



NEWSLETTER

NOW WEEKLY!

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Wanna buy a Brooklyn Bridge?

ON August 28, the Supreme Court of my native state of Kansas declared that if a party bringing motion to foreclose on a house did not have title to that house, that party (in this case, **MERS**) had no legal standing to dispossess. So far as state courts are concerned, appeal is impossible. So far as the other 49 states go, an important precedent has been set.

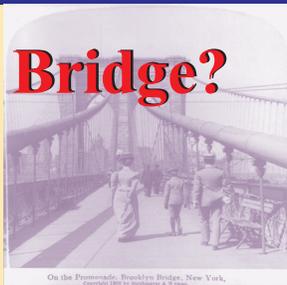
This is the result of populist anger at the growing foreclosure problem in America. So I thought, if MERS has not the right to foreclose, then does it have the right to transfer title in the event of sale? And if they can't do that, why am I paying my mortgage to them?

We've all heard about securitized mortgages, where the bank who gave the loan sold it to a New York investment house which then packaged it into securities & sold them to convenient suckers I mean investors. In the process it seems as if they made

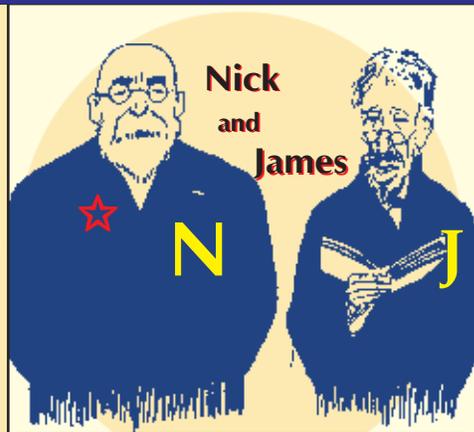
one critical mistake: **They treated real property as if it was a bearer instrument.** In other words, as if property was like stocks, bonds or coupons, where title can be transferred at will to whomever.

Real property, every last little bit of it, is registered at the local county courthouse, by the County Clerk or the Registrar of Deeds. On each & every Deed are two names: The name of the owner, and the name of the person who holds the mortgage that secures it.

When the crazy securitization scheme was set up back in the 1990's, MERS was created as a way of keeping track of who really owned what. Unfortunately, no one, anywhere, thought to keep the local county in the loop. I'd like some expert legal advice. If the name(s) of the ultimate owners of the relevant security(ies) are not on file with the County, could not the mortgage payer petition the County Court to order a search (ie, put a note in the local paper of record) and if, at the end of, say 90 days, no actual owner came forward, could not the petitioner ask the court to declare the title abandoned & grant title to the petitioner? A mortgage holiday for everyone!!



On the Promenade, Brooklyn Bridge, New York, copyright 1883 by the photographer A. Reade.



Nick and James

DUELING DICTIONARIES

PLANETARY HOURS

James Wilson, 1819: The chief reason why they are called planetary hours, is because there is a very silly but very old and generally received notion, that the seven planets rule them in rotation. The absurdity of such an opinion must be manifest ... from the late discovery of an eighth planet (allowing for the four small ones to be excluded), which, by having a rule in common with the rest, shows the rotation & of course the system to be entirely erroneous.

Nicholas deVore, 1947: The hatred of the Jews for the Egyptians after their flight from Egypt is said to have caused them to "demote" Saturn from the rulership of the first day, by beginning the week on Sunday, making Saturn's day the last day....

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

06	10:40	♀	♃	♄	
	15:40	♀	♃	☉	
07	09:48	♀	♁	♃	
	17:19	☾	♁	♃	Void
	21:47	☾	♁		
08	06:35	♀	♂	♃	
09	01:27	☾	♁	☉	
	22:01	♀	♂	♄	
10	01:35	☾	♁	♀	Void
	01:48	☾	♁		
	03:46	♀	♁		
	08:39	☉	♁	♃	
	18:44	♀	♁	♄	
11	03:04	♀	♃	♄	
	08:56	☉	♁	♁	Last Quarter
12	01:03	☾	♂	♂	Occultation
	01:37	☾	♃	♃	Void
	05:03	☾	♁		
	08:53	♀	♁	♃	
	20:53	♂	♃	♃	

Extracted & adapted from AstroAmerica's Daily Ephemeris, 2000-2020. Get yours!



STAR OF THE WEEK

★★★☆☆

SEGINUS gamma Bootis 17 ♁ 48

Notes: A small star situated on the left shoulder of Bootes.

Influence: Of the nature of Mercury & Saturn. It gives a subtle mind, shamelessness and loss through friends & companies.

With Moon: Preferment by indirect means followed by disgrace & ruin.

– From **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson

October 12 (Columbus Day?)
1582 – This day does not exist in Italy, Poland, Portugal and Spain.
1692 – Salem witch trials end.
1773 – Virginia opens first insane asylum.
1810 – First Oktoberfest, Munich.
1823 – Charles Macintosh sells first raincoat.

1933 – Alcatraz becomes a federal prison.
1960 – Khrushchev pounds shoe on desk.
1964 – Soviet Union launches Voskhod 1.
1986 – Elizabeth II visits China.
1999 – World reaches 6 billion population.
2005 – Chinese launch Shenzhou 6

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Those of Us Born on a Cusp

THOSE born with the Sun leaving one Sign or entering the next are born on the doorstep (cusp) of the Sign they are entering. They have built into their consciousness the best characteristics of the preceding Sign to be used to advantage this time around though they must grow up to about age 28/29 when the Moon & Saturn return together by cycle. Saturn brings wisdom while the Moon develops it during those 29 years (at which age, anyway, we all go through a period of changes & taking on a responsibility by that cycle).

Anyone born on this doorstep is a young soul. If the Sun is afflicted at birth it shall be that something or someone shall be badly lacking in the early environment that is traceable to parental misfortune even though he were not actually abandoned on a doorstep.

During the first seven years of life a cuspal native experiences some difficulty. In a cardinal Sign (all of them are of the innate character of Aries) it has small impact at the time but developing-independence. In a fixed Sign (all of them based on Taurus of self-protection) there is a temporary lack of orientation but a quick recovery based on the previous Sign's energetic nature. In a common Sign (all of them based on Gemini) the effect goes unnoticed at the time & amounts to an easy acceptance of untoward circumstances in any future personal relationships. There is immediate adjustment in cardinal Signs, delayed adjustment in fixed Signs, easy adjustment in common Signs. —from **Outer Space to Planet Earth**, 1982.

Going Places

Astro*Carto*Graphy at your fingertips

YEARS ago I thought I would make a good test case for **Astrocartography**. Which says that even though your natal chart is mediocre, that Jupiter & Venus are simply nowhere near the angles, you can cheat fate by moving to those locations where, at the moment of your birth, such planets were exactly angular.

In my case, that's 133W, 56S, which is far to the west & south of Easter Island, in the middle of the freezing far south Pacific, where Jupiter is exactly on my ascendant & Venus exactly on the mid-heaven. But, alas, a sailor's life was not for me. I have lived in Kansas, Los Angeles, New York, Santa Fe, Maryland, Paris, London & **Montpellier**, with special guest appearances in **Strasbourg**. While I agree with the deduction that places where planets are angular are magnetic & will suck us helplessly into their grasp, such a location (**Kennebunkport**) has yet to befall me. And I have tried.

Astrocartography is the Astrologer's way of planning a holiday. Use of Astrocartography will get you off the beaten track, away from tacky tourists & ensure a unique trove of holiday snaps that your friends are certain to enjoy. And if it's a Venus line you're following, you might even find true love. All you need are the right books to guide you. And this is the right place to find them. **Behold**—

OF the various authors, I most like **Martin Davis**. His book, **Astro-locality Astrology, A Guide to What It Is & How to Use It**, combines Astrocartography (moving your birth chart from **Here to There**) with Local Space. Local Space is a souped-up version of a more ancient technique, where a) the natal chart is reduced to a compass, b) you are to go off in the direction of your most favored planet until c) you come to a location which is ruled by it. Traditional Local Space fails at part c) as no one now knows how to figure out what planet or sign rules where. **Penfield's & Champion's** chart collections only tell us about governments, not the people who actually live there. So the modern method is to wander off in the direction of, say, Venus, until you get to an agreeable ACG line. Davis will give you the details. **Michael Erlewine**, founder of **Matrix Software**, once published

his birth data. Once, for fun, I ran his chart with both ACG & LS & discovered he had wandered along one particular LS line until it intersected an ACG line, exactly at **Big Rapids, MI**, where he lives to this day, so far as I am aware. I once asked him about this & he corrected me. His birth in Pennsylvania was an accident, he was in fact raised in Big Rapids, his boyhood home town. Those of you who like karmic explanations, go ahead!

For a detailed presentation of Astrocartography itself, get **David Meadows' Where In the World With Astro*Carto*Graphy**. Meadows expands the subject to tell you when to pack your bags, in other words, **Cyclo*Astro*Carto*Graphy**. While ACG has long been used to tweak solar return trips (an enjoyable way of spending a birthday), the Cyclo technique expands this greatly. Got an upcoming transit? Want to make the best of it, or avoid the worst? Get David's book & study closely.

THERE is yet another method, one first proposed by **Sepharial**. It goes like this:

Suppose the Meridian of London, 0 degrees, is 0 Aries. One degree east of London is 1 Aries, two degrees east is 2 Aries, three degrees east is 3 Aries, etc. This is taken as the local midheaven.

The Ascendant is drawn for your latitude north or south of the equator. A table of houses (Koch, Placidus, Regiomontanus, Porphyry, etc.) will give intermediate house cusps. This produces a unique map for every location on the planet. Looking over a range of possibilities, you then pick a place where LS or ACG lines, in combination with the local chart, all seem agreeable. New York, for example, has a geodetic ascendant of 29 Aries & a geodetic midheaven of 16 Capricorn. To date, this technique has mostly been used for mundane work, but there is no reason it should be so limited. For more details, get **Chris McRae's** book, **The Geodetic World Map**.

Local Space is handled best by **Steve Cozzi**, in his classic book, **Planets In Locality**. LS is, in fact, the western version of Feng Shui & compares well with it.

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WHY WHERE
WHAT WHEN
ELECTIONAL
ASTROLOGY

Part 29: *Gourmet delights:*
Let's Eat, part 2

IF the Moon applies by good aspect to the Sun or Mars any kind of meat may be bought or eaten; if to Mercury, cereals, vegetables, and birds; if to Venus, sugar, sweets & fancy cakes; if to Jupiter, grocery & provisions, and if the Moon applies to Saturn it is necessary to beware of stale food, salted meat, and cold food.

When shopping beware of afflictions in or to Leo, especially in the birth horoscope, for they cause absentmindedness, loss of parcels, wrong change, and similar misfortunes.

When baking it is best to place the Moon in Aries, Cancer, Libra or Capricorn, while *when boiling or brewing* it should be in Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces. *For roasting*, a good aspect of Mars is useful, but an affliction may cause burning. If cooking by gas or electricity be careful of afflictions from Neptune and Uranus respectively, as they may cause escapes of gas or short circuits.

In making cakes put the Moon in Gemini, Libra or Aquarius in good aspect to Venus or Mercury, and avoid afflictions from Saturn which cause heaviness. If very fancy cakes or confectionery are being made, the Moon is best in Libra. — **Electional Astrology**, by Vivian Robson

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 **Martha Lang Wescott's**
ASTEROID OF THE MONTH
Chiron

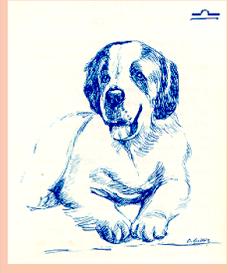


A planet you thought you knew - *Dave*
CHIRON represents an original view or "different" perspective; it shows (by House & Sign) where you aren't bound by societal, cultural, parental or any strictures – you have a unique slant on issues of the House and of aspecting planets. Chiron can be thought of as a blend of Saturn & Uranus; the direct Chiron accentuates the Uranus-flavor of the Chiron energy.

The retrograde Chiron is well compared with the adolescent crisis – that period of life when one seeks individuation but is not quite able to make the break from parental allegiance. The strong Chiron personality often has, in fact, resilient memories about that conflict & age. In wanting to *be their own person*, they feel they must establish themselves AGAINST parental & societal expectation. They can't just "BE" – the identity, goals, values (as determined re tenancy & aspects) are held in an extended fist – and shaken, defiantly against others. The question is: "Can I make my way without offending others – or is offending them – and breaking rules & roles – as important as, and necessary to, my struggle to *be ME?* Are THEY holding me back or am I unable or unwilling to be free of them?" So where Chiron is retrograde in the natal chart, there is a long struggle or dilemma between (Saturn) living up to parental/societal/conventional expectations & values, or (Uranus) seeking to live the life (to do and BE) what feels right, even though it is different...

— from **Mechanics of the Future Asteroids**, © 1988, 1991

DOG OF THE MONTH



THE Libra dog is very tolerant of humans & won't hold a grudge. He will also make do with what he has. If he has no backyard to bury his bone in, he will bury his dog biscuits under the couch & then forget about them.

He is a very affectionate animal, and can be taught tricks like begging for his food. May engage in a little white lie but they are so loveable you can forgive them this human trait. Must have seen a human do it.

Gets along well with other animal species, seeming to understand that there's really not that much difference between them. You can easily build up a rapport with this one. You don't have to constantly feed him to show love. Playing with him is enough.

— Just treat him fairly & he will require no extra efforts.

© Marian Futterman, 1976, **Your Dog and Astrology**, \$3.00. Yes, Marian, we still have copies. Some of the best sun-sign writing I ever came across.

 **The New Newsletter**

Most people, most astrologers, even, have no idea how rich, how varied, astrology really is. I'm lucky. For the last fifteen years, I've lived in what amounts to a world-class astrological library, which I've been passing off as **AstroAmerica**. Every week I will serve up a tiny slice, for your amusement.

'Til next week – *Dave*

October 12 Birthdays
1872 – Ralph Vaughan Williams
1875 – Aleister Crowley.

