

Planetary Forecast January 8-14, 2012

In review, the opposition and warnings against "mischief and mayhem," as Aries Moon was going rogue and also opposed Saturn, brought in 2012 with sad news for a number of families. In Mt. Rainier State Park, a park ranger (a wife and mother) was gunned down by a military veteran with obvious mental issues, and in California two pilots, one pilot's sister, and another man were killed in a murder-suicide that still has police baffled as to the reason behind the tragedy. (Jealousy is a possible answer.) The mood didn't improve as Moon shifted into Taurus, since relationships were still in a tailspin (Venus squaring with Moon). At that point, in Utah, police attempted to serve a search warrant for a drug case. One officer was killed (a husband and father), and four other officers were wounded in the subsequent shootout. The next day in Brownsville, Texas, a teenager entered a middle school, assaulted another boy at random, then brandished a pellet gun that sadly looked like the real thing. Although given several warnings to drop the weapon, he allegedly aimed the gun at police and was killed. As for the arson warnings I'd warned about, the dozens of fires set in the L.A. area finally ended when a 24-year-old German man and his mother were arrested. It appears she has a considerable police record, and he reportedly also burned the family home in Germany. Was there any good news? Absolutely. A corgi, also swept away in an avalanche that killed his master, appeared four days later at the motel door where they had been staying. He is being reunited with the rest of the family.

*This week...*it's Full Moon time and Moon will be in Cancer, so those in the path of Low Pressure should be prepared for plenty of precipitation. I don't know anyone in Texas who will be complaining. Experts also say that this is a better time to make New Year's resolutions rather than January 1 because we've finished other projects or expelled/expunged what doesn't work anymore and we're ready to work toward new goals. Just take care not to get carried away/obsessed with things that keep us back. I once knew a Cancer who claimed she was a "tuning fork" to everyone around her, and that was why she couldn't focus on her own aspirations and goals. Granted, Cancers are sensitive receptors, but all water signs are and using the trait as an excuse and to blame everyone for your failures, lack of progress, or success is inexcusable. I know several other Cancers who are great models of making "lemonade out of lemons" because they all grasp that everyone is flawed or burdened by something. That what it means to be a "work in progress."

Otherwise, we'll also be experiencing Moon going through Leo, Virgo, and Libra. With Mercury gaining steam in Capricorn, we have the perfect environment to think in practical and business-like ways. At least until the weekend when on the 13th-14th, Venus will shift into Pisces bringing relationships into a more compassionate focus than what a colder Venus in Aquarius can manage. Just remember that compassion is one thing. Giving away all of your wealth and energy is foolish and works against constructive achievements, and you can find yourself like Chiron and drowning in self-pity.

Sunday, January 8th and it is Full Moon time, the first one of 2012. Since Moon is in Cancer, expect dreams and intuition to be in overdrive. For others sleep will simply

be broken. Also, just as it's time to get weeds out of your garden, it's helpful to make repairs in relationships before things get out of hand. Those who feel negative symptoms and act somewhat thin-skinned should try turning this energy into healing thoughts and attitudes. I know a tea lover who changes tea cups with every moon. It inspires her creativity to try new things and pulls her out of her rut (or cave if we're thinking "crab"). When working or traveling-commuting, take care of the chest area and the stomach. That goes for stress, too.

Aspect-wise, at 1:34 a.m. EST, Mercury shifts into Capricorn. The messenger leaves the more flighty and impulsive Sagittarius, helping us to stop saying the wrong thing at the wrong time, and we start acting more of a CEO. At 6:23, Cancer Moon then opposes Pluto (in Capricorn). Here Moon isn't wild about change, even if it is transforming. It wants the open, non-binding waters of freedom and "flow," not responsibility. Unfortunately, change and responsibility is part of evolution. At 1:09 p.m. EST, Mercury (in Capricorn) trines with Jupiter (in Taurus), so while Moon is pouting, business is still getting done as needed--and with some success. At 6:23, we close with Mercury squaring with Uranus (in Aries). The veto is for halt sudden course changes or wild/radical ideas. The Pacific area first feels Full Moon momentum at 11:30 p.m. PST. Everyone else will have to wait for Monday morning, which will be busy and Moon will continue dragging her feet regarding rules and change.

Monday, the 9th...and we begin with the 2:30 a.m. EST, Cancer Moon opposition to Capricorn Sun--the same atmosphere that the Pacific Coast experienced last night. It's 8:48 when Cancer Moon gets rolling with a Mars (in Virgo) sextile. That's energetic, even aggressive ideas and action. Since we're in campaign mode and the New Hampshire Primary about to launch tomorrow (where 47% of voters are listed as Independents) expect assertions and accusations to be free-flowing--from the current administration, also, all in an attempt to gain the upper hand at the polls. At 1:44 p.m. EST, Moon forms a quincunx with Venus (in Aquarius). Not only has precipitation geared up, but emotions are in fast-mode, as well. What is the message? With Venus in Aquarius, "feelings" are more rote than sincere. It's as though people are saying what they believe we want to hear, not what they really believe. Does that sound like campaign rhetoric? Of course, it does. Dittoing that is the 4:13, Mercury (in Capricorn) sextile with Chiron (in Pisces), which is shades of Clinton's "I feel your pain." Who actually does have the right policy in mind to fix things? That's the question. At 9:25, some disconcerting news comes when Moon squares with Saturn (in Libra). Who has stepped over the line in behavior or law? The action gets justified at 10:03 when Moon forms a quincunx with Neptune (in Aquarius), which can/should only be believed by the most gullible or enablers. At 11:35, Moon shifts into Leo. Energized, this energy dries up the atmosphere as Low Pressure moves on. Some will be feeling a strong wave of self-confidence (or too much ego) and make a strong spiel for policy or fundraising. Overall, in work and travel, take care of strain on the heart and the upper back.

Tuesday, the 10th then begins early with some bad news. At 12:58, Leo Moon squares with Jupiter (in Taurus). Fire and earth clash badly, and there is ill will, and little luck to protect some of us. If this is about the weather, watch for lightning strikes. Explosions or volcanic activity are also a possibility, as is arson. Also pray no mine

accidents occur, as well. If this is an attack, the 1:29, Moon trine with Uranus (in Aries) seems to indicate someone or something taking advantage in a power play of some kind. Considering the hour, watch the Middle East; however, over the weekend British subjects traveling in Kenya were warned of the high possibility of terrorism in Nairobi. At 3:51, Moon forms a quincunx with Chiron (in Pisces). The question remains, who is gaining the upper hand, the aggressor or the hero? Some like to tout Chiron as the healer, but there's little healing in this atmosphere. At 5:15, Moon forms a quincunx with Mercury (in Capricorn). That's the message for what's occurred--willpower to turn things your way. At 1:22 p.m. EST, we end the day's aspects with Moon forming a quincunx with Pluto (in Capricorn). Fire and earth have another power play. The president really shouldn't insert himself in these primaries yet, but I doubt his ego can resist--especially when he doesn't know when he'll get such good (although deceptive) news like Friday's employment figures again.

Wednesday, the 11th brings us only one aspect, the 12:49 p.m. EST, Leo Moon quincunx with Capricorn Sun. Ambition and the overall economy come to loggerheads. That is the current administration promising things that are either horribly costly, and/or destructive to the fabric of the business atmosphere if not the constitution.

Thursday, the 12th will begin early with Leo Moon opposing Venus (in Aquarius) at 12:28 a.m. EST. Note that this is followed at 2:49 by Moon sextiling with Saturn (in Libra). You have to wonder why Moon is willing to honor law and lessons learned, yet oppose relationships? Look back to yesterday. Clearly this is about money or funding some project or policy that clearly is a waste of money disguised as something positive. The 3:23, Moon opposition with Neptune (in Aquarius) seems to concur that putting a glass-half-full spin on the matter is pointless. At 4:44, Moon then shifts to Virgo which helps us get down to the minutiae of things in order to make the most reasonable decisions. This earth energy is stabilizing and we'll return to focus on property and family rather than self-involved career and control issues. Again, it's time to think about the outdoors--pruning deadwood off trees and shrubs, and making preparations for the spring garden. Pets also respond well during a Virgo Moon, so if training is a plan, now's the time to get after that. When working or traveling, protect the abdomen area, and as for your diet/health, pay attention to the colon.

At 6:18 a.m. EST, Virgo Moon will trine with Jupiter (in Taurus). This brings double earth energy and good luck/good will into the picture...but also excess, so we have to say again, watch your health, and be aware that the momentum for earthquakes could be on the rise--they've been plenty active as it is through this Capricorn Sun period. Before the hour is up Moon then forms a quincunx with Uranus (in Aries). That could be a strong quake/jolt or even volcanic activity, since Uranus is in a fire sign. Watch for unwelcome surprises from anywhere, including on the domestic front or terrorism. At 9:04, Moon then opposes Chiron (in Pisces). That's good news if someone isn't going to try to play the victim card. At 4:33 p.m. EST, Moon then trines with Mercury (in Capricorn). More earth energy and the message is stabilization. Watch the 6:12, Moon trine with Pluto (also in Capricorn). Something is transitioning or over. Who ended his candidacy or who got pink slipped? We heard late last week that Kodak was on the fringe of bankruptcy. Kodak, whose CEO is an advisor to President

Obama on one of his councils. Clearly, some housecleaning is in order starting with the hypocrites. We can't overlook that Pluto also rings the death toll for individuals. I'm afraid if this was about an attack/explosion of any kind earlier, we'll have a significant body count. I hope I'm wrong. The day closes with the 11:48, Capricorn Sun trine with Mars (in Virgo), which feels like a political step up to take on power or more control. With one less person in the campaign, that is entirely logical.

Friday, the 13th starts with a positive--the Venus (in Aquarius) trine with Saturn (in Libra) at 4:05 a.m. EST. It's followed four hours later with Mercury (in Capricorn) in conjunction with Pluto (also in Capricorn). We could be embracing some relationship or transformation due to some agreement. However, the 10:17, Venus conjunction with Neptune (in Aquarius) suggests that too much schmoozing or spinning may be at hand. Look at the 7:36 p.m. EST, Moon conjunction with Mars (also in Virgo) for a reaction to criticism or claims. Someone is asserting they are correct or claiming power/success. We close with the 8:58, Virgo Moon-Capricorn Sun trine and that's lots of agreement and cooperation, but if that is earthquake news, there's a considerable amount of it.

Saturday, the 14th gets busier again starting with the 12:47 a.m. EST, Venus shift into Pisces. As pointed out earlier, the goddess cranks up her cosmic energy and her sensual energy, as well. We'll be living in the moment more, and feeling universal rhythms more--and that's not a bad thing in this fast-paced world. On the other hand, those with mental or emotional blocks against feeling anything may find all this annoying. There's also no denying that some will go overboard and act like drama queens. In the best scenario use the next few weeks as Charles Dickens did--focus on the ills created by the human race and try to do something constructive about that...which *doesn't* mean joining an Occupy group or turning the entire government into a union and racing the nation into bankruptcy. Consider making a donation to your local pet shelter or children's advocacy center. Don't wait for the county to pick up trash on your road; get a trash bag and do it yourself. Think about the double bonus--a cleaner area and exercise! What's *your* positive Venus in Pisces idea?

Aspect-wise, at 7:16 a.m. EST, Virgo Moon forms a quincunx with Neptune (in Aquarius). Industrious Virgo wants Neptune to take off the rose-colored glasses and get with the program. *Some* constructive something. As 8:28, Moon shifts into Libra. As you'll recall, this helps us with relationships as the mood is "arbitration with harmony." Balance is the code word, and this positioning compliments the Venus position in Pisces. It should be a great few days for creative projects and teamwork, just take extra care when traveling to watch that lower back, the buttocks. Also watch the kidneys health/diet-wise. At 9:12, Libra Moon forms a quincunx with Venus (in Pisces) and by 10:12, a quincunx with Jupiter (in Taurus). Here the airy moon is a bit impatient with the other planets dragging their feet over something and getting sidetracked when time is of an essence. That's not a bad thing. At 10:28, Moon then opposes Uranus (in Aries). Air and fire aren't in fisticuffs, but this is a sterner moon for a change. Have the authorities managed to stop a planned attack? At 9:47, Venus then sextiles with Jupiter suggesting Venus isn't paying much attention to Moon and continues to daydream or focus too much on what isn't realistic. In three minutes Moon squares with Pluto (in Capricorn), which is akin to either Moon washing her hands of the

whole mess, or else the tone is akin to Peter the Great declaring he would drag Russia and Russians kicking and screaming into the Twentieth Century if he had to.

Sunday, the 15th has only one aspect and it's challenging--the 2:15 a.m. EST, Libra Moon square with Mercury (in Capricorn). This feels like a battle on the morning news shows where analysts and activists, as well as candidates go head-to-head on policy and the condition of our government(s).

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