamed Garbo smiles. It was the first time she had let down her guard, so to speak, and considering her career over the next two years, was probably not what the audience wanted to see. Some Hollywood executives said her popularity waned due to the overseas market in Europe which was depleted due to World War II. Nevertheless, Garbo usually got what she wanted with the Sun's square to Uranus and Pluto. She projected an aura of inviolability, yet would surrender at the last moment providing the price was right and the eventual stakes high enough.

Garbo's desire for seclusion and privacy can be shown by the Moon in the 12th house square Venus and Saturn. The Moon's square to Venus is one of the asocial (not antisocial) aspects and the recipient of this aspect often eschews parties and other social contacts. The Moon's inconjunct to Mars might also show a fear of men, or sexual contact, and whether Garbo was a true "virgin" is a question that shall remain unanswered and only known to the Creator. Garbo was also a free-thinker as shown by Mercury's sextile to Neptune and trine to Uranus. Seldom revealing her intentions until the last moment, she created unwittingly the rumor mills regarding her personal life. She neither confirmed nor denied those rumors, she simply ignored most of them. That she never married may be shown by the strong aspects to her Sun and Moon. Garbo was certainly no pushover, unlike so many others who thirsted for stardom and initially surrendered their integrity on the casting couch.

But Garbo's Sun trine Moon and her Venus trine Mars said something different. She could have been a true "earth mother" tantalizing men to heights they had never known before. Something in her eyes alluded to a yearning for something more than just physical passion or lust - her eyes promised a life of spiritual union after having known things most people didn't talk about in mixed company. Garbo projected an aura of maturity and experience, never the wild-eyed glances of an ingenue. Her movies portrayed her as a woman who knew the sorrows of life and who had been "around the block" a few times, but one who nevertheless hadn't let her life get her

down. Earth types have a resiliency and strength generally not found in other signs. The fact that Garbo may have never found that love and spiritual union for which she was so desperately seeking could be shown by Venus' opposition to Saturn. Maybe she wanted too much and wouldn't settle for imperfection, a trait so typical of some Virgo types. Like Scorpio and Aries, Virgo often finds it difficult to surrender completely. In her day, women generally weren't supposed to be the dominant ones or the aggressors. Remember that Garbo usually pulled men towards her when she desired to kiss them - Garbo always wanted to be in control and the leader. Macho types wouldn't appeal to her sense of refinement or purity. Venus' sextile to Pluto also shows a need to abstain at times from the pleasures of life, for with this aspect one can go without physical attachment for long periods. Something lies beneath the surface waiting to be discovered and unearthed. Another indication of a life of abstinence is her Mars opposite Pluto, which could go either way. Either a life of lust and profligacy or complete control of one's own body, something relatively unknown to most women of her time. The fact that she managed to retain her uniqueness and individuality through her Hollywood years is shown by the most hardy aspect in her chart, Saturn sextile Uranus and Pluto. Nobody with that aspect is a wilting flower, for they usually outlive their admirers as well as detractors. It's also an aspect of longevity as well.

GRETA GARBO, STOCKHOLM, SEPT. 18, 1905.
7:30 P.M. MET, 18E03, 59N20 - KOCH CUSPS.



Over the past five decades or so, rumors circulated about Garbo's return to the screen. When she went into retirement at the age of 36 as her prog. M.C. conjuncted Saturn, one could state that her decision to become a "normal" human being again was irrevocable, and thus it was until her final day on this planet. During the early years of World War II, transiting Uranus over her ASC. also made her stubborn and unyielding in her search for freedom. The fact that transiting Saturn was also going over her ASC. at this time added more grist to her decision, thus putting her career into a period of oblivion and decline. Transiting Neptune over her Sun in the early 1940s also made her dissatisfied with her life in Hollywood and life became disappointing and frustrating in that locale. Pluto sextile her ASC. added resoluteness and firmness, so Garbo turned her back on the world of movies and returned to the life of a private citizen.

I don't usually find transits very elucidating at the moment of death - progressions seem to have more affect outlining the moment of leaving this plane of existence. Too many people born on her day of birth have the same planetary positions, and only the angles give clues as to the course of one's destiny. Garbo more than most seemed to control her destiny, going her own way regardless of what others thought she should do. By the time transiting Saturn crossed her M.C. and inconjuncted Venus and Pluto, the end was near. Uranus inconjunct her Jupiter and opposite Neptune made her yield to the final surrender and accept the fact that it was time to give up her long fight for autonomy. Had she not surrendered, transiting Pluto next year would have made her physical condition more painful due to the opposition of her Moon and the square to Venus. One might say in the final analysis that Garbo consciously chose the time of her departure to meet her maker, just as she had stepped down at the height of her career nearly five decades before. Few women in her time had such power or determination to call the shots and get away with it. Garbo was true to herself to the end, knowing exactly who she was and keeping others at a distance wondering about her next move. Those traits will keep her true nature a mystery for time immemorial and envelop her life in mystery and secrecy, just like the Sphinx to which she was compared during her years in Hollywood. Like the Mona Lisa, her thoughts will remain obscured and future biographies will only scratch the surface of this enigmatic and charismatic woman who so captivated the world.

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MARIE DeLEONE ESSINGTON, PA MAY, 1990

I have had a problem for the last six months and it has me and doctors puzzled and baffled it is unbelievable.

If you have 5 minutes (joke) to look over this chart I set up in desperation on 1/30/90 to see if I could grasp what the medical world cannot. I am still in a quandary over it. ("What is causing this noise?" - 7:14:16 a.m. EST - zone 5 - 75W11, 39N57 on 1/30/90)

Briefly: I have had this damn noise radiating through the house and my ears until it has almost driven me out of this world. It sounds like a motor running, and brings these vibrations all through the place yet I am the only one that hears it.

SO to the doctors with no luck in their findings. I took an MRI test which again showed all is normal upstairs. This was the brain imaging in which they use an imaging deal with no radiation involved.

I saw a Neurologist who also is puzzled and he is one of the best. On Thursday I shall see another ear, nose & throat guy for a second opinion. This chart is saying something, but at this point I am totally confused because Lylah Booth who is handling Ivy's book has gone over it and her findings says - Underground wires in contact with the cement base of the house?

She says: Mars conjunct Uranus shows the noise, and the electricity in 11th of circumstances was her conclusion. The Asc. degree is critical yet that can just show the state I am in.

I said the medication was at the bottom of it since he had me on so much of it while taking care of my aunt I think he kept me on it too long. Three trips to emergency and blood pressure up so high drove me up a wall. It is coming down slowly.

I know what Tinnitus is and this is far from it. I feel like I am full of radio active material honestly. Lylah said I should move, but this is way out since in five years that I have been here this is the first this has happened.

Moon last over the Sun (ruler 7th) does say the doctor involved and if you say Sun last over Venus retrograde - something ingested that didn't bode too well with me. I don't know why but I think the medication or the hearing aid they talked me into last November may have been the culprit. I cannot wear it without the rumble starting up - yet they say no.

I can't even turn on television without it starting up so all electricity involved. Even this typewriter agitates it.

Aquarius rising does have to do with not only circumstances but also electricity. And of course circumstances out of control.

I have never seen so many doctors

baffled over one deal, and no answers. Now the GYN doctor put me back on hormones last September. Pluto in Scorpio may be answering that yet they said no!! And so the mystery goes on and on, and my sanity near its end honestly.

I need another astrologers opinion, a good one and I think you are that from all your past delineations. Ivy no longer reads charts yet I think she had a hand in this interpretation. The Asc. scared hell out of them I think. I will gladly pay you for your delineation whatever it is.

I have been with this doctor for the past 25 years and he knows what I do, and respect it since I have gotten answers to tests before he gets them. I have been on target too, but this time I am baffled.

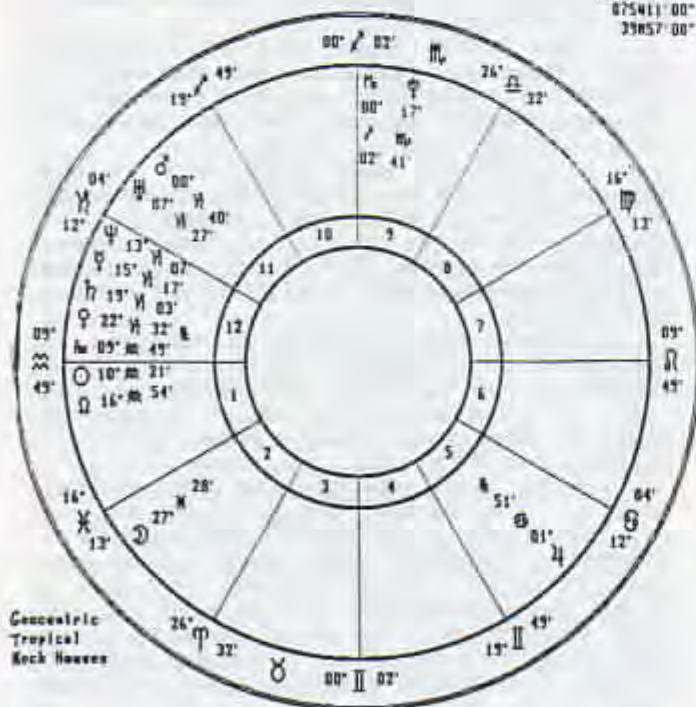
Maybe it's E.T. getting in touch!!! I get a kick out of that one as it came from him.

I squeezed 4 planets in the 12th in a hurry for exactitude.

Note that Moon and Fortuna by decanate are in Scorpio also. I wonder about this Premerin hormone????

Ascendant Mars and Neptune critical - yet I may be missing something - can't see the forest for the trees when it is me involved.

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(Marie - I wish I could help but I really have no real knowledge of horary astrology. I've printed your letter in the hopes that some of our experts in MH Land will take a crack at it and see if they can answer your question. (Please gang, help Marie if you can.) Edith.)

June 21, 1990

Thanks loads for your answer and I do understand many not being familiar with Horary.

I spent 31 years on it, and remained baffled as if I never touched it. I have taken more tests than any human being, and still they are confused (a Pluto deal I guess)

I have had an MRI - a CAT scan - a dappler or whatever, of the carotid veins in the neck etc. etc. and all normal to date. My strength is being sapped out of my body like something unreal. I knew when the villains hit my 10th I could expect something, but this is weird.

On Sunday June 10th I could not stand up right, and was rushed by ambulance to emergency. Potassium was low, and no medical reason for that either. Three blood tests show nothing???

I have a stationary bike that I use daily and tire out so fast this too is unreal. I know it helps so keep at it for what it's worth. I feel like someone has a doll and is sticking pins in it (joke) I guess anything is possible.

The chart I sent has no aspect from ruler 6th and 1st as Ivy taught me way back, yet what the hell it is remains a darn Neptune deal who has been critical at 13 Capricorn.

They now have me on Tranxene a high dosage to keep me going but tomorrow I intend to get Feosol tabs that picked me up once a long time ago. This on my own.

Thanks for putting it in MH and I pray someone medical can pick it up out there.

I am cross-eyed going over this darn chart, but as you know I am not familiar with Helio - maybe that will give someone out there who is (a clue).

I thank you so much for doing this for me. Let's hope it all comes out even Steven as they say.

Keep up the good work with MH and I am so glad you are back.

FRANK JAKUBOWSKY
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JUNE, 1990

THIS TELLS HOW TO RULE YOUR CHART

Spiritual Symbols For the Astrology of the Soul \$5.00 by Frank Jakubowsky. Published by Jesus Books. Publication date: August 19, 1990. These 49 symbols describes the path of the evolution of the soul. These symbols are in the style of the famous Sabian Symbols. Astrologers can now interpret the spiritual evolution of their clients. Even without considering the spiritual aspect, it can help the astrologer to know what part of the chart will be accented during general periods of their life, such as childhood.

**M.J. MAKRAANSKY
COBAN, ALTA VERAPAZ
GUATEMALA
APRIL, 1990**

PART I

GUATEMALA

A true mundane astrology must be based upon a system of correlation between points in the zodiac and points on the surface of the earth. Ptolemy (*Tetrabiblos* II.3) proposed a scheme in which signs of the zodiac were assigned to each of the countries surrounding Egypt; but Ptolemy's system is of dubious validity, and of extremely limited usefulness even if valid (for one thing, it cannot be logically extended to the western hemisphere).

Several years ago, in pursuit of this theme, I prevailed upon a skilled dowser and pendulum operator of my acquaintance to compile a list of zodiacal degrees which corresponded to various countries and geographical areas on the earth. Some of the correspondences divined by the pendulum are: U.S.A. - 11 Cap. 25, China - 19 Aries 24, Egypt - 2 Gemini 22, England - 21 Cancer 22, Germany - 27 Virgo 54, Japan - 16 Leo 32, Israel - 12 Pisces 07, Russia - 18 Pisces 44.

Since the list seemed quite random (i.e. no discernible pattern to it), an attempt was also made to inquire of the pendulum of the criteria on which the correlation was based. The pendulum indicated that there was indeed a pattern involved, but it wouldn't tell us what it is.

In the intervening years I've given considerable attention to the Guatemala degree (3 Aquarius 23), especially after I noticed the following correspondences:

ECLIPSES NEAR 3 AQUARIUS 23

ST 2 Aquarius 21 1/22/1898
SP 2 Aquarius 45 1/23/1917
ST 4 Aquarius 08 1/24/1925
LP 2 Aquarius 48 7/26/1934
ST 4 Aquarius 33 1/25/1944
LT 3 Aquarius 12 7/26/1953
SA 4 Aquarius 52 1/25/1963
SP 4 Aquarius 53 1/25/1982
LP 4 Aquarius 58 7/28/1999

**SUDDEN CHANGES OF GOVERNMENT IN
GUATEMALA**

2/10/1898 Assassination of Reyna Barrios
7/1/1944 Overthrow of Ubico
10/20/1944 Revolution
6/30/1954 Liberation (overthrow of Arbenz)
3/30/1963 Coup (overthrow of Ydigoras)
3/23/1982 Coup (overthrow of Lucas)

S-Solar, L-Lunar, A-Annular, T-Total, P-Partial.

In other words, of eight eclipses near 3 Aquarius 23 in the past 100 years, five of them occurred within a year preceding a sudden change of government

in Guatemala (that an eclipse can precede the event by a year is acknowledged by many writers on the subject, e.g. Sepharial).

Although Guatemala has historically been rather unstable politically only three sudden changes of government in the past century were not prefigured by eclipses near 3 Aquarius 23: the overthrow of Estrada Cabrera on 4/5/1920, the assassination of Castillo Armas on 7/26/1957, and the overthrow of Rios Montt on 8/8/1983. However, in connection with Castillo Armas, it will be noted that the new moon on the very day of the assassination occurred in 3 Leo 52.

Here is a brief summary of Guatemalan history which presents some of the evidence in favor of the degree 3 Aquarius 23:

After Central America gained independence from Spain (9/15/1821) there ensued a period of struggle between Liberals, who favored an independent Central American Republic, and Conservatives, who favored union with Mexico. Largely because of a Liberal triumph in Mexico, the Central American Liberals were able to declare absolute independence on 7/1/1823, which may be taken to be the "birth data" of the Central American Republic. However, the first president of the republic was so arbitrary and dictatorial that his own Liberal party was soon in open rebellion against him, and a three year civil war ensued.

The rebel army of Francisco Morazan emerged victorious and entered Guatemala City on 4/13/1829. This is the first event in Guatemalan history which can be correlated with a major transit over 3 Aquarius 23, since Uranus crossed this point in March 1829.

Morazan was the last president of the Central American Republic. The resentment of the other states at the dominance of Guatemala grew until in 1838 Central American congress voted to disunite into separate states: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. From 1840 to 1871 the Conservatives ruled in Guatemala; then the Liberal Revolution of 1871 placed Justo Rufino Barrios in power.

Barrios assumed dictatorial powers on 6/4/1873, five days before Uranus transited 3 Leo 23, and two weeks after the Saturn/Uranus opposition in 2 Aquarius/Leo 38.

After Barrios' death, his nephew Jose Maria Reyna Barrios became president for six years, until his assassination on 2/10/1898 (three weeks after the total solar eclipse in 2 Aquarius 21). He was succeeded by Manuel Estrada Cabrera, who ruled until 1920 when he was forced out of office (the Uranus transit of 3 Aquarius 23 on 1/22/1913 does not seem to have had any effect).

After a succession of six presidents, Jorge Ubico was elected president in 1931, beginning another long dictatorship. Ubico was forced to resign on 7/1/1944; and a popular revolution against the interim government on

10/20/1944 (both events foreshadowed by the solar eclipse of 1/25/1944) installed a liberal government bent on social reform.

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**TROY HOLTER
HELENA, MT
APRIL, 1990**

I agree with Diane Lawson, astrologers are an interesting bunch. With Uranus in my 7th House I need those kinds of associations. I'd like to be able to attend every astrological conference there is.

Was glad to see two books mentioned in the 63rd Edition. Bill Herbst's Houses of the Horoscope, and Howard Sasportas' The Twelve Houses. Both are 'must' books in any astrological library, in my opinion.

Rob Hand said, at a NORWAC convention a couple of years back, that the best astrology book he had read in the past 30 years was called Cosmic Loom, The New Science of Astrology, by Dennis Elwell. Tried to get it for years through the usual outlets but to no avail. Finally got it from the place I least expected to, a new, relatively unknown place called The Metaphysical Center in Bigfork, Montana. It was worth the wait. It's got so many underlines in it I can't decide what to tempt you with: "...Moreover, the information the chart contains is not absolute but relative. A century ago the ninth house was said to govern long journeys, and the opposite house, the third, was connected with short journeys. Then some troublemaker demanded to know how long a journey had to be to qualify for removal from the third to the ninth. To avoid the palpable absurdity of dogmatizing on a number of miles, it was decided that the distinction was whether it could be completed in a day, an arbitrary ruling which failed to satisfy everybody, and in the jet age would satisfy even less. Eventually, the more perceptive writers threw out the quantitative yardstick in favour of a qualitative one: the ninth house, they realised, had to do with exploratory journeys, while third house journeys were more routine. Hitherto it had seemed strange that religion and philosophy should also come under the aegis of the ninth, but now it was evident that they did so because they too were explorations. So travel and philosophy were merely special instances of the urge to push back the horizons, break new ground. However, what constitutes exploration is relative to the individual: nowadays a very long journey may be routine, but on the other hand for a recluse to visit the next town would take on a ninth house connotation."

Speaking of Rob Hand: I think he ought to clone himself and send one to every astrology conference and leave some

home to write books. I'm told he reads the MH. I'd love to see him offer up a few juicy tidbits through the MH from time to time. I'd also like it if he would write some more books.

Ditto for Diana Stone who operates out of Portland and who is a regular at the annual Northwest Astrological Conferences in Seattle, put on by Maggie Nalbandian and her crew...

**LELA CHAVELLIER-POWELL
TULSA, OK
MARCH, 1990**

It is a pleasure to see MH regaining its luster!

To share with MH'ers who have Capricorn rising: Natally, I have 2° Cap. Ascending and 3 planets in Cap. in the 1st: Venus 7°, Moon 26°, Mercury 29°. At the time Saturn transited my Ascendant, progressed M.C., ASC. and Sun were all on the 29th degree; 1989 was a very difficult year of major endings that affected all areas of my life. This year, I have progressed M.C. 0° Cap., Asc. 0° Aries, Sun 0° Taurus and I am groping to find my way while dealing with dissolution, liberation, and shaping-up. It is a time of intense introspection, of sorting out, questioning and self-discovery. On the day Jupiter made direct station at 0° Cancer, a long-standing lumbar symptom became an acutely pinched sciatic nerve.

Olivia Barclay: I have not abandoned my original intention to do your Lilly course. I will be along shortly. JustUs & Associates are putting out a splendid magazine.

(With Saturn at 7°, Asc. 21°, and Mercury at 22° followed by Mars at 28° Cap. - Betty can sympathize with you. You wound up with a pinched sciatic nerve and Betty got Bursitis in her knee, (and just think - "it isn't over till it's over" how's that for an optimistic happy Capricorn? Edith)

**DEEANN NORTON
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MARCH, 1990**

I have been, through the years as a subscriber, merely a "silent" reader. But, I have learned a lot of Astrology. Therefore, I wish to extend sincere thanks to all the "teachers" who have, through their written contributions, given so generously of their knowledge and uncompromising honesty. I have especially enjoyed those who also taught with humor. One can learn a great deal when the subject is leavened with a few chuckles.

Thank you all for your quality magazine.

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MARCH, 1990

THE EGYPTIAN SOTHIS IN GEMINI

A DEMOTIC ASTROLOGICAL TEXT

(Written by a Sidereal astrologer
of the Egyptian and Babylonian Zodiac)

PART I

The Sidereal Zodiac is a subject getting more and more serious attention from students and professionals alike in Astrology. Capturing the imagination of not a few, many astrologers have become inspired recently to observe the evening constellations as has been done for millennia. It was asserted by Cyril Fagan and others that the Sidereal Zodiac of the constellations and Astrology itself had their beginnings in Egypt. In recent years this astrologer has found some documented evidence that tends to corroborate the hypothesis of the use of Sidereal signs of the zodiac in Egypt. A Demotic Astrological text from ancient Egypt may shed some light on this controversial subject and the origins of Astrology.

In the early years of the 20th-century Wilhelm Spiegelberg published Papyrus Cairo 31222 asserting it's nature to be astrological. It was not till 1949 that George R. Hughes published its translated contents into English. The papyrus proved to contain predictions for Egypt based upon the position of the planets in the Sidereal signs of Gemini and Sagittarius. The text specifically delineates for the planets in conjunction or opposition to the star Sirius, the Egyptian Sothis. It shows us Mundane Astrology from possibly pre-Hellenic origins with predictions concerning political, economic and other events to happen in or to Egypt, Syria and Parthia.

The date in antiquity of the Cairo Papyrus 31222 was ascertained to be of the Roman period. The Cairo Papyrus differs from other Demotic texts of that period because it deals with mundane predictions based on astronomical phenomena, where others generally contain individual life destinies based on horoscopes. This text is estimated to have been written A.D. 3rd-century not only demonstrates the use of sidereal signs of the zodiac but also, the heliacal phenomena that inspired Cyril Fagan to discover Hypsomata, the year 786 B.C. in which the planets heliacal rose at Babylon in the sidereal signs of the exaltation degrees in the zodiac (vide. Zodiacs Old and New). The fixed star Sothis (Sirius) is given in this Demotic text the constellational correspondence to sidereal signs Gemini and Sagittarius. It also provides the ethnographical support for claims by astrologers that heliacal phenomena was utilized for delineations. This was done

by the appearance of the planets in the zodiacal signs of their acronycal and heliacal rising.

It has been intimated in the astro archeological works about astrology in antiquity that the ancients utilized acronycal and heliacal phenomena in their prognostication. Ptolemy in his Tetrabiblos when discussing the quadrupedal signs and maleficent planets states; "Persons with such genitures are even left without burial, and are consumed by wild beasts or birds, whenever maleficent planets chance to be in signs of such form, if none of the beneficent planets is witnessing to the lower midheaven or to the destructive places." An anonymous commentator cites as an instance "if the Dog Star or Corvus were rising at the same time," (cf. Bouche'-Leclercq, p.125,n.1). Which for this researching Sidereal astrologer amplified the significance of this Demotic text.

TRANSLATION:

(1) The influences of Sothis

If it rises when the moon in Sagittarius:....grain in the field. [...] (2) in the country of the Syrian. ...death will occur ... will abound in weakness by night and day [...] will (3) go ... and he (it) will be filled. If it (Sothis) rises when Saturn is in Sagittarius: The King [will] fight ... of his and he will (4) prince in Egypt. Pharaoh [...] will go to The inundation will come to Egypt [...] (5) will occur in the country of the Parthian.

If it (Sothis) rises when Jupiter is in Sagittarius: The King [will] rule over his (6) country. An enemy will he [his and] he will escape from them again. Many men will rebel against the King. An inundation which is proper is that which comes to (7) Egypt. Seed (and) grain will be high as to price (in) money, which is The burial of a god will occur in Egypt. (8) [will come] up to Egypt and they will go away again.

If it (Sothis) rises when Mars in Gemini (9) Some men will rebel [against the king of] Egypt in the country of the Syrian. The king will proceed to them (10) with his army. He will fight. The sky is abundant with rain will not be able to [occur] in the country of the Syrian. (11) .. distress for five months.

If it (Sothis) rise when Venus is [in Gemini]: .. (13) The king will do a good thing for Egypt. [...] come at an end of this year judgment (14) of Sachmet will occur after months.

If it (Sothis) rises when Mercury is in Gemini. The whole earth will [...] (18) Grain will be high as to price (in) money

If it (Sothis) rises when the sun is in Sagittarius. (16) The king of Egypt will do [...] in

The translation starts out discussing the Moon in Sagittarius during the heliacal rising of Sirius and it may be extrapolated that "In the land death will occur and the Kings subjects will experience occupation of troops or pestilence." The prediction of Saturn's appearance in

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Sagittarius located in the seventh house during the heliacal rising of Sothis promises family discord for the throne, possible famine and changes in government. The acronycal setting of Jupiter when Sothis heliacally rises has the portents of difficult economic trends, revolution or insurrection, burial and possible need for flight of the country.

The delineation for Mars in Gemini to heliacally rise with Sothis placed in the twelfth house or anafora presages open rebellion against the King of Egypt and conflict. Along with open hostilities in Syria and Egypt is noted above average precipitation causing transportation and commerce problems. Venus, the "morning god" and "morning star" brings good decisions upon the throne and general prosperity in the land. A judgment is related to Sakhmit-urr-peh, the wind goddess, which will have effects of long duration. The heliacal rising of Mercury in Gemini with Sothis forecasts high prices in grain and commodities. The caption about the Sun in Sagittarius is not available and open to speculation but it does refer to acronycal phenomena.

Gemini, the Twins, rose at eve during the lunar month of Tybi when the Sun was in the opposite constellation Sagittarius. The acronycal rising of the brilliant twin stars marked the month and, were known as Castor and Pollux by the Roman's. The Egyptians associated them with the air-gods Shu and his wife Tefnut, the lion-hearted goddess of the Sun's heat. It was a time when birds would take passage to migrate, the sowing of seeds was eminent in agricultural society and, the sending of sheep and horses to pasture was done. The idea of procreation was attached to this period by Min, regent of Tybi. He was the ithyphallic god of Panopolis and Koptos.

The depiction of the stars and constellations have remained in the same Graeco-Roman designations with little change for astronomy. In classical Greek literature Aratus (290 B.C.) discusses Sirius in his Phaenomena stating; "Worthy of his master is the DOG that stands guard beneath his towering back. Reared on hind legs he sparkles with stars, and though dark on his belly, on his terrible jaws the brightest of stars flashes with searing rays, the star men call Sirius. The tender flourish of vineyards is at this star's mercy when Sirius rises with the summer sun, so lightly he pierces their rows with his rays, fusing some to new vigor, sapping some to the core. His setting is visible even at sunrise, but dimmer stars form the legs of the Dog." The Greeks took note of the Dog days and must have assimilated from Egyptian astrologers the import and significance of the star Sirius in it's heliacal and acronycal phenomena.

<END PART I>

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On February 12th, I sent you a letter regarding my difficulties in getting responses from two astrological magazines. I am now writing to thank you for contacting (one or both of) those publishers and to ask you to print this letter along with the one I wrote to you on February 12th/90.

My reason for wanting to qualify the statements in that previous letter is that Janice Giles of The Astrological Society of New Zealand has sent me a beautiful letter (dated March 5th/90) and a copy of the Summer '89 issue of their journal. By the way, their "Journal of the Seasons" is a very pleasing publication whose writers contribute a flavor of internationality along with laudable astrological expertise. The one complaint I still have with our associates in New Zealand is that thus far I have only received the Summer '89 issue. However, I'm hopeful that others will follow as time unfolds.

Unfortunately, I still have heard nothing from FAS's publication, "New Astrologer". Therefore, any help which publication of my February 12th letter in Mercury Hour may bring will be greatly appreciated.

While reading the last two issues of Mercury Hour, I planned to respond to many of the letters published there. However, so much time has now elapsed that I would need to reread them to discover all the statements I wanted to comment on. Although rereading Mercury Hour would be a pleasurable experience for me, my T-square to Saturn in Capricorn is currently being triggered by transiting Neptune and Uranus while they are also triggering my Saturn-quincunx-Venus in Gemini. Time for pleasurable communication must be earned, and I don't seem to have earned as much as I'd like. One thing I do remember -- you forgot to list me in the 64th Edition of "Astro-Twins". (May 9, 1930 at 12:35 EST (noon), Smiths Falls, Ontario.)

Thanks again, Edith, for opening one line of communication for me and for keeping many others open for all of us. Although this is a short letter and I couldn't say all of the things I wanted to say, I feel that it's necessary to let you know that I've heard from New Zealand before the July issue goes to press. (Received after July issue went to press - sorry! Edith)

As always, I look forward eagerly to the next issue of Mercury Hour. Be Well and keep up the good work.



**ANN FOLEY
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APRIL, 1990**

How can I tell a graying spring chicken like you Edie, that you are the mother hen of the astrological community? What would we do without you?

I am getting ready to wrap up my all too brief four month visit to the States to return to Reunion on the 16th of April. During this period, I have finally had a chance to review our publications in the astrological field and Mercury Hour wins my highest rating. I have been a subscriber off and on since I first started the study of astrology back in the mid '70s. It was then, and still is now, the only open forum for astrologers, and it gets better and better with time. Bravo, Edie.

Now, speaking of time, last Wednesday (3/21), with the Moon conjuncting Saturn for the last time before the old boy goes retrograde, I sat down to write Chapter 8 of my novel-in-progress. Saturn stuck his sticky beak in my affairs, and the enclosed article appeared on my screen instead. Naturally, once I read it over, I wanted to send it to you for publication in Mercury Hour, hence you will find it enclosed.

I know you will appreciate the drift of it as you are a Class-A example of a well rounded Saturn. You hold the helm for us while we go through the throes of transition, you are responsible astrologer, ever forging ahead, yet on time. I hope that other readers will appreciate Saturn's whole range of possibilities and enjoy this article as well.

I'll be in touch when I get back, hopefully mid-summer unless Saturn has other plans for me.

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PART I

Saturn, as we well know, is the garbage collector for the astrological fraternity. He picks up all the discomforts of aging, poverty, delays, obstacles; the chronic diseases, the broken bones and egos. He has to mop up psychological disruptions linked to the parent child relationship. He shoulders misplaced authority. It is no wonder he carries a scythe in traditional images and was known as the grim reaper. Who wouldn't be grim with such a load. Let's give the poor fellow a break, maybe even a promotion and a pay raise.

Robert Powell wrote a short and well documented history of the Planets for ACS Publications. <2>. He traces astrology from its vague pre-Christian beginnings through to its eventual development by the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. He stops short of Arabic contributions to our 20th century lexicon.

According to the Babylonians, he says, "a mysterious relationship was seen between Shamash [Sun] and Ninib [Saturn].

Ninib... was designated 'the sun of the night', manifesting during the night qualities similar to those that Shamash displayed during the day. Thus Ninib was referred to as 'the stable one', the signifier of equity and justice', and Saturn was termed 'the star of righteousness' and 'the star of justice and right'. But just as Shamash was seen to have a dual nature--not only did he bestow life he could also destroy it - so Ninib had a negative aspect. Alongside his positive nature as the bearer of justice and righteousness, Ninib was also known as 'the god of sickness and death'."

This in itself is not peculiar, as we have now come to recognize the dualist inherent in existence. The question is, how, when and why did we drop the equal and opposite importance of Saturn as 'the signifier of equity and justice' and the sun of the night sky?

The answer perhaps lies partly in a contribution by the Greeks who associated Saturn with Cronus, a god known for his gruesome taste in macabre family relations: eating his offspring and castrating his father. Powell suggests that it is to the Greeks that we owe our modern astrological framework. In the last centuries before Christ, he says, a synthesis of Babylonian and Egyptian lore was joined with Greek developments in astronomy and physics. We continue to use the resulting system, virtually unchanged.

Powell says the Greeks honored Saturn with the first day of the planetary week, explaining that "the planetary week is based on the principle that time is under the control of divine beings, each of whom rules in turn." He continues that "the god Cronus was believed to have ruled over 'the golden age', the paradisiacal period at the start of evolution." Further along Powell tells us that according to Tacitus (1st century A.D.), Saturn was accorded the honor of being at the head of the weekday list "because 'of the seven stars which rule human affairs Saturn has the highest sphere and the chief power'." [italics mine]

This poses the interesting contradiction between Cronus, light of the night sky, presiding god during the paradisiacal era and the star of justice and righteousness, and Cronus the power hungry cannibal and sex assailant. Why do we 20th century astrologers cling to the negative polarity of Saturn and neglect to mention his role in overseeing the gestation of Paradise? Are we projecting suppressed murderous, cannibalistic and power hungry tendencies? Woe be unto us if so.

Leaving the historical sketch aside, let's come back to the present. We have, in the last ten years been through a rigorous Saturn consciousness raising seminar. We began with his conjunction to Jupiter in early degrees of Libra. This conjunction represented an aberrant departure from the earth sign series then in force, and still prevailing. We no-

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ticed that President Reagan did not get assassinated. Astrologers had to eat crow, a rather tasteless meal. Bear in mind that Jupiter [Zeus] is the one son who escaped our mythological god's voracious appetite for children, so their relationship suggests an important balance in power, amplified through Saturn's exaltation in Libra.

We next have Saturn conjuncting Pluto in the last degrees of Libra. This epoche saw many important benchmarks: the first heart transplant, the first operational space shuttle flight, the first woman in space, the freeing of Walesa, and the bankruptcy of our Social Security system, and the death of Breshnev. Perhaps the most important effect was the spreading recognition of a new world-wide epidemic, AIDS. Saturn was certainly conforming to his dual roles of yore: being at the helm during epochal changes, the introduction of a new age, and being the god of sickness and death.

Next Saturn conjuncted Uranus. Uranus [Ouranos] was the unfortunate father figure, overthrown by the Titans with Saturn spearheading the movement. There is no need to detail the tidal wave of foreboding predictions conjured up by astrologers for this celestial event; we can all remember the flavor: 'Doom and Gloom'. We experienced the stern wave of our very first harmonic convergence instead. 'Glasnost' became a global catchword, then a reality as the Soviet troops withdrew from Afghanistan. The stock market continued according to its own bullish inclination, dooming the best financial analysts, astrologers included, to public ignominy.

Then the 'grim reaper' went on to form a conjunction with Neptune. This was to be the end: the great depression, following the 1989/1929 'crash'. What happened? The last of the frost melted off Soviet communism, releasing a world wide flood of freedom seeking celebrants. The New York Stock Exchange reached all time highs, and Chinese students opened the door to Bluebeard's secret room for all the world to gaze upon. Voyager II arrived at its Neptune destination only seconds off a 12 year old schedule to send us exquisite photographs of our outermost planet [during this transitional period Neptune traces a path outside that of Pluto]. We witnessed the birth of a new galaxy forever laying to rest the 'big bang' theory.

<1> A small lamp left burning at night, often used to dispel children's fears.
<2> History of the Planets, (All About Astrology, Number 11).

End Part I
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Goodie! Another 7 Hills Conference! Now I've got to put up or shut up, as I promised I'd do handstands in the lobby of the Radisson if you'd puh-lease (sic) just have another conference there. Okay Edie, you got the handstands. I may need help, but you got 'em. See you there. For any new subscriber, start saving your pennies, as Edith and her gang put on the best, friendliest, most fun confab for astrologers anywhere. It's a bit weird getting to Lynchburg, but part of the fun is trading stories about what happened just getting there.

To Wendy Hawks vis-a-vis comments to me in the July Edition about the dissatisfied client I gave a refund to because I wouldn't tell her when her father would die. I'd already done as you suggested in the screening process, explaining about the AFA Code of Ethics I follow, etc. The operative word for me was that she was dissatisfied. That she didn't tell me to my face, but told the person who'd referred her to me changed the situation in my mind. All my work comes to me by word of mouth. If the client is not satisfied with the service, for a reason they feel is important, in that single instance I felt better giving the bucks back. The rest of the story is I found her another astrologer and she's still referring clients to me. Giving a refund once in 23 years doesn't seem unreasonable. And Wendy, you're right, the refund wasn't necessary, but the right thing to do. It made astrology look better in the eyes of someone who didn't know much about it and those of us who profess to it.

T. Pat: thanks so much for the list of dates and number of days to add to bring the pre-1800 charts up to date (also in the July MH Edition). One handy thing to keep in mind is what religion the country was during those times. Catholic and Protestant countries used different dates. You mentioned George III and his so-called madness episodes. In a fairly recent book, Margaret, The Tragic Princess by James Brough, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1978, advances the suggestion she suffers from porphyria, the "Hanoverian Curse" as did George III. You might compare the two charts and see what you think. This was also mentioned in another book on the Duke of Windsor that has surfaced recently discussing the health of the present British royal family.

To Marc Penfield: glad you like the article on the San Francisco earthquake, but sorry you don't agree with the time I used. I think the 11:08 a.m. LMT chart for the founding of the Presidio fits beautifully. I got it from Maggie Meister and am satisfied it is right on target. Look at the Helio again Marc. I realize we're not talking about a lot of time here, but that chart works too well to be off. On the Tucson founding chart, I used

the North, South, East, West of the chart itself for locating flooding. Not local space. For large and small events the Tucson founding chart works astonishingly well for locating where in town the action takes place. We agree on the use of founding charts as opposed to incorporation charts it seems anyhow.

Thanks for the great July edition. Let's all keep those cards and letters flowing Edie's way.

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JUNE, 1990**

Most of this letter is in response to items appearing in the July, 1990 Mercury Hour. I was encouraged by Thomas Barrett's remarks about writing, if only to ask questions; I have a bunch!

Hilda Watson-Huston: I never considered myself an example of "extreme retrogradation" (Mercury, Saturn, Neptune, Uranus and Pluto), although I can understand six or more retrograde planets being unusual. I figured five such planets may have had something to do with my being a late bloomer and am not familiar enough with the biographies of the people listed to know if that is the case with them as well. Also, wouldn't it make a difference as to whether the majority of the retrogrades were personal as opposed to outer planets?

Don Borkowski: I am becoming more interested in heliocentric charts and wanted to know how I may study it further. Is there a book you recommend to get started? How can I obtain a copy of Heliogram? Which house system is generally used for a helio chart? Do the interpretations differ from those for geocentric placements and aspects? Is it equally useful for natal, transit and progressed charts? (Info on Heliogram is being sent, Don. Edith)

Diane Zeines: I agree that there are a lot of books that consistently favor some signs and pick on others. What did an Aquarian ever do to Debby Kempton Smith (Secrets from a Stargazer's Notebook)? Being a Pisces with a Capricorn Ascendant myself, I also disagree with the "cruel expression" interpretation. I am that person people like to ask for directions, the time, or whether they just missed the express bus, so my appearance can't be that forbidding.

Edith Custer: Some of the most interesting letters I've been reading in MH are from other people with Capricorn rising who also have Saturn, Uranus and Neptune plugging through their 1st house. Maybe that's another reason I am writing.

Gerri Jackson-Posch, Joseph S. deMello and Pat Lewis: I finally ordered some astrology software after "thinking about it" for a year and a half. I originally thought it would be Blue*Star until I read Joseph deMello's letter. Pat Lewis' letter reminded me of Microcycles,

so I called JoAnn Stambler to see what the latest versions of Nova, Blue*Star and Star Trax had to offer. (Yes, JoAnn is really helpful, knowledgeable and sincere.) I ended up getting Star Trax, even though I have heard that the documentation is somewhat unclear. I am especially interested in the rectification capabilities and will be happy to let you all know how it goes.

Mary MacKenzie: 'Way back in 1987 you were studying chart patterns of various family members. Now that I have become the self-appointed genealogist in our family, I have access to letters and records back to about 1750 and a rectification tool, I would like to know if you are still interested in this subject. (I also have some genealogy software.)

Una Chiodini: What reference books do you use for your numerology? What is the difference between a name as it appears on the birth certificate and the name one uses in everyday life? I do have a relative who died of an overdose (accident, but suicide suspected) and don't know if I can obtain the name on the birth certificate. I do have the date and circumstances of death. That's another reason I want to study my family. There are themes (i.e. depression) that I want to check out.

Finally, I want to get in touch with an Astro-Twin. Her chart appears on page 78 of The Development of the Personality by Liz Greene and Howard Sasportas. Even though the birth data was withheld for confidentiality, I figure "Mandy" was born the same day as I since the Moon, for instance, is 9° further along than mine. All the other planets are in the same signs as mine and only a few degrees later, (or earlier for the retrogrades). So, Mandy, if you read this (in England, or wherever you are), please write me. Especially in the context of Mr. Sasportas' discussion of the stages of childhood and early family experiences, I would welcome an exchange with you. For any other Astro-Twins out there, or if you just like to calculate charts, my birth data is as follows (it has not yet been rectified): March 18, 1953 - 1:50 a.m. - Brooklyn, N.Y.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA)
HAS DETERMINED THAT THE
MAXIMUM SAFE LOAD CAPACITY
ON MY BUTT IS TWO PERSONS AT
A TIME, UNLESS I INSTALL
HANDRAILS AND SAFETY STRAPS.**

**AS YOU ARE SIXTH IN LINE TO
RIDE MY ASS TODAY, PLEASE
TAKE A NUMBER AND WAIT YOUR TURN.**

THANK YOU.

**CAROL VOETH-LAVOIE
WEST HARTFORD, CT
MARCH, 1990**

**LIVING THE HERO'S JOURNEY
PART I**

"The seat of the soul is where the inner and outer worlds meet. The outer world is what you get from scholarship. The inner world is your response to it. And it's where these two come together that we have the mythos. The outer world is always changing with historical times. The inner world... is constant to the human race." Joseph Campbell

For centuries unspoken mankind's commonality to something greater than himself has linked him across the globe in the spirit of unity. This union has always been glimpsed through his myth. It is these great tales of a higher reality that resound in our souls regardless of race, religion or culture. And it is the tale of the hero/heroine's journey in particular that contains the most obvious route of the soul's evolution.

Since the passing of Joseph Campbell in 1987, his own works as well as the writings of Kerenyi, Neumann, Gaster, Grant and other worthy scholars have been dusted off and revived to enlighten us once again of our farthest reaches of our inner realm. Not surprisingly, the hero's tale is parallel with what Astrology has been teaching for many years in the Saturn cycle. Joseph Campbell places the stages of the Hero's journey into the following segments of his life that follow sequentially: The Call, Threshold to Adventure, Tests, Helpers, Sacred Marriage and other ways of transforming, flight and finally the Return. Just by the various names of each of these segments and the fact that Campbell actually diagrams them at significant angles on the circle is enough to make us begin to reflect and correlate a mythic journey to that of our own. I'd like to illustrate how various myths might help us understand some of our own trials when facing the cycle of Saturn and are in different phases of our journey to Selfhood.

The "Call" can happen almost anywhere but its timing is usually signaled by the cosmic clock when Saturn is aspecting itself or traversing the 10th, 11th or 12th Houses. The Call is really that stirring that tells us that no matter what we do have we are still seeking something more to fulfill our inner need and so the great quest is about to begin. Siddhartha is a perfect example of the restlessness and discontent that overtakes us when we are being urged to find out just who we are. The identity crisis is so strong that we usually heed the Call prefacing losing self to find Self, which is the mark of Saturn crossing the Ascendant beginning the withdrawal. For most of the heros/heroines in mythology there is generally a quiet, meditative preparatory

period before actually crossing the Threshold of Adventure. This period of the Call (Saturn in the 12th or thereabouts) prepares us for this new structure that will begin our process of self redefinition. This inward preparation is seen in the story of the Buddha when he retreats to fast and pray before meditating under the Bo tree. Jesus prepares himself to enter the desert for his 40 day vision quest. In the Gitksan Indian tradition Isacc Tens, the shaman, retreats to the woods and communes with the owls just prior to receiving his visions. And in the Ojibwa tradition the Indian youth, Wunzh, prepared for his initiation into manhood by living alone, praying and fasting for many days. For his preparation Percival is taken in by Gurnemann and trained to be pure in heart and strong in skill. When he is ready Gurnemann tells him that he is strong and skilled enough to go out into the world and search to fight for justice and truth.

As we know, the beginning of the Saturn withdrawal is a major turning point in our lives. Our ego becomes so very fragmented, much like the dismembered body of Osiris in Egyptian mythology and Kutoyis of the Blackfoot. The images and circumstances that occur may make us feel a sense of violation that comes from being trapped, captured or abducted, a theme seen frequently at the onset of the adventure as seen in the abduction of Persephone.

When Saturn transits through the first three houses we are tested in our adaptability, personal identity and integrity, and value of self and beliefs. Some of the heros and heroines face these new, exciting challenges willingly while others fight tooth and nail all the way! We see this second reaction to the abduction in the ancient Hittite tale of Telipinu. The tale is almost identical to the story of Demeter and Kore but in this story wiser beings almost have to seduce Telipinu with magical chants to release his anger and restore the world to its former abundance. Unless we are aware of this phase of the cycle of growth, especially if it is our first time experiencing it I think that most of us tend to react like Telipinu.

And now come some tests to strengthen this new character that is being formed. When Rama and his wife Sita are exiled by the deceptive wiles of the King's jealous second wife they are faced with many trials to face that only a jungle can provide. It is very interesting to note that the allotted time of Ramas banishment from his princely life of luxury is for (what would you expect!) 14 years! ... just enough time to re-enter his society as rightful ruler when Saturn rises above the horizon on his Descendant! In the tale of Rama the King's conscience gets the better of him and after only about seven days he reverses the sentence of exile. He sends his men to find Rama and when they do Rama re-

fuses to return to his old ways of life because he realizes that he must be faithful to the deeper truth and stays in the jungle for the full term. Here we have a hero with great insight knowing that something special awaits him, that there is no shortcut to destiny.

This stage of life has some very real benefits and aids to help us through this strange and disorienting time. As we said, it is this time that we release the old structures and expose ourselves to our higher intuitive heart centered Self. This is where our ability to receive help from either magical creatures or spirits (as did Telipinu) and form new alliances.

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END PART I

<To Be Continued>

**CECILIA KOON
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
MARCH, 1990**

I just received my first issue of MH (64th, April 1990) and I am very happy with it. I have only been studying Astrology for two years. Much of the information in MH is steep for me, but I just keep reading it. It really stimulates me and I find I am learning new things on every page.

Certain people seem pretty up-in-arms about the proofreading of the magazine. I found a lot of commas and apostrophes misplaced, but nothing to get excited about. The content is so great, I think, that the form is pretty irrelevant. Just get the information out there, and then if someone wants to, they can mark their issue up with a red pen.

Energy was also expended on the subject of scientifically proving Astrology. Astrology has been practiced for thousands of years. It has been in existence longer than Christianity and Judaism. Astrology has nothing to prove. As a new student, I get reinforcement for Astrology's truths every day through little things like observing people at work when I know their Sun signs, or just through reading my transits for the day.

The religion of science has totally gotten out of hand. The high priests of science make pronouncements and raise doubts and no one will come forth and question their methods. It seems to me religion is faith in the unseen and science is faith in the seen. In a patriarchal system such as ours, these two cannot come together. Well, "you create your own reality", as Seth says in several of Jane Roberts' books. I can't prove

Astrology in your reality, but it's been proven in my world. The scientists can go reinforce their own belief.

To Don Borkowski, p.64: I am very glad to hear about Juanita's and Clarence's low sex drives. I, too, am happy with once a month. I was afraid I was weird and would never find someone like me, but you've given me hope to keep looking.

Here's my information if you would like to check it out: 11/22/55; 8:49 p.m. PST; Sacramento, CA; 121W29, 38N35. I have Mars in Libra conjunct Neptune in Libra in the 4th House. My experience of this is that I will have sex with my partner because he wants to, because he might not like me if I don't, or just to make peace in the house. That's just the effect of Mars in Libra. Then Neptune comes along and drowns what fire I have in an ocean of romance, poetry, spiritual love, and dreams of how it really should be. The sex act is strenuous, boring and never lives up to the dreams.

Don't get me wrong. I really like sex and romance and love and all that. (Venus, Sun, Saturn and Mercury in the 5th House.) I'm not giving up! But after the hormones settle down and the relationship is not so new, I go to my preferred routine of once or twice a month (which my partner has not been warned about). This reminds me of what you said about Clarence's marriage.

As you can tell, I am not shy about this and I don't care who reads this. (Uranus in the 1st House.) It's an interesting thing to see in my chart and I just thought I'd tell you about my Mars energy.

Best regards to the magazine staff.

**HELEN PFLUGRAD
BOTHELL, WA
FEBRUARY, 1990**

What is Astrology? I think the placements of the stars and planets are the visible results on this side of the "veil" of the vibratory energies the Beings on the other side of the veil use to order the Universe. The Beings set up energy patterns that will lead to certain effects. Human beings started to notice the patterns in these placements, and their correlation with the happenings of our world. We developed the science/art of Astrology as a clever by-product of the actual use of the planets and stars - that of ordering energies. To me, Astrology is proof that we live in a meaningful Universe, and lead meaningful lives. It is hard to understand why uninformed people reject it. If they would take a closer look, they might see that it is the proof they have been looking for all their lives.

I love eavesdropping in MH. You're a fascinating group.

**ANN CAHOY
WESTMINSTER, CO
JUNE, 1990**

Once again I traveled to Boston with The Mercury Hour as my companion on the four-hour flight. It's a blessing to have these magazines to enjoy, usually uninterrupted. I say usually because on the return flight, while I was into the 21st Extra, a stewardess inquired about my interest in astrology. When I said I was a professional astrologer, she sat down and we had quite a chat!

The following comments are on the 64th Edition, April '90: At page 35 I read Joyce Levine's remarks. When I got to my mother's I called Joyce and we had a wonderful telephone visit. It was because of the MH correspondence that I felt comfortable enough to call. Joyce's article "Choosing A Professional Astrologer" had just appeared in Dell's "Horoscope" Magazine. Well done Joyce. Joyce, Edie and Arlene Nimark all had very pertinent comments to make on this topic. I think bookstores would be wise to provide copies of this article to their customers so that they can make enlightened decisions.

Joan Abel, p.34: I enjoyed reading about your "Astro-Twin". It's such fun, isn't it? I've known one of mine almost all my life. I was born 10/9/41 and Marilyn was born 10/10/41. Our mothers were in a semi-private room together. Marilyn and I didn't really become good friends until high school. Of course our Ascendants are different, and her Moon 12° from mine, but otherwise... Over the years the major observation that I've made is that the events in our lives have differed, but our interests, aptitudes and attitudes are very similar. The events which are similar are minor events, and occur within a three-week span of time, almost always. We have grown so accustomed to the same interests in books that now we just write and ask "what did you think of such and such a book" instead of bothering to ask if the other had read it!

Now our other Astro-Twin is even more fun. He's the Rev. Jesse Jackson, born on 10/8/41 (I've seen two proposed times). I can't tell you all how much I enjoyed reading the astrological delineations of his chart during the '88 election run. I had all my friends sending them to me from every publication they subscribed to. I learned several new ways of looking at my chart and totally enjoyed it.

Tom Owens, p.54. I was tickled at your statement about new money being issued in this country. Two years ago I was told by a visitor from Kansas that the new money is all printed and ready to go -- in colors like the Canadians if memory serves me. He said it was stored in Kansas. I suspect that's why during the Noriega flap there was talk of changing the large bills in order to catch the drug cartel. I agree with you about the

change over in paper money.

Don MacDonald, p.55. I found your comment on the need for planet-centric astrology most interesting. Stephanie Clement of Boulder, CO is currently offering a program of Planet-Centered Astrology for Professionals and Amateurs and delineations of such charts. I met Stephanie this spring and we discussed four of these charts: Hermit-Centric; Veneri-Centric; Martio-Centric and Jovi-Centric. They are very interesting. Stephanie is also offering delineations of these charts and is working on a book covering these delineations. For more info, see page 75 of the AFA Convention program or write MoonMusic Productions, P.O. Box 8052, Longmont, Colorado 80501. Don, as far as the level of distinction between all these charts is concerned, I think it is, in great measure, an issue of levels of consciousness. We respond to incoming energies to the degree we are conscious to that particular vibration.

Gloria Allen, p.56. Thanks for responding to my inquiry about planets at certain degrees. Our NCGR degree project is currently on hold. We are still learning about doing correct astrological research! We realize this project is too vast and haven't figured out how to redefine it or pick a specific portion of it to work on. Also, I appreciated your article on planets in exaltation, 21st Extra, p.40.

The following are comments on the 21st Extra, April '90: T. Pat Davis, p.2; your discussion of Family Patterns was very interesting.

Jerry Arbogast, p.13; I liked your approach to the skeptic and I agree with your final thought.

Jim Haynes, p.22; I was reading your letter during a particularly trying time in my visit and the 35 mile an hour hit gave me such a good laugh. I really needed it at the time and appreciate your good humor.

John Crawford, p.57. I totally agree with the last paragraph of your letter.

Edie, I was thinking as I wrote this, what percentage of subscribers correspond, versus the total number of subscribers? Do you have an off the top idea on that?

(I really have no idea. It varies so with each edition. We get a lot of correspondence that's for sure. Edith)

**DAVID LaGRONE
RICHARDSON, TX
APRIL, 1990**

Thank you for getting Deanna Rose's book reprinted so promptly. As I told you, I have an astrologer friend here that raves about this book. I am looking forward to getting it, studying it, and working with it. I have enclosed a check for \$8.50 to cover the cost of one copy of this book, including postage (I think that's a real bargain!)



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Physical Energy and Mars

I've read a lot in MERCURY HOUR regarding planets in the 12th house. I have Mars there, intercepted in Taurus, 9° Taurus 35', a supposedly critical degree. On the Cusp of 12th (Placidus) is 29° Aries 02'. Mars is ruler. Mars squares Venus, 13° Aquarius 01', 4° from Midheaven. Midway between Mars and Venus is my Moon, 26° Pisces 59' and Sun 26° Pisces 00'. (Solar Eclipse) MIDPOINTS. Forming 4 semi-squares, approx. 43°. I've heard tell that this configuration would be my main health factor. As I've had a very low energy level most of my life. For years being Anemic (low blood count, lack of iron). Has anyone any similarities or any comments regarding this configuration?

Mars squares Neptune 15° Leo 49' retrograde at 2° from Nadir in 3rd house. 6° orb approx. Mars is in opposition to Jupiter at 18° Scorpio 43' retrograde (large orb approx. 9°) intercepted in Scorpio. Mars co-ruler on 6th cusp 29° Libra 02' with Venus ruler, A Grand Fixed Cross.

My data for those interested is:
March 17, 1923 - 10:00am (my mother told me many times and I've found everything works fine). E.S.T., Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Longitude 79°W23', Latitude 43°N39'. Placidus-Tropical.

ALTHA MANNIX
EL PORTAL, CA
JULY, 1990

I do enjoy this super magazine. It gives me so much pleasure to sit and relax and read the ideas and comments of each and everyone.

Wanted to comment to Diane Zeines p.12, 65th Edition. Truly enjoyed your letter, its comments and mood. Read this on a morning I hated to go to work - nothing went right the early part of the day so your mood just fit in with mine. When I got to thinking about your words and my mood it really brought a chuckle.

Know exactly what you meant about reading for people when my answers did not meet their expectations. I can see directions and opportunities but the decisions must be made by the individual not the astrologer. People wanted me to make their decisions. Heck, sometimes it is all I can do to make my own. Ah well, 'tis a great life!

JOSEPH S. deMELLO
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JULY, 1990

DIURNAL CHARTS

Diurnal means daily, and, in astrology, daily planets are transits. Casting a diurnal chart is the creation of a personalized daily horoscope based on specific natal charts. The basic idea behind this technique is that the angles, the MC and ASC, move approximately 1° per day throughout any year. At each birthday, the angles of the natal chart return. The fact that there are 360° and 365 days is taken care of by the normal order that some signs move more quickly while others run slowly. And the reason why August 5th of one year will differ from August 5th of any other is because the transits of last year are in different places this year.

As astrologers we are most used to working with our natal chart and setting up the transits around that basic natal. In the diurnal technique, we actually set up a chart for transits using the personally derived transiting angles. Once we set up such a chart, then, in an inner circle, we enter our natal planets and positions. What we are creating is a new way to look at transits with angles and always referring to our constant natal reference, in effect, a reverse way to look at transits. And what we watch for are those special times when a transiting planet or a natal placement is exactly on an angle. On such days, according to the personal meaning of our planets and what they mean, events are produced. Sometimes these events are due to only one planet on an angle, but more frequently will find that really important events occur when more than one angle is occupied. The angles at which we principally look are the 1st, 4th and 10th. We do not, as beginners in this, look at the 7th house because the 7th represents the actions of others toward us. Often we cannot know of the true nature of such other-person actions, but, the longer we work with diurnals and improve our astrological expertise, our use of diurnals will become more sophisticated and deeper.

Perhaps the most motivation for working with diurnals is that they are not complicated. There is almost no figuring or arithmetic involved, and anyone can do a diurnal chart as quickly as he can make a pencil write. Once the "diurnal constant" for each chart is found, we can write in the houses from a table of houses and copy the planetary placements directly as they appear in the ephemeris. There is no adjustment even for the Moon.

The first important thing is that you must use the same ephemeris for your diurnal chart as you used to set up your natal chart, midnight or noon. If you have to change ephemerides, then you must recalculate your birth data to fit the pattern to fit the pattern of the

ephemeris you will now be using.

In order to build your natal chart, you came up with a calculated sidereal time for birth which combined your time of birth, astrological corrections, and the ephemeris sidereal time for your date of birth. This total figure gave you the houses for your natal chart. From this figure, simply subtract the sidereal time which you copied from the ephemeris for your date of birth. The resulting figure will be your "diurnal constant." To this constant you merely add the sidereal time of any day for which you wish to do a diurnal chart. The total of adding the constant to any day will give you the Midheaven for your new chart. In the Table of Houses, go down the list to the latitude where you were on that day, and write in those houses. Although our basic interest in diurnals is in the angles (and for that reason there is no question about which house system to use as the angles are the same in all house systems), as I said, later on, as expertise improves, our interpretations will become more sophisticated.

Some astrologers believe that each diurnal for a different location should be relocated from the start. They go to the trouble of relocating all basic birth information before finding the diurnal constant. I do not do this because I do not use relocation charts. I believe that the simple change of latitude when setting up the chart is sufficient. However, since we are trying a new technique, experimenting with it, everyone should feel free to try all techniques to see which will best work for each astrologer. Because diurnals can be done as fast as you can write, there would seem to be little reason for doing them by computer. However, in this time and age, so many people have computers, are addicted to computers, and insist that anything which can be done by hand can also be done by computer. One the Blue-Star Astroclock (transits) section which one would use for horary or elections, this is easy to do.

Press #2 in order to enter data for a chart. Usually today's data will show up on the monitor. Change the time to your time of birth, change the time zone to your natal time zone, use your birth place latitude, but enter the latitude where you live. You may wish to enter your preferred house system. Exit the data input, and select #4 to bring up the chart. Your diurnal will appear for today, or whatever date you wanted if you are doing a significant event. I suggest you copy this chart on a form, and that you enter your natal into the center of the chart. Due to the difference between rough hand work and various computer programs, there will be a slight variance due to the more exact math of the computer. Since you are trying these charts on for size, experimenting, you will see how well they work, how "on time" they may be. Perhaps you will want to do your natal Chart #2 and cross aspect them. But aspects are not as much the crux of doing

diurnals as is having a diurnal or natal planet come up on a 1st, 4th or 10 angular cusp, which is what produces an event.

Having a computer does make it easier to do diurnals based upon your relocated chart for the place where you were at the time of an event. Remember to make the suitable changes for the relocated birth time and relocated time zone as well as putting in the relocation latitude and longitude. Doing this, you can compare which of the two ways of working really works for you. In writing here, I chose to use the BlueStar Astro-clock Screen Module because my computer is not hooked to a printer, so that is the only way I can get a chart to show on the monitor screen. Maggie Meister says that those who have printer hookups can do a hard copy on their regular programs by following the same instructions given above. At this moment of writing, I am having a very important time which is being matched by using natal data and location latitude. I have just done a diurnal based on my relocation. It really makes quite a difference if you were born on the East Coast and now living on the West Coast. My relocation diurnal has not had for days, and will not have for days ahead, one significant touch to the angles, and this would indicate that I should be living through a very quiet time, which I am not. It is here that I should like to insist that this may not be true for you. Astrology, no matter how scientific or mathematical we get, even with computers, here proves itself to be the art it is, a study where different practitioners get their best answers through different but not very dissimilar methods.

There are two ways to tell if your work is correct. The diurnal or transiting Sun of your chart will always appear quite close to the house location of your natal Sun. If the angles keep moving at 1° per day, we know that the Sun also moves 1° each day. So, if the diurnal Sun appears across the chart from where it was in your natal chart, your work is faulty. The other thing to note is that, if you are doing a chart for two months after your birthday, the MC and ASC should be two signs later than your natal MC and ASC. If your natal rising sign when you were born in July was Libra, and you are doing a chart for a September date, the diurnal rising sign should be Sagittarius.

The most important thing about working with diurnals is that it leads you to understand the strength and nature of your own planets. If you do the chart of an accident, we should normally expect to find Mars significant on such a date. But we all know that an accident may also be Uranus, Neptune or Pluto (a mechanical accident, an accident of unknown causes, an accident of transforming nature or an Act of God or involving many other people). But we are going to be surprised when an accident turns out to involve Venus or Jupiter. Right away we cannot

fail to be aware of the exact or special nature of the planets in our own special chart. For those of us who grew up regarding Venus as the planet of our affections, it is going to be mind-bending to us to find that Mars or Uranus was actually the responsible planet for a particular event, especially as we might see that this same other planet may continue to work in this new way in other similar events in our lives. Diurnals expand our reasoning so that we can see that we may fall in love with Venus' charm and grace, with Mars sexuality, with father-figure Saturn, exotic Uranus, mysterious Neptune, or out of a Pluto need to change or rehabilitate someone.

In order to see how diurnals work for us, we will want to do these charts for various events in our lives. But to see how today or this week are going to go, we naturally cannot sit down and do a diurnal for everyday of our lives. First, it is most important to set up a diurnal for when the angles change signs as these charts will show us a change in our mood and approach. Second, if our IC is at 17 Capricorn and we have a natal Mars at 20 Capricorn, we know that in three days, the diurnal IC will become 20 Capricorn, and that will be a day of excess energy or perhaps danger. But, third, if the IC is 17 Capricorn and diurnal Mars is 20 Capricorn, although the IC will move at 1° per day, diurnal Mars will also keep moving just a little bit ahead each day, so that, diurnally, it may take the angle four or five days to catch up with diurnal Mars. Furthermore, if you are born with your natal Sun close to an angle, there will be certain times of the year when the diurnal Sun will creep over the angle and later return back over the angle to the natal house, and these days are also important. And it is important when planets like Mercury or Venus retrograde close to an angle. As you work with diurnals, we will also see and note the special significance of the day the diurnal Moon goes over an angle. The magic diurnals that we are all going to have to think out our own strictly individual interpretations on a subjective level, and later, in an objective manner.

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The enclosed copy created quite a stir hereabouts. Because of the articles's imagery and impish interpretative approach, I take the liberty of sending them to you. Maybe you could share the glow inside me, for being an incorrigible eccentric.

(The following is from the Manila Bulletin, 4/25/90, under the heading "Cosmic Chatter" written by Serafin Lanot.)

MANILA BULLETIN, Wed., April 25, 1990

COSMIC CHATTER

NEXT PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT

The next president of the Philippines, unless the constitutional mandate on the coming presidential elections on May 11, 1992, is changed, will be a torchbearer from the northern part of the archipelago. An evasive character with masculine traits predominating, the creature will exhibit a brownish complexion, an intelligent visage, and a lean physique. The individual is also a sort of a sophisticated evangelist, whom the

other presidential aspirants dismiss with a shrug.

The other protagonists with an accidental chance of winning are represented by the four corners of the Grand Square of the election chart, enveloping the Fixed Signs of the Mutable Houses. They are (1) a sunny religious fanatic, (2) a mother figure from the north country, (3) a cunning old man from the South, and (4) a gangster from the West who want to control every racket in the Philippines and all instrumentalities of intimidation.

The last named aspirant is the most dangerous because he has the support of syndicated wealth and power from foreign countries. However, the deceptive looking person from the north, who stands adjunct the grounded spire of the Grand Trine piercing the Grand Square and the Grand Cross of the presidential election chart is still the guy to beat.

From the indications of the two spires of the Grand Trine pointing upwards, this lucky guy has apparently the tacit support of local capital and all religious organizations. Like what the chart says, the torchbearer is also in luck because it so happens that the workers in the field, the factories, and elsewhere are still very much dismembered and fractionalized.

While the Grand Square represents the massive hulk of the masses, the

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**AUTUMN INGRESS
SEPT. 23, 1990, 6:55 A.M., GMT.**

This season starts off with Saturn stationary, going direct, followed immediately by Neptune. This means all of the planets are in direct motion again for a short while. October 20, Mars will upset things by turning retrograde for the rest of the year, and on December 15th Mercury follows suit until January 3rd, 1991.

This ingress chart is split evenly, 5 planets are in the northern section and 5 are in the southern. Chiron and Geo Pluto are both southing which may tip the scales slightly. The outer, heavier planets are northern, so we can expect our fiercest outbreaks to begin in the northern Lats. while the inner planets are southing, including Jupiter indicating heat to the southern Lats. Venus doesn't cross the equator until Oct. 6th, so we may have a warmer start that first week.

Venus runs over the Imperial Valley at 115W, which also takes her off the coast of Mexico. Separating from a sextile to Saturn shows a mild low having formed off the coast, making its way across northern Mexico, into the south western states. Venus in this location indicates rains thru the season following this course, also lows, with high humidity and cloudiness. On October 6 she squares Uranus for the birth of a cold wave which will originate in the Arctic air mass, about 98W, and push south and east across the northlands. Showers all season around Las Vegas and just west of Edmonton.

Mercury lies on the IC over N.W. Canada, down the coast to San Francisco then over the Pacific. He sextiles Pluto on the 26th, besides being a seismic note, this will bring increased windiness to Washington state, northern section particularly, to Oregon, and will bring off shore winds to California. October 9th Mercury squares Uranus for stronger, erratic winds over the west coast states, then on the 16th the conjunction to Venus, both squaring Saturn who lies over the mideastern states has the makings of an early blizzard heading over the Great Lakes. October 22nd the opposition to the Sun will send the temps. down and the winds up over the East coast, and then, Dec. 10th the conjunction between Mercury and Uranus will bring freezing and extremely strong winds back to the Midwest.

The plains states expect below seasonal temps. The square to Uranus will also see lowered temps and gale force winds along the west coast states.

Mars, at 38W, lies over the Atlantic. He squares the MC/IC at 128W, over British Columbia and off the west coast behind Mercury. (He also lies over northern Japan). October 20th he becomes stationary and retrograde. He is applying to Neptune by quincunx, possible submarine quake, or tremors, probably in the far east. Rising temps. and humidity through the mideastern states, thaws to the north. November 22nd he is quincunx Uranus at about 99W, bring lowered temps. to the plains states. November 27th he opposes the Sun, bringing storms from the Pacific in with very destructive winds along the coastal areas.

Jupiter, in Leo now, lies over central Europe and the Pacific. He squares the meridian over the northeast coast of Canada, at 66W, down through South America. This will bring warmth to the northeastern coastal areas, but higher than normal heat to Central South America. October 31st Jupiter is quincunx to Neptune, having much the same affect as the Mars one. Higher humidity and a rise in temperatures. His IC over Alaska will bring a warmer fall to that area, he then crosses Hawaii where the Neptune aspect may increase the lava flows, then on over the Pacific bringing warmer temps to that long. of 156W. Also, Leo is dry, and Jupiter's mix with the great lows of the southern Pacific may have quite an influence on them, warming, lessening them. Temperatures generally will be above normal, and the weather fair.

Saturn is over the Aleutian, down through the Pacific. Unfortunately he squares the Meridian at 82W, right through the Mideast states for cloudy, humid weather. His storm effects will be mostly northern, but the southeastern area can expect the humidity.

Uranus over Western Europe and New Zealand, squares at 93W indicating a cold fall for the midplains with winds, mostly from the north, throughout the region into Texas and Mexico. The square from Venus will also be felt in Europe.

Neptune lies over Great Britain, and the far east at 177E, but squares at 93W. Snow will arrive in the northern areas by mid November while the south sees mostly rains. This system moves east, with precipitation blanketing the east coast from 93W. Some of it will be simply fog and mist and cloudiness in the southern regions.

The Sun lies over the western midplains, from eastern Montana through Mexico. He squares Uranus on Sept. 29th to cool off the southern regions a bit and a sharper drop in the northern Lats., and high elevations. By the new Moon Oct. 4th, the Sun and Moon square Neptune over the Eastern Plains, along the Mississippi Valley for fog and rain. By Oct. 12th, the Sun squares Saturn over the eastern areas bringing much colder temps. to that area and the west coast warms up, partic-

ularly to the south.

The Moon, just separating from Pluto, lies off the east coast. Pluto on the meridian at 62W, the Moon at 60. This indicates storm severity over the northern areas later, but will have little effect on the eastern U.S. coast. Bermuda may have some increased rains.

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H E L I O

(AUTUMN INGRESS, SEPT. 23, 1990)

Even though the planets are still equally divided north and south, there is a considerable difference between the two charts this fall.

Jupiter starts off over 15E, Europe, but squaring at 75W. He is separating from the opposition to Saturn and with a square to Mars, heralding evening thunderstorms, some severe, along the north east coast over New York and New England but with very little rain. Along with this comes mild, clear and fair days. In southern Lats. he runs over Western South America. Saturn lies right behind him at 79W, bringing dull, humid, cloudy skies to the south east coast, and on down over South America. Jupiter and Saturn are still within the orb, so some residue from past systems may hang on awhile. Jupiter and Saturn both have their IC's over the Aleutian and the Pacific, while Mars squares that area. Seismic activity along that line as well as storms. Northern Italy will probably be affected as well.

Mercury brings his journey over the Atlantic, squaring the Meridian at 131W through northern Canada and over the Pacific. He moves to quincunx Uranus who lies over the Midwest, bringing strong winds, then moves on to aspect Neptune and Saturn moving eastward. September 28th he opposes Uranus, then on the 30th he opposes Saturn bringing severe winds and destructive storms through Oct. 2nd. This period deserves a storm warning from the Midwest to the east coast as these systems mover fairly rapidly. The Midwest will be windy this season and cool. Mercury will bring the cold arctic air down and eastward.

Venus lies off Newfoundland, through South America and squares over the Pacific Coast. The first aspect is the trine to Uranus bringing cold, breezy and clear weather. She goes on to square Pluto for warm temps. through the Imperial Valley and California as well as along the N.E. Coast of Canada.

Uranus squares the meridian at 96W, over the eastern plains, Oklahoma, Eastern Texas and Mexico, while Neptune squares at 91W. This section will be cold, windy, stormy with chances of early snows in N. Lats., sleet in the mid section and cold rains to the south.

Pluto 2° from Geo. Pluto, lies over the northeast coast from Nova Scotia to South America. He's well off in the

Atlantic for most of the U.S. He also squares over the Aleutian at 175W to intensity the north western storms.

CAMMILLE ADAMS BOWIE, MD MAY, 1990

The MH sure is great - there is, no doubt, more explicit words, but how big is GREAT - you know what I mean, it's getting better as it grows older!

Here's a check for 7 Hills Conference. Thank God! My wishes are answered! (There will be another one, Cammille. Edith)

Enclosed some "prose", my part time help gave me, those two green birds are holding an Anonymous sign - so I do not know who wrote it. (Maybe we aren't there yet, dear heart, but we are working on it. Edith)

I AM FINE

There is nothing the matter with me; I'm as healthy as I can be. I do have arthritis in both my knees and when I speak, I talk with a wheeze. My pulse is weak and my blood is thin, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I use for my feet or I wouldn't be able to step on the street. Sleep is denied me night after night, and every morning, I find I'm a sight. My memory's failing, my head's in a spin, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is - as this tale I unfold - that for me and for you, who are growing old. It's better to say "I am fine," with a grin than to let the world know the shape we are in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent? Well, my get up and go has got up and went. Yet I really don't mind, when I think once again, of all the grand places my get up has been.

Old age is golden, or so I've heard said, but sometimes I wonder, as I climb into bed with my ears in a drawer and my teeth in a cup, my eyes on the table until I wake up. As sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself: is there anything else I should place on the shelf?

When I was young, my slippers were red; I could kick my heels right over my head. When I grew older, my slippers were blue; I found I could dance the whole night through. But now I am old, my slippers are black; I walk to the store and puff my way back.

I get up each morning and dust off my wits, I pick up the paper and read the obits. If my name is still missing, I know I'm not dead. So, I eat a good breakfast ... and go back to bed!





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To WENDY HAWKS Re: BARBARA MAY, page 3, 65th edition - I read with great interest your ideas in dealing with clients and questions about death. Some quick background. Prior to getting into Astrology I read an occult book on making predictions with playing cards. The book also identified specific cards regarding death. This information happened to be there, not something I was looking for. (No, it is not the Ace of Spades.)

Within less than a year I became good at card reading. I never accepted money for this since I considered it fun and games at a party. Nothing serious ever happened until death showed on two different readings. I kept the information to myself. The people subsequently notified me that a death had occurred in regard to the person they had inquired about. One of the deceased was a healthy young woman. I decided to give up card reading and looked into Astrology courses. It is 11 years since I began studying Astrology and once again I am starting to see the death issue come up again.

I recently had two occasions when people asked me about their relatives. Both cases, unrelated, involved long time illnesses and the doctor told them to expect the worst. Death under these circumstances was considered a blessing

by the survivors.

Their question as to "when" came up during Mercury retrogrades. My mind flashed "Right after Mercury goes direct." I have never come across this interpretation in any of my studies. I kept the information to myself and gave a vague answer like, "It's hard to tell when at this time." The deaths did occur within a day of Mercury going direct. I'll get back to this point in a minute.

As a child I kept having three recurring dreams of places I had no idea existed. In these dreams I was using my arms as wings flying around specific places. One was a reservoir in upstate New York and the others in New York City. Psychics would tell me that I had lived in those areas in a prior life time. Maybe. I think they meant something else. These dreams stopped in my teenage years. Between the ages of 42 to 44 I came across these locations. They were exactly as I dreamt them. What a profound feeling I had each time. Was I able to predict the future?

Saturn in Pisces sits in my 2nd house, Uranus in Taurus in the 3rd house and Jupiter in Scorpio conjunct the Mid-Heaven. They form the trine, the opposition and two sextiles. Mercury in Cancer completes the grand trine. There was no way I would get out of this life without getting into the occult and Astrology as one of my professions.

I get clients who come to me for relief of their anxieties. I feel like you, that it is not ethical to discuss death when you see it on a chart. However, I am giving serious second thought in

answering questions about death. Because of what has happened to me, as related above, was I destined to tell certain people about death?

When I know that the inquirer is completely comfortable with the idea of death, has made this specific request, has given me reasonable assurances that they know the person will die, needs relief from having to wait for the inevitable, wants to get on with their life, has been collecting relevant documents (insurance, a will etc.) in connection with this, and I feel the person can handle it, then an exception might be made.

I always felt Astrologers were invented to help people, using care and understanding. While death ends the physical body and the survivors cry their eyes out, I believe the spirit does continue for another life. Maybe even a better life. I like the Afro-American funeral customs in New Orleans. When death occurs, there is a celebration and even a parade in the streets. And American Indians say, "the Spirit goes to the Happy Hunting Grounds".

In various psychological articles, death and divorce rank high in pushing survivors going over the edge. I sometimes have problems telling people about separation and divorce. I can see it in their faces, they don't want to hear about a divorce. Still they ask about divorce. Do we tell when asked about death? An interesting point that many Astrologers will eventually have to deal with.

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Thank you for another great issue of Mercury Hour. May our Creator provide you with the good health, the stamina, and the desire to continue with many, many more.

Delighted to hear you plan another 7 Hills Conference for April 26-28, 1991. I plan to attend. (The chart for the conference holds the potential for overcoming obstacles but will require conscientious and cooperative efforts by the participants.)

Many thanks to Marion March (65th Ed. p.67) for her additions to our "Periodical List." For those who wish the updated list of 10 pages, please send \$2.00 to me. (Address is above) The list includes 14 foreign titles and addresses and 80 U.S. astrological titles, PRICES, and addresses with editors for most.

We are continuing to gather information for our astrological history and appreciate the assistance of the over 350 individuals who have furthered our efforts. Also, we look forward to Dr. Marian Blumenthal's offer of further data about her grandmother (65th Ed., p.62).

Jupiter magazine resumed publications with the June/July '90 issue. I bought a copy in late May from our local newsstand.

Also, for those who know Wilma Baird as friend and/or teacher, she is 87 and living in Philadelphia. Each Thursday she has reading class for youngsters but is not active in astrology except for attendance at an occasional monthly lecture of the Astrological Council of the Delaware Valley with Tim Utz doing her chauffeuring.

A.C.D.V. is planning a name change because the name is too difficult for some folks to remember. They have good lecturers on their calendar and a decent sized turnout with book sales at each lecture.

That wraps it up for now.

MOIRA COLLINS
BEVERLY SHORES, IN
MAY, 1990

You are so wonderful, you and all your troops for getting out this wonderful glad mag rag!

Here are 20 25 cent stamps to answer the people who forget its really a labor of love! (Thank you, Moira! Edith)

In terms of birth data:

Since Shakespeare is my second language - I am very fond of a young Shakespearean actor Kenneth Branagh who starred as Henry in the film Henry V (he also directed it) I just read his autobiography (which, as he puts it, writing at age 28 an autobiography he only did it for money to underwrite his young Renaissance Theatre group. In his autobiography (Norton) 1990 called BEGINNING he was born Dec. 10, 1960 at 4:50 p.m. Belfast, Ireland (N). He has been a theatre film and TV actor as well as a director, and a writer (two plays as well as Beginning).

I also would like to know if anyone has a birth data for my godfather William Casey (former director of the CIA) I found his birth data in Who's Who but no time - the last letter I received from him was dated April 9, 1985 (the day we were mining the harbors of Nicaragua). My father died when I was three months old (his birthday was April 9) - my mother when I was three - so I have no explanation for why he was chosen as my godfather (my husband used to call him The Godfather), but I have nice letters from him when I was little saying things like DEAR MOIRA, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TELLING ME ABOUT YOUR RABBIT HATCH! probably a typical Pisces response! I appreciate any info to my po box.





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JH

"JOHN FROM BEGINNING TO END" is simply wonderful! - I wish I had 20 more of his books. What a delightful curmudgeon. RW

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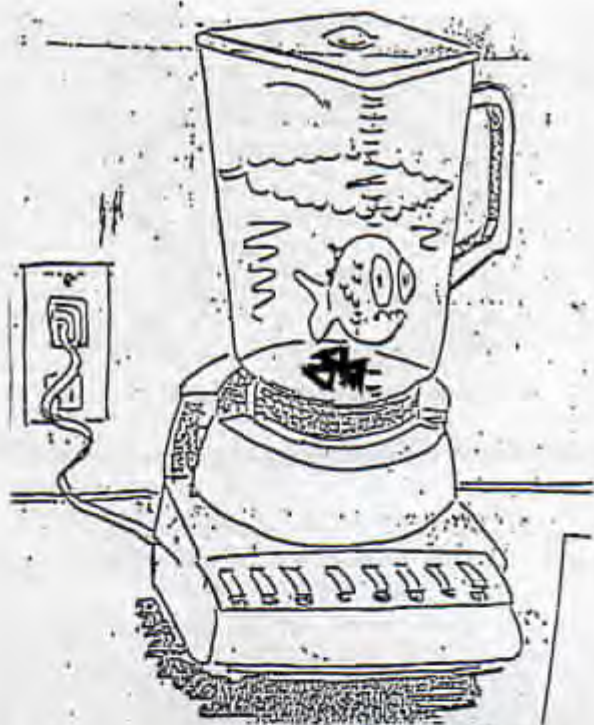
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IN YOUR LIFE!

**PAUL MAHLER DAM
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JULY, 1990**

Marion D. March - Yes, you are right - how can there be any doubt about Ingrid Bergman's birth data which are well known in Scandinavia with or without information from Steinbrecher.

Very interesting to read about the president of AFA and "the testing of astrology through sun signs". This information is surprising to me, as I experienced the following about ten years ago:

Our article about reincarnation published by MH in Oct. 1986 was in the first place published by R.C. Davison in the "Astrologers' Quarterly" in 1979. As I was a member of AFA at that time I sent the article to Robert Cooper for possible publishing as well. I waited half a year and had to write again to hear about the reaction, mentioning some comments from England etc. Finally I got the answer that AFA found we "were on the borderline of astrology" which meant our article was not scientific enough. I answered that we

always found astrology on the borderline of science et al, as astrology teaches us to acknowledge and realize and not only prove, etc. When publishing such an article I need not be accused of trying to indoctrinate our hypothesis as an infallible theory. I added a few critical comments according to my impression of AFA so far and the correspondence stopped as I interrupted our membership of AFA.

So far so good. The connection however was not finished after all. I got a letter from an American astrologer who suggested I meet him on board a ship (a luxury liner) stopping at the harbor of Copenhagen on a cruise through Europe. In the first place I did not know what he wanted to talk about, but of course I went after all it sounded like an interesting variety to my daily life. We had a nice talk including a surprising interest in my birth chart and possible development for the future. After this chat (without any drink or anything else) his parting words were: "Bye-bye, I'll tell DORIS YOU ARE A NICE FELLOW! I wondered - why would such a meeting be connected with Doris? Well, this was my first meeting with "serious scientific astrologers" in the U.S.A. After that I got into correspondence with Judith Gee in London who told me about MH. I must say I'm really astonished at hearing about "testing astrology through sun signs" or maybe hurt on behalf of astrology. Ten years ago I was on "the borderline of astrology" in the eyes of scientific astrologers in the U.S.A. and now this! Through my lifetime I have learned about "leading astrologers" who had "good connections with government's", "presidents", "queens and kings", or who had arranged TV or broadcasting or even astrological conventions in order to emphasize their own importance or indispensability. Getting in closer contact to some of them I found they were not able to rectify a birth chart.

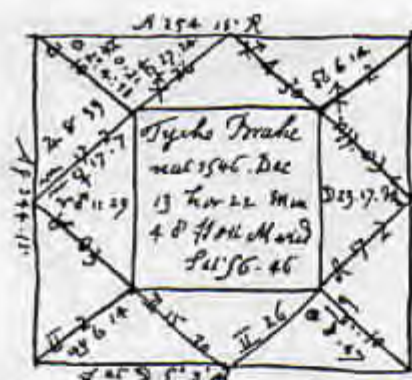
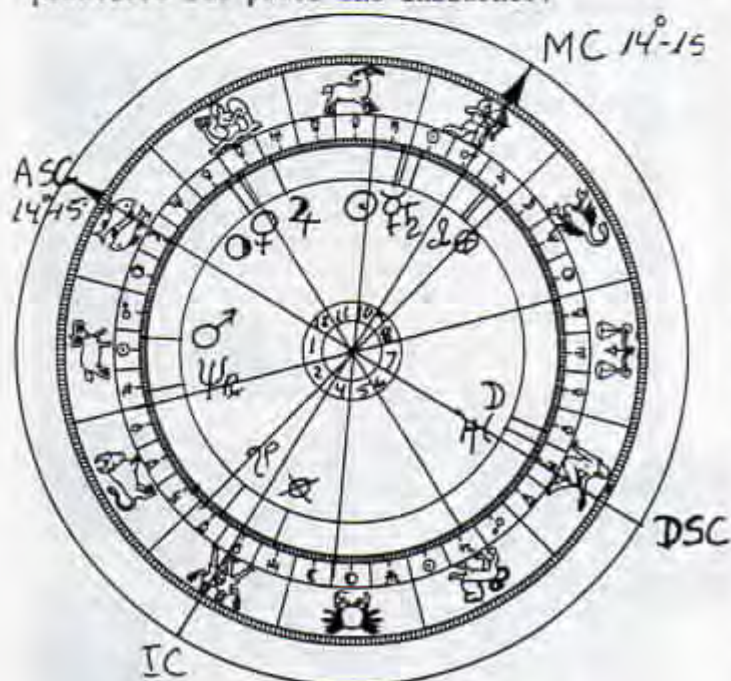
Finally I got in contact with good American friendships through MH, thank God.

T. Pat Davis and everyone - The mentioned "two time change book" (July 1990) must be followed up by plus 12 days for the 18th, plus 13 days for the 19th, and plus 14 days for the 20th century. When we set up a birth chart of a Russian born woman recently her latest remark was: "Remember the 14 days", as her certificate was given Old Style data. The problems of Old Style Calendar data leads to a study of an old sketch of the TYCHO BRAHE birth chart:

Different sources of the history books mention both the 13th and 14th of December as birthday. This puzzled us until we found the drawing sketch below. This old sketch says: Tycho Brahe nat. (nativity) 1546, Dec. 13, hora 22 etc. When converting the information in order to acknowledge the given details of the birth chart you see that the 22 hours must be added to NOON the 13th which leads to 10 a.m. the 14th. Using NOON as a starting point was the custom of the

Old Style time. The zero meridian did not go through Greenwich whereby the moment of the birth today means 11 a.m. (which we rectified to 11:26 a.m.). Measuring of time in the Middle Ages must have been difficult to cope with due to the inaccurate adjustment of clock works. The birth chart reveals the fact that the nobleman Tycho Brahe married a daughter of a priest who after the death of Tycho Brahe was denied any inheritance as she was "unfree" and as such not a "lady". When the progressing MS conjuncted Jupiter in his birth chart he had to join his friends abroad and flee to the emperor Rudolph in Praha, Czechoslovakia who offered him the castle Benatky. On the isle of Hveen in Denmark the Danish king Frederik the II had given him the castle Uraniborg for his astronomical work, but he fell into disgrace caused by jealous noblemen as he received an economic support for his research which exceeded what even the military minister ever saw, and this meant a lot at that time. His flight took place under the following Danish king Christian the IV (the great builder master of Danish castles). As we have learned from an old saying: "No one is a prophet in his own country". During the regime of Christian the IV Denmark lost parts of land to the Swedish king, the isle of Hveen included. Maybe the king should have listened more carefully to the astronomer (astrologer) who was so deceitfully pursued.

Later on the Danish astronomer Ole Roemer took up his work and made Tycho Brahe's home country famous again by determining the frequency of the light. During the lifetime of Ole Roemer (1614 to 1710) the reputation of astrology was decreased as this original science was entrusted to ignorant students at the university through which again the church practiced its power and influence.



Tycho Brahes fødselshoroskop.

JOSEPH S. deMELLO
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
APRIL, 1990

It does seem as if Marguerite Day (Xp.20) purposefully set out to disagree with Don Borkowski. Don can handle that very well himself, but I have definite ideas about the semi-sextile which is half a sextile, which in turn is half a trine. Is this too complicated? If a trine is luck, and if half a trine is opportunity, then what is half an opportunity? We know a trine will make things nice for us, while a sextile will present a situation with which we can possibly work. So half a sextile must mean that we have to put a lot more energy into it than we normally do to help astrological aspects along. So a semi-sextile has all the chance not to manifest. The quite normal approach is to let a trine happen rather than to take charge, be ready for it, get some of our own energy to improve the aspect. Our role as astrologers is to help people be prepared for aspects, to ready them to handle aspects in a positive manner, yet so many of us (for ourselves) just sit back and wait to see what an aspect will bring. And then use whatever happens as an alibi. We never say, well, had I handled this some other way there is no telling what I would have got from it. The situation is like trying to win the lottery. First you have to buy the ticket. Or the astrologer says that on such a such a day you will meet someone interesting, and you spend the day sitting around at home. The semi-sextile is a 30° aspect involving neighboring signs. We all know that people of neighboring signs get along well together, so why should we not get something out of the semi-sextile. (Joe dear - you'll get an argument from me on that one! Gemini and Cancer? Leo and Virgo? Capricorn and Aquarius? Not unless they have some of the other signs in their chart. I think the semi-sextile is like an upside down quincunx! Edith)

Your objection to #28 is silly. You mean to tell us you do not see the headstrong Aries, the bullish Taurus, the twin Gemini, right on down to how terri-

torial a fish can be about its nest (just look into any clear stream).

I want to put a stop to something or get a clearer meaning. For some time now I have been mystified by just how great Pluto is supposed to act in Scorpio "its own sign." Do we expect wholesale undoing, wholesale tearing down in order to rebuild? I think we ought to have a much clearer look at dignities and exaltations. It may be nice to have natal Saturn in Capricorn or natal Pluto in Scorpio, but only if the chart has a lot of lighter stuff to counteract such heaviness. If I can offer myself as a sterling example, I have often felt, with a Scorpio Sun, that it is rather a blessing that I have Asc. and Moon in Gemini.

Back to Marguerite. Please do not confuse Wendy Hawks with nonsense like "something less earthy than water." In astrology the clue to hogwash seems to come along with the discussion of "archetypes." If Aquarius is a barren sign and masculine it does not mean we do not have Aquarian women and that they do not bear children or have ideas which come to naught. In the case of Aquarius, the water is totally symbolic, that is, not to be taken quite so literally. We should not pull it to pieces. Think of how unfortunate we would become if we tore into our own sign of astrology. Now, in the light of this sort of thinking, should I add that the important part of the Aquarian symbolism is more the "flow" than the content of the flow? I can back that up by saying that Aquarians usually have the answer to the problems of all but themselves, and they never are concerned that the remedies they propose are usually unacceptable to others.

As for dear old Pisces, their lesson should be, when they have given, not to keep reminding the rest of us that they gave.

Diane Lawson (Xp.21), a recent experiment was done on twins where one of the pair was normal and the other schizophrenic where they found that there were differences in the physical brain tissue in a disease which has previously been thought to be hereditary. That is just a point of information. My thinking on twins involves one born with 24 Virgo rising, the other with 28 Virgo rising. So we do progressions and find that one of them gets to 0 Libra four years ahead of the other, or that the progressed Moon of the latter makes aspects to the planets of the latter before the progressed Moon of the former does to the earlier twin. And this also works with Astro-Twins.

Wendy Hawks (Xp.37) fate and free will, if you think about it, are the same thing. #2: It might be easier to tell astrologers from fortune tellers if many astrologers did not dress as if they had forgotten the broom which came with their outfits. #3: Helena Stansfield says that what astrology does for people is that it gives them HOPE

Ann Cahoy (Xp.43), lovely letter. The basics are food, clothing, shelter.

When other people say "get back to basics" they usually don't mean those three things, and they also usually suggest it as the road others should take, a road along which the speaker himself does not want to travel.

Ann Cahoy (Xp.43), I hope you are not one of those who minds a few corrections. Since you mention Charles II, perhaps you should know that William Lilly twice advised him and both times the king came to bad ends for neglecting to take Lilly's advice. As for Tycho Brahe's fame reaching Denmark, that is quite a feat, since he was Danish in the first place. Frederick died in 1588, and Brahe did not go to work in Bohemia until 1599. And (p.41) it was Harry who played (usually the Missouri Waltz) while it was Margaret who sang and was criticized for having a weakish parlour voice. Oh heavens, Bush has lived six places in 40 years? How has he managed it? My Cancer neighbor across the hall has some six residences in any ten year period of his life.

Dale Huckleby (p.45) two things. It is my personal choice that gives me a preference to classical periods over and above prototypical periods. My choices for the most difficult astrological periods are Saturn through the 12th (transiting) and progressed Moon through the 12th. Is Saturn through the 1st quad classical only because Grant Lewi said so back in times of yore? Look at Jimmy Carter's chart for Saturn transiting the 1st quad. While he is getting some acceptance in this building period of life, he is not getting total acceptance. It was this lack of totality which Lewi had in mind. When transiting Saturn hits the IC, then everything seems to open up for the person. So today I did a woman's chart the Saturn over IC was almost immediately opposite natal Sun!

I think John Kalus must have had progressed Mercury retrograde during those years he considered difficult. Since I remember well a similar period in my own life, I would say this is astrological torture #3.

Let me get personal. March is a difficult month for me. I have had to do a number of charts of clients who have Aquarius rising, and this has been quite a lesson. One of them even had very nice progressed aspects, but I am afraid that it is the Capricorn transits to which everybody is responding strongly. I have lectured on some of these, and one I really ought to write up. This latter is a case of a man whose both parents died of pancreatic cancer, but he had AIDS and his primary cause of death turned out to be tuberculosis. I have since been told that this is quite common in AIDS patients (and there are several types of TB, at that). Furthermore, I seem to have more mail of a serious nature to answer and hardly all the time needed to study and respond. I do not look forward to going to Orlando in July, but I will probably be there in some guise. All of what T. Pat says is true, but she lives

there year-round anyway, and there are six months there which for me kill any thought of retiring to Florida. I did not learn I could have my vacation in July until the first week of March, and it was pulling teeth to get it. So there is every chance I won't get a hotel room, won't get on the program, and will have to pay more for the convention. Convention breaks are just like tax breaks. They never seem to be in my favor. But I have two friends who are not going and six that are, and people in the area which I want to see, so I'll go. In the meantime, Edith will have to divvy this up into the five letters it really is, and my apologies for not telling so many people what wonderful things I have read from them in April and April Extra.

**MARION MARCH
ENCINO, CA
MAY, 1990**

The July edition just arrived, and this time my responses go mainly to Edie: page 50 re conferences not being "a place of learning" anymore. Right on Edie!! This is not only happening in the U.S. but also in Europe. At the International Kongress in Lucerne this April, about 25 people came up to me after my workshop to thank me for "at least you are giving us something we can really use." There is a place for theory, but we all need more than just theory.

And again to Edie on page 62 -- Great idea!! I would love to have all the AFA speakers who are also invited to lecture at UAC renounce their honorarium, free room and banquet dinner. Even without charging them registration, at 1989 prices, that would have saved us \$615 per person. That could be nearly enough to bring one former iron country delegate to the next UAC, which is one of our goals, if we can swing it. We thought it would be wonderful to try and help some of them. I saw it in Lucerne, where a few had managed to come, how anxious they are to get back into the mainstream, but how hard it is for them without any money.

To Diane Zeines, page 63 regarding Joan Quigley's involvement with the Reagan's. I read her book and found it rather interesting. In fact I wish she'd write a book on mundane astrology explaining her methods. I also believe all her claims regarding how much she did for "Ronnie" and Nancy. Ronald Reagan had used an astrologer (or astrologers) since his presidency of the Screen Actor's Guild and probably saw nothing strange in following certain astrological time schedules. He did it as governor of California (inauguration a few minutes after midnight) and it obviously worked well for him. I don't know how many people liked or disliked Nancy, but I do know that Ronald Reagan could do no wrong for all the years that Quigley timed

events for him and his popularity took an immediate dip when she quit. To my way of thinking, that speaks well for astrology.

**IRENE STEPHENSON
CHATSWORTH, CA
JULY, 1990**

As of midnight 6-30-90/7-1-90 East and West Germany were officially brought together. Adolf Hitler who was responsible for tearing Germany asunder was born 4-20-1889.

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These two days are overall 97% alike.

There is a lot of confidence (91% and 83%). They would not be afraid to do anything they want. They both are humanitarian types (#10 emotional). They care about the masses rather than the individual. They have tunnel vision. They need to lead or control (94% mental). It is almost the same as if the Unified Germany was Adolf Hitler. It has the same personality. But then Hitler was mad.

What does this mean? Dr. Carl G. Jung said: "Whatever is born or done at this moment in time has the qualities of this moment of time."

This bears watching. What have the astrologers seen?

**GLORIA FRIEDMAN
SAN DIEGO, CA
JUNE, 1990**

Here's my check - it has been many years and I have enjoyed each one.

A bit of my own philosophies to you out there.

I am no longer compulsive about exact birth time. Give me a figure and I'll work with it - but I allow very very wide orbs.

Too often I have heard "Gloria, my mother now says it was P.M. not A.M." - or nonsense like that. And here I had a perfectly lovely chart that made high points with each transit.

I am convinced that many factors enter into the construction and interpretation of a chart - factors we are not yet aware of - "If it works for you - then it is correct!" and stay with it.

Please also mail my "John From Beginning to End". I keep forgetting to include this item each year.

Dear Edie - I hope you're getting much contentment, satisfaction, lots of good things because your journal is one to be proud of.

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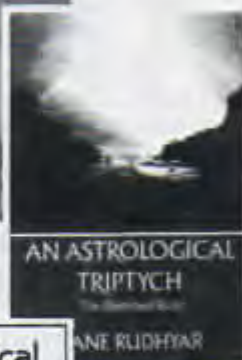
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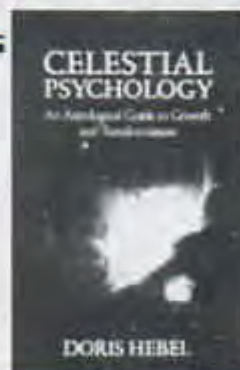
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**KAY SHINKER
WILMETTE, IL
MAY, 1990**

Chicago NCGR has been sponsoring a research study group and our topic has been Solar Returns. The first part of our project was to check some of our own history by running solar return computer charts for significant years past. We found that even if you stayed in your home town your whole life there was no truth to the concept that if your natal Sun was angular it would be angular for ever. Some of us had no particular house pattern over time and some of us had 12 year house patterns. For example from 1961-1972 my solar return Sun fell in houses 7, 4, 1, 10 then in 1972 we moved 6 miles (even adjusting the Latitude minutes did not change the house placement of the planets) and the pattern of the solar return Sun became 2, 11, 8, 5. I did the solar return charts for my husband and daughter and the pattern of solar return Sun house placements changed for them also in 1972. The pattern changes again in 1993 for all five of us.

The point is that if you run charts for your past solar returns, it is quite likely that you will see a pattern of house placement for the solar return Sun develop, and that when the pattern changes you can expect significant changes in life style. If anyone has time to play this game with the computer, I'd like to hear about your results.

Our second bit of research has made us skeptical of the concept that timing can be predicted from a solar return chart. We tried progressing the solar return M.C. and ASC. four days per degree and got almost zero results. The group had a collection of family and friends charts that numbered about 50, sometimes the progression of the Ascendant or M.C. would go over a solar return planet and the time period would be dull and boring, other times events promised in the solar return would happen in rapid order. It seems that this is an event chart that gives a picture of the year ahead. Prediction and timing are the result of transits and progressions triggering the natal chart (old fashion astrology techniques).

this lead us to the conclusion that the solar return is really an event chart. Yes, it predicts what will happen. But timing what will happen depends on when the transits and progressions find their mark in the natal chart. For example in 1984 solar return Jupiter fell in my 9th house, my daughter made me a grandmother two months after my birthday, (I can explain the baby's timing better with transits to my natal 9th house.)

If you look at your own solar return charts from 1988 to 1993, you will find the concentration of Capricorn planets in one or two houses, I'd be willing to bet that is the area of your life where you feel like you are working double time. When looking at those houses

it is important to consider all the house meanings. You might want to refer to a Horary book to catch some of the subtle nuances.

Our third bit of research was into the charts of twins. Here an accurate birth time was almost certain. The years that the twins did not do everything at the same time were years when one or two planets in the solar return charts were not in the same houses. For example one twin had solar return Sun and Mercury in the 5th house, the other twin had them in the 4th. The first twin married and had a baby. Our conclusion was that an accurate birth time is extremely important in this study and it also offers the possibility of an additional tool for chart rectification.

If any of you are looking to form a study group, the solar return is really a fun topic. Very little research has been done, and I think without computers it was too difficult to do in the past. We looked at the few books available and used "The Only Way To Learn About Tomorrow" by March and McEvers. Their guidelines were fairly accurate and left plenty of room for creative thinking. (You might consider using Deanna Rose's "Easy Predictions With Solar Returns" also. Edith) Any theories you might discover are worthy of consideration and all of us can benefit from the information.

We also learned that we were not very accurate when we looked at our own solar return charts. Wishful thinking got in the way. But when our fellow study group members analyzed each others chart they were mean, nasty, cruel, vicious and accurate.

We also had fun testing ourselves. We brought in charts of some friends whose lives were currently full of events and then we played guess what happened. One example: Saturn and Neptune in the 8th can mean that she misplaced her inheritance check.

We did some of our own charts several years into the future but it didn't seem very practical. The houses have too many meanings. That however did not stop me from looking at 1990. And I gave my kids fair warning. I told them that 1990 definitely looked like grandchildren. On my birthday this year my daughter was extremely happy when my daughter-in-law announced that she was the one who was pregnant.

**JAN MOORE
INDIANAPOLIS, IN
JUNE, 1990**

Can't think of a better way to spend money than on Mercury Hour. An absolutely superb publication, it is one I read, re-read, lend (demand back) - a class act.

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UNA CHIODINI ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL JUNE, 1990

Dale Huckleby (April 1990, 64th Edition p.45) My birth data is in MH July 1990, 65th Edition. You seem to think that John Kalus was born on 10-30-1922 and you say your birth is 11-2-1945. So I thought you might like to hear from a 29^o Scorpio, especially as you wrote your letter on my birthday. You and John Kalus have knowledge far superior to any astrology I might write. But I thought my input might be of some interest to you, concerning Transiting Saturn crossing the ASC, A period of Obscurity.

February 1961 T. Saturn crossed my ASC. August '61 hemorrhaged from a tubular pregnancy - clinically died - shortly after that I came down with hepatitis from the blood transfusions. (I only got a little yellow. With my fair skin and summer tan, no one noticed I was ill). Transiting Saturn went Retrograde in May (when it hit 25 I was pregnant again). Transiting Saturn goes direct September '61 .. November '61 T. Saturn crosses over ASC so now I have a mild case of hepatitis (which is like being 1/2 pregnant) and I am pregnant. March '62, when T. Saturn had passed by 2^o from a square to my Uranus I delivered a healthy boy. (Private thought! DID IT MAKE HIM IMMUNE FROM LIVER ILLNESSES). Because all of the above, I had a mental breakdown because I didn't have the sense to know I was having a physical breakdown. My husband who had his N. Saturn on my Moon square my Sun said I was just lazy. That statement was made when T. Saturn was inconjunct my N. Neptune which opposed my Saturn. During all this time I continued to fully function as a wife and mother of three boys. Cooking, cleaning, paying bills, etc.

I have an intercepted 1st house. So the cusp of the 2nd is 11 Pisces ... NOW THE REAL T. SATURN FUN BEGAN. (Big smile) March 29, 1965, lost a full term pregnancy. Yes! I hemorrhaged again. Yes I died again. (But you can't keep a good woman down). Hepatitis again. This time my younger sister was a nurse. When she looked at me, she started to smile and started to sing about a graveyard in Ireland. Sooo back to the hospital. From March 29, 1965 to August 23, 1965 we had 12 major things happen with the last being my six year old son set half the house on fire. We lived with my widowed father (God bless him) until January 1966. Two days later my sister-in-law had a breakdown and I became caretaker of her husband and three children. Their ages being 8, 7 and 5 1/2. I thought the husband was very nice, until one night, four months later, he came home sober. I didn't know he had been drunk all that time. Now wasn't I the smart lady. I had the full care of all the children until June 10th. When T. Saturn at 28^o trined my 29^o Sun. (See good things do happen with T. Saturn.) But I guess that's not

fair, because T. Saturn was already in my 2nd house. I have N. Saturn in my 2nd house. So with T. Saturn there, we got the whole house fixed plus \$3,200.

Transiting Saturn went over my ASC, in April '90 but as you know it went retrograde back into my 12th house. It will go over my ASC, in December 1990. But for that brief time when it was in my 1st house it was like heaven. Because of all those transiting planets in my 12th. But that's another story!

As the broadcaster says "NOW FOR THE REST OF THE STORY". I was able to get through 12 years of education without learning to read. So when T. Saturn came I got a Bible and a dictionary and taught myself to read. Then I read everything I could get my hands on. Along the way I taught my self palmistry and a strong working knowledge of astrology, with all the side subjects like religion, psychology etc. that you need for understanding them. Before T. Saturn crossed into my 7th I had a teacher for numerology and taught myself Tarot. I'm now learning Horary. I'm looking forward to another obscure period? My My a Scorpio Obsessive? That's hard to believe. Passionate yes. Never obsessive (smile). From what I read, you were passionately obsessive.

Now for a little numerology. If Edith puts in my other article on Suicide, Please read it. If you add the Month and Day you were born to 1978, you have 11+2+1978 which = 1991 - 20 = 2. You were in a 20/2 Personal Year. Great year to become an Extremist. Next! There are three Subcycles. Month Day and Year. November is 11 which = 2. You were in that until the year you turned 31. Next Subcycle is the day which = 2. It will last until about age 52. Last Subcycle is the year and it = 1. It will take over at 53 and last for the rest of your life. So in a matter of speaking you have been an Extremist from birth. It's just that year you felt it more ... The year you turned 32 until age 40 you will be in a 3 Pinna- cle. The number 3 is the Gift of Words. So Why Not Be Obsessive. Enjoy it. It's such fun to have a neurosis. Dale what is the city of your birth or at least the L & L of the city? I have a name on file that has been diagnosed as having compulsive behavior. His birth total is 20/2. I wish I had the full legal name of all you nice people. I think we are all so unique.

To all of you wonderful people who have included the full legal name on the birth certificate when giving the chart data. Many many thanks. Sure helps my research. Until the next time! Love ya all.



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ASPECTS -

How, when, and why, they work.

Aspects in the horoscope are the tension, motivation, and action of the person's life. While planets represent character, and houses - environment, the aspects activate the personality for growth and accomplishment. This is evident when watching transits aspecting the natal chart. But the tendency in modern astrology is to accept the natal aspects as a static birth energy rather than the fluidity of a living, changing, vibrating mandala. In examining the details of all the aspects, major or minor, (personally, I detest this division as it limits the understanding of the potentiality of the individual), in a natal scope, there are energies that fluctuate and gyrate at different rates and pulsations as the individual matures. For instance the square is activated in the natal chart at the ages of 15, 30, 45, and 60 etc.; the trine at the ages of 10, 20, 30, 40 etc.; the quintile family at the ages of 18, 36, 54 and 72; the septile at the ages of 25-26, and 51-52.

The aspect as personality traits are evident in the individual as strongly as any Sun sign, Moon, Asc. or planetary station. The personality traits of each aspect are:

1. The conjunction personality is as dynamic and innovate as an Aries.
2. The opposition personality is as argumentative and yet diplomatic (if they want something) as a Libra.
3. The square personality is as ambitious and driven as a Capricorn, and as home and security oriented as a Cancer.
4. The sextile personality is as communicative (talkative as a Gemini and as intellectual as an Aquarian).
5. The trine personality is as talented as a Leo and as adventurous as a Sagittarius.
6. The inconjunct personality is as secretive as a Scorpio and as meticulous as a Virgo.
7. The quintile personality is as fun loving as a Gemini and as purposeful as a Capricorn.
8. The biquintile personality is as magnetic and charming as a Leo and as single minded as a Scorpio.
9. The sesquiquintile personality is as emotionally demanding as a Scorpio and as dramatic as a Leo.
10. The semisquare personality is as stubborn as a Taurus and as seeking of the truth as an Aquarian.
11. The septile personality is as quietly determined as a Taurus and as intellectual as the Aquarian scientist.

Aspects do have varying strengths and weakness in the horoscope but not of

the major or minor contention. The scale of intensity for aspects in the planetary involvement is the dynamics of the overall kinetic energy of the chart/personality and the opportunities used by the individual in life. How does the aspect strength differ? Well, this list may help you. Only you can give the true interpretation of your mandala, as you are the only one living it. Although help in deciphering the complexities of life is useful, the final judgment of your horoscope is how You live it!

The strongest aspect in the natal horoscope is as follows:

1. The most numerous type of aspect in the chart.
2. The only aspect that any planet makes in integrating with the rest of the chart.
3. A grand aspect.
4. The aspect between the Sun and Moon.
5. The aspect between the Asc. and the M.C.
6. Any exact aspect in the chart. This aspect becomes the motivation factor in the chart.
7. Any Solar, Lunar, Asc., or M.C. aspect.
8. The aspect that the ruler of the 1st, 10th, 4th or 7th makes to the Sun or the Moon.
9. The aspects between Mercury or Venus and the Sun and Moon.

If the aspect between the Sun and Moon is the only partile aspect in the chart then the intensity of the person's life is noticeable, both to you and to them. However, if you are looking for specifics like marriage - then the aspect between the Sun and Moon is of primary importance, as are the aspects that, the ruler of the 7th, and any planets occupying the 7th make. If it is career - then the ruler of the 10th and its aspects as well as the aspects to the M.C. especially to the Sun, Moon, and Asc....

When there are no aspects between planets, lights or important points of the chart the energies are left unconnected. Sometimes this means the person never engages those planetary combinations in their life experiences. It is possible to grasp and understand these divergent powers source if we choose to. And that is the important difference between the aspect and the non aspect - choice! When the powers of the planets, lights and chart points are joined, the person, by feelings of pleasure, compulsion, duty, direction, or talent, has to use those dynamic patterns. If this is done, with conscious awareness, the creativity of life produces achievement and mastery, through which, god-like beings emerge.

When these energies are not joined at birth, the individual can, when the planets come together by solar arc, progressions and transits integrate the planetary energies into the life experiences.

All planetary blends, through Progressions, and Transits, can be grasped in this life. Through relating to others in life experience the exchange of

one's lack with another's abundance, brings growth and awareness of the totality of life.

THE SO-CALLED MINOR ASPECTS - these aspects explain the unusual, the uniquely talented, the inner personality traits often overlooked or misused. This is the Path less trodden. People with numerous septiles or quintiles are often the power behind the throne. Or the brilliant loner doing their own thing. They are the creators, the inventors, the artists, the loners, the questers who go beyond the norm, to dare the untried and the rest of us follow.

NO ASPECT IS GOOD OR BAD all aspects contain by the very dynamics of the interactions of energies unbridled power. We directed that power by natal chart inclinations and by personal choice.

**ED DEARBORN
NORWOOD, PA
JUNE, 1990**

SOME ASTRO-MORSELS OF YORE!

Concerning our History of Astrology: Its Growth and Development in North America, a matter that goes back 40 years should be brought to life. In view of the recent vocalization of our perennial desire to see better treatment in the press of astrology and astrologers, we wish to draw attention to a former group, the Society for the Advancement of Astrology.

In late 1946 Marion Meyer Drew followed through on an idea suggested by her son-in-law who was in commercial advertising to improve the image of astrology. So on December 1, 1946 the preliminary meeting to develop the idea was held at the home of Mrs. Ellen McCaffery at 210 West 72nd Street in New York City. Those in attendance were Miss Elizabeth Aldrich, Mrs. Blanche Broderick, Mr. Kenneth Collins, Mr. Edward Dearborn, Mrs. Marion Meyer Drew, Miss Marie Eckerson, Mrs. Ellen McCaffery, and Mr. William Wiedman.

The group decided that "the purpose of this group is to develop public recognition of the principle that astrology can legitimately be used as a guide to human actions and relations."

The group name was selected three meetings later. Thus, the Society for the Advancement of Astrology received its name at 10:37 p.m. EST on February 9, 1947 at Mrs. McCaffery's home in New York City. Early in 1947 the S.A.A. members compiled a 15 page pamphlet titled "An Invitation for Reciprocity between Astronomy and Astrology." The primary writers were Miss Aldrich, Mrs. Drew, and Mrs. McCaffery. Llewellyn George volunteered to print some 200 copies. The pamphlet called for meetings between astronomers and astrologers in an effort to thaw the ice and included a modest list of texts, both pro and anti astrolo-

gy, as suggested reading.

Subsequently copies of this invitation were mailed to the Heads of Astronomy Departments of 200 universities nationwide. In the year that followed ONLY ONE response was received; one of thank you but no indication of any interest to meet anyone from the S.A.A. Also, many members wrote to editors of numerous newspapers and magazines requesting more equitable and serious treatment of astrology. Efforts were also made to reach other astrologers and have them join the write-in campaign.

During the 25 meetings held between November of 1946 and late March of 1949 (at which time I had moved 500 miles away), the group was attended by at least 40 different astrologers, mostly from the New York City area. Some of those in attendance were Walter J. Bruknus, Jules Chassagnon, Charles Jayne, Jr., Mrs. Millicent F. Kleckner, Dal Lee, Horace F. Mann, George J. McCormack, Margaret Morrell, John J. O'Neill, Mrs. Fleurida Rogers, Ralph Shaffer, Miss Shirley Spencer, and, last but by no means least, Edward A. Wagner.

Since our history includes group activities, as well as information about individuals, we hope those among the MH readership will provide us with data concerning groups with whom they may be familiar. Whether the astrological group is ACTIVE or DISBANDED we seek data.

According to our present knowledge some 689 astrological groups have graced our shores beginning at least as early as 1899. The disbanded ones exceed 340 while there are over 260 presently active. The gradual development of public awareness of the very existence of astrology is due in large part to group activities and the subsequent rise of astrological periodicals in the late 1920s and early 1930s in both Canada and the U.S.

The only astrological groups of which we are aware that continue to survive now, after 50 years of existence are the Rosicrucian Fellowship, Inc.; The First Temple and College of Astrology, Inc.; The Church of Light, Inc.; The American Federation of Astrologers, Inc.; and The Friends of Astrology, Inc. The Theosophical Society in America has been consistently supportive of astrology in North America for over 100 years but the organization is not devoted primarily to astrological matters.

Please contribute your input to Edward L. Dearborn, 310 Trites Avenue, Norwood, PA 19074-1631.



**JULIE O'TOOLE
WILMINGTON, DE
JUNE, 1990**

Although I rarely take the time to offer an opinion or make a written contribution, I do look forward to hearing what is going on in the astrological community and what others have to say.

Your comments on the Ocean City "Winter Get-Away" prompted me to coin a phrase from TV Guide where they often give "Cheers and Jeers". "Cheers" I say to you for stating what I feared would be the result of attending this particular conference. "Jeers" because I was disappointed when I noticed that the lectures were only an hour long. Having lectured before I know this gives very little time to get one's message across and even less time for those in attendance to feel that any question would be welcomed. Having attended this one before and had such a great time I didn't really want to miss out but decided against it. Saturn transiting my Moon, hmmm... Could it be I wouldn't have been much fun for others as well? I think I'll plead guilty!

Therefore, I decided I really wanted to go to the Connecticut Conference which I have attended twice before and so thoroughly enjoyed. However, Saturn on one's Moon really doesn't make anything that easy and as it turned out car problems and family responsibilities took over and once again I came in second

or third or whatever. Boy this stuff really works!

Now I know that Saturn rewards but I'm not sure whether I can give credit to Uranus on my Venus or Saturn having crossed over my Moon as both are in the 3rd house and Glory Be I have a new car!

I can hardly wait for Saturn to leave Capricorn and see what happens to my Sun and Mercury as they are transited next year. Hoping I will get to Lynchburg for the 7 Hills Conference as we had a great time in '87 but am afraid to say it out loud so I'll just put it in writing. Wishing you continued success and looking forward to seeing you soon.

**CLAUDETTE OLSON
AUBURN, MA
JUNE, 1990**

Really appreciate the hard work you and your help put into such a fine astrology magazine. Many of us just don't realize how much time and effort goes into such a magazine.

(Thanks for all the kind words above. There are days when we really need them. Edith, Pam, Betty and Vin.)



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WENDY HAWKS CHICAGO, IL JUNE, 1990

To IRENE STEPHENSON (p. 44, 65th Edition): Your biorhythm analysis of my character is much appreciated and was pretty accurate. Yes, I'm definitely a natural loner and have been since the age of 17. You are correct in stating that people try to take advantage of me. But I never make the same mistake twice! Low self-confidence? Maybe, but I've been striving toward a healthier ego these last few years. While I don't like waste I'm not much of a "saver" and am occasionally prone to extravagance as I have Jupiter in my second house. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

To EVERYONE: Several astrologers want Sun sign Astrology columns to have a blurb at the end stating that this mode is not endorsed by the professional astrological community. One astrologer has even stated that this stuff is "drivel", "invalid" and the like. While I don't want to start a fight, I'll just say most periodicals which print Sun sign columns would -- without a moment's hesitation -- fire their astrologers were we to insist on such a disclaimer! After all, why should they permit their valued columnists to put themselves down?

As many of you know, I am a serious-minded, bona fide practitioner of Astrology who is in the on-going process

of educating the general public about our ancient art/science. I've also stated in lectures and on TV that Sun sign Astrology is only the tip of the iceberg. However, I do write a Sun sign column for a national newspaper and, while this work helps supplement my meager income, I definitely don't write trash. Nor am I ashamed of what I do. I enjoy this freelance job and try to say something new and meaningful each week. It is a surprising fact that when I show prospective/new/established clients my column and the little booklets I have had published, they're impressed. While these folks are well aware that there is more to Astrology than "your sign", my column somehow seems to make an even bigger impact than an accurately timed, well delineated horoscope!

Let it be said that not everyone has the wherewithal or intellectual prowess to consult a professional astrologer. I frequently get calls from people who have absolutely no idea what astrologers are about as they equate our system with crystal ball gazing and trance mediums. Even if I could persuade them to come see me, what I had to say would probably be way over their heads. Yet these same folks religiously read the newspaper Sun sign columns and it seems to help them. Perhaps that is my point. And I sincerely believe it is possible to do quality Sun sign Astrology. (As an aside someone from "my paper" once told me he thought we made it up as we went along. I was totally incensed, especial-

ly since I spend several hours each week looking up aspects and carefully putting my column together.)

A number of people (I speak for my clients and friends) are well aware that newspaper Astrology is general in nature. Yet I have received many letters from people stating that my interpretation of their sign was "right on" for a particular week, or that they were able to avoid negative situations thanks to my advice.

In summary: (1) People are impressed when you tell them you write Astrology for a newspaper. (2) Quality Sun sign booklets and columns do assist the less evolved members of our society to get in touch with themselves when the "Real McCoy" would be inappropriate to their needs. (3) Sun sign columnists would fare ill were they to press their publishers to print a "disclaimer".

Astrologers -- Sun sign or otherwise -- are not the real problem. Perhaps we should point the finger at those who dare use our name in vain. I refer to the charlatans of this world. Until we get these bimbos to make a "disclaimer" that they are only pseudo astrologers, the general public will continue to look down on us. To elaborate, let me quote a few ads from the June 5, 1990 edition of a national tabloid.

(1) "Astrology-PSYCHIC [Name] Greatest psychic that ever lived. Mesmerizes loved ones to love only you!"

(2) "[Name] Astrology ASSOCIATION. ...Crystal ball consultations. ESP, horoscope. Psychic help to success, happiness. Removes bad luck, spells from your home..." (The next one was under the heading "Astrology & THE OCCULT")

(3) "Free Voodoo information! Psychics failed you? I teach powerful love luck spells!"

And the list goes on, and on and on. Not one astrologer among them! Now THIS is the stuff that really infuriates me! There's nothing wrong with an honest-to-goodness Sun sign column by a qualified astrologer, and there never will be. If our community votes that Sun sign astrologers must have a disclaimer in their column, then I shall resign from the professional organizations to which I belong.

FINALLY, WHY ARE THERE SO FEW OF US OUT THERE TRYING TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE REAL ASTROLOGY?

JOHN SOMOZA
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.
JUNE, 1990

Has anyone out there noticed the following. When I am doing a chart that has Mercury in an earlier sign than the Sun, clients frequently tell me that their elementary or high school education was interrupted during the school year for various reasons. Their parents moved, the school was closed down, their father was transferred by the company, or

the military moved the family, etc. It did not make a difference where on the chart the Sun or Mercury was or what signs they were in or if they were rising or not. Mercury is also not retrograde.

I presented this question during an NCCR meeting here in New York and more than five astrologers raised their hand confirming this from their charts. One person said they were a military brat.

I originally picked up this idea from my chart which has Mercury in Cancer and Sun in Leo. I have never seen this in any book. I was also held back a year in elementary school through no fault of mine. And when my progressed Mercury caught up to my progressed Sun I graduated from elementary school, a year later than I should have.

I am aware that you have to look at the whole chart for a good interpretation but this one stands out.

To JOSEPH S. deMELLO, page 53, 65th edition - Thank you for your support as to what a good software program should be like. You may want to take a good look at NOVA.

You are on the West Coast and I am here in the East. May I suggest that when you are ready to get a computer that you look at the AT model that's available from many generic companies giving good value and long warranties. I know you are computer literate. But let me suggest a system to keep your costs down and have a high performance unit. As you know I belong to a non profit computer club in New York City. We try to help everyone for free. This is the system - an AT style computer running at 12.5 megahertz with 640k of RAM, a 3 1/4" 1.2mg floppy drive and a 3 1/2" 1.44mg floppy drive, 40-65mg hard drive, an expansion card to bring the computer up to 1mb of RAM, and a EGA monitor and adapter card. As for the printer look at the Panasonic model 1190. Don't forget the printer cable, printer ribbons and computer paper. As for the computer, look at the Epson 11, Tandy, or Fountain. Total approximate cost for every thing mention is about \$2,000. I can't believe that this same system cost over \$7,000 back in 1984. And you got a lot less computer.

Or assemble your own computer. Here in the East we have computer flea market shows. A lot of guys and gals buy components to put together. If you do this the cost may be down to \$1500.00 including printer. (You won't be able to assemble a printer; it has to be bought as a unit.)

If anyone out there needs computer help you can call me at (212) 460-9535. I don't know everything but I may put you on to someone who can handle your problem.



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PART I

Rome had its Caesar's and Chicago its Daley's. On April 24, 1989 Richard M. Daley took the oath of office and assumed the chair that family loyalists would swear his father invented. That week it was announced that he'd be inaugurated on his 47th birthday, following his victory in an election tailor-made by God for him designed (a symphony of Uranus/Saturn conjunctions and the final degree of Sagittarius, the degree of the Sun when his father died on the final solstice of the bicentennial year) to fill out the remaining years of Harold Washington's term.

I did a double take. And I began to hear the chords forming of that old familiar tune "You lied to me". I mentally sputtered and my brains spun like the tires of a CTA bus in winter to find traction. In 1982 for the AFA convention here, I together with two other co-conspirators (Barbara Miles and Del O'Connor) put together a little book of charts called "Essential Chicago". I was the data-gatherer, Barbara had the machine and it was Del's publishing company (Aries Rising Press, Chicago). I'd spent more than one afternoon in the library, plundering the resources for information. Do you know that there is exact time on the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Chicago, the City with a Heart.

However, it wasn't Daley's time that was suspect, but rather Richie's birth date. His office had told me when I'd called in 1982 that he was born May 4, 1943, and I'd since built arabesque with that information insofar as Heather (Morgan "Le Fay") Bilandic was a 1943 Taurus, and she's the lady who made the moves on the dude who completed Richie's old man's final years in office, way back in 1977. History. He's a judge now (we got some doozies here) and Heather and Mike are still married. When Barbara Miles cast the chart for their wedding, it blew her machine and I had to figure that one out by hand. (Books' still available.) Colette MacDonald, the undisputed victim of the bloodbath of February 17, 1970, was a 1943 Taurus. The most proximate perpetrator of that act was a 1943 Libra. I am a Libra of '43. I did not vote for Richie on the basis of his being a '43 Taurus, because I knew how that baby moved and didn't like the way it took the curves.

So, nose out of joint, I gave Tom Wilson and Thelma Smythe a call, hat in hand requesting birth data. Tom has proved himself phenomenal in the past when it comes to gathering documentation, and if anyone would know Richie's time in Chicago, Wilson-Smythe would. Whilst waiting for Tom, since Thelma said he had

an interesting story, Thelma told me the real truth about John Bellushi's birth certificate, the published one is a day earlier due to confusion on the part of the physician, but he really wasn't born yesterday. Since I did a lot of work on Bellushi's death back in '82 (and his chart was in my book) I had a vested interest in setting the record straight. The latter-day Moon in the 12th clinched the argument of his death. I did so much work on his chart, because I was deeply moved by his death, I set the hypothetical task before me that were I his astrologer and he came to me around his birthday, would I see that that man had but a month to live. Forensically, yes, but would I have seen it before? Or would I have merely seen the possibility of death, which is always there. I suppose technically, as an astrologer, what you look for is not certainty in prediction (the universe is too big for your head to do that responsibly, I don't care how much K you got in your computer) but for those option points, points where you can participate in the active shaping of your life, and I'd be savvy enough to look for the main chance, the long shot. They've got a church in Chicago for that. It's Polish. Our Lady of the Long Shot, for those devout opportunists among us of the Catholic stripe. Tom came home and Thelma put him on. And talk about consternated. That's what Tom was. Consternated. Seems he went to the Department of Vital Statistics, check in hand, forms filled out, and the man at the desk said "No." Tom didn't think he had options but had to hand over the information. There does seem to be a protocol that should you wish to put a fig leaf over your particulars, anyone that is who's afraid of being bitten by an astrologer (and I knew there are some vampires among us), can request the Department not to give out the information. Most politicians prefer to lie to us rather than to admit that they might have something to hide and false card us in some fashion. The savvy ones that is. A lot of the others who permit us access are only doing so because they, poor fools, assume our art is impotent and we really can't see what evil lurks, heh, heh, heh, and that some of us might be astrologers in league with the other side, whatever that is, and then there are some trusting souls who assume we might do them some good. But not too many trusting souls are politicians. Well, guys, you can't get Richie's time. Yet. However, the April 24, 1942 date had a kind of rhythm to it -- 4-24-42 -- kinda boppin'. I knew that chart. must tell you, and Elliot will be pissed at me, but too bad. A crony of mine here in Chicago is an ex-contender in the last 48th ward aldermanic named Elliot Gould. He is a bona fide astro-twin of David Byrne, the Talking Head. And Richard M. Daley and Barbra Streisand both bopped into existence 4-24-42. Elliot keeps firing me as his Campaign Manager. Can you imagine David Byrne and Barbra Strei-

sand on the same stage. Same song? Revolutionary.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

BOOK REVIEW

SOUL-CENTERED ASTROLOGY A key to the Expanding Self by Alan Oken. Pub: Bantam Books, 666 5th Ave. N.Y., N.Y. 10103, \$13.95, 448 pp.

This book should not only be read by everyone, but it should be STUDIED and DIGESTED. It is guaranteed to expand one's consciousness. It is based on the Ancient Wisdom Teachings as expounded by the Tibetan Master through Alice A. Bailey, and other writers. The Bailey books are the latest teachings to be given to humanity by the Spiritual Hierarchy. Oken gives a comprehensive explanation of the nature of man, Deity, some of the basic laws of the universe, the nature of the Seven Rays, his method of delineating a chart using the quality of the Rays, and the esoteric rulers of constellations, etc.

He reminds the reader that the planets are but the dense physical expressions of GREAT ENTITIES who have response mechanisms for the reception and transmission of psychic energy, which is why astrology works. Just as the rainbow has seven distinct colors, each of the Seven Entities, transmit a specific type of energy. Oken sets forth how the energy is positively and negatively expressed by humanity and which Rays express through the various constellations, signs and planets.

Oken writes that the goal for humanity is to fuse the soul with the personality. He cites an example of a charioteer with three horses. The charioteer represents soul, the three horses represent the three-fold personality: the etheric (or physical) body, the emotional body and the mental body. All three have to pull in the same direction before the soul can be in control of its vehicle.

The author developed his own system of delineating a soul-centered chart, which is NOT the easiest to delineate. He gives two charts as examples. The Tibetan Master through Bailey indicated that the Ascendant represents the soul's purpose and the future, the Sun represents the present and the Moon represents the past. Oken uses the esoteric rulers for all of the cusps, i.e.: If your Ascendant is Aries, the esoteric ruler is Mercury. See what aspect Mercury makes to the exoteric ruler of Aries: Mars. If it is a trine or sextile then the soul's purpose is more easily fused with the personality's activities. If there is no link by aspect, or if there are stress aspects, then fusion is achieved with more difficulty. He also delineates according to the Rays that express through the Aries Ascendant, Mercury, the sign that Mercury is in, Mercury's aspects, its dispositor, etc. The soul urge would be represented by Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries.

The esoteric significance of all the planets in the signs is also interpreted.

Most students of the esoteric astrology will appreciate his interpretation of the houses for the chart of the soul. For the 7th house he gives: "The Dweller on the Threshold, Soul-mate and/or special co-workers, the Path of union between the personality and the Soul."

Oken says that "On the personality level, a person born with the Sun in Sagittarius would find him or herself with a Scorpio Sun the "next time down." My research so far indicates that we cannot say for certain in which sign a person will be born in the next incarnation. This book is highly recommended.

Above reviewed by MARGUERITE dar BOGGIA

**DAVID LaGRONE
RICHARDSON, TX
JUNE, 1990**

Thank you so VERY much for your prompt delivery of Deanna Rose's book on solar return chart interpretation! It is not only good astrology, but an easy and delightful read.

About two days before receiving the July, 1990, edition of Mercury Hour, I was thinking how I would like to have some of John McCormick's material. And, low and behold your offer in the July edition!! I must be psycho, er, psychic. Enclosed is a check for it.

Two questions, which I would like for you to address in the next issue of Mercury Hour, if that is convenient:

If some of us wanted to send our material to you on floppy disks, what format should we put the data in? ASC II WordStar? (*WordStar 5.5 OR ASC II Edith*) Seems to me you mentioned somewhere that you are using WordStar 5.x. Also, you might want to mention that we should probably use 360K floppy disks -- assuming that is correct. (*It is! Edith*)

Would it be possible to include a line on the address label showing the subscription expiration date AND the number of extra editions that we have paid for and not received copies? I know that I have no idea when I need to send you money for more extra editions and it seems like extra effort on the part of Mercury Hour personnel to have to send out notices -- at least I recollect being advised when I need to send more money.

Thanks again for all your efforts!

(*The month of renewal is on your label. The Extra Editions might prove to be a problem. On some labels we can barely get the month on because of letter spaces needed for the name. If you pay for two extras when you renew you don't have to worry about whether you are up to date or not - you are!*)

David dear - let us know how you like John's book, please. Edith)

**CAROLE DEVINE
FREDERICKSBURG, VA
APRIL, 1990**

**SATURN ANXIETY
PART I**

One does not have to study metaphysics long before the maxim, "you make your own reality" is discovered. The idea that our thoughts are the "first cause," and the circumstances of our lives are the manifestations of those thoughts is so common now, that is the premise behind most self-help books, tapes and videos. Actually, it isn't new; even the Bible espouses this philosophy. "The Course in Miracles" has taught us that the only realities are those things which cannot be destroyed, and that love and fear are opposites. Therefore, if only unreal things can be destroyed and our view of "reality" is an illusion, then the only thing to be feared is fear, itself, which, of course we have all heard before.

Most astrologers I have gotten to know well and most "new age" devotees believe these things, yet those same people will express anxiety when a Saturn, Uranus, Neptune or Pluto transit is due to square, conjunct or oppose anything in their charts. It is especially prevalent now since we have such an emphasis on Saturn, Neptune and Uranus in a single cardinal sign.

Rudhyar defines Saturn as the principle of boundaries and separations, not only of the individual from the rest of humanity but also on a consciousness level. It would therefore be reasonable to conclude that Saturn in the natal chart represents where we are separated from whatever it is that would bring us love and, therefore, freedom from fear. Or, in other words, where we are separated from the ability to create a more satisfying reality. Transits of Saturn merely bring into focus a time to improve this ability through circumstances that bring the need for this growth to our attention. What I have found to be woefully lacking in most predictive Astrology is the interpretation of these transits within the framework of the natal message, and the cyclical pattern of that particular Saturn transit. Although Neptune, Uranus and Pluto are equally important for different reasons, it is impossible to discuss all of them in one short article. Saturn is fast enough, and we have enough cycles of Saturn to apply it to our circumstances quite easily.

Of first importance, is the natal message about the area of the life for which the client will surely find a desire for improvement in his/her "reality." In 1973, I attended a conference in San Diego. Recently, I found notes from that conference, and was amazed to find this quote: "Ruler of the 5th conjunct Saturn - romantic dreams will never be realized." So many of us have had teachers who made such dire pronouncements, or

Have heard lecturers, as I did, who planted some pretty negative seeds. Would you, if you were a counseling astrologer, actually TELL a client such a hard and fast thing? If we really believe that we make our own reality, how could we also interpret a chart as though that reality has already been decided? And if that reality has not been decided, then how could the future events, symbolized by Saturn's transits, be decided as well? Isn't it logical, that as the reality changes, as we become more skilled at mind control, then the events would have to change too?

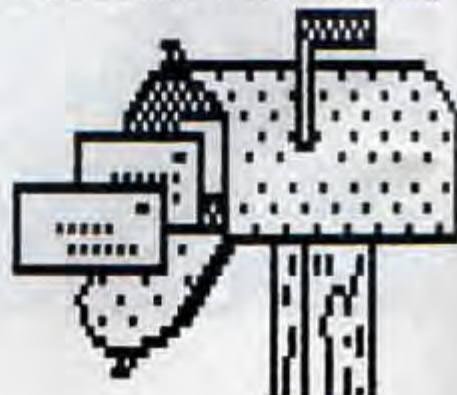
I would like to interject here that I do believe that there are a few fated events in every life, such as deaths of important people, but how we choose to respond to those events is entirely in our hands. I also believe that those are shown more by Solar Arc directions and progressions rather than transits.

The natal message, being primary, should always be the basis upon which the transits are interpreted. Suppose, for instance, that the natal Saturn is in the 12th house conjunct the Sun and Mercury, and that Capricorn is on the cusp of the 9th house. Since the Sun and Mercury are intrinsically involved, then the houses that are ruled by Leo, Virgo and Gemini will have to be included in the areas of the life that are possibly sources of discontent. These would be the 5th, 4th and 2nd houses. I do not believe that it would be productive to tell the client that he or she will never find romantic fulfillment, a satisfying family life or financial security -- although, if the client has allowed negative attitudes to prevail, it may seem that way. One key thing here is that the Saturn is ruler of the 9th and the 12th, clearly showing that answers will be on a philosophical and subconscious level. Since there are no other aspects to Saturn, this is not too complicated. The 2nd house has been described as "self worth," the 5th, the ego, and the 4th the subconscious conditioning received by early home circumstances. It is easy to see that this person may be separated from easy fulfillment of desires in the area of family life, love and financial security solely because of a low self-esteem. After all, if you do not think you are worth very much, you will not expect much financial reward, love or anything else.

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I am in the process of moving up to Vancouver Canada, but don't have a new address as yet. I'll send that as soon as I know when and where, but in the meantime the post office will forward my mail. Incidentally, I would love to hear from some of the astrologers up there. I did attend NORWAC in April as my first ever astrological conference, and met two astrologers from Canada. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many lovely people, but I have to agree with you, Edith, (p.50. 65th) in that I would have loved to learn something practical as well.

It was certainly refreshing to hear the opinions and ideas of astrologers who have years of experience, but I learned more from the participants.

This July issue was so full of letters from different parts of the world, and having lived in Australia for a fair few years, and hoping to get there one of these years, it is nice to know about what's going on down under.

There were several articles throughout the July issue about professionalism from the view point of returning fees as well as desiring to educate general public about astrology, and I would like to toss in my two cents worth. I spent 14 years cultivating and honing my skills with the English language, (I am a Finn), and finally by chance was asked to teach and translate. I never obtained any formal qualifications, and at first felt it was a drawback, but now having translated technical text for 8 years, and having earned a good standing in the business, I realize the formal qualifications are not that significant, the important issue is whether you can perform the task at hand or not. Astrology is the same, it is a foreign language, which can be translated once you learn what the symbols mean. Whether it is art or science needn't be debated - it is a language. Well, had I translated the above the bill would read \$75, yet an astrologer with 22 years of study and 8 years of professional practice would generally speaking reveal a lot more than that. Think about it, what is the difference?

Had my employer sent me a wrong page for translation, and I completed the job, they would still pay my fee. On top of that they would apologize, it has happened. Which brings me to the issue of typos, etc. If you do very little it is easy to avoid errors, but the more you accomplish the greater the risk of the unavoidable errors. It crushes my helio Mars in Virgo to admit that I am human enough to make mistakes.

When I initially began teaching adults commercial and conversational English, I spent a lot of time correcting their pronunciation and grammar. Then along came suggestopedic teaching. The

main idea behind it is to encourage people to communicate and express themselves freely without making stumbling blocks out of grammar and correct pronunciation. Isn't that the basic idea behind Mercury Hour, to offer a venue for communication regardless of who you are, how qualified or how versed and eloquent you are with the language. In this publication we are not required to solicit our manuscripts first. I have loved each issue of Mercury Hour for the ideas, insights and practical information, and I have read 90% of them since it first came out. Let's just gracefully send in our corrections for meaningful blunders and leave it at that.

I occasionally get magazines from Finland, Australia and New Zealand, and have found articles in them about astrology as astrologers know it. One popular Women's magazine in Finland ran a 6 part series on the myths behind astrology. In New Zealand a Women's magazine had an article about what an astrologer can and can't do. Shouldn't American astrologers also start soliciting articles to these type of publications, which do have a vast audience. How can astrologers expect the general public to know what astrology is, when they don't stick their own necks out to try and inform. After all, I have yet to meet an astrologer who isn't very qualified in another field. Astrologers overall seem to be a very educated bunch, let's learn to take pride in the fact that we no longer wear blinders.

Last but not least, those Capricorn transits have squared my Moon, Mercury and Mars, and apart from my house being hit by lightning twice, being flooded with the compliments of Neptune, after we finished extensive renovation, and in May the house needed a lot of electrical repair thanks to Uranus. Allstate will undoubtedly be relieved once we move though. Uranus was not involved in the lightning, that one eludes me as Neptune was the only square I had back in Jan. '89. I must say I have thoroughly enjoyed all other aspects of our lives here in the mid-south. I also like to claim that I did grow a lot spiritually with the transits, but hey, that could also be Pluto steamrolling my Scorpio Sun, etc.

Does anyone have insights about A non-C and T non-C eclipses apart from the fact that they are rare?

**ELAYNE J. MANAGO
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MAY, 1990**

We have been informed of the passing of Angelo Louise Gallo on May 21, 1990 in Northridge, CA at 11:00 a.m. We appreciate her contributions to astrology over these past years and she will be missed here in California by her many students, clients and friends.

**MARC PENFIELD
PACIFIC GROVE, CA
APRIL, 1990**

**DONALD TRUMP:
HIS SOLAR CHART**

Using a Solar Chart for an individual who has no birth time has long been used by astrologers for obvious reasons. At the moment, we have no birth time for the most publicity-conscious real estate developer in the largest city in America, Donald Trump, who revels in putting his name on various projects like casinos in Atlantic City or his place of residence on Fifth Avenue. He looks very much like a friend of mine who was born on the same day as Princess Margaret: they both have Aries rising with the Sun in Leo and the Moon in Cancer. But Donald Trump has what I call a "fishmouth" leading me to believe he has a prominent Neptune aspecting the Ascendant. I would suspect a Cardinal sign rising, more than not Aries, as he's known to be a workaholic (like most Arians) and with most of his planets below the horizon (with Aries rising or in the Solar Chart), he's also a loner at heart.

One must remember that many people have approximately the same Solar Chart as does Donald Trump. For a city of 7 1/2 million people at the time he was born, this translates to about 2000 people being born in Gotham that day using the usual 10% growth rate by natural birth and taking into consideration that the Baby Boom was just beginning. Nevertheless, we can deduce some important events in his life and ascertain many personality traits by using this type of chart for him. (Sunrise 5:28 a.m. EDT, June 14, 1946, 73W51, 40N52 for Forest Hills which is the center of Queens, N.Y.)

The Sun conjunct the ASC. and Uranus implies an individual bent on exerting his unique individuality regardless of the cost. The fact that many of his actions would be misinterpreted and receive negative publicity is shown by this aspect as well as the opposition to the Moon in the sign of expansion, Sagittarius. His immense energy and love of work is shown by the Sun sextile Mars while his generosity and vision is shown by the Sun trine Jupiter. The Sun sits in the Pisces duad of Gemini lending an aura of mystery and glamour to Trump. He could reach the highest pinnacles of power, wealth or prestige as the Sun conjuncts Uranus (ruler of his M.C.) and sextiles the ruler of his Solar Chart 11th house. The trine to Jupiter (ruler of his DESC.) shows that a great deal of his image would be dependent on a partner with whom he may go into the real estate business, as the Sun rules the Solar chart I.C., or 4th house. That his wife, Ivana, would receive so much attention is also shown by the Moon being close to the DESC., even more so if he were born later in the day when a Full Moon would be occurring.

Aspects to the Moon are nearly as powerful due to its relationship with the Sun.

Trump's Mercury squares Neptune, co-ruler of the M.C.: thus the ruler of the ASC. is in a stressful aspect to the house which governs his ambition, as well as a father image. Trump took over from his father who was a real estate developer in Queens (a borough of New York City). Note that Neptune sits in the Solar Chart 4th house, using the Koch system of house division. Neptune, like Jupiter, is quite strong in his chart as they're both stationary direct. Thus the impact of these two planets is more than would be normal.

Venus conjunct Saturn in the 2nd house, quite normal for those who seem to amass a fortune at some time in their lives. Saturn in the 2nd is often found in charts of those who have a fear of loss and have a reputation for being stingy at times, counting pennies. Trump, no doubt, knows the value of his holdings as well as the value of publicity which he gets every time he blows his nose in public. Saturn is the business planet and Venus governs finance - putting the two together in the 2nd house is a sure-fire indication that this individual would have more than a normal interest in money and acquiring possessions.

Jupiter trine Uranus would be found in all charts of those born at this time in history, but in Trump's case it really shows that his partner (his wife) would be more than not instrumental in elevating him to a position of power and influence, as Jupiter rules the DESC. and Uranus rules the M.C. Donald Trump, however, seems to get publicity and attention regardless of what he does, and I don't think he goes out of his way to promote himself, for to do that would be laying himself naked to the world, and Uranus sits in the 12th so he no doubt loves his privacy more than most people.

We can go one step further and divide the qualities and elements in his chart. Four planets are in Air signs, three in water and three in fire. Like many who have no Earth in their charts, he probably over-compensates for this lack by paying more than normal attention to details and stock quotes. Donald is an active person, physically and mentally, due to five planets being in Cardinal signs. Only three are mutable and two are in fixed signs. I find it ironic that Pluto is completely unaspecting in his chart, unless you use a rather wide semi-square to the Sun. Of course, when the birth time becomes known, Pluto may very well be sesquare the Moon in late Sagittarius, or even aspect the natal ASC. or M.C.

Progressing his chart (using a time of 8 a.m. EDT as the baseline), we find the Sun was within orb to natal Saturn by conjunction when he married Ivana in April 1977. His prominence seems to have begun about that time and has accelerated at a rapid pace ever since the Sun entered the 2nd house. The prog. Moon was in early Aquarius when he married Ivana,

somewhere between an opposition to progressed Saturn and a trine to Neptune, depending on the actual time of his birth. Progressing the M.C. by Solar Arc, the prog. M.C. at 27 1/2 Pisces trined prog. Saturn in the 2nd, so marrying Ivana brought him wealth in one way or another. Her refurbishing of the Plaza Hotel in New York was well-known and brought a large measure of publicity and attention to him as well. Ivana is known for being a hard-headed businesswoman with an acute eye for design and detail, shown by his Venus in Cancer conjunct Saturn.

Currently, the prog. M.C. for Trump (using this Solar Chart) is 9 Aries 40 about to trine natal and prog. Pluto, an indication of the impending battle for joint resources which will shortly unfold due to his request for a divorce from the woman who in a manner of speaking made him the man he is today, according to the media. The prog. ASC. at 26 Cancer has just passed a conjunction to Venus over which the prog. Moon passed in February 1990, one month before the you-know-what hit the fan. The action involving the 2nd house is not surprising considering the billions of dollars involved. The prog. Moon (using the 8 a.m. EDT baseline) will conjunct prog. Saturn in June 1990 about the time his lawyers should begin settling the accounts. However, the most stressful aspect in Donald Trump's chart at the moment seems to be prog. Mars at 22 1/2 Virgo squaring his Sun - Donald wants his freedom which may have nothing to do with being married to Ivana or playing around with that Maples gal. Donald just wants room to flex his elbows and probably feels like a pent-up tiger in a cage. Would he decide to wait for a year or two, this need to prove his masculinity would probably pass, but here in America, men aren't given the luxury of taking a mistress unless they have a very understanding wife. Seems odd to me that Ivana being a European would let this bother her as that custom is quite prevalent among those with money on that continent. But America is still idealistic and rather immature when relationships are concerned, and adultery is still grounds for divorce, a real anachronism and idiosyncrasy in this day and age. Nevertheless, Donald may feel that now is the time to dump Ivana due to certain business and financial transactions which could prove burdensome to him sometime in the near future. In a manner of speaking, I wonder if Donald really married Ivana for romantic reasons, or if he saw in her the means to advance his own status, due to his Venus conjunct Saturn in the 2nd house. Nevertheless, I somehow get the feeling that he may be protecting Ivana from some disaster down the road, but with his unsuspected Pluto, he'll never tell. Besides, prog. Venus is about to square natal Uranus, so he wants to play around one more time before the ax falls on his financial empire. From reports emanating from Atlantic City, his latest venture (the Taj Mahal) is in

trouble even before it opens as other casinos in that city are struggling just to stay in the black. Merv Griffin lost a bundle recently in that city, and he owned only one casino: Trump owns three at present.

Trump's progressed Sun at 4 1/4 Leo semi-squares the prog. Venus/Mars midpoint, another indication of the recent publicity revolving around his fling with Maples. Donald may have played around with other women in the past, but his indiscretions were not common knowledge to those beyond his inner circle. One should note that Venus rules not only his 5th house but his 12th as well - Mars rules the 11th, so very possibly his recent flings with other women have been more filial and friendly than one has been led to presume. The fact that prog. Venus and Mars are now in his Solar Chart 4th house puts quite a strain on his security at the present, especially since their semi-square aspect to the Sun is involved which rules the 4th house in this chart. One could say that Trump is in hot water and his security is threatened, whether on a financial level or on a more personal basis.

The transits are equally threatening. Saturn is now opposing that Venus/Saturn combo in his 2nd and Uranus is opposing his Mercury, ruler of the ASC. and co-ruler of the 4th house. Debts which have piled up in recent years may be due to be liquidated and place immeasurable strain on his future real estate transactions. Due to the fracas with Maples, a bigwig in Singapore who was to buy his yacht pulled out of the deal. He felt it would cause him to lose face with his family, so typical of the Chinese. Transiting Pluto is inconjuncting his Uranus, ruler of his M.C., and placed in the 12th, one may never really know what's going on inside his office. That Pluto is transiting his 5th house puts emphasis on his love affairs, whether he would be involved with Ivana or some other woman. Pluto is also squaring his Mars/Pluto midpoint, so the request for divorce may be based on something relating to his health more than any other thing at this time. Donald may literally be suffering from overwork and is approaching burn-out, due to this aspect as well as his prog. Mars squaring his natal Sun. Pluto will be semi-squaring natal Neptune shortly, so the divorce battle will be quite messy with aspersions and insults flying all over the place, both sides lying through their teeth to protect the innocent. We haven't heard all the facts to date regarding his real relationship with Ivana or the Maples gal, and if they were in fact revealed, it might place Donald in an unfavorable light to the financiers. Again, I feel that he's protecting someone, be it himself or his wife from future disaster. Maybe it's best that Ivana gets what she can now rather than sticking it out when she may have less to gain. But Donald Trump will no doubt survive and resurface anew, possibly in another line of endeavor.

or, but until the actual birth time becomes known, we can go only so far using this type of chart. It will be interesting and revealing when the birth time does in fact surface, if it ever does. Birth records in New York are quite difficult to obtain unless one goes directly to the hospital where the individual was born. Until then, the Solar Chart will have to do. Meanwhile, read the National Enquirer!!!

To get his Solar Chart calculate it for 5:28 a.m. EDT, W/ASC at 22 1/2 Gemini and MC at 28 Aquarius.

WINNIFRED KEMP WEST VANCOUVER, B.C. CANADA

Re Duane Hendricks, 64th Ed., p.15, a year or so ago I clipped an alarming article from the National Health Federation's publication concerning AIDS, which seems to coincide with some of your findings.

In this article Eva Lee Snead, M.D., states that the AIDS virus and SV-40 are the same and that polio vaccine was produced with contaminated cultures from the green African monkeys, known to carry SV-40 virus. She cites B.C. Horvath and F. Fomosi, Acta Microbiologica Scientaria Hungaria, Vol. 11:271-5, 1964-65, as finding "excretion of SV-40 virus after oral administration of contaminated polio vaccine." Dr. Snead says, "The green monkey soup has been stained pink and served on a sugar cube."

The Russian Journal Boprosi Virusologii in 1964 reported on the danger of malignancy developing due to contaminated live virus vaccines. When the Atlantic Monthly in Feb. 1977 reported millions of Americans being contaminated with SV-40 virus, Dr. Snead believed she had not only solved the riddle of AIDS but also of the dramatic increase in childhood leukemia, birth defects, other malignancies, and many chronic degenerative conditions. She says that in experimental situations the SV-40 virus promotes or activates each and all symptoms found in these diseases.

In the same article, William Douglass of the Douglass Center for Nutrition and Preventive Medicine, Marietta, Georgia, offered this information: "The polio vaccine was grown on green monkey kidney cells. The SV-40 virus from these monkey cell cultures contaminated polio cultures. Most people in their 40's are now carrying this virus through polio inoculations given in the early '60s. The delay between vaccination and the onset of cancer with this virus is as long as 20-30 years - 1965 plus 20 equals 1985. Get the picture?"

Douglass goes on to say that the World Health Organization grew these deadly cultures and that it was known in 1981 that the WHO cultures were contami-

nated. He believes it is an "engineered" virus and that WHO infected all of Africa by inoculating them in 1967 with this "deadly AIDS-laced vaccine." He goes on to say, "The AIDS virus didn't come from Africa. It came from Fort Detrick, Maryland, U.S.A."

To explain why AIDS has been associated with the homosexual population, Douglass says, "In 1978 the introduction of the hepatitis B vaccine burst upon the scene. This vaccine exhibits the exact epidemiology of AIDS." And he continues that "only males between the ages of 20 and 40, who were not monogamous", were used for these experimental studies in hepatitis vaccine in New York City. He further states that "The centers for Disease Control reported in 1981 that 4% of those receiving the hepatitis vaccine were AIDS infected; in 1984 they admitted to 60%; and now they refuse to give out figures at all."

Douglass asks: "Where is the data on the hepatitis vaccine studies? FDA? CDC? No, the U.S. Dept. of Justice has it buried where you will never see it."

(Ref.: National Health Federation, P.O. Box 688, Monrovia, CA 91016.)

CAMMILLE ADAMS BOWIE, MD JUNE, 1990

MUSINGS OF A TEENAGE ASTROLOGER

I never understood time until I "did" a chart -

Star time, Ah! Sidereal time, Greenwich mean time, Yea,

I look at charts as if they were entities.

The circumference is a whole body.

I look for the beat, the heart, the warmth, the Love.

The Soul - The Yod, Oh! God!

The Light, the essence, immortality, life.

An ache, a pain, yes, I feel them.

The sigh forces from my lips - Saturn you say?

Nay.

They make sense

But!

Time for tea, time for school, time for bed

What nonsense...

The Sun arose, a ribbon at a time,

Was it West or East, North or South -

Where are the degrees?

Three hundred and sixty of them I swear!

There are two under my chair,

Three in my tea,

And, Ouch! One in my hair.

Tie a bow of shining Sun, close to my head

So I can feel its rays.

**RITA FRIEDMAN
MIAMI BEACH, FL
JUNE, 1990**

I enjoyed the July issue so very much. My note about Capricorn planets squaring my Moon appeared in that issue. Now Saturn is setting off my cardinal T-Square - Libra Venus and Ascendant, Aries Uranus 7th, Cancer Pluto 9th. Moon in Aries 6th is still getting creamed by Neptune with Uranus not far behind. Jupiter in Cancer isn't helping either. Oy Vay!!! Margaret Meister p.44 - You've been there already and have obviously survived. Not only that, you are practically my neighbor. Please call me at 534-4379 evenings so we can commiserate. I certainly agree with everything you wrote about Neptune and Saturn transits.

Diane Zeines - p.12 - I always enjoy your letters. I also feel intimidated by the brilliant astrologers who write. I try to learn from them, however I too prefer simplistic astrology - it's technical enough for me. I wish you well in your new "ME" era. Please keep writing.

I became a "Nana" October 31, 1989 at 11:27 p.m. Precious little David was born in Coral Springs, FL. He is the love of my life. But his chart...?!?!?! I'm so worried. Saturn conjunct Neptune in the 6th opposite Jupiter in Cancer in the 12th. His Capricorn Uranus is in the 5th along with Venus in Sagittarius. His Sun, Moon, Mercury and Pluto are in Scorpio in the 4th. He has Leo rising and he's a real charmer.

Edith - p.21. I read the autographs with nostalgia. Robert Jansky told me about Mercury Hour over 13 years ago. I had written him a fan letter after reading one of his books. He graciously responded and we continued corresponding until he passed on. I still miss him. I learned much of what I know about astrology from Isabel Hickey's books. She was my second "teacher". I used to look for John McCormick's deliciously irreverent letters first. How sad to have lost so many wonderful astrologers within such a short time.

**LELA CHAVELLIER-POWELL
TULSA, OK
JUNE, 1990**

A Certificate of Merit signed by Ivy Jacobson on 25 October 1984 hangs above my desk--a highly prized possession. When I telephoned her to inquire about her course of instruction, she asked that I send my birth data and event dates. At the beginning, she told me her Sun was "exactly" the degree of my IC; later on, in connection with Lesson 29, she wrote that her Moon had its Solstice Point "right on" my 23° Libra MC. Needless to say, I am one of the multitude of people this charming woman and inspired teacher touched deeply. Bon Voyage.

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**T. PAT DAVIS
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To Irene Stephenson (Jan. 1990 MH, p.44): Re: Florence Harding, wife of President Warren Harding, and the rumors that Florence poisoned her husband which you heard through your parents. Yes, I'm sure you did hear this story. After the death of every President holding office there have been stories circulated. It goes with the territory, and as each new writer tries to make a splash (and a buck) the stories are embroidered. The poison story was attached to the Harding's.

It is certainly true that Florence Harding had more than enough justification to seek revenge against her husband, and this is what added fuel to the fire of rumor. Nevertheless, she stuck with him like a loyal Leo for the 32 years they were married. From the time her eyes first saw him, he became her obsession, her consuming passion, her profession and hobby. In addition, she liked being First Lady far too much to have deliberately ended her job. After his death, absolutely on one was allowed to look at any of his papers until she went through them one by one and burned anything which might reflect adversely on his reputation. History be damned. She wanted to protect him first and foremost. Since she died a little over a year after her husband (on Nov. 21, 1924), she missed the horrendous assaults on his character and tenure of the White House which came to light later.

Some of the stories were also generated as a result of her refusal to allow an autopsy, but to Florence, the thought of her handsome husband being chopped on was far too repugnant to consider. She was far from home, being in San Francisco at the time of his death, and a long, long train ride back to her home. It should also be remembered that Warren Harding never had symptoms of being poisoned. They all pointed to insufficient heart action (prog. Saturn in Scorpio conjunct Sun). The nurse in attendance described the classic symptoms of a cerebral hemorrhage at his death.

Florence Kling DeWolfe Harding was born on August 15, 1860 in Marion, Ohio. No birth time for her has yet been found and I am still testing several birth times as a possibility, but suspect the general before or shortly after sunrise as the broad time span.

Her dad was wealthy and a bully of inordinate proportions. He did not get far trying to bully Florence. Florence first married the other rich kid in town (March 1880) "because she had to." She was three months pregnant at the time. A son was born September 22, 1880. Florence was notably deficient in mothering instincts and wisely turned her son over to her parents to raise after giving motherhood a try for a while. She had little contact with her son thereafter. Her

attitude was sharply colored by realizing she had married a totally irresponsible young man, who disappeared for weeks at a time (he died at the age of 35 as a chronic alcoholic). In desperation, she first sought a legal separation (September 1884), then divorced him in May 1886. Florence and Warren had no children.

"The Duchess," as Warren referred to her, was five years older than Warren. He married her because it would enhance his status and help end his hand-to-mouth financial picture. Warren didn't fall in love with anyone until the spring of 1905, and it was with another woman.

The Leo influence seeks out the Pisces influence like a homing pigeon to acquire someone to wait upon them, and Florence found Warren's Pisces Ascendant, but he turned the tables on her and she ended up waiting on him hand and foot. He accidentally discovered her heliocentric Venus and Mercury in Pisces drives, plus Neptune in Pisces. Thereafter, he was in charge, but let her think she was ruling the roost. It was a stormy, often dramatic marriage. She loved him with an irrational passion, and he seems to have had a fondness for her, as well. Despite his grand passions outside marriage, he never abandoned "The Duchess."

**GERRI JACKSON-POSCH
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JUNE, 1990**

I have been having great fun using FIRST PUBLISHER 3.0 and ZODIAC GRAPHICS. I love both programs. Unfortunately, PUB is somewhat limited in being able to import large graphics...so I guess I couldn't recommend it for importing all of ZODIAC GRAPHICS, but it handles many of them well, especially sign and planet glyphs. It is a great program for learning desktop publishing.

Anyone interested in using ZODIAC GRAPHICS with their writing, etc., should be SURE to talk with Martha Westcott about which program they will be using them with. Some of the graphics are very large and not all programs can work with them. If she knows which program the person is using she can organize a custom set.

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Just read an interesting fact in the World Book Yearbook 1990:

"The longest known interval in the birth of twins was 37 days. Mrs. Danny Berg of Rome delivered the first twin, a girl named Diana, on 12/23/87. The second twin, another girl named Monica, was born by Caesarean section on 1/30/88."



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JULY, 1990

From the July 1990 Edition. Margaret Meister, p.44: Regarding your comments on Neptune in Capricorn, et al. For those with Capricorn Sun, Ascendant and other personal planets in cardinal signs, Neptune, in Capricorn for the past six years, has created the feeling of structures dissolving and of great confusion. It has taken me years to cope with this Neptune, which is still transiting through my 1st house. Initially, I didn't know what was happening to me and it certainly didn't feel very spiritual. First, I quit smoking and proceeded to gain 20 pounds. Being fat for the first time in my life was very depressing. I was eating everything I could get me hands on, especially sugar and dairy products. I think I developed food allergies and I was diagnosed with intestinal yeast. I tried to go on a special diet but I just couldn't stop eating the foods I loved. In short, I was addicted. I slept more than half the day, which I was able to do because I was a freelancer. I also developed severe monthly migraines which have only recently been diagnosed as coming from food allergies.

During those Neptune years (and there were, of course, other transits going on that would color my experiences), I gave up jogging because it was too hard on my body and I took up swimming instead. I had been involved in a very serious spiritual work but I couldn't concentrate on any of the meditative tasks I needed to do, so I bowed out. I began a serious study of music but had trouble concentrating on that too so my progress has been slow. I couldn't even concentrate enough to read a book although I did get back into reading novels again (Neptune-Fantasy).

Neptune has its good and bad points. For me, the Neptune transit was about addictions (eating disorders), creativity (music), water as therapy (swimming), lack of concentration (from depression and confusion), hiding from the world (sleeping half the day) and, yes, even spirituality. The structures of Saturn, those I had spent years so arduously building up, were now dissolving. But I didn't -- I couldn't -- see it at the time. When people asked me what it was like having Neptune on my Ascendant, I would say, "I don't know." Then I'd laugh. I was in a fog so thick, it is only now, six years later, that I can really even begin to evaluate what this Neptune transit is all about.

Since Neptune is the planet of delusion and illusion, it has the ability to shatter our illusions (which often are our delusions). I came out of that period realizing that my life needed severe changing. The changes did not come easy and are still going on (with all the other planets going over my Ascendant).

Many of my Capricorn friends (Sun

and Ascendant) are going through hell right now with three slow moving planets in Capricorn. They feel so sad and seem to be grieving for something and they don't know what they are grieving about. Maybe they are grieving for their old selves. They have a vague feeling of hopelessness as well. I hardly know what to say to them because I know that what usually happens with slow moving planets is that you start out feeling lousy and pissed and then eventually you get used to the feelings. You begin to incorporate them into your life so that you can cope better and just live your life. This new coping mechanism can help you begin to see how much of the old ways of being you've been holding on to. It's not easy to see when you are in the thick of it, so you may find that this learning process is something you tend to look back on after the transit is inoperative. When the planets are active in your chart, you are not open to any positive viewpoints, but after the planet passes, you are able to look back and see what you learned. If you are still annoyed at what took place, I find that it's usually because you are resisting something that needed to take place in your life.

All of these Capricorn planets are still affecting me. I can't get to sleep at night and I can't get up in the morning. I'm tired when I awake. I used to be like the Geritol lady and now I can hardly accomplish more than one or two tasks a day. But you have to adjust and work around these limitations because they are going to be there for awhile. And they are perhaps necessary for some reason, maybe for personal growth or a deeper learning of some sort. You are coming into a new way of being even if you can't see it.

I know people get cynical about things like that and they say, "I've had enough personal growth, thank you," but I don't think we are supposed to just suffer for no reason. There's always a reason, even if we don't want to face it, and the "it" that we don't want to face is ourselves.

It seems the slower moving planets all have one thing in common: they make us look at our old ways and they create events in our lives that "help" or force us to give up these no-longer-useful methods of thinking, being and behaving. People exit our lives because they are not necessary to the new growth and the new you that is meant to emerge.

Depending on which slow moving planet or planets you are experiencing, you will be shown from that planet just how you will have to give up these old ways. Whatever you have been doing to relate to others, get ahead, treat your body, or have romantic relationships, will have to change in order for the new you to surface. There's usually not much fun involved in these transits. They often hurt. Sometimes you're annoyed because you're resisting the changes. Many times you have good reason to be angry with your situation because things

and people around you are falling apart and you don't know what to do. You are being asked to suffer who you are, to stop trying to be something you're not and to allow yourself to be who you need to be, who you truly are under your facade. Most of us have oriented away from our real selves so we don't even know what it is we are supposed to allow to materialize. You have to just let it be and stop trying to change it.

We can get an idea of what to expect now, if we look back at the last time the transit occurred, either through a square, conjunction, opposition or even a trine. What kinds of issues were you dealing with then? What were your interests at the time? Who or what types of people did you know? What kinds of classes or exercise were you interested in? What was the state of your health? What events were occurring in your life that you now can see as being symbolic of the inner changes you were experiencing? Hopefully, the answers to these questions will give you the insight you need to evaluate the upcoming transits. Good luck to us all!!

BOOK REVIEW

THE GENETICS OF ASTROLOGY Margaret Millard, M.D., 1988. Published by the author; distributed by ASC Publications, P.O. Box 34487, San Diego, CA 92103. \$9.95.

The Genetics of Astrology: A study of the Topocentric System is an unusual combination of anecdotal family history and a description of the complex mathematics that result in precise astronomical contacts between charts of those with shared heredity. When you have finished reading this book, you shared the joys and sorrows of an unusually accomplished family and are eager to explore the genetic principles presented by Dr. Millard.

The anecdotal stories along with brief, thoughtful, and sometimes mystical philosophical side trips, form the bulk of the book and make for easy and enjoyable reading. These diverse essays are the backdrop for illustrating family links using primary directions within the framework of the topocentric. Dr. Millard builds on the work of Wendel Polich and Anthony Nelson Page of Argentina, the core of whose discoveries Dr. Millard has summed up in these words:

At the time of every important event, a planet in the chart of the event will be at precisely the same distance from the meridian axis as one of the natal planets. These contacts or aspects between transiting and natal planets are called *Ascensional Transits*. (p.16)

Most astrologers will find the actual calculations needed to obtain these contacts very cumbersome. However, in this age of computers, they can be easily done on the home computer and are also available from Astro Computing

Services in San Diego. For those with patience and curiosity about mathematical principles, there are several illustrated chapters at the end of the book that carefully explain the astronomy of the topocentric system. Throughout the book Dr. Millard meticulously shows how topocentric calculations can be used to rectify birth charts down to a few seconds of time.

The author's illustrations are clear and easily understood, but for anyone interested in research, her methods and results cry out for replication. I would like to see a number of families with carefully recorded birth times test in relation to a control group of unrelated people.

Dr. Millard leaves little doubt that very precise contacts occur between family members. But the question may be asked: How often do contacts this close occur between charts of strangers? do they, in fact, occur at all? These are questions that must be decided by research, if, indeed, very precise contacts occur between family members much more often than can be expected by chance, then the methods discussed in this book can provide powerful support for astrological principles in general and for the topocentric system in particular.

Book Review by TERESA HAMILTON

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NEW YORK, N.Y.
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My dynamic duo Saturn-Uranus are kicking up their heels and all sorts of things are happening...transiting Saturn now exactly conjunct natal Uranus and squaring his own natal position, and this has always been an exciting, momentous time for me. (This is the third and last time around for me, though the conjunction will recur again later this year, after Saturn turns direct again.)

Who says Saturn slows or restricts things?? Not in my book!!

These two, by and large, are the best attuned and major movers and shakers in my chart: exactly square natively, but in mutual reception by sign-house combination, while there is also a Node combination...

More next installment...

(Good hearing from you again, Haya. I was starting to think you didn't love us anymore. Edith)



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EASTERN EUROPE -
THE REVOLUTION OF 1989

PART I

Political commentators are perplexed with the world these days. What factor has triggered so many changes in the communist world? Why now? The world hasn't seen such a revolutionary year since 1848. There is a connection between these two years but the connection is astrological, and political commentators aren't usually astrologers!

In order to see the connection you have to know a bit of history, and follow past and present astronomical discoveries. An astronomical discovery seems to indicate that a window is opening, after which the planet or stellar object seems to express itself. Either that interpretation of events could be used or the astronomical discovery occurs just as new social, political and technological themes are emerging. Whichever you prefer. A few examples of what I mean might help.

In 1610 Galileo discovered the four largest moons of Jupiter. What followed was a golden age of European history. Jupiter rules exploration, knowledge and culture. This became an era of new colonial development, knowledge, art and culture. Debate about the new flood of ideas and knowledge fueled European life.

In 1655 Titan, a moon of Saturn was discovered, and by 1684, four more moons of this planet were noticed. What followed was called "The Enlightenment" or the "Age of Reason". Sir Isaac Newton's Principia, a magnificent scientific tour de force was published during this period. Scientific responses and approaches to questions became the norm. Leading thinkers, including philosophers, began to use scientific reasoning to try and solve every question. Belief in a mystical universe faded as one scientific "law" after another was discovered. A scientific world view prevailed following this scientific revolution in thinking. This Newtonian world view is still current to this day.

After studying the history that follows these discoveries, I have concluded that every planetary discovery is revolutionary within the area of a planet's rulership. The entire social, political and technological fabric of the era changes. New ideas are propelled by the discovery. The power to institute the ideas seems to flow as well.

Uranus was discovered in 1781. Uranus rules technology, democracy, equality, and entrepreneurial business. It also rules changes, and a great deal did change in this period. (Read the myth of Ouranos. His first children turned out to be monstrosities. He was so ashamed of

them he buried them in the Earth. Uranus's changes can be just as monstrous or terrifying at first glance.)

A short time after 1781 the Industrial Revolution was underway. New technological discoveries allowed factories to be built that dramatically increased production. Within 15 years the quiet banking business in England exploded. What had been 12 important banks became more than 400. The French revolution had seemed democratic but those in power turned brutal. Following the American revolution the new American nation worked out its democratic governmental system much more successfully.

In 1846 the planet Neptune and its largest moon Triton were discovered. Neptune rules many things but mostly it represents the people in any society who feel abandoned, betrayed or victimized by circumstances. In 1846 there were many who felt this way following the dehumanizing effects of the industrial revolution. By 1848 there were spontaneous uncoordinated street revolutions all over Europe. Governments and Emperors fell. After the discovery of one of Saturn's moons the revolts were crushed, but Karl Marx had had the Communist Manifesto published. No one doubted that a new political wave was sweeping over Europe. Too many people were feeling left out of the prevailing system of Industrial Capitalism. The rich were getting richer and the poor were left out. Socialism was born to meet the needs of the time. By the 1870's and 1880's even conservative governments in England were passing socialist legislation.

Skipping over the discovery of the moons of Mars in 1877, the Trojan asteroids in 1906, Pluto in 1930, Pioneer 10 and 11 to Jupiter in 1973 and 1974, and dozens and dozens of other discoveries, we come to the discovery of Chiron in 1977. The Voyager 1 and 2 missions went by Jupiter in 1979. Voyager 1's closest approach came on March 5th. Voyager 2 came closest on July 9th. A new Jupiterian era opened in 1979.

Jupiter rules religion, religious leaders and the military. Chiron is still under study but it definitely rules pain, healing, and healers. (The latest scientific classification of Chiron makes it a comet, not a planetoid.)

The revolution in Iran erupted on February 9, 1979, (late in Chiron's era). At first it was merely a military overthrow of the Shah, by a popular religious leader. Then it became a religious revolution, (missions to Jupiter) and then it became brutally rigid and conservative as the Pioneer 11 mission also made it to Saturn by September 1, 1979. Voyager 1 photographed Saturn in November of 1980. Voyager 2 passed by Saturn on August 25, 1981. To say these missions to Saturn introduced a new liberal or socialist political climate around the world would be ridiculous.

The Iranian revolution displayed the classic negative side of Jupiter and Saturn. Jupiter squares in a natal chart

can indicate a possible superiority complex. Combine that issue with Saturnian rules, dogma, a love of the past and traditions, and the quick changes in the Iranian revolution begin to make sense. For instance, the Ayatollah Khomeini was not anti) American immediately after the overthrow. Within a year the anti) American feelings spread. President Jimmy Carter and the hostages felt the heat.

The "Reagan revolution" in the USA and the "Thatcher revolution" in England followed the gathering conservatism of this era. We had never seen this conscious mix of Chiron, Jupiter and Saturn before. Socialists were in retreat everywhere.

◀END PART I▶
TO BE CONTINUED

**ANN CAHOY
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MAY, 1990**

Here I am with the 64th Edition and the 21st Extra just waiting to read from cover to cover. Once again I'm going to pack them up and read my way to Boston! However, I decided I'd write before I left, or a few thoughts may get away from me!

Wendy Hawks: In the 57th Ed., April 1988, you shared "How to Prepare a Transit Graph". It was the best information I've ever seen on how to organize all the data acquired from progressions and transits. I tried it. I LOVED IT. I've been using it ever since. Recently I taught your method to my students. THEY LOVED IT. We all Thank You Wendy Hawks, for being willing to share your knowledge freely with the rest of us.

Marc Penfield - 21st Extra: How could you ERRATA CUM STUPIDO for your EEC chart? It was okay, and Lord knows I worked on it at length to figure out what you did. In the 61st Ed., July '89, pg.13, you said: "At the stroke of midnight of the New Year 1993". You did the chart for midnight, which gives those mutable angles. However, when you wrote it, you wrote 12:01 a.m., which gives those cardinal angles! I nearly lost it trying to figure out what was the correct chart. Finally I located the foundational chart for the EEC, which is the Common Market chart (midnight, 1/1/1958, Brussels, per Nicholas Campion). This chart also has the late mutable angles, with 29 Virgo 37 rising. A comparison of the two in light of what has occurred in Europe since 1958 is most revealing. Also of note, there was an article entitled "1992" by Derek Appleby in the Jan./Feb. Astrological Journal from Great Britain. In his analysis he used the Common Market chart, progressed it and didn't even consider a new chart for 1993. At any rate, I think your original EEC chart is correct.

Edith Custer: In your response to Robin Pounce (21st extra) about his Matrix program, you mentioned your dis-

covery that the prog. Asc. was off from your calculations using solar Arc. I think it is not your way of calculating that is in error, but rather the method used by the Matrix folks. This came to my attention a few months ago when I was teaching. I assigned the class a solar arc direction project. The following week we discovered that three of the class members had the prog. Asc. incorrect. The three had used their Matrix program rather than hand calculate the assignment. Each of them had a different version/level of Matrix, and their directed Ascendant was off by 6°. It appears that when they asked for a solar arc direction, the program gave the prog. Asc. for secondary progression! It would seem to me that this is a particular concern especially for those using the Cosmobiology option. Might be worth writing some letters to Matrix?

That's all for now. Oh, I cast my vote FOR including the dates of letters. I would prefer NOT to have the helio planets included with the geo planets; perhaps separate helio charts, but the combination is cumbersome, I find.

**LOIS M. RODDEN
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MAY, 1990**

Marc Penfield (4/90 p.11) Check the Moon on the chart for Melanie Griffith given in Jupiter magazine: the correct date is August 9, 1957. Double-check any of the data you might take from the magazine. Tina Tegerdies, p.14, is given as April 23 and referred to as an Aries (I can't read the chart at all); Carole Landis, p.57, is the wrong date. I haven't seen any more issues since the first, though the German publication of Jupiter seems to be doing well.

Jim Haynes (4/90 p.44) When I was in Mexico recently I was given the information about Enrico Linares that he was strangled and choked to death in his own bed the night of July 15, 1985, his birthday, as he was born July 15, 1938, 3:45 p.m. CST, Gomez Palacio, Durango, Mexico, 103W30, 25N34. The birth information came from him some years ago when we met at an ISAR conference.

Jim, on p.19 you commiserated with Robert Baumgartner that there was no Sidereal publication. Rick Ostrander, my neighbor, puts out a little Sidereal newsletter, you might write him for a comp copy to see what he has to say, 33424 Bodie Street, Yucaipa, CA 92399.

Anyone who is interested in my newsletter, Data News, may have a comp copy for a S.A.S.E. to 11736 3rd St., Yucaipa, CA 92399.



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Comments on the 65th Edition: Gorbachev was born at 7:53 a.m. BGT according to 'an official close to 'Gorbachev' (p.11), and at 10:16 a.m. EST according to 'the Soviet astrologers' (AFA Bulletin 52/4). Maybe he was born twice? Did Jim Lewis really publish a book that gives Reagan a Pisces Ascendant, Madame Katonga?!? Seems hard to believe. Thanks Marion March for the info that Joan Quigley uses Sag. rising for him, but the rationale would be of more use. I still incline to the original birth time, despite its unlikely Cancer Ascendant, but I realize the 12 hour switch may have happened pre-Kraum rather than post-Kraum. I presume she rectified from late Scorpio into Sag. Certainly fits the cowboy image.

Couldn't agree more with you about conferences, Edith (p.50). As Rob Hand said, astrology in the U.S.A. has too much of the P.T. Barnum approach. All bull--- and hot air is the impression I get. One need only observe the conduct of the AFA for a few years to see that. No wonder the charlatan archetype of the astrologer persists in the public mind - astrologers keep reinforcing it!

While on the subject of credibility, or the lack of it, I must disagree with Kristina Strom that 'astrology will always be in disrepute' (p.17). This will be so only so long as incompetent astrologers prevail over competent astrologers. Incompetent in this context means purveyor of disinformation rather than information. It IS possible to describe astrology to the public in such a manner that people can understand the basis of the belief system. I agree that most astrologers cannot do this, Kristina, and many can only demonstrate the validity of the subject in 'one-on-one encounters' - but even more cannot do it even in those situations, and THAT is the problem.

A useful problem solving technique is to artificially create a polarity between two things, to exaggerate their differences in order to illuminate them and make others conscious of them. I invented the phrase 'Neptunian astrologer' for this reason. It separates out those astrologers who like to live in cloud-cuckoo land all the time from those who are trying to do something real. The Neptunian astrologer promotes his/her personal fantasies to other astrologers and the general public as being what astrology IS. The rest of us are aware that our own personal understanding of the subject is different from the universal belief system in some respects. Our collective credibility rests on the validity of astrology as a belief system that is a timeless source of universal wisdom that informs us about the nature of the reality we all share. There will always be infighting in the astrological

community, Kristina, so long as there are astrologers who disinform the public by promoting their personal fantasy as though it WERE our collective belief system. Those of us who like to ground our astrology in the real world, and derive it from the ancient collective tradition, will resent such disinformation. Many of us are actively working to make astrology credible and respectable in the 21st century.

To answer Gyan Surya's plea that we have no repression (p.33): Criticism does not equate with repression. The critic is merely identifying inadequacy or error. I agree with Thomas Barrett (p.43) that criticism must be constructive, but apart from Robert Cole I haven't seen 'attacks' in MH and I suspect that these are a subjective perception only. To answer Joseph deMello's point about standards (p.10): You misunderstand. As you imply, interpretation is essentially subjective, and the context in which a particular configuration manifests will always modify it somewhat. Nonetheless, the language and grammar of astrology are inherently capable of standardization. The archetypes and their keywords plus the syntax are COLLECTIVE FACTORS. They can be objectified. Language is the vehicle invented by the human race to convey COLLECTIVE MEANINGS. Dictionaries contain the generally-agreed upon meaning of each word. Language thus provides a means for communicating meaning from one individual to another. The astrological language will also do this, once astrologers get their collective act together.

We can always reserve the right to disagree with the dictionary. Sometimes I have a different understanding of what a word means than what the dictionary says (the word 'astrology', for instance!), but I accept the collective meaning as a universal frame of reference that exists in the real world (even if the collective meaning seems redundant, as in the case of 'astrology'). We must remember that the planets represent archetypes of nature - these archetypes exist within the real world. Since they have an objective reality, even if not tangible, they have a collective meaning that can be specified accurately in language through consensus. This has happened already to a degree.

The two red herrings have prevented progress; failure to recognize the difference between an individual's personal understanding of the planetary archetype and any collective consensus description, and the trendy tendency of Jungian astrologers or astropsychologists to describe the archetypes as only existing in the human mind (Jung himself never made that mistake). Astrologers who restrict themselves to natal astrology will probably never be able to suss out the planetary archetypes for themselves properly. The discipline of interpreting event charts will cure them of the knee-jerk inclination to describe the planets as psychological drives!!

I agree with the sensible comments

made by Diane Zeines (p.63/4). Most astrology books sure are garbage, and alienate the interested enquirer, thus perpetuating astrology's lunatic fringe image. These books are produced by the incompetent astrologers I mentioned earlier. Yes, there are lots of people who 'still want to think of astrology as a parlor game'. In a free market, these Neptunian authors supply a demand. Neptunian readers like their fantasies as far out as possible. These authors will continue to function as effluent-producers, polluting the universal mind for as long as they can get away with it. I'm sure Saturn gets these people in the end, though; each at their appropriate time!!!

I agree with Rick Houck (p.27) that 'a dead chart may really be a wrong chart' and with the sensible points made by Wendy Hawks about how to handle dissatisfied clients (p.42). The one about 'premature' transits is especially good. Also Paul Hewit's comment about clients rechecking their birth times. I believe errors of 'up to 5 or 6 hours' in the given time are a hell of a lot more common than most astrologers realize. Mercury, the trickster in ancient times, rules (dis) information!!!

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TEXANS DISCOVER OIL

Could you study this chart, not knowing the facts beforehand, and announce with conviction that it denoted a time of an enormously important discovery of natural resources? Could you have picked out the time and place beforehand? Could you have specified oil?

On January 10, 1901 at 10:30 a.m. CST, 4 miles south of the then small town of Beaumont, Texas (30N04'54 - 94W05'42) the famous Spindletop Oil Well blew in response to new well drilling techniques developed on site by the oil riggers. It was the first oil discovered in Texas and the biggest flow from any well dug by that time in the world.

The implications of the find, not only for the state of Texas but for the economy of the U.S.A., were staggering. The Texas oil boom had its beginning. Texas oil millionaires were not far behind.

Almost hysterical jubilation broke out that moment among the workers. Venus, Jupiter, Chiron, and helio Mercury hover close to the Midheaven in the sign of luck and abundance: Sagittarius. Uranus and the Lunar North Node also occupy Sagittarius in the 9th house.

Spindletop's awesome force, estimated at 75,000 barrels of oil a day, was gushing out all over the workers and the site, inundating everyone there. The jubilation was quickly tempered by concern over how to cap and control such a

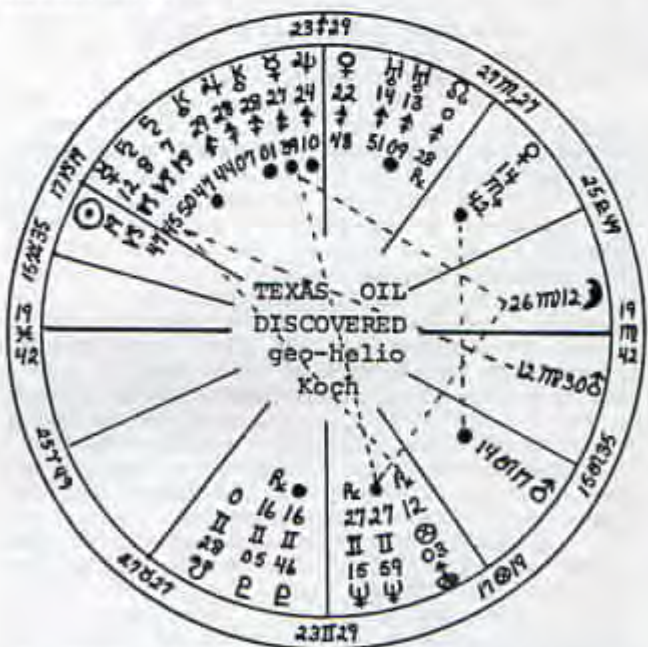
monster. Geo Mercury (12 Capricorn) opposes Transpluto (12 Cancer), while helio Mercury (27 Sagittarius) opposes Neptune (27 Gemini), ruling the Pisces Ascendant. More innovation of machinery was required before it could be tamed.

Eight years before, a local Texan had become convinced oil was under the area, but available equipment was not good enough to find it. Deeper drilling was required.

Experts at the Standard Oil Company were asked for financial aid in the drilling, but they scoffed at the idea of oil being found in Texas. One of these executives even promised to "drink every gallon of oil found west of the Mississippi!" So, once again, we find a story where self-styled experts are proved wrong. A Texas-size wrong!

And one of these days, self-styled experts in astrology will learn to their surprise that heliocentric coordinates do indeed provide vital, accurate and reliable information to astrologers, and are sensitive to angles and houses.

DATA: Chronicle of the Twentieth Century; Chronicle Publications; Mt Kisco, N.Y.





ANNIBALE VERZUMO
ASHTABULA, OH
APRIL, 1990

To the questions, remarks or lamentations I have been reading in MH lately about astrologers being factional, sticking together, cohesiveness, fraternity, etc., this might cover many answers: In June 1942, the British Minister of Information, Brendan Bracken, was asked by his government "whether he will stop astrological predictions" about Germany being to the brink of collapse as "addicts to astrology may relax their efforts" to fight hard for the victory. Bracken answered that "although astrologers have the misfortune to be perennially in conflict (emphasis added) ... I cannot ask our overworked censors to meddle in their mysteries."

Ron Cotner (64th ed., p.42). Am joining your "Speaking Out," hoping not to grate anyone. "Because astrology ... is susceptible to abuses" is reason enough for the competent and responsible astrologer to refrain from uttering public astrological predictions, not to feed further the restless retracting tongue at large. A reputation conscious astrologer should know better than that but the temptation to make the astrological splash of the century is hard to resist. By "public" I mean the wave medium specifically. Failed-to-materialize, or straws-to-the-wind public astrological predictions are blasting dynamite against astrology, destroying its hard fought credibility and reliability through the centuries. Louis de Wohl was to say that astrology has a "margin for error - but it works." Predictions should be made in astrological trade magazines, a sort of astrological laboratory for the observation and testing of planetary indications of human affairs; just as other research and observation on bugs and how much weight can a toothpick support in other fields.

But there is more to it. We all have some preferred sports figure, actor, writer, columnist or politician we support at least with our opinion and enthusiasm and encourage them to succeed in their endeavors. When they fail for some reason in their performance we feel let down. This goes for astrology and the astrologer too. The many millions of enthusiasts, interested and confident in the working and reliability of astrology get disappointed when public astrological predictions fail to materialize while giving the detractors a reason for spoofing it.

Legends about what primitive people thought of the Sun, Moon and the sky are fascinating. Legends, of course, are the fruit of fertile imagination evolved from a simple chatty nightly story told to the child by the parents idling by the fire hearth before falling asleep. Anything at all would be the subject of a nightly story. But with running away imagination every night the original story about the Sun, the Moon, the wolf and the coyote

would grow larger and fantasied upon by the manipulative imagination of the story teller to make it more interesting, and now the wolf would also fly or turn into a tree and the coyote would also lay eggs. The Sun would also kidnap its girl from the earth with its rays functioning like golden tentacles and lift her up to its splendid heavenly castle, while the Moon would also spy on everybody's behavior on earth with her huge silvery eye and give no milk to the brats, so be quiet. Some primitive people thought that the Sun and the Moon to be a man and a woman away from the Earth on a honeymoon. Eskimos regarded the stars as sister and brother, but in Chinese legend a hare and a toad lived together on the Moon, and to them there were also 12 Moons probably because they had observed the 12 lunar months. The Moons traveled across the sky by a chariot, but gave no clues as to the identity of sex to the gallant chario-teers that steered the heavenly conveyance across the sky (one can only assume they were Sagittarians).

Some others thought of the lunation as a solid helmet descending on Earth to cover things from view, and the ancient Egyptians considered the sky to be an ocean mirroring that on Earth from which the Nile took its source of water for agriculture. The Greeks believed that the fixed stars were nailed to the celestial vault, while the Babylonians thought the Earth to be a floating disk. But for some their imagination wasn't that dull or lacking of precocious avant-garde fantasy. There is the juicy tale of one young girl asking her young girl friend with what star she would like to sleep: "The white one or the red one?" "The red one," she said. But would there be a baby out of the union? If there were any difficulty about it, then do as a legend says about Attis, a beautiful youth beloved of Cybele, the Universal Mother. His own mother was Nana, a virgin: she put an almond in her bosom and Attis was born. There is the almost prescient Arietic combative star war-like idea of the Mohammedan believing that the stars were missiles useful for stoning the devil! Ancient Indians, apparently of a Cancerian and Mercurial imagination, regarded the rain-clouds as cows with full udders milked by the winds of heaven, but after Quetzalcoatl and Glooscap taught the ancient American Indians the constellation and Astrology they figured the sky as divided into four corners and painted graphically such imagery in buffalo-hide drums with four arrows, similar to the four cardinal houses in a horoscope.

But if a legend dies another is made to keep people's imagination alive. Scientists opine, or fantasize, that the dolphins once were catlike, four-legged land dwellers and 60 million years ago (not one year less or more) they began to spend more time in water than on land and in time evolved into cetaceans like whales and dolphins. Amazing, but if a scientist says so it must be a fact in our days dominated by the scientific mind, although the total lack of positive proofs scientists insist upon makes the whole theory a cradle song. But now the fish story is seemingly reversed again.

although fleetingly, from water to land and a 19th century legend is born. That happened about 50 years ago with the Neptunian apparition from the depth of the water of the Lochness sea-monster in an European lake, a huge fish with a swan-like or periscope (Neptune)-like neck. Perhaps some atavistic instinct prompted the sea-monster to emerge and take a quick look at the land from which it came, but seeing it now too materialistic and spoiled disappeared (Neptune) into the depths of the water again dreaming (Neptune) in its own watery world. Someone took pictures (Neptune) of the sea-monster, but they came out rather foggy (Neptune), and conjectures and speculations to no end were and are still made today by an awe-stricken world of this mysterious (Neptune) event. Only a few years ago a slew of scientists went to the famous lake equipped with the latest sensitive scientific detecting instruments to register a minnow's burp underwater and patrolled and searched around, above and beneath the lake, thoroughly, for the elusive (Neptune) sea-monster, but to no avail. And the legend still lingers on, the philosopher and naturalist Aristotle said that no animals die except when the tide is ebbing, and it is wondered if the many dolphins that recently went astray and beached themselves and died did not occur at low tide, or were haplessly led astray to the sandy beaches by some navigational confusion (Neptune) or faulty biological clock to their mysterious (Neptune) dead.

(I believe the papers said it was some sort of virus or fungus infection that killed them. Edith)

DIANNE LAWSON TOPEKA, KS MARCH, 1990

I have had chronic hives since August 1989. They are pretty well controlled with medication, but I don't like to have to take medicine. If anyone has any idea about what I might be allergic to, how long the hives may last, or what I can do to get rid of them, I'd sure like to hear. My birth data is January 13, 1947, Tucson, AZ, 110W59, 32N14, 4:38 p.m.

In response to the April 1990, 64th Edition.

Edith Custer, p.29 - Since I don't have a TV, let alone a VCR, I won't be buying the video Astrology Predictions '90 - "The Path Within" that you reviewed. Can you tell me the dates that the Sun was retrograde in the past?

(This is a quote from a review of the tape done by Ken Irving for American Astrology, March, 1990 issue. It should help to clarify it a bit.

"....Neil has, on one or two occasions, found astrological phenomena overlooked by the official government keepers of such things, so when he says the Sun is retrograde you have to listen. So we won't have a lot of people losing sleep about this, it seems only fair to

give away a little of the punch line to Neil's story by saying that the Sun's backward motion is not backward in the same sense as, say, a retrograde Mars, but rather is moving backward around the center of mass of the solar system. Michelsen says this is an exceedingly rare event, one which has happened only seven times in the last 3400 years. This time around, it happens from April 28, 1989, to December 23, 1990...." Edith)

Marie Deleone, p.31 - what is "FIND"?

Joan Abel, p.35 - Transiting Neptune's in my 7th house has been bringing me people from my past. During a one month period, when Neptune was transiting across my 7th house cusp I flew to Spokane, Washington for a weekend to see three women friends. the four of us had not been together for 11 1/2 years when we all lived in Butte, Montana. then I attended my 25th high school reunion and, of course, saw many persons I had not seen for years. A good friend since grade school whom I have not seen for seven years stayed at my house for the reunion weekend.

Another friend since grade school whom I had not seen for seven years came back to Topeka to attend her daughter's wedding.

A man whom I had had no contact with for 21 years reestablished contact with me.

Transiting Neptune was also activating my daughter's chart at the same time. Shortly before I flew to Spokane to see the three friends from Butte, my daughter told me that she wished she could get in touch with her best friend Kirsten from Butte, whom she had had no contact with for eight years. On my plane ride home, between Spokane and Salt Lake City, a woman from Irvine, California gave me Kirsten's address, who now lives in Pennsylvania!

Norman Winski, p.39 - A bird in the hand is worth two Quayle and a Bush!

In response to the April 1990, 21st Extra Edition.

Jim Haynes, p.22 - I howled with laughter about your story about the woman starting her neighbor's car by hitting it while going 35 miles an hour. I've always admired people who are able to write humor.

I'm surprised that little was written about the transiting outer planets in Capricorn. Perhaps the persons who are being most affected by the transits are too busy to write about it! (You can say that again! Edith)



**JIM HAYNES
HOLLYWOOD, CA
MARCH, 1990**

Musings on the 21st Ex: Dianne Lawson, p.21...Thanks for the notes on twin research. I haven't done much on it yet, but I've noticed that some twins are very similar in things that they do, and yet others are almost extreme opposites. Makes a good study as to why. Twins are hard enough to figure, but how'd you like to tackle triplets? What a headache. I was given a set of triplets by a mother who wanted to be part of my project. And now, I'm trying to collect as much twin data, or otherwise, as I can, while I am researching earthquakes. That data I took years before finally beginning research. (Twins - not identical - one blonde - one dark - very different in temperament. Joseph 1/20/83, 9:08 p.m. EST, Michael 1/20/83, 9:12 p.m. EST, Teaneck, N.J., 74W01, 40N53. Doctor claims they were conceived two weeks apart, Joseph first. I think Joseph has 19 Virgo rising (Saturn decanate) and Michael has 20^o Virgo the Mercury decanate. Edith.

Troy Holter, p.23: Like you, I find typos everyday, in all kinds of written material for the public and, I must say, I'm picky too. That's why I like accurate data for what I do. As to the data April 15, 1850, at 8:27:44 a.m., yes I do object for the birth of San Francisco. But don't feel bad, Carolyn (I have that book, too) because I also object to the settlement data, the Yerba Bueno, and all the others floating around for the birth of San Francisco. For years I've been trying to get the correct one, but credit John Mazurek with coming up with the correct one at last. The one I had been using had no value--meaning results--so I was very pleased indeed, to get the real time. Everything, Troy, has to have a legal foundation, even your birth certificate. A city does not become a legal entity until it is incorporated--thus a legal basis. John checked historical records and, according to Secretary of State March Fong Eu, and verified by official documents, San Francisco became a legal entity on Feb. 18, 1850. The time 12:00 p.m. is valid, giving dramatic results, so that's what I'm using. If you don't agree, then there must be something wrong with either your calculations or your delineation, as I find no problem with validity, using that chart.

Lee Weinreb, p.24: Thanks much for all the Arabian symbols. They often work out very well, so I appreciate it. Wow--the Part of Sex Drive sounds like a rapist! By the way, do you know what the Co-Descendant is and what it means? Is it opposing the East Point--no that would be the West Point. I have the position but don't know what to do with it. Well I'm still using planet Chiron, now Comet Chiron, as I find it has much value in charts. And I'm still laughing about that drawing in the 20th Extra, page 31 Lee. I

wonder who thought of that. It was sooo funny; it should be enshrined in the Hall of Fame, or do they have a Hall of Humor? (I have no idea where it came from many years ago! Just thought some of us might get a kick out of it. Edie)

Barbara May, p.29: You made a believer out of me. The first time I heard of earthquake weather was when Dr. George on channel 7 mentioned it. I think that he said, "There isn't such a thing as earthquake weather." If he did, well then he blew it. I notice that Jay Jacobs, p.34, even mentions "the windless air and birdless sky" at the time of the Oct. 17th quake. I thought a lot about what you said. I even remembered when I was living in Kansas when we had a tornado in Hutchinson--remembered the unusually gray sunset the night before the tornado. At 4:00 a.m. the phone rang and my brother, a National Guard, was ordered to report about a mile away to stop looting. During the night, mother said she heard what sounded like a freight train. So I'm onto other things now, in regard to earthquakes, thanks to you. Thanks, also, for all the earthquake data you used.

Dorothy J. Sarka, p.33: I enjoyed very much your letter/article about the Aztec Circle. That phase of Astrology seems to be difficult to find. But don't laugh at the Chinese "retrograding system" please. Perhaps they have something there that we don't know. For sure, the Ages of man retrograde through the rear 30^o of a sign back to its beginning under our normal system. And the Sun (apparently) moves clockwise from 6:00 a.m. to Noon and so on around the Horoscope wheel. Also, one of the oldest charts in time was one in which the signs were arranged as we know them now, but the Sun moved as the Chinese signs are placed: clockwise. This is, of course, the Octoscope (technically, Octotopos) chart of eight watches. Instead of space divisions, time divisions were used. Thus, the 12th House was part of their first Watch, etc.

Irmgard Rauchhaus, p.35: I loved the opening of your store time. Well, let them all laugh; it really paid off. A couple of years ago, my niece wanted to get married in a certain day frame. The only logical time in that framework that I could see was at 2:00 a.m. She said I was crazy and got married when she wanted. Everything went blissfully, but now they are having all kinds of trouble. As my good friend, Lydia Schmuser always says: "Astrology always works!"

Wendy Hawks, p.37: I thought your "What is Astrology" was just super, and you covered just about everything there was to cover that was important. Nice going.

Edna Rowland, p.45: Too bad they didn't let the people take care of Singleton. He wouldn't have lasted five minutes. As for Roscoe Hope, I suggest that you send him a letter in care of American Astrology Magazine, Inc., 475

Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10016, with a Please Forward, perhaps. They must have his address as he's written a lot of articles for them. Good luck.

Hilda Watson-Huston, p.51: You mention "My Uranus is my Novamsa". Could you explain that word? I've never heard of it. Do you mean Navamsa?

Sylvia M. Tobias, p.58: I saw "Small Sacrifices" and I appreciate the data on it very much.

Nancy Blair, p.60: I'm sorry about your mother dying, for I know how close you two were. I also know the heartache, for I had that, too, when my brother died. Thanks for her information.

Joanna Pintell, p.60: Thanks for the Part of Suicide, as well as the other information. I assume that you are directing this to me, and not to Jim Lewis of Astro*Carto*Graphy work.

Guy dePenguern, p.61: Wow! Your prognosis for the future looks like a nasty one for humanity at large. What a rosy future. Between AIDS, Killer Bees and the Greenhouse effect, no wonder the Government is planning travel to the Moon!!!

I wish all of you a happy, healthful and safe summer.

**ED DORMAN
MERRIMACK, NH
MARCH, 1990**

You have been very helpful to me in the past and I want to thank you for everything you have done for me. I would like to ask you one question. Is a birth certificate a matter of public record? Can a person not related request a birth certificate of someone he wishes to have information on?

I have all the books from Lois Rodden and Gauquelin and etc. but many times the information in them is lacking for whom you want it on. Right now I am trying to find the birth data on: Leslie Ann Warren, born 8/16/46, New York, N.Y., Lee Remick, Born 12/14/35, Quincy, Mass. This is from the Almanac and Sunday papers. I do know that the time of birth is usually on the long form if you request such and that most states for quite awhile have been listing times of birth. Lee Remick was a friend of my former boss in Nashua who has since passed away but I have always liked her pictures and she is now just recovering from kidney cancer. One of my hobbies has been to seek knowledge of the stars in the movies as I am very much a movie buff since childhood. I pray for her recovery and would write her if I could.

(Does anyone have a list of the states that will send information to requests for it (and costs) and the states where you have to be related or personally request birth info. I know in New York, New Jersey and Virginia it must a personal request or be closely related

but I am not familiar with the rulings in some of the other states. Can anyone help, even on their own state? Maybe we can put something together on it for all of us to share?

1) Who can get a copy of a birth record?

2) Where do you send to get it?

3) How much does it cost?

Please help - thanks, Edith.)

The questions of Ed Dorman above have all been answered in Edna Rowland's new book "How to Obtain Your Birth Certificate" available thru the AFA - \$16.00 Postpaid.

**JOHN P. SLOAN
HOUSTON, TX
MARCH, 1990**

To Marc Penfield: In issue #64, p.11, you forgot to give a location for the birth of Steve Goble. Would you mind filling in this blank?

Does anyone happen to have any of the following charts?: William Bennet, Barney Frank, Dan Quayle, and of the Iran/Contra players, Mel Brooks, Jamie Lee Curtis, Jerry O'Connell, Keanu Reeves, Buck Henry, Rick Schroeder, Kirstie Alley, Sigourney Weaver, Carol Leifer, Jay Leno, Kim Basinger, Dianne Keaton, and of the Jacoby brothers, Casey Siemaszko, Sinead O'Conner, Larry King or any of the guys who appear on the CNN show Crossfire (Michael Kinsley, Pat Buchanan, Bob Novak, etc). Please keep me in mind, readers, if any of these charts cross your desks!

I'm also interested in any information regarding (this is slightly off the subject, but people into Astrology might also know of these things) the Chinese art of Feng Shue AND where I might find a Shamanist spirit post.

To Guy dePenguern (#64, pp.50, 66): From my natal birth data (February 26, 1962, 4:04 p.m. CST, Houston, TX, 29N46, 95W21) can you tell whether or not I carry the oncogene for the AIDS virus or any cancers? I have a friend, by the way, who is equally convinced that Chiron rules Virgo and not Libra.

To anyone: I am interest in charts for European countries and cities, particularly Milan, Italy.

Edith: I'm sending a check for \$8.00 to buy the current "Extra" issue. And I hope you can manage to publish this new and really excited subscriber dying to be initiated. (Consider yourself initiated, don't die, and keep writing! Here's Quayle's birth info from a newspaper at time of his birth. February 4, 1947, at "noon", Indianapolis, In, 86W09, 39N46 Edith.)



JANICE GILES
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APRIL, 1990

The arrival of the 64th Edition and 21st Extra brought the usual flurry of page turning and comment. There is a wealth of information in those pages.

Thomas J. Barrett (p.21/64th) and Frank Jakubowsky (p.10/21st Extra). Have not, as yet, read Seymour's book, "Astrology: The Evidence of Science", but am in the middle of Peter Robert's "The Message of Astrology" which I am finding an interesting explanation of current theories. Especially like his thoughts on the appropriate considerations for formulating a theory. (Also, Edith, I agree with Thomas re: dating of letters. Thank you for doing this in the 64th. Typos don't bother me, I know how difficult it is to avoid them in this imperfect world with the pressures of time and pieces of technology which have unforgiving little minds of their own.)

Don MacDonald (p.55/64th), all the primary eclipse transits for 1999-2000 are not fixed crosses. There is only the one solar, in August '99, and that with widish orbs too, and one lunar in the preceding July. February 2000 has a T-square. It is very naughty to be an alarmist, even if these are a bit worrying. (Not to say that I haven't noted that the August eclipse aspects lots in my own natal chart.)

Ann Parker (p.48/64th), how do you calculate geodetic angles? Is this a naive question, can this only be done via computer programs? I am curious and note that Marc Penfield also uses these for earthquakes. Could you please advise the purchase price of data for postage to New Zealand. Also on the subject of earthquakes, Barbara May (p.29/21st Ex.), re: earthquake weather. The recent San Francisco earthquake prompted a little study and when I mentioned this to my mother she described this exact weather phenomenon to me as part of her experience with these events. She was especially specific about the unnatural stillness prior to the quakes.

John Kalus (p.14/21st Ex.), mentions that there are 26 charts for Reagan. Good grief!! Sounds like the old one that goes "pick a number, any number..."

John Somoza (p.18/21st Ex.) notes that Neptune rules Afro-Americans. Have also read, forget where sorry, that Neptune rules the Black African races. Interesting to note the recent freeing of Walter Sisulu and Nelson Mandela within the transiting context.

Ron Cotner (p.44/21st Ex.), I agree, Astrology may be "entertainment" for some, but it sure lowers the image. Protest LOUDER.

John Crawford (p.57/21st Ex.), like your concept of Astrology using the future to predict the present. Life offers multiple scenarios and many possible outcomes, it depends on which doors are opened and in which sequence. That's

where the free will comes in; how you handle what's happening NOW, determines future events.

Jonathan Dunn (p.64/21st Ex.) Very interesting. Have you read "Sun-Earth-Man, a Mesh of Cosmic Oscillations" by Theodore Landscheidt? You might enjoy. Available from the Urania Trust, 396 Caledonia Rd., London, N1, 1DN, England. This was partly reprinted in a recent journal, either N.C.G.R. or Aspects. Sorry can't lay my hands on it at the moment. Edith's video review (p.29/64th) also notes the retrograde Sun phenomenon.

Dorothy J. Sarka (p.52/21st), we just had Demetra George do a lightning lecture tour through these parts leaving us all with much food for thought on asteroids, goddesses, and mythology as it relates to the feminine. Quite fascinating. In fact we have been very fortunate in also having Donna Van Toen visit our shores. Great lectures. Great lady. Naomi Seedberg-Boughton has just departed and we have enjoyed her too. We do love to have overseas speakers, even though our numbers are small. If MH readers have something astrological to contribute and are traveling this way, please contact our local Society: The Astrological Society of New Zealand, P.O. Box 39-314, Auckland 1, New Zealand. We would be delighted to be able to organize something for you.

Nick Sutherland (p.55/21st Ex.). Terrific technique for rectification. However, can't agree with the M.C. relationships with the Sun degree of family members. Out of four, only came up with M.C./Apollon = Sun (Father). Believe my own M.C. to be accurate, transits and progressions work well to the vertical axis. Of course, all family Suns are in aspect by semioctile or other hard aspect to something in my chart, Transnept. or otherwise. Enjoy using the dial, but can really use up lots of time there too.

George Archavlis (p.63/21st Ex.). Re your comments on finding easy answers about things which "don't work with Geo". very wise. I try to remind my self of this whenever I get excited about adding more "planets", points, or techniques to the traditional stuff. Sometimes I think that if you put enough stuff in there, something has to work and then I find myself wondering about credibility and the all too human tendency of trying to 'prove' astrology by adding more and more factors for consideration. Still we must try to keep our minds open, progress may be made by investigating the new.

Joseph S. deMello (p.16/21st Ex) cites "change" as a good Scorpio keyword. Perhaps so, I would also suggest the holding on/letting go dilemma within the context of commitment. However, interpretation is highly subjective, and it depends on what is actually being interpreted; the Sun in Scorpio, or the essence of the archetype. On page 17 regarding men and the Moon, women and the Sun; I have heard that we all get more in tune with our Sun as we get older. Also, regarding differences in results of ACD

Techniques versus fresh progressed chart, this was pointed out to me recently by local astrologer, Richard Paul. He notes quite large differences in the angles due to the difference in Sidereal Time of the progressed date. Have used both methods but haven't had time to make comparison studies personally. Sounds feasible though.

Edith, it seems to me that the 21st Extra, as with other Extras, has so much good material in it that those that don't include the Extras in their subscriptions are really missing out on lots of good meaty bits.

(The "Extras" are just a continuation of the "regular" and are really not different except for no ads. The gang in M.H. Land are a gabby group and we have to put the run-over somewhere, hence the Extras. Edith)

**FRANCES McEVOY
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APRIL, 1990**

Just received March 26 copy of AFA Today's Astrologer and noticed a serious error in Data Exchange. Matthew Stuart's birth was listed wrong for both date and time! He was a Pisces, not an Aquarian. Matthew was born February 19, 1966 at 7:28 a.m. in Boston, MA. birth certificate in hand. I don't know if this error was also in Mercury Hour as I didn't see the April 1990 issue but if so we should correct it. AFA Bulletin quotes Mercury Hour. (It was correct in M.H. Edith)

Other Stuart data is as follows:

1) **CARL DIMAITI**, brother of Carol, was born Sept. 29, 1952 at 3:48 a.m. in Medford, Mass. He is head of Carol DiMaiti Stuart Memorial Fund which now totals several hundred thousand dollars in scholarship money for a student from the Mission Hill area. The Stuart family recently made a contribution to this fund.

2) **MICHAEL STUART**, brother of Charles and Matthew, was born March 20, 1961 at 6:33 a.m. in Boston, MA. It was Michael who advised Matthew not to go to police right after the funeral. Michael admits that Charles spoke to him about finding someone to kill Carol as early as August 1989.

3) **DEBORAH ALLEN**, the girl Chuck Stuart was infatuated with for the last six months of his life. Born Jan. 3, 1967 at 2:49 a.m. in Framingham, MA. Police are satisfied that she knew nothing of his plans to kill his wife.

CHRISTOPHER STUART was born two months early, as he was due December 26, 1989 and was delivered October 23, 1989. He suffered brain damage prior to delivery from lack of oxygen after his mother's fatal wound. That night in child birth class Carol asked the instructor how long doctor's had to perform an emergency Caesarean in case of accident to the mother. The instructor told her a

half hour. Police feel Chuck Stuart deliberately delayed being rescued because he did not want the baby to be delivered alive. He may have asked Carol to ask the question. He told police he did not know where he was and turned from a busy street into a dark, unlighted dead-end area where he was found by police because his car phone was on and they were guided by sirens. The gun used had not been fired for 10 years and the bullets were slow, causing more extensive injury because they did not exit. It also may explain why he hit himself in the stomach instead of the thigh where his brother thinks he aimed. He turned his wrist too fast for a slow bullet!

**JERRY MAKRAANSKY
GUATEMALA
APRIL, 1990**

With regard to Edna M. Jones' letter (64th Ed. p.33) asking how to determine what countries on an astrolocality map the planets fall in:

This is not a clear-cut question, because there are different ways of defining it (which is probably all you wanted to know) is to shoot out a ray from the center of the earth to the planet in question: and where that ray intersects the surface of the earth, is the country in which that planet falls.

Compute the Right Ascension of the natal planet: $\cos RA = L \cos B / \cos D$, where L, B, and D are the celestial longitude, latitude and declination of the natal planet.

From the RA of the natal planet, subtract the RAMC at birth. The RAMC at birth = $15 \times$ Sidereal Time at birth.

Subtract this difference from the terrestrial longitude of the birthplace (assuming birth longitude west of Greenwich). This gives the terrestrial longitude at which the ray to the planet cuts the earth's surface.

The terrestrial latitude at which the ray falls is then simply the declination of the natal planet.

This method of locating planets in countries has the drawback that it limits the planets to a band from a few degrees north of the Tropic of Cancer to a few degrees south of the Tropic of Capricorn, so that countries in temperate zones can never host planets.

There are various other ways of mapping points from the celestial sphere onto the surface of the earth (as many as there are house systems, in fact), some of which circumvent this limitation. However, they are all more difficult to calculate than the method given above (which corresponds to the Meridian house system), and this is no logical or astronomical reason to prefer one of them over another.

CAROLYN H. CAUFMAN

BEAR, DE

AUGUST, 1990

Diane Zeines, you made my day with your letter in the 65th edition - page 63. So there is a book out entitled "Sexual Astrology" by Martine, huh? I'd love to know if Martine is a pseudonym for Jay Jacobs.

When I attended the conference in New Orleans last year Jay filled in for an absent lecturer and his topic was how to make love to and satisfy the 12 signs. Wow! I still laugh when I remember it. It was so outrageous it was funny. Jay asked for volunteers so he could demonstrate the various positions. He finally coaxed a lovely young woman whom he knew and he and she went down on the floor. To be fair there was almost no physical contact, but still nothing was left to the imagination. The language was neither lewd nor clinical so it ended up being mildly humorous. (I will never again hear the words, "buttons and dials" without laughing.) Now, whenever I hear the name Jay Jacobs I visualize this slightly disheveled man getting to his feet, hoisting his too loose belt back up to his waist.

I thought you must have made a mistake when you wrote that DeVore called Pisces passionless, so I got out my Encyclopedia of Astrology, by DeVore. Sure enough, he wrote it. Doesn't DeVore know that Pisces is a water sign, and that water is translated emotion? We Pisces are not only sexually passionate, we are passionate about everything. True, we may only be passionate about it for 5 minutes, but that isn't what he wrote. I don't think he would ever convince anyone that Liz Taylor was passionless. I think it is important for astrology beginners to read about sun signs by as many authors as they possibly can. It is the only antidote for this kind of ignorance or stupidity.

Diane, please keep your letters coming. You raise such interesting issues.

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AUGUST, 1990

When I lecture at conferences, I often meet folks from small astrology groups around the country. But by the time a group has paid a prohibitive plane fare, there just isn't any money left for a lecture fee. While I was sitting around in the hospital, recovering from surgery last May, I started thinking about a fantasy I've had for years. Then I decided to combine my two favorite pastimes, traveling by train and lecturing - and if not now, WHEN??? Therefore, I'm planning a train trip around the country to start next January.

Towards that end, I thought I'd write to the Mercury Hour and find out who is out there in the wide open spaces.

I'd like to go from Boston through Cleveland, Toledo, South Bend, to Chicago, landing in Chicago on January 17th, so that I can do my solar return in the wonderful Windy City. If I can get some lectures in the mid and southwest, I'd like to go from Chicago to Bloomington, Springfield, St. Louis, Little Rock, Texarkana, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, El Paso, Tucson and Phoenix. From Phoenix, I could take a bus to Flagstaff, and from Flagstaff go to Albuquerque, Santa Fe, up through southern Colorado to Kansas, through Dodge City to Topeka and Kansas City, then back to Chicago. The final leg of the trip would take me through Fort Wayne, Lima, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and right on up to home through New York City.

Isn't that a marvelous trip? Although I do know quite a few folks in various places, I'm sure your magazine gets to people I have not yet met. If this trip goes well, I'll try going from Boston to Seattle, just for the heck of it, and jump from Seattle to Vancouver by bus (or stagecoach, or hitchhiking) and then come back through Canada on their trains.

So... Please write directly to me if you live along any of these train routes, and would like a workshop or a lecture or some readings.

P.S. If anyone is interested, my birth data is: Jan. 18, 1945, 11:20 p.m. EWT 41N57, 71W17. I had surgery for bowel cancer, and had the ascending colon and a very large malignant tumor removed on May 13, 1990. I did not like the Uranus-Jupiter opposition very much.

GRACE K. MORRIS

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APRIL, 1990

Carol Mull, the editor of the Wall Street Astrologer, and myself want to invite those astrologers out there in Mercury Hour Land who are interested in financial astrology to consider attending the Third World Conference of Astro-Economics. It will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 2, 3, and 4, 1990 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Attendees and speakers come from all over the world. (Last year Dr. Hans Lenz showed birth charts of the two Germany's as the Berlin Wall was coming down.) We knew the Saturn/Neptune conjunction would be powerful that weekend but were amazed as events in the world unfolded last November.

Flashbulbs flashed as photographers and reporters from Newsweek and Forbes Magazine covered the conference from beginning to end.

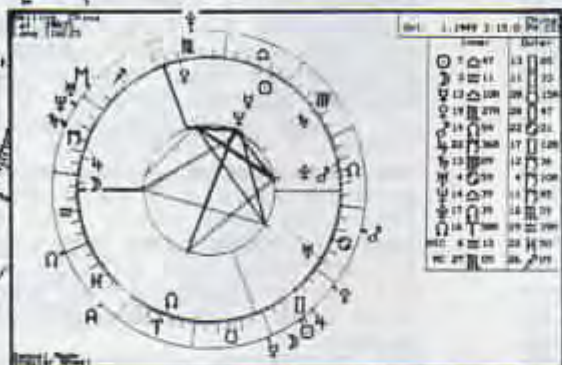
We plan a bus tour to the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange on Thursday, November 1.

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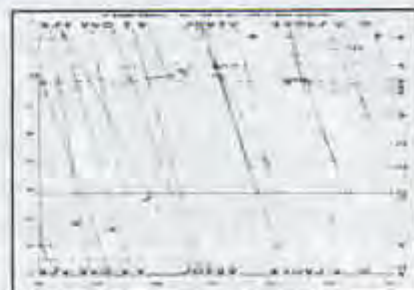
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