



NEWSLETTER

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AstroAmerica turns 16:

Happy Birthday to Us!

IN July 1993, an old girlfriend phoned. A friend wanted to retire from her new age store. If she bought it, would I come & run it?

Well.... running a store had been suggested before, just that there wasn't a store available. And it wasn't like being a clerk for a Brooklyn landlord gave joy & satisfaction.

So even though I knew we were never getting back together (what she thought I didn't care), I said yes.

So in early August, I quit my job, left my apartment (tied to my employment) emptied out my bank account, rented a Budget truck & headed west.

En route I rested a couple of days at my

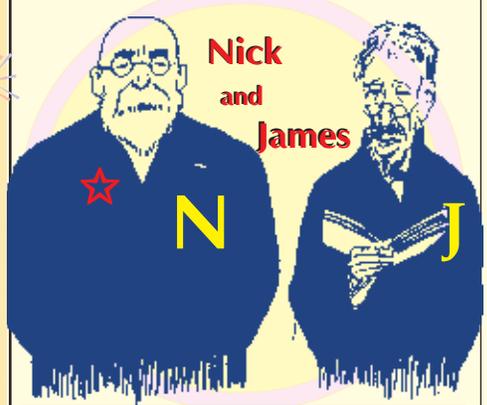
parents', who live in southeast Kansas. A cross-country trip is four days hard driving & even with a break in the middle, I was exhausted when I turned up in Ventura, CA.

Turns out, the store was a front for a psychic reader, who wanted to escape her lease & relocate to her front parlor. Stock, fixtures & fittings weren't worth \$1000. Turns out the store was a sham.

But rather than cry over spilt milk, we found a **store to rent**, found me an apartment nearby, unloaded & returned the truck just one day late. I still think that amazing.

It took a couple of weeks to get all the right papers, find some furniture & office equipment. Casting about for an official opening date, I noticed the parade for the annual **Ventura County Fair** was scheduled for 10 am on Saturday, August 21, 1993. For the heck of it, I cast the chart: Jupiter dead conjunct the ascendant. Nevermind that it was opposite my own Jupiter, and that Mars & the Moon both lurked uncomfortably close by. I got to the store an hour early, closed & locked the door, and then, with a flourish, opened it wide at the exact moment. That was sixteen years ago. Would I do it again?

YES!



DUELING DICTIONARIES

ORIENTAL / OCCIDENTAL

James Wilson, 1819: "Everyone," says Placidus, "knows how largely & to what little purpose authors have treated of the orientality of the planets." This might well be the case, when the whole was unintelligible even to those authors themselves. Ptolemy, speaking of the masculine & feminine, says that planets "when oriental & going before the Sun are masculine, & when occidental & following it are feminine..."

Nicholas deVore, 1947: These terms have various meanings, when differently applied; as: (1) The Moon is oriental of the Sun when it is increasing in light, from the lunation to the full; occidental of the Sun, when decreasing in light. (2) A planet is said to be oriental when it...

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

25	17:16	♂	♄	
	20:18	♀	♃	
26	03:58	♀	♁	♂
	13:57	♀	♁	♃
	16:08	♀	♁	♃
	16:12	♀	♂	
	18:35	☾	♁	♃
	20:32	♂	♃	♃
27	03:16	☾	♂	
	11:42	☉	♁	♂ 21
28	13:26	♀	♃	♀
29	05:26	☾	♁	♃
	14:44	☾	♃	
	20:01	☾	♃	♂
	30 04:51	☾	♁	♁
31	12:06	♀	♃	♃

First Quarter

Void

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



STAR OF THE WEEK



ZOSMA. delta Leonis. 11 ♏ 27

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

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

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

AUGUST 25

1537 – Formation of the **Honourable Artillery Company**, London.

1609 – **Galileo Galilei demonstrates his first telescope**, in Venice.

1814 – Washington, D.C. is burned

AUGUST 25

1835 – NY Sun's Great Moon Hoax

1910 – Yellow Cab founded

1944 – Paris is liberated

1950 – Truman seizes railroads

1989 – Voyager 2 reaches Neptune

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1911 – Vo Nguyen Giap born

1912 – Erich Honecker born

1913 – Walt Kelly born ("Pogo")

1918 – Leonard Bernstein born

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Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Who shall have a place in your life? *from* Astrological Essays

THERE are four points to consider in this question, the first showing the type of friends you cared for most in your immediately-preceding incarnation whom you still find preferable: the second showing those to whom you are drawn naturally as from birth based on this incarnation: the third revealed by the Sign on your 2nd cusp for those who will register strongly in your immediate future in this incarnation & shall be carried over into your next. . . . and lastly, where your natal Sun is situated, because he represents your undying, immortal ego; the embodiment of the Soul that has been yours down through the ages, now situated in a house representing people who are thus kindred souls, the kinship leading to adoption as in including them in your present family circle.

Use the Seven Original Powers throughout. . . . the Sun and Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter & Saturn, describing by their positive keywords in all cases. The negative keywords for Uranus, Neptune & Pluto outweigh the positive too much for us to depend on.

Your Previous Incarnation

First, take the RULER of your preceding-incarnation 12th House describing you at that time by its planetary nature combined with that of the Sign-channel it is in, and showing by house position the department of life you were (and still are) interested in. —from *Astrological Essays*, 1979

SOLAR RETURNS FORMULAS & ANALYSES

by Flance McCullough

THE location of the NATAL ascendant in the SOLAR RETURN chart is very important & highlights that solar return house. It shows where the native is reaching out this birthday year.

A strong example of this intensification is my 1987 SR chart on the next page, with ascendant of 1 Sag 24. The natal ascendant is about 1 degree from the cusp of the solar return 12th house of hospitals. I broke my ankle in 1987 & ended up in a hospital. The SR 11th house of ankles is ruled by Venus & Venus is in the SR 2nd house showing ankles are expensive that year. SR Venus is DISPOSED by Saturn which is in the solar return first house illustrating the burdens & difficulties that earning income became since my ankle broke during income tax season (my busiest time of the year to make money & me in a wheelchair)!!

Natal Mars is in the N 11th house of ankles, and SR Mars is in the SR 6th house of health disposed by Venus in the SR 2nd house. Venus is also lord of the SR 11th house of ankles, linking health, working conditions, income, ankles, and hospitals in to a convenient package. (Convenient??) That same solar planet Mars in the SR 6th house is opposite SR Pluto in the SR 12th house setting off again health, working conditions, and hospitals.

SR Moon in the second house conjunct Venus (Lord of the 11th house of ankles) made the ankle very costly but income changed little. The Moon in the 2nd house (self-esteem) squares Mars (out of sign) affecting my self-esteem, since I now considered myself to be a cripple. —from *Solar Returns Formulas & Analysis*, used by permission.

AUGUST 25

- 1930 – Sean Connery born
- 1931 – Regis Philbin born
- 1938 – Frederick Forsyth born
- 1940 – José Van Dam born
- 1944 – Conrad Black born
- 1946 – Rollie Fingers born
- 1954 – Elvis Costello born
- 1968 – Rachael Ray born

UPCOMING



Judith Hill
has a new
book on
Nodes

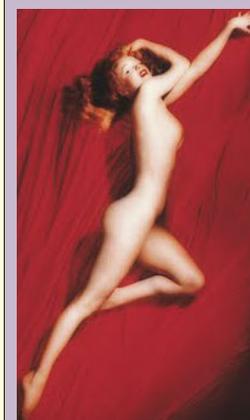
Everything you ever wanted to know in what she claims will be the Ultimate Book. Ms Hill promises an exclusive: *October*.



Pseudo- Science

No, it's not Astrology. It's Astronomy. If you can believe five impossible things before breakfast, it's just the discipline for you. Part 1, *Doppler Dogma & The Big Bang(er)*, coming soon.

THE TIBETAN BOOK OF THE DEAD



ain't all it's cracked up to be. (I've seen that History Channel presentation just one time too many.) I find it to be misleading, not relevant, and in many places filled with Tibetan gibberish. I can do better, but you've really, really REALLY got to make me, as it's the one subject that's guaranteed to make you squirm. Tell me you love me anyway!

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WHY WHERE
WHAT WHO
WHEN

ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Part 23:

Cutting Nails & Corns

IN cutting the finger-nails place the Moon in a succedent house, or failing that, in an angle, but take care it is not cadent. See that the Moon is not in any aspect with Mercury or Jupiter, nor afflicted by Saturn or Mars, for an affliction from Saturn makes the nails grow slowly or thin & weak, and an affliction from Mars tends to cause them to grow inwards. The Moon should be in Aries, Taurus, Cancer, Leo, or the first fifteen degrees of Libra, free from affliction. From Libra 15 to Scorpio 15, as well as all Gemini & Sagittarius are particularly to be avoided.

In cutting toe-nails see that the Moon is not in Gemini, Pisces, or from Libra 15 to Scorpio 15.

In cutting corns let the Moon be in a cadent house, in Gemini, Leo, or Virgo, decreasing in light & motion, in order that the corns may not grow quickly again. But afflictions from the malefics must be avoided, for they might cause complications. Especially avoid afflictions in Cancer or Capricorn which are the signs producing corns.

AUGUST 31

1803 – Lewis & Clark leave Pittsburgh
1920 – Poles defeat Bolsheviks
1965 – The **Super Guppy** makes first flight

Extracted from:

Dave's "Top Ten" of the Best Books in Astrology

Best books to get started:

Astrologer's Handbook, Sakoian & Acker
Llewellyn's Complete Book of Astrology - Kris Brandt Riske

Secrets from a Stargazer's Notebook - Debbi Kempton-Smith

Best book on Transits:

Planets in Transit - Robert Hand

Best book on Relationships:

Astrology & Sex - Vivian Robson

Best book on Houses:

MINE, but it will never be written. *Try:*

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Best Horary Astrology:

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Medical Astrology - Judith Hill

A Handbook of Medical Astrology - Jane Ridder-Patrick

Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology - C.E.O. Carter

Encyclopaedia of Medical Astrology - H.L. Cornell

Best books on Aspects:

Aspects in Astrology - Sue Tompkins

Astrological Aspects - C.E.O. Carter

– *C'est le vrai Pauvre Richard, alors!* –
From Richard Saunders'

Astrological Judgement & Practice of Physick, 1677

[Note: People ask me what groups of degrees may mean. Here is Old Richard's view of such, keyed to current planetary positions. "Third degree", "second degree" is a scale of intensity. "Third degree burns" is a modern relic. — Dave]

SATURN in the last six degrees of *Virgo*, is cold & dry in the beginning of the 4th degree, causing Melancholy, Madness, the Wolf, Cankers & the like; dead Palsies, Quartan Agues, cold Gouts, Sciaticas & pain of the Hips....

Jupiter in the last 18 degrees of *Aquarius* is also hot & moist in the 4th degree, causing much faeculent thick blood, stopping the lungs & lights, making rising in the Throat ready to stop the Wind, and affecting the face with swelling & redness; it multiplies the blood in the Liver & Veins, causing Pleurisies, Impostumes, Fluxes & spitting of blood....

Mars in the first 18 degrees of *Cancer* is temperate in all the four qualities, yet causing Diseases of red Cholera & thin Flegm, causing biles, botches & leprosie, pimples, red spots, itches, scurf, deafness & worms in the stomach & hardness in the Belly & it is the beginning of salt Flegm, whence Flegm has the dominion; hot & dry.

Sol in the first 6 degrees of *Virgo* is cold in the first degree, ingendering Diseases of Melancholy & thick yellow Cholera, and Melancholy has dominion; and the Humour is cold & dry, sour & sharp in taste, causing Kernals & Scabs in the neck & throat, stiffness of the Sinews, Cramps, Small Pox, Measles & strong Fevers, oppilations in the Liver & Milt. — from **The Astrological Judgement & Practice of Physick**.

