

## Planetary Forecast for July 28<sup>th</sup>-August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

*In review...*this was one of those weeks that were so packed with incidents, events, and bizarre behavior that I could have used double the journal space to keep notes. Lots of Water energy (Cancer Sun and Pisces Moon) promised flooding and Hurricane Dolly delivered, growing to a Class II storm as it hit South Texas. Towns were flooded, levees were threatened, and now there's the danger of *fire* ant and snake attacks. Ironically, as Dolly dies out in Big Bend country, Fire sign Leo plays host to Sun. And, yeah, it's a broiler everywhere else in Texas and much of the U.S. As Leo Sun gains momentum, new fires ignite in California. Otherwise, the week was full of "action-reaction" news, and remember the warning to cease, desist, STOP whatever isn't working or is threatening your health or stability? Our prize-winner for most clueless is Senator John Edwards--yes, the former presidential candidate--who was chased into a men's room in a Beverly Hills hotel trying to flee paparazzi who were onto him as he left the room of his mistress (and mother of his love child) at 2:30 a.m. Of course, "alleged" needs to be added to that report, and isn't it interesting that most of the news stations are trying to repress the story, just as they did a few years ago when Senators Kennedy and Dodd were urged to leave their favorite Washington D.C. restaurant after getting inappropriately physical with female staff members. Too often justice isn't blind, she's held hostage.

*This week...*Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> begins slowly after Sunday's late Gemini Moon-Saturn square. At 6:33 a.m. EDT, Venus (in Leo) opposes Chiron (in Aquarius). Not only are relationships strained due to the rejection of law and order, expect many of the big stories/issues that grabbed headlines last week to continue to get focus this week. Why? With Moon in clever, but sometimes, too chatty Gemini, the danger is to shoot oneself in the foot--six or eight times. The second aspect of the day comes at 12:48 p.m. EDT, when Gemini Moon forms a quincunx with Jupiter (in Capricorn). A desperate attempt to recover? Sorry, at 3:01, Moon squares with Mars (in Virgo) and that's your hint that not everyone will be amused, let alone willing to forgive whatever the sin or digression. At 7:35, Moon trines with Chiron (in Aquarius) and maybe someone will opt for radical conclusions to play victim. (Murder-suicide.) Let's hope there is more backbone among the guilty, but the 8:50, Moon sextile with Venus indicates the snake oil salesman approach will convince some.

*Tuesday*, July 29<sup>th</sup> and we're charging toward the New Moon/eclipse, but hopefully not via dialoguing. At 12:32 a.m. EDT, Gemini Moon squares with Uranus (in Pisces), which is followed by the 2:18, Moon trine with Neptune (in Aquarius) suggesting an attempt to put a new, but shaky spin on what is already a problematic situation. By 11:25 when Moon opposes Pluto (in Sagittarius), the Air-Fire mix of energies could get some into a fiery furnace, never mind hot water. Also watch those fires by Yosemite where at least 2,000 homes were threatened by Sunday. Status now? Something new flaring? At 1:11 p.m. EDT, Moon shifts into Cancer where the instinct to recover the home turf and salvage family values--or gripe about them--will create the momentum for the rest of the day. Just remember, if a misstep/sin/offense is forgiven--it won't be forgotten. Cancers don't do that easily, and the next time something goes wrong, be prepared for it to return as part of the "evidence" against you.

*Wednesday*. the 30<sup>th</sup> will bring aspects that try for better harmonious, but it's likely to be a forced peace beginning with the 1:29 a.m. EDT, Cancer Moon sextile with Saturn (in Virgo). Twelve hours and one minute later, Moon opposes Jupiter (in Capricorn). Some tried to obey the law, contracts, etc., but the sincerity isn't there? Or is the price too high? Remember the Olympics are about to commence in China. Threats have been made

regarding that, too. At 4:22, Venus (in Leo) forms a quincunx with Uranus (in Pisces). This looks like sulking, half-hearted apologies easily seen through, with the likely results of sarcasm and apathy. With that atmosphere, no real growth/recovery can occur. At 6:13, Moon sextiles with Mars (in Virgo), which is exactly that point delivered home. Moon doesn't know what it wants—maybe its cake and to eat it, too? Aside from arguments, watch for powerful volcanic-earthquake activity and other signs of geographic and human temper. We close with the 8:27, Moon quincunx with Chiron (in Aquarius). This is all about long, unresolved issues. To participate on any level is draining and overall fatigue from heat, fire, economy, etc. is real. The best bet is to deal with essentials. Clean house. Finish projects. With the New Moon looming (and the eclipse) any interaction with codependent people will only be entertaining if you're a fan of TV's Jerry Springer or Dr. Phil.

*Thursday* the 31<sup>st</sup>...and we say goodbye to July with the 1:31 a.. EST, Cancer Moon trine with Uranus (in Pisces). Let's hope a double Water surprise means rain where it is needed—in drought or fire-ravaged terrain instead of erratic acts like throwing the baby out with the bath water. At 3:14, Moon forms a quincunx with Neptune (in Aquarius), but that's followed by a 12:29 p.m. EDT, Venus (in Leo) opposition with Neptune. Here's one of those eclipse mysteries—how some can be torn about what they want. The more your chart matches these aspects, the more likely you will feel this conflict. At 12:39, Moon forms a quincunx with Pluto (in Sagittarius), but remember as serious as this looks, Pluto is in retrograde and for some, there may be a chance to revisit this matter another day. Aim for an open mind and make no radical decisions. Moon shifts into Leo at 2:21 p.m. EDT.

*Friday*, the August 1<sup>st</sup> and at 6:12 a.m. EDT when Moon is solidly into Leo it conjuncts with Leo Sun. It's New Moon/eclipse time—the shadow fully over Beijing where the Olympics are set to launch. While many astrologers are determined to put a positive spin on eclipses these days, it would appear that works for those who are evolved and structure their lives toward growth of the spirit. There is a segment of the learned that are troubled by this double Fire eclipse and indicate it's not a day to schedule elective surgery, to get married, or to have an election. Babies born on this date may feel their energy drained—an odd feature for the energetic lion. We can only pray a terrorist attack can be thwarted and such a message muted. The 11:52, Moon conjunction with Mercury (also in Leo) brings triple Fire energy, so we should also watch Mother Earth for her temper. If there's an earthquake, volcanic eruption, or some kind of geological environmental disaster, it may be the overriding news event regardless of Olympic activities. At 2:47 p.m. EDT, Moon forms a quincunx with Jupiter (in Capricorn). Here Fire and Earth clash. Another hint that there's something explosive or shaky jarring “luck.” At 6:54, Mars (in Virgo) forms a quincunx with Chiron (in Aquarius) and that brings the hint that at least some of what happens is human initiated to send a blow for old wounds. It stands to reason that the oppressed in China, Tibet, etc., will not have a better venue again to speak their minds than now. At 10:11, Leo Moon opposes Chiron, and this tells me if there is an “incident,” the government reaction will be swift. “Opposition isn't as forceful as “square,” but all you need is to make arrests. The executions can occur off camera.

*Saturday*, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and at 3:31 a.m. EDT, Leo Moon forms a quincunx with Uranus (in Pisces). At 5:18, Moon opposes Neptune (in Aquarius). At 7:27, Mercury (in Leo) forms a quincunx with Jupiter (in Capricorn). Then at 9:18, Moon conjuncts with Venus (in Leo). At 2:59 p.m. EDT, Moon trines with Pluto (in Sagittarius). At 4:59 Moon enters Virgo. While we start the day with much of the same momentum we closed with Friday—and perhaps trepidation—as the day unfolds, we should increasingly gain insight into the what and why of certain situations. Relationships that are on solid ground can take a moment to embrace and reassure. Some resolutions and endings will come swiftly, though and with the agreement of all involved., so sayeth the harmony between Leo and Sagittarius—both Fire signs. And

**Moon moves into Virgo to bring stability and ferret out the other details necessary to disclose more data.**

***Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>* will have the 6:58 a.m. EDT, Virgo Moon conjunction with Saturn (in Virgo) bringing more policing and stability regarding incidents and situations that have some in crisis mode. At 6:16 p.m. EDT, Moon trines with Jupiter (in Capricorn). Did we/loved ones escape a worst case scenario? Hopefully so. As I write this, in Tennessee a gunman has opened fire in a church. So far six are injured and the gunman is in custody. Perhaps we are looking at shades of this compounded at Olympic City. If so, it will be the blighted Olympics since Munich.**

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