



# NEWSLETTER

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## Help Save Astrology!

**A** COUPLE of days ago David Huff, of North Carolina, forwarded an email from **Lynn Koiner**, of the Baltimore/Annapolis **NCGR**, that an elderly astrologer in Philadelphia was retiring and needed to find a home for his extensive collection of astrology books & magazines, going back to the 1940's, comprising some 30 boxes.

It amounts to 70 years of Who we are, Where we've been, What we've done. It is an irreplaceable historical archive, especially the magazines. It needs to be preserved, cataloged, organized and made

available to the larger community.

Don't think it's just going to happen. The typical fate of such an archive is to be thrown in the trash, wholesale, either immediately, or after ten years of sitting in a damp garage or basement, by which time it will be a wet, mouldy, useless mess.

As astrologers, we are fated to reinvent the past for the simple reason that so much has been thrown away and is still being thrown away and lost forever. I was disheartened this request came by way of the national **NCGR**, as it is the national astrological groups (including the **AFA**, **AFAN**, **ISAR** and others) who must, as a matter of course, make every effort to preserve our past. They have the resources, or they should.

England has the **Bodleian Library** & the **Ashmolean Museum**, where you will find much. So far, the best we have is **Michael Erlewine's Heart Center**, which is fine, but only if you happen to be in a **small town** in central Michigan. We need more. We need to save our history, any way we can. God Bless Us if we can scan & put it on the internet for the benefit of all. Right now, that seems like an impossible dream. (The Heart Center does not even have a web page.) I am ashamed of us.



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for the week (all times GMT)  
Notes

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	08:22	♀♁♃	
	13:22	♀  ♃	
10	17:10	♂♄	In time for the Ides.
	22:00	☾✳♃	Void
11	05:44	☾♃	
	06:20	☾♁♂	
	17:35	♀□♄	
12	19:08	♀  ♃	
13	12:58	☾♂♄	Void
	18:44	☾✳	
	20:55	♀♃♃	
14	13:05	♀♃○	
	13:17	♀♂○	
	21:17	☾♂♃	
	23:48	☾  ○	
15	12:22	○  ♃	
	13:25	♀♃♀	
	19:19	☾♃○	
	21:01	●	25X10 New Moon
	21:40	♀♂♃	

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

**The Ides of March, a day of Mars:**  
1493—Columbus returns to Spain  
1916—US invades Mexico  
1952—72 inches of rain fall in one day.



## STAR OF THE WEEK



**MARKAB** alpha Pegasi 23 ✳ 38

**Notes:** A white star situated on the wing of Pegasus. From Markab, a Saddle, Ship or Vehicle, or, according to Bullinger, Returning from Afar  
**Influence:** According to Ptolemy, it is of the nature of Mars and Mercury; to Simmonite, of Mars and Venus; and, to Alvidas, of Jupiter in square to Mercury with Saturn from Pisces and Gemini. It gives honour, riches, fortune, danger from fevers, cuts, blows, stabs and fire and a violent death.

**If culminating:** Disgrace, ruin and often a violent death.

**With Sun:** Energetic, unlucky, impermanent martial honours, disappointed ambitions, accidents, sickness.

**With Moon:** Injuries from enemies, bad for gain and domestic matters, fairly good health but many accidents.

—from **Fixed Stars**, by Robson

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Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990



## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### Is the report or rumor true?

**F**IRST take the house ruling the subject of the good-or-bad report as on the opposite page. An unknown man telephoned the querent that her husband had been taken critically ill and was in an unnamed hospital. It was an evil report and a harsh experience for her, because Mars is in the 1st house square Saturn. The subject of the report is the husband's illness, ruled by the 12th which is his illness—6th, thus the house in question.

See if there is any planet in the house in question, or if the ruler is in an angle or with another planet, or the Moon in a Fixed Sign or with the North Node; or the gossiping-3rd cusp, its ruler or a planet there or the North Node there in a Fixed Sign; or the angles in Fixed Signs; or the Moon in good aspect to Mercury, to show the report to be true. However, if it was a good report but the ruler of the house in question or any planet there is retrograde or badly placed by Sign, or in bad aspect with a malefic, the report is false. If the Moon is angular and in good aspect to a benefic it denotes protection, so a good report is true and a bad report is false. If angular & in bad aspect to a malefic there is no protection, so an evil report is true and a good report is false. The Moon angular & making both types of aspect denotes some truth and some falsity. The Moon in a Cardinal Sign or with the South Node, or void of course (nothing to worry about) shows falsity. — **Simplified Horary Astrology**, 1960.

**Born on the Ides of March:  
1767—Andrew Jackson, president.**

# New Books and stuff like that.

**T**HE big news of the week: Joseph Blagrave's **Astrological Practice of Physick** is HERE. Reset. IN PRINT. Two years work finished. To Blagrave's basic text, I added a glossary, an index, an extract on how to determine Temperament (from **Culpeper**), an excerpt on Agues from the **Smith Family Physician**, a Table of Essential Dignities, a list of Azimene degrees, a diagram of the Pre-Copernican world, an alphabetized list of ingredients mentioned in the book, and, perhaps most usefully, my own **Preface**, explaining what Joseph was really up to & why this is such an amazing book. I also restored some two pages of long lost text. There's no point reprinting a 339 year old book if you're not going to knock the dust off it.

Blagrave isn't Lilly, his book isn't Christian Astrology, this isn't for everyone. But if you're in the Astro-medical field, if you're experienced with herbs & such, and, above all, if your mind is open (Blagrave is simply astonishing), this is a titanic book. It should have been reprinted decades ago.

**N**EXT, **Bill Meridian's** long awaited **Predictive Power of Eclipse Paths** has arrived. Building on the work of **Charles Jayne** and **L. Edward Johndro** of half a century ago, Meridian revolutionizes the study of eclipses, largely by means of the paths solar eclipses leave on the earth. (I think of them as scars, myself.) Eclipse paths link nation to nation, they empower leaders, they set boundaries, they establish character, they show trade routes and international relationships. The effects of a single eclipse can endure for centuries. This is a largely mundane book, but there is also much that relates to natal charts. This is a difficult book, you must pay close attention, there are no easy cookbook sections (nor can there be). Lavishly illustrated with maps & charts. I only wish it had an index.

**U**SING **Astrology to Find Your Luck: What Works?**, by **Kathleen Powers**, was a surprise. Normally books with "luck" in the title are either bad or horribly bad. But this is the best book on gambling in many decades, a fine work. Powers has done her homework, she has studied **Wehrman**, **Rodden** & others, she has attacked her project with enthusiasm and imagi-

nation, she has written a book full of practical, useful insights. I have Saturn in the 5th house. I always thought it unlucky, but Powers says the opposite.

**I**N Arizona, Nelda Louise Tanner, of **RightLeft Graphics**, has transcribed the late Anne N. Vick's 2005 lecture presentation to create the book, **Solunar Returns**. Vick was an expert on solunar returns, which is when the moon conjuncts your natal sun position, which it does every 28 days or so. The solunar chart is good for a month. It shows monthly trends and also serves to time progressed aspects. Vick also got a lot from the vertex, so if that interests you, get this book.

**S**OME months ago **Arthyr Chadbourne** proudly sent me his latest creation, **The Moment of Truth / The Art of Traditional Horary Astrology**, on two DVDs, with a book (**The Moment of Truth**), all packed in a big fancy box. But my computer refuses to play DVDs. (Just now, I thought I'd Google the matter, but got nowhere. First I need to determine if I have a DVD decoder, which means I need to determine if my Win XP is valid (it is—I paid for it) but the validation was inconclusive. Why? Oh, let's spend the next four hours finding out. NO.)

But I digress. A few days ago I finally stuck Chadbourne's disk into the TV & was impressed with his work. Nicely done, with nice graphics, clearly presented, to the point. What would you pay for someone to walk you through the finer points of horary? Chadbourne wants \$300, which is more than I can afford. I'd suggest wrapping both DVDs around the book (simple packaging) and sell the lot for \$50. At which price I would stock it, and, I think, every now & then sell it. Better, if he could reduce it to iPod/Kindle format, you could put it on your desk & follow along with paper & pencil.

**H**OORAY! I figured out the problem. Bill Gates hates Google Chrome, and like four-year olds everywhere, was throwing a tantrum. So after two more tries, I've found I don't have DVD capability on this computer. After this much fuss (phase 2 of what I went through when the DVDs arrived), I don't want DVD. I can watch Jon Stewart on YouTube for free.





WHY WHERE  
WHAT WHEN

## ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Part 51:

### Parties! (spring break, anyone?)

**F**ORTIFY the eleventh & fifth & their rulers, and let the ascendant or Moon be in Leo or Libra, in good aspect to Venus. Do not let the malefics be angular, and avoid afflictions from them to the significators, for afflictions from Mars denote quarrels or unpleasantness, and from Saturn, slowness, heaviness, and boredom.

In the case of garden parties it is better to fortify Jupiter than Venus, for if Venus is strong there is risk of rain.

### Giving or Sending Presents

**F**ORTIFY the fifth house & its lord and also Jupiter, and see that Mars and Saturn are in no aspect to these planets nor to the Moon and Fortuna and their dispositors, the Part of Goods or the ascendant and its lord.

If possible let the ascendant and fifth cusp be in mutable signs, the best being Pisces and the first fifteen degrees of Sagittarius, after that Virgo, and finally Gemini.

— *Electional Astrology, 1937*

**Died on the Ides of March:  
1937—H.P. Lovecraft**

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## Of the Manners of the Native or Child

from *Christian Astrology book 3*,  
by William Lilly

**T**HE *Ancients* have therefore delivered, That when the *Significator* of Manners is in ♃, he incites the Native to be witty and ingenious.

When in ☿, then he is laborious; for the *Ox* or *Bull* is represented by ☿.

II represents one witty, deceitful, and yet a lover of Arts and Learning.

☿ Signifies an inconstant and variable creature, never fixed.

♌ A grave, sober or discreet party, whether man or woman, yet withall a little cruel.

♍ One loving Learning and Arts, covetous, cruel or spiteful, a well-wisher to War.

♎ One inconstant, crafty, a contemner of all Arts, yet conceited of his own parts.

♏ An imprudent fellow, a Brass-face, yet of good understanding, covetous and arrogant.

♐ Shows one valiant and without fear.

♑ Portends a lecherous person, much given to the flesh, nor constant either to his Wife or Mistress.

♒ Intimates a very human, affable party, speaking soberly, envious to no one, constant in his own Religion.

♓ Argues a stammering person, fraudulent, pretending holiness, yet a very Hypocrite.

— *Christian Astrology, Book 3, An Easie and Plaine Method*, by William Lilly

*External healing, part 1:*

## External healing assistance:

**I**N particular, in many places in this book Blagrave exhorts the patient to wear three solar herbs in a small bag placed around the neck. From what he writes, Blagrave laments that this was not understood in his own day, and, regrettably, it is still not understood in ours. This is a pity.

Why solar herbs, and why around the neck? The answer, it turns out, is straightforward:

Anything “worn around the neck” is by definition not a choker, but a necklace. Necklaces commonly come to rest on the sternum, or breastbone. Which is directly next to the heart. The heart, as all astrologers know, is ruled by Leo, which, in its turn, is ruled by the Sun. Blagrave’s use of a bag of solar herbs around the neck is his way of strengthening the heart itself. A weak heart, in fact, is the root cause of many illnesses and discomforts. Strengthen the heart, and half the work of healing is already done.

I myself suffer from a weak heart, for which I see a Chinese herbalist twice a month. Midway through this book, I realized what Blagrave was up to and became envious. But, alas, I am not an herbalist and no one I know has herbs harvested at the proper hours. I was in despair, but then remembered an old wedding ring, from a failed relationship. It was a man’s, it was heavy, it was 18K gold. One Sunday at sunrise, I put it outside in the sun in a clear glass of salted water. A week later at sunrise I brought it indoors, tied it to a shoelace, and put it around my neck. My doctor was at first skeptical, but, six months later, my heartbeat has steadied, palpitations, which had been controlled with the doctor’s “diet-drinks” are, with the addition of the ring, now virtually gone. For her part, the doctor is most curious. — *from my Preface to the Astrological Practice of Physick*, by Joseph Blagrave

