



NEWSLETTER

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SPRING PLANTING!

ON Wednesday we planted flowers: Waxing Moon in Cancer. Early Saturday morning, the temperature dropped to the upper 20's (-2°C). I covered the most fragile with tea towels. I think they survived.

A standard almanac will tell you when the best planting days are, but those almanacs were all sold out months ago & if you don't have one & don't know the rules, you're stuck. So here's some help:

Plant with the Moon waxing, from new to full. If possible, in the second quarter, in other words, the week before full, but avoid the quarters themselves.

The Moon's element is important, and

it's straightforward. Water signs (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces) are fertile. Earth signs are so-so, fire & air are no-no's, so far as planting is concerned. (They have other uses.)

Root crops – potatoes, carrots, beets, turnips, onions, garlic – are planted in the dark of the Moon (waning) because you want the underground growth.

Then there are special cases. Plant flowers under Taurus & especially Libra, because Venus, goddess of prettiness, rules both. The late **Louise Riotte** said to plant trees under Taurus & vines under Virgo, which is to say that earthiness promotes woodiness. Plant berries under Scorpio, though why escapes me at the moment. Virgo also rules grain, which is what lawns are, and Capricorn is said to rule herbs. Riotte was a master of signs & quarters of the Moon, selected for quite specific purposes.

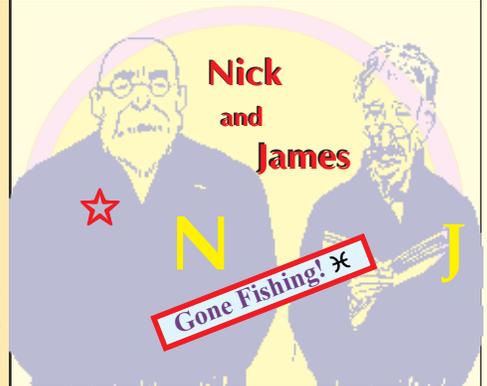
Some good days to plant:

Root crops: March 31 – April 1.

Gardens in general: April 19 & 20.

Flowers, April 26.

A waning Moon in fire signs is good for weeding, and preparing the soil in general. Harvesting (never too early to think about it) is best with a waning Moon in air, as it helps prevent rot.



Nick and James

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			Notes
30	02:26	○ 09♁ 17	Full Moon
31	06:29	☾ ♀ ♀	
	12:14	☾ ♀ ♀	Void
	12:42	☾ ♀	
	17:35	♀ ♂	
01	03:21	♀ ✖ ♀	
	23:32	♀ ♄ ♀	
02	12:55	☾ □ ♀	Void
	13:06	♀ ♂	
	16:54	☾ ✖	
03	11:25	♀ □ ♂	
	18:25	☾ △ ○	
04	05:17	○ ♄ ♄	
	07:26	♀ ♄ ♀	
	20:59	☾ ✖ ♀	Void
05	01:08	☾ ♀	
	03:11	♀ △ ♀	
	04:17	♀ □ ♂	
	11:42	☾ ♂ ♀	

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April 2

2010—Good Friday.

1513—Florida discovered.

1725—Giovanni Casanova born.

1865—Jefferson Davis flees Richmond.



STAR OF THE WEEK

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ALPHERATZ, alpha Andromedae, 14 ♄ 27

Notes: A double star, white & purplish, in the hair of Andromeda.

From Al Surrat al Faras, the Horse's Navel, as it was formerly located in Pegasus.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Jupiter & Venus, and to these Alvidas adds Mars also. It gives independence, freedom, love, riches, honour and a keen intellect.

With Sun: Honour, preferment, and favours from others.

With Moon: Energetic, persevering, honour, wealth, many good friends & business success.

With Mercury: Active mind, benefits from judges, lawyers or churchmen, pioneer work bringing prominence, accused of selfish motives, writes on science, religion, or philosophy.

With Venus: Neat & tidy appearance, quiet life, good health, fond of pleasure & society, fortunate in speculation.

With Mars: Sharp mind, energetic . . .

—from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The Twelfth House

PLANETS in the 12th House at birth give habitual disappointment in life, the more so if malefic & slow-moving. When aspected unfavorably by planets elsewhere, they time disappointment, denial, grief or misfortune in life, often a degree of seclusion or withdrawal from others & necessity to be alone.

When there is no planet in the 12th at birth & the ruler of the Sign on the 12th is not afflicted by a malefic, the native faces all disappointments in life without complaint, because he turns to the other side of the 12th House: submission to karmic lessons based on cause & effect, willing obedience to spiritual laws, unquestioning faith & trust and innate awareness of the logic in those two adages: "What can't be cured must be endured" & "The tree that bends doesn't break." Even though there may be a planet in the 12th or the ruler may be in a bad aspect to a malefic, if it is a fast-moving planet it will move out of the house or out of the aspect in time & so shorten the period of disappointment. Also, future aspects to it will more likely register for a shorter time than otherwise. In mutual reception (two planets in each other's Sign) there may be danger of misfortune when afflicted by progressions but the native can step out of the way.

— *All Over the Earth*, 1963.

April 2
1956—As The World Turns.
1962—First Panda Crossing.
1982—Argentina invades Falklands.
2006—Over 60 tornados!!

The new health care legislation

Easy Astrology

THIS week brought the signing of new Health Care act, on March 23, 2010, at 11:56:40 am EDT, Washington (exact time the President finished signing the act, as extracted from the C-Span video). That the bill is hopeless should be clear to all Americans. It does not lower premiums (which was supposedly the reason for the bill in the first place) and it only extends medical coverage by coercing those who have no money to buy what they do not want. Which makes us wonder how long this will last, and what its fate may be. Which is forecasting.

We first notice the Sun has just passed beyond the opposition to a retrograde Saturn in Libra. This is always unfortunate, for it means that transiting Saturn will soon oppose it — which it will do around the 21st of August, and that, by direction, it will again do so in approximately 21 months. Sun being *alpha*, Saturn being *omega*, when the two are in opposition we have already covered all possibilities and are now stretched to the breaking point. Which makes the upcoming transit all the more unfortunate.

The Moon in Cancer hangs directly on the ascendant. To my shock, Pluto in Capricorn is eleven minutes from exactly opposed to it. To give an idea how precise this is, it means the signing ceremony began at the moment the opposition was precisely exact.

Sun in Aries represents the head of state, in other words, the President. Saturn in Libra opposing it, that many in his own party (his natural partners, i.e., Librans) oppose him, but, retrograde, they could not find their "voice". When Saturn goes direct, they will.

The Moon in a mundane chart always represents the people. Sun-Moon in square, people feel the president has misled them, but do not know how or why. But, Moon opposed to Pluto, this is a bill they hate. As in, **HATE**. The loathing that comes from the opposition, both planets being strong and angular, is frightening. That they are part of a larger grand cross in cardinals is ominous. National opposition to the health care act is trending to hysteria. National hysteria is like a person going into shock. There's no point saying he's "not really hurt" and that he should just "get over himself." The patient's life is at stake. You must administer emergency treatment. In other words, you drop the matter & wait for a better time. Do some-

thing else in the meanwhile. People are broke & out of work. A round of \$1000 bribes, I mean, checks to every household in the country, wouldn't be a bad idea. Have I mentioned lately what fools there are in DC?

We have enough stressful aspects coming this summer, we did not need any additional provocation, but this chart has arrived anyway. With a strong focus in cardinals, it is bold & aggressive. Sun and Mars are in close trine as well as in mutual reception (the Sun exalted as well) giving the President great force & power. Note Cancer on the second house cusp — taxes. People with Cancer there natively are very touchy about their money. Mars in Leo in the second appears like a thief: Pay the President what he demands — or else. Neptune in the 11th in Aquarius says we are deluded and that the overall concept of the Health Care bill is flawed. Jupiter at the MC is lonely.

Of the planets & angles, even the nodes & Fortuna, only Mars & Neptune are in fixed signs. So, no surprise that before the week was out, Congress amended the act. The oppositions in this chart look to be a feast for the opposition party, the Republicans, who have promised to repeal it. This is a hollow promise. Legislation is not so easily undone.

But the nice new Health Care act will not change anything. Oppositions are like the trenches of World War I, they create stalemate. In this case, those who refuse to buy insurance are to be penalized by the IRS. If this act is as hated as Richard Nixon's **55 mph speed limit** of 1974, it could spark a nationwide tax revolt, the IRS's nightmare.

But coercion was required if there was to be any relief from ever higher insurance premiums. If ever rising premiums force more to drop insurance altogether, if general economic malaise leads to continued low wages & high unemployment, if governments are unable to fund the welfare aspects of the bill ("if you're not rich enough, insurance will be provided for you"), then the net result, the very likely probable result, one the signing chart strongly indicates, is **no change**. And rage, from all sides. Nasty? Yes.

I looked for significant fixed star positions, but there were none. (Thank your favorite deity for small mercies.) Like I said. This is easy. The chart is obvious.

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WHEN approaching a king or prince let a fiery sign rise, and place the Sun in good aspect to Jupiter or Venus. Or let the Moon be in the ascendant in good aspect to the Sun in the tenth.

When applying to a clergyman, doctor, lawyer, or judge let the Moon be in conjunction or good aspect with Jupiter, or even in square if they are in reception. When approaching elderly people let the Moon apply to a good aspect of Saturn, if possible from the angles. When approaching women, let the Moon apply to a favourable aspect of Venus; and when approaching writers, editors, clerks, accountants, etc., let the Moon apply to Mercury. In all these cases take care that your own significator is in favourable aspect or reception with the significator of the person to whom you intend to apply.

— *Electional Astrology*, 1937

April 2—Births:

742 —Charlemagne
1743—Thomas Jefferson
1805—Hans Christian Andersen
1838—Leon Gambetta
1840—Emile Zola
1875—Walter Chrysler

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The Sex of the Native

From *Astrology & Sex*, by Vivian Robson.

ONE would imagine that a knowledge of the sex influences of the various factors which go to make up a horoscope would enable the astrologer to be able to judge the sex of any native whose horoscope is placed before him. I have no doubt that a fuller knowledge of the subject than we now possess will eventually enable us to do so, but it is a regrettable fact that at present we have no reliable method whatsoever of judging the bodily sex of any given horoscope, though the mental or psychic sex can very easily be determined.

It does not follow that the presence of all the planets in masculine signs and positions means that the native is a man, any more than that an equal number of feminine positions indicates a woman. What does follow is that the native *ought to be* a man or woman as the case may be, and in fact is so from the mental or psychic point of view, no matter in what bodily form he or she may be incarnated. It is, in fact, largely to this conflict between psychic and bodily sex that many of the common sexual perversions owe their existence.

According to the theory of the **Pre-natal Epoch** the bodily sex is determined by the position of the Moon and the ascendant, but unfortunately it is their position at the Epoch and not at birth that governs the matter. — *Astrology & Sex*, 1941

April 4

1581—Francis Drake knighted.
1721—Walpole becomes PM.
1814—Napoleon abdicates.
1818—U.S. adopts flag

From: **Ancient Astrology,
Theory & Practice**
by **Julius Firmicus Maternus**

Occupations

1. Now we must learn which planets determine the occupations of men & what those occupations are; then we must observe what house that the planet is in. Mars, Venus, and Mercury determine the occupations for men. The one in any chart which determines the occupation is the one on the MC or in right or left trine to the MC, or on other angles.

2. If Mars is in position to determine the occupations and is favorably located, in aspect to benefic planets in a nocturnal chart, he predicts arms, leadership, and fame; power of the sword and trappings of the highest position, insofar as the whole forecast makes this possible. At any rate, he indicates famous & noble skills connected with iron & fire which make the native widely known & acclaimed. In sluggish or dejected houses & in signs in which he does not rejoice Mars predicts respectable skills, but obscure.

3. If benefic planets are in aspect to Mars in this location, considerable fame & income result from the occupations he has determined. But if not benefic but malefic planets are in aspect, the natives will be in subordinate, laborious jobs & spend more than they earn.

4. If Venus determines occupations & is in her own house or terms, or on the ascendant or the MC, or in the fifth or eleventh houses—for she also determines occupations from these houses—and if it is a nocturnal chart, she indicates important occupations & great fame, especially if Jupiter is in trine aspect to her or the waning Moon is moving toward her. In that case she has such power that the native may be compared to kings or emperors. — *Ancient Astrology Theory & Practice*, by Firmicus Maternus.

April 4

1960—Senegal independence day.

