



NEWSLETTER

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VOTE

IN America, Tuesday, May 4 is Election Day for many local and state offices. You haven't heard? You weren't told? Welcome to the American Shrinking Democracy. Let me explain.

Many years ago when I was in school I was taught that as a result of corrupt mayors, in the 1950's local governments shifted to town councils, which hired City Managers to run things. But instead of eliminating corruption, this merely hid it. Council members were typically elected at large, which meant they were responsible to no one, while City Managers, no slouches them, quickly realized their jobs depended on catering to the every whim of the Councilors, their family, and their friends.

I don't know exactly why it came about, but sometime in the 1980's or '90's local elections were shifted from the first Tuesday in November, to the first Tuesday in May. This is puzzling until, as astrologers, we realize the shift was from Scorpio, to

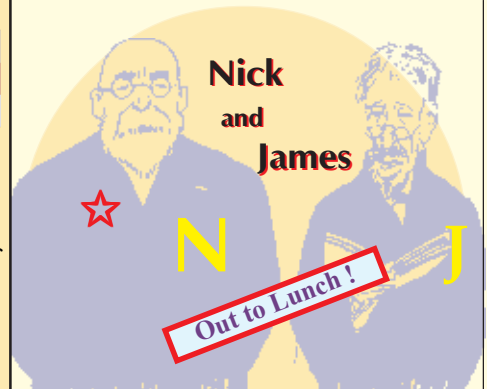
Taurus. Whereupon it becomes easy to remember. The "First Tuesday in Scorpio" is now **The First Tuesday in Taurus**.

On Wednesday the papers will be full of stories of apathetic voters. Turnout is typically under 10% of those registered (who are, themselves, less than half of those eligible). Never mind that not the slightest effort is made to inform the public of the election going on. A decade ago, candidates felt obliged to at least make a pretense of yard signs & campaign cars, but this season I have seen only one car and no signs at all.

And the reason is simple: Whichever candidate has the most family & friends (and/or "muscle") wins. So why waste money? Which is pathetic.

No surprise the people who get "elected" have so little experience with the voters that the least citizen discontent results in the police being called out, tasers in hand.

Here in Bel Air, there are annual signs for the **Harvre de Grace Decoy Festival** (which has just finished, by the way), annual signs for the **4th of July Pancake Breakfast** at a local high school, annual signs for the **Harford County Fair** (a shabby affair), but **NOT ONE SIGN** that says, **VOTE**. So I thought it my duty to remind you.



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STAR OF THE WEEK



CAPULUS 33 ♃ vi Persei 24 ♃ 20

Notes: A double cluster situated in the sword hand of Perseus

Influence: Of the nature of Mars and Mercury. It causes blindness or defective eyesight.

FROM PAGE 97: It will be noticed that all the influences described in the following chapter are expressed in terms of the radical horoscope and no allowance has been made for directions. This is done for the simple reason that directional influences are exactly the same, the only difference being that they do not persist throughout the life. Therefore in studying the effects of directions the same delineations may be used if it is borne in mind that they are of a transitory nature and not lasting. Either primary or secondary directions may be used and both are calculated in the usual way.

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

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

04	13:09	☉ □ ♂
	13:39	♀ ♄ ♀
	19:07	☽ ✖ ♃ Void
	20:52	☽ ☿
05	12:31	☽ ♄ ☉
06	02:23	☽ ♂ ♂
	04:15	☉ 15 ☿ 33 Last Quarter
	21:31	♂ ♄ ♀
07	00:00	♃ ♄ ♃
	06:37	☽ ♂ ♀ Void
	09:34	☽ ✖
	21:55	♀ ✖ ♂
08	22:11	☽ ✖ ☉
09	12:32	☽ ♂ ♃
	17:58	☽ ♂ ♃
	20:13	☽ ♂ ♃ Void
	21:30	☽ ♃
10	10:23	☉ ♄ ♂

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IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The Moon & the Overweight Problem, part 3

IF the progressed Moon is increasing in light the native will want to eat more, so that any dietary lapse counteracts a transiting-decreasing Moon's reducing power.

If only somewhat overweight, start with the 1st quarter New Moon on a 3.5 day liquid diet (fruit and vegetable juices, coffee and tea taken plain, soups and skim milk), augmented during the next 3.5 days of this quarter by green salads, vegetables, red meat, fish, whole-wheat products, etc., omitting sauces & dressings, starches, sweets & all fattening fruits. This non-fat diet supplies the minerals, vitamins & bulk the body needs but not the extra calories that it doesn't need, so that it draws on its own store. If the few extra pounds are then lost, follow a non-fat diet thereafter. Brisk walks, outdoor work & games will quicken the losing pace but retain tone.

So much for ordinary reduction to keep in trim. If obese, however, stay on this regimen for as many months as necessary, starting every Full Moon phase with the first 3.5 day's liquid diet as already suggested. Rapid reducing of obese cases is extremely undesirable and even dangerous, however, because of too-radical a change in the established tempo (seeing that most cases of obesity involve Leo and thus the heart, the body's motor). It is safer to make haste slowly, so more leeway in diet is allowed, to include whole milk, eggs, potatoes, etc. during the tapering-off period of months — even a year in some cases, especially if Leo is prominent in the chart. — *The Way of Astrology*, 1967.

HeavenlySEX

THERE is an old story that after he was executed, Sir Thomas Moore, (1478–1535), took up an afterlife in his study, with his books. As of a century ago, he was alleged to still be there. And that's heaven, of a sort. But whenever he pops his head out, he'll rejoin the lemmings & end up right back down here.

If you want to stay in Heaven, if you want Nirvana, you have to solve the riddle of sex.

And I don't mean abstinence. Sexual denial, sexual purity, in all its many varieties, merely forces you to puzzle it out. Lack of sex provides no answers on its own, it will NOT get you off the wheel of reincarnation, it is a **DEAD END**. I will start from the beginning & show you how it works:

A man takes a woman to his bed to revel in her nakedness, to celebrate it with his orgasm. Note carefully that he is not interested in his own nakedness, nor is he interested in orgasm *per se*, as he can get naked & masturbate any time he wants.

Women take men to bed, not to have them naked, for men are far too casual with their bodies & are incapable of displaying them properly — something which is rather important to women. Nor are women interested in sharing their own orgasm with men, since men are conceptually incapable of bringing them to that point, compounded by the fact women are inherently shy. I suspect that women only show men their orgasm out of sheer anger with male stupidity. Because female orgasm misses the entire reason women take up with men in the first place.

Women take men to bed to have the man's orgasm. To delight in it, to thrill in it, to revel in it. For the experienced female, to know how John compares to Paul, etc. This is obvious when stated baldly, but I fear that not one man in a thousand has ever realized it. So far as sheer male orgasmic release is concerned, this is the reason women prefer, have always preferred, crude brutes over educated snobs. At least as far as the bedroom goes.

But there's more. **Women process men's orgasms as their own.** They turn it into something else entirely. They then radiate it back to the man. Post coital. The interplay of male orgasm & the female processing of it goes to the very heart of polarity itself.

The results of this fusion are all around us, good and bad. On the one hand, there is the well-known fact that married couples do

better, socially, economically, and in every other respect, than single people, even considering that virtually all single adults are sexually active. The bad side is that almost all marriages, at one time or another, are living hells for both partners.

Close examination of the orgasmic state will tell us why. During the entire period of coitus, the male and female have fused, not only physically, but also emotionally, and, to the extent they are capable, mentally. Which means that whatever is in her head is a mirror of what's in his. Since the male is generally the active party, if he's only in it for mindless sex, chances are the female will have a fairly good time as a result. On the other hand, if he's worried about his "performance", his orgasm will be a dud & the encounter as a whole will be unsatisfactory.

It is when a man mates with a woman because of who she is, where she's been, what she's like — not what she looks like — and sacrifices himself utterly to her, that he solves the sex puzzle. When a woman mates with a man because of his perceived power and strength, taking him — gladly — as her own, becoming him, as it were, and then radiates that back to the man, that she solves the problem on her part. When the craving for that kind of intensity overwhelms genital lust, you have transcended earthly sex.

The only remaining thing is to remember this next time you find yourself in heaven. If, once you get there, you have any doubts, call out. There are guides to help. If you forget you will drift back with the tide. If you suddenly experience raw lust for genitalia, you will find yourself rushing back.

Is there sex in Heaven? **Yes.** Much more than here. But it's no more about genitals than eating is about teeth. Sex is ultimately about the mind, so in heaven, it becomes a whole-body experience. Which, from time to time is experienced in vivid dreams.

Broadly speaking, in heaven women are libraries of knowledge and history, and men are agents of action. The interplay of the two is endless, the variations are limitless, the results are beyond imagination. Are these gender roles permanent? Do men stay men, do women remain women, or can they change about? I don't know. I suspect they can change sex, but there were things about the Han that Marco Polo just didn't see, or understand if he did. Like him, I am only a visitor.

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Part 59:

Giving Purgatives, part 2

According to Haly the lord of the ascendant, the Moon, and dispositor of the Moon should be strong, dignified, oriental, angular, and free from the aspects of the malefics, especially in the case of the Moon, the lord of the ascendant and the ascendant itself. The Moon should apply to Venus, and be in reception with the benefics; and its dispositor if weak should be in good aspect to the benefics with reception. The Moon should not apply to, or be in aspect with, Jupiter, for that hinders the effect.

If the purgative is in liquid form Scorpio is the best sign for the ascendant or Moon; if, in powder form, Cancer; and if as a pill, Pisces. Avoid the Moon in the ascendant for it tends to cause swellings, and also take care that the Moon and lord of the ascendant are not in the fourth. See that the lord of the eighth is neither angular nor in aspect with any of the significators. — **Electional Astrology, by Vivian Robson.**

May 4

- 1494 – Columbus lands in Jamaica
- 1626 – P. Minuit arrives in New Netherland
- 1675 – Charles II orders construction of the Royal Greenwich Observatory
- 1776 – Rhode Island renounces George III
- 1814 – Napoleon arrives at Elba

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



Hidalgo

IN its most specific and mundane manifestations, Hidalgo shows as an affinity for or contact with Spanish, Mexican, South or Latin American cultures, languages or influences. Hidalgo also deals with Church vs. State conflicts (i.e., the abortion issue) and “revolutionary” governments, or governments based on strong religious or political ideologies.

In its psychological and behavioral manifestations, Hidalgo is exhibiting the courage of one’s convictions—stating one’s principles or what one stands for and finds important and essential. Where Hidalgo is challenged by aspect, the principles and convictions are “subject to” the pressures & needs of the aspecting planet so that one can seem hypocritical or have “expedient” ethics, morals or principles. A person addresses your Hidalgo when they say, “Gimmie a straight answer.” The configuration of Hidalgo in the chart shows how you respond, why you respond (or why you don’t comply with their request). The aspects indicate hesitations, conflicts and modifications that occur as you try to state your case; the Sign of Hidalgo also shows some modifications and filtering of information. You *Come right out with what’s on your mind* through the Sign, and in the manner of the Sign. Thus it will be noted that Hidalgo in Scorpio will “state principles (or monitor/frame disclosures) and work to exhibit convictions” in a very different way than Hidalgo in Sagittarius!

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

**DOG OF THE
 MONTH**



TAURUS Dogs are obstinate, and when annoyed with you will not heed at all, and will probably do exactly the opposite. Yet they can be very sweet and loving

and even overly demonstrative.

Very brave and protective toward you. Super cunning to get his own way, especially if he wants to stay in the house and you want him out. He will immediately show how well-behaved he is, and will park himself in the place he knows you like him to be and thump his tail on the floor, while looking at you straight in the eye beseechingly. They love to be stroked and fondled, and will guard you zealously. They prefer luxury to the Spartan life – no dog house for these beggars, not when they can sleep on the master’s bed.

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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**

May 4 Birthdays

- 1655 – B. Cristofori, piano inventor
- 1825 – Augustus Le Plongeon, of the Maya
- 1852 – Alice Pleasance Liddell, “Alice”
- 1916 – Jane Jacobs, urban planner
- 1929 – Audrey Hepburn

