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HURRICANE EDITION

we survived!

I EXPECTED to lose power late Saturday night and not have power again until late in the week. I fell asleep watching the Weather Channel, woke up, saw the power was still on, watched some more, fell asleep again and in general had a long night.

Dawn arrived, the rain ended, and **there was still power**. There was a phone call. **Harford county** reported 50,000 power outages. On TV I heard 4 million were without power. We were among the lucky.

YOU will say I predicted this. You will go back to the **August 2nd newsletter**, where I said, *the current budget battle in Washington will lead to a series of severe hurricanes, starting later this summer. For those of you who live in hurricane-prone areas of the country, take the time to check your home's hurricane/flood/wind/water/debris insurance.* (the very end of pg. 4)

I did not predict this specific one. I did not predict the time, I did not predict the location. Hurricanes make landfall in the US very nearly every year. If your theory says that upset people generate bad weather, it's pretty much the same thing as saying grass grows green in the summertime. It's

not much of a prediction.

But Irene has arrived, and in time for America's 8th Saturn return. Saturn in 1776 was at 14♌46. As of Sunday, August 28, 2011, Saturn is at 14♌46. The 8th return has to do with things of the number 8, among them, transformation, money, resources, and death. (Which I extracted from the astrological 8th house, as it's as good a source for "eightness" as anything.)

Happy Saturn Return America! Before it is done, Irene will have attacked eleven of the original thirteen colonies, sparing only Georgia and South Carolina. It is presently somewhere north of Virginia Beach, Virginia and headed north. Pictures on TV look horrific.

This is a staggeringly big event. North of the Mason/Dixon line (the Maryland-Pennsylvania border), there has been incessant rain all summer. The ground up there—though not here—is saturated. It will not take much wind to bring down many, many trees. Property damage will probably overwhelm what insurance companies can afford. I would not be surprised if many homeowners abandon their properties, nor would I be surprised if many local businesses go bust. We need a better response than was given for Katrina in 2005.

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

30	09:18	♃	SR	
	18:26	♃	♁	
31	12:02	♃	♃	♁
	18:44	♃	♁	♃
01	17:35	♃	♁	♃
	18:48	♃	♁	
02	10:41	♃	♁	♃
	11:51	♃	♁	♃
03	04:00	♁	♁	♃
	19:42	♃	♁	♃
	21:04	♃	♁	
04	02:59	♃	♁	♃
	17:40	♁	11♌51	First Quarter
05	23:57	♃	♁	♃

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ASTRO MED

FROM C.E.O. CARTER'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA

Impotence. Sexual impotence would form an interesting astrological study, owing to the psychological factors often involved, but I have never seen it discussed and it is not strange that authentic examples are rare, and those that are available for private study cannot always be published, out of consideration for the sufferers. But we may instance **Ruskin** and **Jerome Cardan**.

In one case before me (born under Sagittarius at Philadelphia, March 11, 1889) the ruler Jupiter is opposite the Moon, which seems significant. The procreative Sun is in the weak sign Pisces and is inconjunct Uranus in Libra, Venus is on the cusp of the 5th well aspected, which seems strange but if we use equal house division, Mars rules the 5th and is on the cusp thereof, opposite Uranus in Libra. This is highly significant. We have also Mercury in 28 Aquarius (an area of neurasthenia, q.v.) square Neptune. This points to mental and emotional difficulties. The native underwent an unfortunate operation at the hands of a quack. — **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology.**



STAR OF THE WEEK

★★★☆☆

ZOSMA delta Leonis 11^m29

Notes: A triple star, pale yellow, blue and violet situated on the Lion's back. From Zosma, a Girdle.

Influence: Of the nature of Saturn and Venus. It causes benefit by disgrace, selfishness, egotism, immorality meanness, melancholy, unhappiness of mind and fear of poison, and gives an unreasonable, shameless and egotistical nature.

The constellation of Virgo, the Virgin: 21^m — 7^m. **Influence:** Ptolemy makes the following observation: "The stars in the head of Virgo and that at the top of the southern wing, operate like Mercury and somewhat like Mars: the other bright stars in the same wing, and those about the girdle, resemble Mercury in their influence, and also Venus, moderately . . . those at the points of the feet and at the bottom of the garments are like Mercury, and also Mars, moderately."

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

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Vocational Astrology

IF the ruler of your 2nd is direct in motion you reveal your future work in life very early and should not be thwarted as a child nor forced to follow the prescribed methods elsewhere . . . you are born knowing what you want to do and how to do it: maybe a genius. If the 2nd House ruler is retrograde or intercepted or in a cadent house and especially if Saturn is in the First Quadrant, delays and responsibilities can hold back the aptitude's full expression for years. If Saturn is there, parental troubles are to blame.

The voluntary will to apply one's self, as ruled by the 6th House without which we would make no effort in our own behalf, is next in importance. The 2nd and 6th are trine, a birthright aspect making a grand-success-trine to the career-10th House if the native exerts himself: it is our birthright to rise in life. Nothing in our way is insurmountable, as shown by the natural 2nd and 6th House rulers Venus and Mercury who are never very far from the success-Sun.

The Sixth is the house of voluntary work of your own choice always oriented to what the 10th allows, thus we desire the ruler of the 6th to be in aspect with the 10th cusp, its ruler, a planet in the 10th or the natural 10th-House ruler Saturn. The ruler of the 6th above the horizon permits more publicity than if below, although in any angular house it assures some public recognition of your efforts. The sign it is in discloses by being cardinal, fixed or common whether you undertake your work in life as a self-inaugurator, a developer or public distributor — **In the Beginning Astrology**, 1975.

A Peek at

Election Day 2012

(chart on pg. 4)

THE tireless gnomes at **Planet Waves**, in addition to finding Rick Perry's time of birth, also sent along the chart for next year's election, which will be on **Tuesday, November 6, 2012**. They set the chart for one minute past midnight in Dixville Notch, New Hampshire. This unincorporated village has a custom of voting at midnight, thus gaining supposedly useful media attention. Checking the town's **Wiki page**, I learn it is one of a number of towns in New Hampshire who pull this stunt. The results are not indicative, nor, so far as I am aware, of any consequence to the towns themselves.

But is it valid for astrologers? I thought of it this way. If we were to set a similar chart for a UK general election, would we set it for **John O'Groats**, or for the capital, London? If it were a French national election, would we set a chart for **Mont St. Michel**, in Normandy, or for the capital, Paris? I have visited the Mont. It is very pretty. If in Russia, for Vladivostok, or for Moscow? In Vladivostok, polls open hours and hours before they do in Moscow.

We should set our election chart for the polls in our capital city, Washington, because control of Washington, not Dixville Notch, is what is up for grabs. There is one other detail. 12:01 am is not when Dixville Notch opens its polls. It is when they close. Polls in Dixville Notch are open for exactly one minute. These various New Hampshire witching hour charts are studied in the hopes of determining the outcome of the election.

My aim here is different. I am not interested in who wins, but how the race will be played. It is the game, not the outcome. Which means setting the chart for when the polls open. By custom, if not local law, polls in Washington open at 7:00 am Eastern time. Thus it is.

The chart (pg. 4) has 17 Scorpio rising, the Sun a few degrees away at 14 Scorpio, with 26 Leo for a midheaven. The Moon is at 8 Leo.

Since American's national elections always take place on the first Tuesday in November, all such election charts will be broadly similar. Set for approximate sunrise, Scorpio will always rise, and, so far as Washington is concerned, Leo will usually be the midheaven. The Sun will be somewhere in the vicinity of the ascendant degree, marking the day as a whole of exceptional interest

to the ruler, who is always symbolized by the Sun itself.

We attack the chart starting with the ruler of the Sun and ascendant: Mars. Election day next year, Mars will be in Sagittarius in the second house. Mars in Sagittarius is enthusiastic. It is tireless and restless. **Alan Oken** says it tends to shift blame to others, which is due to the Sagittarian enthusiasm for strangers, here being used as convenient foils. In a **mundane chart**, Mars in the second house means money for the military. You will note that America, since 1945, has continually short-changed its military, not ever spending the money we need in order to be secure. So it seems the election next year will be all about spending even more on our brave men and women who serve overseas (Sagittarius, again). Better to defend ourselves over there than to have to do it over here. Besides, we can hire cheap foreigners to clean up the mess we make.

Remembering the foreign aspect as well as the recent Supreme Court decision (**Citizens United**), removing virtually all restraints on political spending, many already expect that next year record amounts of money to be spent, by among others, agents of foreign governments. Mars in Sagittarius in the second house is therefore double-edged. On the one hand, more money for the military, on the other, lots and lots of money from overseas.

Because with the recent **Libyan escape**, where intense bombing cleared the way for a sham take-over by US/western-backed puppets (if you didn't hear the news, sorry to be brutal about it), it is plainly obvious to every foreign leader that they serve at the whim of the US President. This fact has hit particularly hard in Cuba, Venezuela, Syria, Iran, Pakistan and North Korea, if not Brazil, China, Russia and South Korea. They have not the means to stop a US military assault on their countries, which the first group knows to expect at any moment.

But, one way or another, they have money. Venezuela has a lot of it. The 2012 presidential election is an opportunity, perhaps the very last opportunity, for the leaders of these countries to buy their own personal safety. The examples of Saddam Hussein, Benazir Bhutto, Osama Bin Laden and now Muammar Gaddafi will not be lost on Bashar al-Assad, Hugo Chavez,

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Part 54:

Occupation & Position

The 10th house rules occupation, employers, fame, honour, and power; and the 6th, service, inferiors, employees, occupations followed through necessity rather than choice, and ones which give little honour or renown. The following are to be noted in judging the nature of the occupation:—

1. The signs and planets in, or rulers of, the 10th and 6th.
2. The Sun's house and sign position and aspects, and the planet nearest the Sun, especially if rising before it.
3. The ruler's position and the planet in strongest aspect to it.
4. The planet in strongest aspect to the Moon.
5. The dominant planets in the map.

The particular nature of the occupation is very difficult to judge as the field of choice is so large, and many people follow more than one pursuit, especially if the mutable signs are strongly tenanted and the significators receive many aspects. As a rule the exact work is denoted by several positions rather than by one only and follows the general type of map, but the most important factors in addition to the 10th and 6th houses are the strongest planet in the map and the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Ascendant and its ruler.

The stronger the positions and aspects of any planet the more connections will it have with the profession, and the nature of the aspect does not greatly influence the matter except that good aspects denote better and more refined occupations of the planets while the bad aspects denote the more laborious and obscure. The success in any work, however, depends upon the aspects and dignities of the planets concerned, and any occupation denoted by a badly placed or aspected planet will never prove successful. **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, by Vivian Robson.

**Claudius Ptolemy on
 Weather**

THE sign of Aries has a general tendency, arising from the presence of the Equinox, to promote thunder and hail. Certain of its parts, however, operate in a greater or less degree, according to the nature of the stars which compose the sign: for instance, the front parts excite rain and wind; the middle parts are temperate; and those behind are heating and pestilential. The northern parts, also, are heating and pernicious, but the southern cooling and frosty.

The sign of Taurus, in its general character, partakes of both temperaments, but is nevertheless chiefly warm. Its front parts, and especially those near the Pleiades, produce earthquakes, clouds and winds: the middle parts are moistening and cooling; those behind, and near the Hyades, are fiery, and cause meteors and lightnings. The northern parts are temperate, the southern turbulent and variable.

Gemini, in its general tendency, is temperate; but its leading parts produce mischief by moisture; its middle parts are entirely temperate; its later parts mixed and turbulent. The northern parts promote earthquakes and wind; and the southern are dry and heating.

Cancer is, in the whole, serene and warm, but its anterior parts near the Praesepe are oppressively hot and suffocating; the middle parts are temperate, and the later parts excite wind. And both its northern and southern parts are equally fiery and scorching.

Leo has a general tendency operative of stifling heat. The anterior parts are oppressively and pestilentially hot; yet the middle parts are temperate; and those behind are injurious by means of moisture. The northern parts produce variation and heat, and the southern moisture. — *From Book II of the Tetrabiblos*, by **Claudius Ptolemy**, translated by J.M. Ashmand.

**Is
 This
 You?**

**10°–30° Pisces
 rising**

*The Cancer &
 Scorpio decanates*

The Second Decanate:

The *Cancer* decanate of Pisces is ruled by the Moon. This influence awakens the latent sensitiveness of the sign, giving internal aspirations, persistency and ability to use Pisces virtues and avoid its vices, provided the ascendant is reinforced elsewhere or through a particular degree rising. Such is the case with the youth who combines the best influence of both the second and third decanates.

The Third Decanate of Pisces

The *Scorpio* decanate of Pisces is ruled by Mars. Here again the dual influence of the sign Pisces can be expressed in two ways. The unevolved are apt to be jealous, selfish and conventional, possessing a passionate desire for success at all costs. The life is therefore subject to serious reversals which are counteracted by the help of influential friends. Yet an inner urge for personal recognition and success will spur the native along some reckless course with complete disregard of the consequences. This makes the mind hard, without much feeling. The advanced type would use the force of this decan and apply it to an inner mystical development, thereby achieving occult realizations of a high order. — **Man and the Zodiac**, by David Anrias.



Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Kim Jong-il and the aging (and retired) Castro himself.

Foreigners have always spent money in Washington, but up to now they have done so discreetly, as the consequences for being caught were too enormous. (The exception has been the Israelis.) The Roberts Supreme Court, which is clearly on the take, (they always favor money over people), has opened the gates. Next year's election chart shows the results with great clarity. Mars in Sagittarius in the second house shows that next year's candidates for office (not just the presidential candidates) will eagerly solicit foreign donors. It is just that sleazy.

But it gets worse. Opposite Mars in Sagittarius in the second, is Jupiter in Gemini in the 8th. While the 8th house is Other People's Money, the short-hand for that is Wall Street.

Jupiter in the 8th house means there is going to be a lot of Wall Street money in the election next year, and while that might not be a surprise, a close examination of Jupiter shows just how bad it will be.

Gemini says the dealings will be two-faced, in other words, the money won't be for what you think it was for. It will be for something else. That Jupiter is retrograde means that the money itself is illegal, from illegal sources. Which, given Citizens United, we are powerless to stop in any effective way.

Finally, and most damningly, Jupiter, ruler of Sagittarius, disposes Mars. Which means that instead of buying politicians and thereby ensuring their own personal safety, international rulers will merely be scammed. Wall Street will steal their money just as they've stolen everyone else's. Will Mercury, ruler of Gemini, put a stop to it? No, for Mercury is itself in the sign of Jupiter, Sagittarius. Which is a mutual reception. When planets are in mutual reception, they tend to play together as if conjunct. When they are in mutual reception in their own debilities, they spin out of control and go straight down. In opposition they compete with each other to see who can be worse. In other words: Every.Single.Chart.Detail has meaning. And that's still not all.

In terms of profession, Lilly gives the 10th house to the job itself. In the election chart the midheaven is Leo, ruled by the Sun. The Sun, as we have seen, has been captured by Mars, which in this chart represents both the military, as well as rich deluded foreigners. The midheaven degree is late, and the 10th house as a whole is empty. The late degree means the election "comes late", which very likely means, "has already been

decided". As in 2008, we vote merely to ratify an empty choice. That the tenth house is empty means we do not expect very much from the person who gets it, and it does not matter which candidate gets the job.

In this chart, the Sun rules the Moon, which in its turn rules the 9th. On the one hand, this gives the election a highly religious over-

tone, as in, "I am a better friend of Jesus than he is." Which is nauseating enough. Cancer on the cusp of the 9th, we are viscerally afraid that evil foreigners will attack us in our beds. Terrified we turn to Jesus to save us. Which is why the election will go to the man (man, woman, WHO CARES!) who panders best to Jesus Christ on the one hand, and the military on the other. All the while drowning in a sea of money. The Part of Fortune, in Leo, simply reinforces it all.

The Morning After

As upsetting as this is, what comes next makes a mockery of all of it. The evening of the election, at 7:05 pm EST, Mercury goes retrograde.

The roughly 75 days from the election, to the Inaugural, is when the final deals are made. Typically the president-elect sells offices to the highest bidders, grants favors to his personal friends, and in all other ways corrupts his office before he even gets it. This is the American way, and it was instituted right at the very beginning, ostensibly because it takes a long time (initially four months) for the newly elected president to walk from the wilds of western Georgia to his new office on the Potomac. No, really. Even in 1789, the Founding Fathers themselves were making every deal they could.

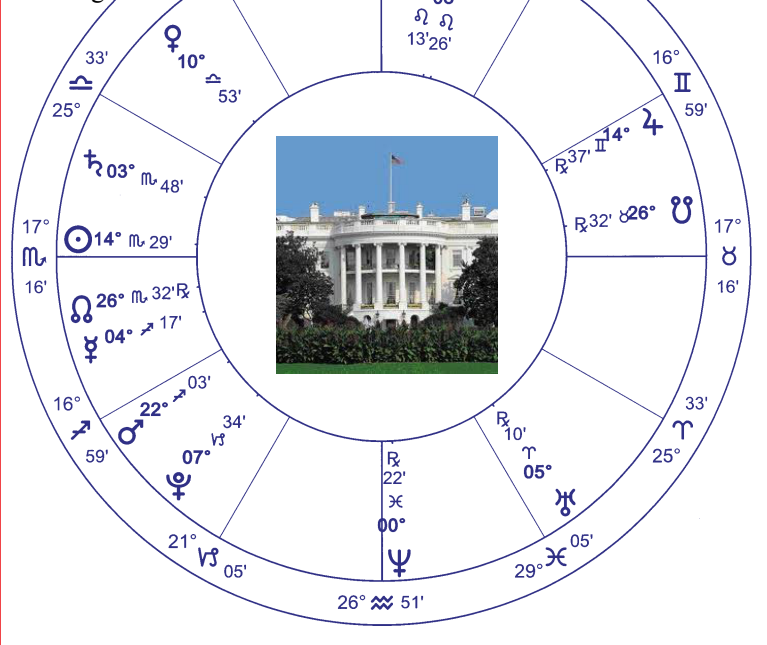
Mercury retrograde means those who expected a payoff from their candidate will be double-crossed. Mercury in Sagittarius will have made a lot of foolish promises, far

Election 2012

November 6, 2012

7:00 am

Washington



more than it can make good on, even if the sign was a strong one, such as Virgo or Aquarius. Which Sagittarius, so far as Mercury is concerned, is not. When Mercury turns retrograde, it will make no effort. It will simply walk away (turn around) and leave the hopeful foreigners hanging.

While I can understand foreign desperation to stop this mad Washington military machine, I am frankly astonished at their gullibility. Starting with the **Natives**, Washington has never respected its treaty obligations. Well, but we treat real foreigners differently, don't you know?

Really? In recent years the State of Texas has repeatedly **put foreign nationals to death** who were denied their rights under treaties signed in Washington and ratified by the US Senate. When challenged in the Supreme Court on precisely this issue, the winning, certified, legal excuse was two fold: One, Congress had never passed enabling legislation, which means the treaty was void on the face of it, and that the US Government, in its role as member state on this planet, is in no way responsible for the actions of its constituent parts. Which means the treaties the US signs apply only to the District of Columbia itself, as it seems the US government is responsible for nothing else.

Mercury goes retrograde at 4 Sagittarius. It retrogrades back into (nasty) Scorpio on the 14th. It turns direct on the 26th (surprise, surprise) 18 Scorpio, very nearly dead

conjunct the election ascendant. Whatever you thought the election had brought, good or bad, it will have been undone by this time. Direct, Mercury reaches Sagittarius on the 12th of December and finally catches back up to where it was on election day on the 15th. Which will be the end of the fix. In earlier years I had presumed that when major changes such as this had finally cleared, that everyone would know. It turns out I was wrong. It can take the public a long time to catch on. Pity.

I am sick to my stomach about next year's election. While elections in the US have never been quite what was claimed, it seems that since Bush vs: Gore in 2000, the powers that be haven't even made a pretense. The only proper way to vote is to spoil the ballot, but I doubt electronic gee-whiz easily hackable voting machines can be spoiled. If you were to accidentally pour a sugary coffee on them, election officials would only arrest you and then go into a panic and delay everyone else's right to spoil their ballots. So be good. It's just not worth it.