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AT the age of 59, having written newsletters the past four years, this summer it seems I have become the proverbial overnight sensation. Those of you eagerly signing up for the newsletter now greatly outnumber the curmudgeons (like myself) who shout NO MORE at me. So for all of you who have joined recently, my thanks, and an introduction:

The newsletter was started in 2007 as a monthly, at the suggestion of Margaret C., who said such things were good for business. Which at the time was sliding rather badly, as we were in the first stages of the world-wide slump.

Despite instructions, and despite my best efforts, I simply cannot write advertisements with a straight face, but on the other hand, I love showing off how clever I think I am. Early issues were erratic, as it is hard to keep to a monthly schedule.

Two years ago in March, the store slid again, and, in a panic, I made the newsletter a weekly. Weeklies run to schedule. Get

them done Sunday night, broadcast first thing Monday morning.

Which lasted for another year. This past March I broke out of a rigid 3-page format and started writing chart delineations. I started with time twins. (Elizabeth Taylor and Johnny Cash were born on the same day. So were Andy Griffith and Marilyn Monroe. Did you know?)

I then drifted into politics and seem to have hit a nerve. While some of you are here for the conclusions I draw, many of you have the astrological skills to understand the methods I use.

Which are those of **Jean-Baptiste Morin**, more or less, as I have not actually studied him. I am taking a good grasp of fundamentals (signs, houses, planets, which you can get from many **good books**) and then combining them in the way that was always intended but until fairly recently was unrealized. The twelve houses are the essential divisions of our lives, the signs on the cusps are the way we deal with them, the planets mark the houses that are important to us, the various interconnected rulerships are the means by which this happens. Get Morin's **Book 21**, read my delineations, work them out for yourself, and learn. And **Robson**. And **Carter**. And **Ivy**.



Independence. Most people with the Sun, Mars, or ruler well placed, or with a strong 10th house, are capable and desirous of being independent of others, particularly if a fiery sign rises. Libra and Pisces, on the other hand, are the reverse. Uranus is particularly the planet of independence, and when prominent but afflicted, often makes a god of this ideal without recalling the essential interdependence of human activity. All Uranians intensely dislike feeling beholden to others. Mars and Jupiter in aspect, or one of them prominent in the sign of the other, often makes for Pride (q.v.) which is closely akin to independence.

Hypocrisy is a vice which occurs chiefly under the double Jovian signs. The elements are much the same as in Deception (q.v.) except that Jupiter is usually more, and Scorpio less, prominent. The deceiver has usually a definite purpose, apart from which he may be fairly above-board in his manner; hypocrisy is an attitude which has become second nature, and is worn often without the hypocrite being himself conscious of it.

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for the week (all times GMT)

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	09:27	☉	19X	17	Full Moon

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STAR OF THE WEEK



DENEbola beta Leonis 21^m47

Notes: A blue star in the Lion's tail.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Saturn and Venus. It gives swift judgment, despair, regrets, public disgrace, misfortune from the elements of nature, and happiness turned to anger, and makes its natives noble, daring, self-controlled, generous and busy with other people's affairs.

If rising: Riches, preferment and good fortune attended by many dangers and anxieties through own folly, benefits seldom last, trouble and sickness.

With Sun: Honour and preferment with danger, public disgrace and final ruin, disease, fevers and acute ailments, death by suicide.

With Moon: Honour & preferment among the vulgar, but final disgrace & ruin, violent disease of vital organ, blindness & injuries to the eyes.

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

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IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The Tenth House

THE Tenth is the highest point attainable to the Sun and therefore to us whose representative he is. It is the house of our ambition to rise that brings us as high as our chart allows, and its ruling planet is the signifier of the occupation, according to the vocation natively indicated by the Sign it is in. Thus the ruler of the 2nd shows the department, the Sign it is in shows the manner of approach, and the ruler of the 10th shows the type of future vocation.

Our representative-Sun in a cardinal Sign endows us with executive ability in our chosen employment. In a fixed Sign, we have managerial ability in some position already decided by an executive elsewhere. In a common Sign we have the ability to adapt and to put into circulation for general use whatever has been initiated and already established by the others.

The Sun or Jupiter in the 10th promises comparatively greater success; Venus also but less, Saturn has dignity there by less security due to his propensity for falling from grace which may be averted if in mutual reception, a "saving grace" condition. Mars by exaltation there succeeds also, despite the difficulties and setbacks he encounters with superiors and partners. Mercury succeeds by cleverness and ready adaptability to urgent prevailing conditions. Uranus in the 10th promises unusual turns of events bringing unexpected developments in the occupation. —

In the Beginning Astrology, 1975.

September 11 birthdays:

- 1862—O. Henry, writer.
- 1885—D.H. Lawrence, writer.
- 1913—Bear Bryant, coach.
- 1917—Jessica Mitford, writer.
- 1924—Tom Landry, coach.

The Republican Party

FROM Penelope, I have the chart for the Republican Party: **February 28, 1854, Ripon, Wisconsin.** Penelope gave the time as "noon". I decided to see if I could do better.

I first went to the Wiki site for **Ripon, WI**, where I learned the meeting was held at a schoolhouse, which still stands, though not at its original location. Since schoolhouses are usually in use during most days of the week, I needed to find out what day of the week February 28th was. I got that from **Ancestor Search**, though an ephemeris of the period would have done as well.

Turns out, the day was a Tuesday. A school day. I presumed the school day in small towns in Wisconsin was more or less the same as it was when I was in school in Kansas, from, say, 8:00 am to, say, 3:00 pm, give or take half an hour on either side. Thereafter kids came home to their waiting mothers, and if that sounds like the **Cleavers**, well, it's supposed to.

Ripon was a new town, only having been settled six years earlier. The school house was perhaps a year old. The community presumably served the surrounding farmers. In February most farmers are inactive, except the dairymen, who work year round, generally at sunrise and sunset. And there would have been dairy.

So our next question is what time the sun sets in Ripon on February 28 of any given year. Which a standard astrology chart will give us: Set the sun on the 7th house cusp, read off the time. More or less, that's sunset. Which was about 5:40 pm (CST, as I forgot to set things in LMT).

So the setting was a schoolhouse, the day was a school day as well as a work day. School ends late in the afternoon, children return home, the evening meal is prepared, the head of the house returns, food is eaten, the dairy men milk the cows and put them away for the night, and only then can evening activities begin. The first meeting of what was to be the Republican party thus begins no earlier than 7:00 pm.

I am unable to determine what, if anything, happened during this epochal meeting.

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Secrets From A, Stargazer's Notebook

DEBBI KEMPTON-SMITH

Get the Moon to Work for You

WHERE is the Moon in the sky right now? If you live in a big city, swivel your head round the skyscrapers until you find it. There, now, is it full? Then no wonder everyone you know is acting larger than life—good time for a party. Expect to break with routine and enjoy the lunacy.

No Moon in the sky? That's a new Moon. Shortly it will be a good time to begin new projects. Make sure it's a new Moon though. It may be up there all right, but you can't see it in Times Square.

If you bear in mind that the Moon's stay in each sign is fleeting, a general two-day wash of feeling that affects human behavior, you will begin to notice an unmistakable *tone* to newspaper headlines, events, people's feelings.

When the Moon is in Aries—There's a lot of ego about, and razzle-dazzle. People are impatient, express themselves, and show sarcasm and quick tempers. *Aries people get their way*; Librans need rest—lay low.

When the Moon is in Taurus—People hold on to what they've got. They get greedy & sensual, wanting to eat big meals. A careful, conservative feeling in the streets. *Taurus people get their way*; Scorpios need rest and to stay out of new trouble.

When the Moon is in Gemini—Bring out the witty repartee, play it light, write letters, read and get the bus driver's opinion on the world crisis. Well, it's always a bloody crisis somewhere. *Geminis get their way*; Sagittarians need rest and to stop preaching.

When the Moon is in Cancer—It's homey, so if you feel like crawling out of your shell go visit people in theirs, They don't want to go out. This Moon is good, however, for the restaurant business. *Cancer people get their way*; Capricorns need a rest from scheming about how to take over the world. [Get the book, read the rest!] — **Secrets From A Stargazer's Notebook.**

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Part 55:

Occupation and Position

The cause of lack of success is shown by the position of the afflicting planet and its nature, thus Saturn may cause laziness or neglect; Mars pride, obstinacy, carelessness or debt; Venus, trouble through pleasures or women; and so on. In *choosing* a profession look to the most favourably placed planets.

The nature of the chief significator and the sign containing it should be combined when judging the nature of the occupation. Thus Saturn denotes work in connection with dark objects, lead, etc., and Gemini has to do with writings and books, so that Saturn in Gemini might denote a compositor provided the rest of the map were in agreement. Note also that the houses correspond to the signs and rule the same matters, so that a planet in, say the 6th house has a similar effect to one in Virgo.

The matters ruled by the signs, and the effect of certain sign positions of the planets, are as follows:—

ARIES. Pioneer, soldier, short story writer, cattle dealer, groom, coachbuilder, veterinary surgeon. Saturn here, ambition, difficulties in early life. Jupiter, government work, military success. Mars, work in connection with home. Moon, work involving secrecy, or plebeian.

TAURUS. Dealer in real estate, house agent, broker, dealer in woollen goods, singer, gardener, soap boiler. Jupiter, religious, philanthropic or philosophical worker. Mars, both gain and pleasure from work. Moon, succeeds to father's business, work remunerative, but secret or plebeian.

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Martha Lang Wescott's

ASTEROID OF THE MONTH



Persephone/Prosperina

PERSEPHONE and Prosperina begin in the life with *the awareness of separation* that occurs after birth. That "separation" is the *first* transition or passage. There are many others—some actual, some emotional, some ideological (as defined by signs, houses and points in aspect.) The final transition which we are able to track is that of death, and Persephone and Prosperina are often prominent at that separation as well.

In delineation then, Persephone (or/and Prosperina) shows: the inner life of the child (away from the mother), or conflicts between parents or family and partner. It can also show examples shared custody or loss of and separation from children. Persephone and Prosperina deal with experiences away from home and family; they show what happens when "mother's not there to take care of you," they indicate the adaptation to transition from child to mate or life away from home; Persephone is what "claims" you or/and separates you from the mother and the family life/tradition; it's your experience of being away from the family and what makes you "different" (experientially) from other family members; it shows what breaks family unity and how this occurs.

These two asteroids deal with *life* passages—times when you must "leave" one place (set of conditions) and go to another; the asteroids address what impels these transitions, as well as how you handle them. They can indicate "separation anxiety." It is well to analyze the natal condition of these asteroids because the personality will replicate these conditions when faced with later *passages* and transitions. — *from Mechanics of the Future Asteroids*, © 1988, 1991

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DOG OF THE MONTH



The Virgo dog will always be house trained easily. He is quite picky about whom he makes friends with, but when he is sure you are his friend, he will be loyal forever more.

They are responsive to your needs, utterly reliable and intelligent, and will obey your command instantly. The only time these dogs get out of hand is if they think they have been treated unfairly. Then they can really bark up a storm.

This is one of the cleanest dogs around. Try teaching him to fetch the paper or your slippers. You and he will be delighted.

These dogs can go from town to town to town with you and take to new surroundings quite easily. Even if they have been used to the country, they can make the adjustment to city life easily

© Marian Futterman, 1976, *Your Dog and Astrology*, \$3.00. Yes, Marian, we still have copies. Some of the best sun-sign writing I ever came across.

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 slice for your amusement.

'Til next week — **Dave**
September 11:
1297—Scots defeat the English.
1609—H. Hudson discovers Manhattan.
2007—The Father of all Bombs, Russia.



Some thirty people attended. Presumably there were speeches, comments from the floor, debates, motions that were defeated or approved, etc.

In other words, time passed. Presumably once a final resolution of some sort had been agreed upon, the meeting ended. For a meeting starting around 7:00 pm, an hour does not sound long enough. If the meeting was brief, it would most likely have been noted as such. On the other hand, meetings that last three hours or longer are generally remembered as tiresome and, oftentimes, contentious. Presuming the people who met were more or less like-minded (people in small towns are often like-minded), two hours, more or less, is often enough to get the job done.

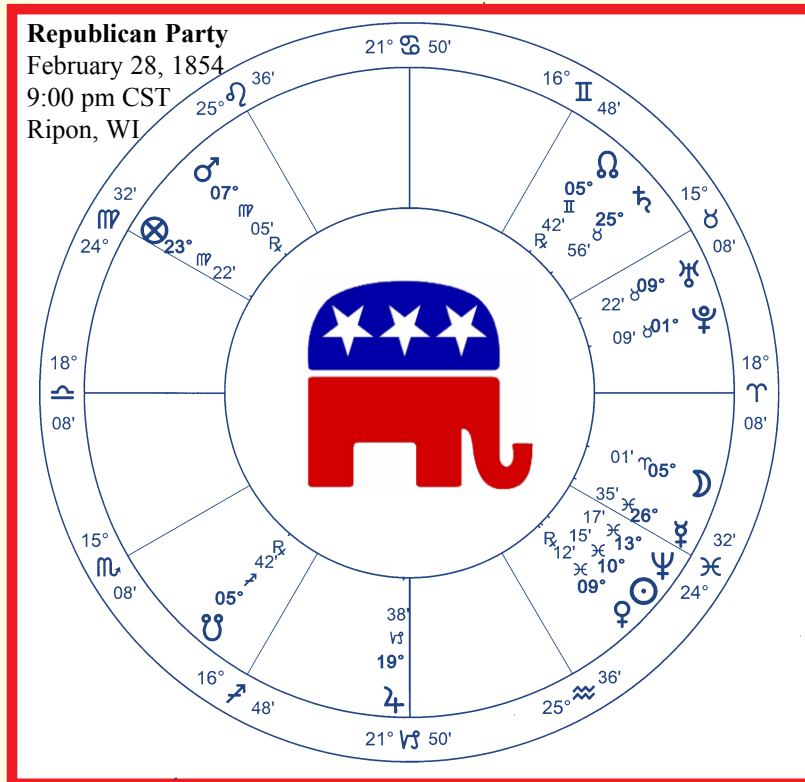
By this method of deduction, it is reasonable to take Penelope's noon chart and set it for 9:00 pm, the approximate conclusion of the meeting, the time when a final result, whatever it may have been, was agreed upon.

Other details: *The dogs that did not bark.* Snows in Wisconsin can be fierce. If there was snow, there would have been no school, which means the men could have met at any time of the day, except that if there was no school, there would not have been much of any activity in Ripon on the day. So we may presume the streets were clear and that classes had previously been held.

Second, these men were presumably godless heathens, as you will note the meeting was held in a schoolhouse, rather than a church. I am glad they did not meet in a church, as it would have been nearly impossible to establish the time of the meeting if they had. It was a new town and there may not have been a suitable church building, or it may be the promoters were not associated with any of the local clergy, or it may be they were serious about Church/State separation. It is said they took the name of their new party, Republican, from the Declaration of Independence. Which is as much a list of grievances as a statement of principles, but it might be they had the First Amendment in mind as well.

WITH these preliminaries out of the way, we can now examine the chart, the result of these men's work on that night.

Set for 9:00 pm — which is an approximation — the chart has cardinal signs on the angles, indicating great strength and dynamism. Libra rises, showing a desire for equality (these were anti-slavery men), but



underneath a placid exterior, Libras will manipulate others to get what they want. This should be kept in mind.

Chart ruler Venus is exalted in Pisces. Which, by comparison to the signs it actually rules (Taurus and Libra), Venus in Pisces is over the top, overdone, over-ripe, excessively idealistic. With Venus in Pisces are the Sun, Neptune and Mercury. Which is a pronounced religious fervor and a willingness to sacrifice, even face martyrdom, even in defiance of common sense, which a debilitated Mercury in Pisces notably lacks.

Now look where this falls in the chart: At 9 pm, as well as at 8 pm, Pisces falls on the cusp of the 6th, and 8 pm and 9 pm, Venus and the Sun fall outside of the 6th. I have said before that planets falling on the wrong side of the cusp are ne'er-do-wells, that they will try all the harder to prove their bona fides. Which is the case here.

What is the sixth house? **SLAVERY**. The men who met that night were ideologically driven to rid the world of that scourge, even at the cost of their own lives, as shown by the Sun's own position. Cardinal signs on the angles, they would do whatever was necessary. Chart ruler Venus, as well as the Sun in Pisces, they would be indiscriminate as to the means, as well as tend to excuse themselves with endless religious rationalizations.

Now look across the chart and find Mars opposing from Virgo. They knew they would be confronted, they expected to pay the ultimate price. They could rationalize and say that

as Mars was in the sign of Mercury, and as Mercury was on friendly terms with Venus, that they had a "spy in the enemy camp," which so far as the Civil War went, may well have been true. People do not consciously rationalize their actions with astrology (as I have done here), but, knowingly or not, they invariably make full use of their charts.

THIS chart may be analyzed for its role in the Civil War (the election of Abraham Lincoln as the party's first president may well rectify it precisely), but my immediate goal is the present day. Just as Venus wants to be in the 6th house, Mars wants to be in the 12th. Mars in the 12th is a strategist. The best military men, the best chess players, invariably have Mars in the 12th: It keeps their plans secret.

In Virgo, these plans are detailed and precise. Mars retrograde, they are wrong. Opposed to Mercury, they run counter to logic. Opposed to the Sun, they are hostile to life itself. Opposed to Pisces, they are ugly and contrary to religious principles.

But, using whole sign aspects (and why not?), Mars is supported by trines from Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Pluto. The trine from Saturn, while wide, is particularly telling: Even my enemy likes me. (Saturn and Mars hate each other.) The Pisces-Virgo opposition is the major source of dynamic energy in the Republican chart.

A chart with cardinal signs on the angles, ruled by Venus in transcendent Pisces,

backed up by the vitality of Sun, deluded by Neptune, saddled with a debilitated Mercury, forever irked by Mars (off in his own corner laughing at them), is, in sum, a chart that believes in its divine right to rule, regardless of the opposition it engenders.

Once the issue of slavery had been dealt with (no, it was not really, it is still an open sore, but enough of this!), the chart of the Republican party takes on an interesting new life.

All the planets that want to be in the 6th house shift from the issue of slavery, to the unwashed workers, the serfs. As in, We know what's best for you. Which makes the Republican party a neo-Church, with all the rights and trappings of a proper religion. Party members become True Believers, party ideology is unquestioned, people find a "home" in their political church, etc.

Critically, as with the Church itself, moral welfare becomes more important than physical well-being. Having the right beliefs becomes more important than being well-off. The Republican party thus fundamentally confuses the role of the Church with the role of the State. You will note the intensely religious fervor Lincoln's Republican government generated during the Civil War.

This should be a minor thing, that even with a religious orientation (note debilitated Mercury in religious Pisces ruling the 9th house of religion) the overall aim of a political party is, in the end, political rule, and it would have come to pass, but for the critical position of Saturn.

In the Republican chart, Saturn is in Taurus in the 8th. Saturn in Taurus is insecure and greedy and grasping. If it were in the second house it would toil ceaselessly for a pittance, eventually rising to great wealth.

In the 8th, Saturn steals. Okay, you know this already, but look what happens when we set the chart in motion:

Saturn has rights in Libra, as chart co-ruler. As such, Saturn rationalizes his theft as the way things should be. He looks immediately to his proper ruler, Venus. In exaltation as well as sextile by sign, Venus gives her assent.

Which is to say that workers (6th house) should be happy (Pisces) with ideals, not money (Taurus/8th). Money belongs to Saturn, not to them. Why do Republicans hate trade unions? Because Pisces, as a sign, is disorganized. That's the way workers should be. Good little fish. A school of fish.

Saturn is then nudged by Jupiter. Jupiter is in Capricorn. Which is Saturn's own sign, as well as the sign of Jupiter's debility. Cap-

ricorn is the sign of the government. Whatever the government (Jupiter) has, is properly Saturn's, as, debilitated in Capricorn, Jupiter cannot claim it as its own. Thus we see the Republican tendency to grab the government's money. Which they were just as good at in the 1880's as they were in the first decade of the 21st century.

Where does this money come from? Two sources. First, the 4th house is land, including real estate and mines. Secondly, just as Saturn has rights in Libra, Venus has somewhat lesser rights (or perhaps, obligations) to Capricorn. Venus in Pisces in the 6th permits money to be taken from workers and given to the government, which Jupiter then eventually gives to Saturn. If Saturn and Venus were in true mutual reception, and if Venus was not lost in a weak cadent house, there would be "revenue sharing" between the two of them. There is, instead, only a vague "noblesse oblige." A "trickle down," if you will. This is the best that can be done, the best the Republicans can do.

I have not spoken of the Moon in the chart, which is in Aries in the 6th. Unless the degree on the ascendant should prove to be 5 Libra or less, the Moon has no rights in the 7th house. Nor, being in Aries, is it properly part of the 6th. Moon in Aries in the 6th is "mommy knows best," even though, lacking support from elsewhere in the chart (square to a weak Jupiter, that's it) she rarely does. Her ruler is Mars, who wants to take both her, and himself, and hide away in the 12th. Which makes the Republicans devoid of warmth, of emotional support, of caring. The Republican religion is solar. It is the Savior, dying on the Cross so that you, young worthless serf, might be spared. Be happy with that. The Virgin (the Moon) is nowhere in sight, but the Magdalene's tears (Venus) might wash your feet (Pisces).

FOR a party that was founded with the Declaration of Independence in mind, there is a temptation to make the party's ascendant match the July 4, 1776 Saturn, at 14-something Libra. This is not necessary and would probably not be accurate. There is the question in my mind, could the Republican party evolve into something a little less heartless, a little more generous? At the age of 157, I am not hopeful. Having lasted this long and having remained largely unchanged for its entire history, it looks set to continue. Regardless of the fate of the country and people it rules, the party itself continues to go from strength to strength. I say this, not as a party member (I am not), but as a realist.

WANT to comment? I have a blog: [JackRabbit Adventures](#). It's rather crude, as I haven't the time to give to it. Minus the fancy formatting and the links, you can find this week's article [here](#).