

Planetary Forecast July 25-31, 2011

In review, as signaled by a Pisces Moon, and Neptune and Chiron both in Pisces, along with Sun in Cancer, we did have the serious moisture issues in spots where some dealt with flooding *and* drought. With so much water energy, it wasn't a surprise to hear of the Lake Michigan boat capsizing. From what I last understood, two had died and six were rescued. In Wyoming a man lost his wife and three children when their vehicle went off the road via a washout while on a family trip.

Then we had the increased mood swings, signaled by Aries Moon, Uranus in Aries, Mars in Gemini, while Venus was in Cancer, and learned a *News of the World* whistle blower had been found dead in his home, as was singer, Amy Winehouse. An Oregon husband killed his wife and four children before setting fire to the house. An American court interpreter kidnapped in Ciudad, Mexico July 5th was found murdered Thursday. By Friday, two are dead and at least 15 injured from an explosion at government buildings in Oslo, Norway. Almost simultaneously, a man dressed as a police officer (now alleged to be the same person--Anders Behring Breivik) opened fire at a summer camp in Norway. As of Sunday, the death toll is at 93 and Breivik is said to be a "right wing extremist with an intolerance for Muslims." (3% of Norway is Muslim, but it's reported that there is no assimilation policy.) On Saturday five were killed when a man started shooting at a skating rink birthday party in Grand Prairie, Texas, then killed himself in a domestic dispute. In Seattle 12 were injured in a low-rider car show shooting, said to be gang related, and two are dead in an altercation in Arizona at a cycle rally.

As for the debt ceiling situation in Washington D.C., we see the "stubbornness" issue (Taurus Moon) as, again, the Republicans repeatedly being the only ones bringing something to the floor to vote on, while Majority Leader Reid insists, "We're not going home, until this is resolved." By "resolved" we're shown that means the GOP must cave and the debt ceiling must rise, as well as taxes (euphemistically called increased revenues). Surprising everyone, by Friday evening, Speaker Boehner stepped away from talks with President Obama claiming a "Jell-O" attitude by the nation's leader, and "goal posts shifting." Specifically, the president wanted an additional \$400B in new spending on top of the \$800B agreed to. S&P inserted itself into the dialogue threatening to downgrade the U.S.'s rating with or without an agreement--certainly unique for the U.S. and further indicating that leadership in the country is mediocre at best and those involved with world interests feel empowered. Finally, with Pluto quite present this week, we learned of the passing of Elliot Handler, co-founder of Mattel (95) and Retired General John Shalikashvili (75).

This week...we close July by dealing with New Leo Moon, while Mercury continues to slow before starting its retrograde on August 2nd. We'll start the week by finishing up with Taurus Moon, then Moon will shift into Gemini, Cancer, and Leo. That's earth, air, water, and fire energies. First, though, Venus will shift into Leo, while Mercury is zipping into Virgo. What to expect? Lots of dialoguing, sniping, posturing, and probably every variation in-between. Expect some thin skin by midweek as Cancer Moon reacts to building tension, and by Saturday's New Leo Moon (highly supported by

Leo Sun) the environment is there for the kind of luck/maneuvering that tells me someone reads Obama's chart and navigates accordingly for optimum astrological support. (Remember that Nancy Reagan did that for Ronald Reagan, but you'd be hard pressed to get anyone to admit it these days.) That said, this window is tricky and there's much illusion to it, along with lots of showmanship, but is there substance for the American people to gain confidence in the economy? Not from anything politicians or planets are showing me.

Monday, July 25th gets ultra busy after Sunday's "regrouping." At 4:54 a.m. EDT, Taurus Sun sextiles with Venus (in Cancer). That's a good start with conservative Moon picking up on good momentum yesterday afternoon and embracing some money issue. However, by 9:12, Moon squares with Mercury (in Leo). My hunch is that the president can't stand not adding his \$1.95 and muddies the waters again. And remember this is a seven day. Stop the politics and act for the greater, spiritual good or else. At 12:34 p.m. EDT, Moon enters Gemini. Dialogue is going at mach speed now, but the potential for back-stabbing and double-speaking is also high. Physically, Gemini Moon rules the extremities (including shoulders), along with the lungs and nervous system. With record-setting heat around the world, and drought conditions, do watch not to stretch yourself to where health matters or accidents trigger those vulnerabilities. At 1:04, Gemini Moon squares with Neptune (in Pisces). Diplomacy and pretense is out the window and the high stakes poker game is on. By 5:37, Moon then sextiles with Leo Sun, followed by the 9:13, Moon sextile with Uranus, and in three minutes Moon's sextile with Chiron (in Pisces). We're clearly playing with previously touted song-and-dances/threats (e.g. "Seniors and military won't get their checks," etc.) By 11:16, Moon forms a quincunx with Pluto (in Capricorn). What ends or who walks away from a deal? Note that in this atmosphere, the excessive behavior we saw in some last week can easily continue.

Tuesday, the 26th and an eight day in Numerology brings only one aspect, the 11:35 a.m. EDT, Gemini Moon trine with Saturn (in Libra). I'm encouraged that having had a form of this on Sunday, we see it again today. Hopefully, agreement tweaks isn't also a matter of selling the public down the river.

Wednesday, the 27th starts slowly with the 12:55 p.m. EDT, Gemini Moon conjunction with Mars (in Gemini). Exactly two hours later, Leo Sun will quincunx Chiron (in Pisces). Then at 3:43, Sun trines with Uranus (in Aries). This is the stuff of conspiracy theorists. Nothing here is new, it was obviously the plan all along. It's just the timing that is right for certain players. Will it work, though? At 8:35, Gemini Moon sextiles Mercury (in Leo) to confirm that the earlier positions and intentions are key on. By 9:11, Moon shifts into Cancer and the momentum shifts from confident and fast to emotional and hesitant. Interestingly, though, the 9:33 Cancer Moon trine with Neptune (in Pisces) suggests some(one) has seen a benefit in claiming something (some plan) is better/healthier than it is.

Thursday, the 28th gets busy again as at 5:09 am. EDT, Cancer Moon trines with Chiron (in Pisces). If at first the feint didn't work, attempt the pity party. This will taint the negotiation atmosphere, so it's no surprise that in six minutes, Moon then squares with Uranus (in Aries). Now remember that usually what goes for Uranus goes for

Chiron and vice versa, but here we have a surprise. Note also the time in the week when we're gearing up for bad news being dumped on Friday so that it slips under the news wires. (Which is ridiculous in this day of communication and this period in economic history.) That won't stop some from trying though. At 7:08, Cancer Moon will oppose Pluto (in Capricorn). At 10:59, Venus shifts into Leo bringing an atmosphere of more theatrics/performance and "scripted" positioning into play. At 12:50 p.m. EDT, Cancer Moon sextiles with Jupiter (in Taurus). At 1:59, Mercury enters Virgo bringing an atmosphere where hard work is welcome. At 2:33, Venus (in Leo) forms a quincunx with Neptune (in Pisces). At 5:30, Leo Sun does the same with Pluto (in Capricorn). Note that this is two visits with Pluto today. That's hard on the heart. At 7:03, Moon squares with Saturn (in Libra) and I say fie Moon. This is a selling out to save oneself if I've ever seen one. Little backbone here, Cancer Moon. Still, laborious momentum continues.

Friday, the 29th and we deal with only one aspect as we prepare for shifts again. At 12:00 a.m. EDT, Mercury (in Virgo) opposes Neptune (in Pisces). This is like mice dealing with abacuses muttering among themselves and pointing out the flaws in budget estimations and logic intentions. Use this as a work day to clear your desks and block out the crazy makers, who can see neither forest nor trees.

Saturday, the 30th and New Moon time. Moon shifts into Leo at 2:16 a.m. EDT, and by 2:31 wastes no time by forming a quincunx with Neptune (in Pisces). Here we go with the smoke and mirrors game again. Who's the mouthpiece playing the Henny Penny "Sky is falling?" role, President Obama or Treasury Secretary Geithner? There's a slight break when at 6:03, Moon conjuncts with Venus (also in Leo). Well, of course Moon and Venus are of like mind--Venus is in Leo, too. This is like asking the president's special aide Valerie Jerrrod to say something against his policy. Use today to enjoy lunches/gatherings with like-minded friends, but watch that spending. At 9:36, Moon forms a quincunx with Chiron (in Pisces). In the next eleven minutes, Moon then trines with Uranus (in Aries). What fast move was played? We could have another Boehner walkout at 11:32 when Moon forms a quincunx with Pluto (in Capricorn). If so, watch the "it's not us hurting the economy" speech at 2:40 p.m. by the White House when Leo Moon and Leo Sun conjunct. At 5:22, Leo Moon squares with Jupiter (in Taurus), and that's a rejection of what has been brought to the table. Nevertheless, by 11:09, Moon sextiles with Saturn (in Libra). An olive branch to one person, one group? Why?

Sunday, the 31st and at 9:22 p.m. EDT, Venus (in Leo) will quincunx Chiron (in Pisces). This isn't a good logic environment. Watch for excessive ingesting, or otherwise sulking and having a pity party. The morning news programming could be difficult to digest, especially when a week ago (the 24th) they were all complaining, "Why can't we all get along and compromise?" NBC's *Meet the Press* actually is portraying this momentum ahead of time by allowing Andrea Mitchell (aka Mrs. Alan Greenspan, ex-Fed chief) to grab the last seconds of the show to complain, "Why do we have a debt ceiling anyway? Hardly anyone in Europe does except for Denmark. We should get rid of it?" Well, Andrea, maybe because we are proving the reason we have a debt ceiling--politicians refuse to live within their means (correction *our* means, since

it's our money, not theirs). And is anyone besides me sick of having Europe held as a shining example of how to govern and function when they are financially worse off than we are? I understand that we are all stuck with the global economy situation, but do we have to adopt each other's bad habits? Bottom line, Ms. Mitchell should be excused with prejudice for pretending to have an open journalistic mind.

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