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**THIS MONTH AT THE ASA**

## **ANNUAL SOLSTICE PARTY**

Friends ~ Laughter ~ Food ~ Fun

**Location: Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85257**

**Date: Friday, December 15, 2006. There will be no Saturday workshop.**

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Let's finish 2006 on the right note with good food, some laughter, fun and encouragement for the next year.

**Admission is \$10 at the door OR bring a side dish such as:**

- \* Vegetables,
- \* Fruit or green salads,
- \* Veggie, cheese or fruit trays,
- \* Candy and/or nuts,
- \* Dessert cake or pie,
- \* Or your favorite Turkey feast side specialty to serve a family of 12 astrological signs!

The Board will provide:

- \* Turkey and gravy
- \* Mashed potatoes
- \* Stovetop stuffing
- \* Green salad
- \* Yam and Broccoli casseroles (separate, not together!)
- \* Olives and cranberries
- \* Rolls and butter

- \* Coffee, tea and punch
- \* Salt and pepper
- \* Napkins, plates, cups and utensils.

Members are encouraged to bring white elephant gifts for the raffle - which is going to be our fund raising event of the year! Take a chance (or more than one!) on winning unusual gifts for yourself or your friends and family!!

Reading and chart certificates are also welcome.

Bring some extra cash for the raffle, book, and calendar promotions. We greatly appreciate denominations of \$1, \$5, and \$10!

As usual, astrological books and Maynard calendars will be on sale as well!

***THIS IS GOING TO BE A LOT OF FUN!!***

Dinner will begin at 7. Cleanup will begin at 9.

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#### **Membership Renewals**

Membership renewals are coming up in January. After many years of rising costs and no dues increases, the inevitable has happened and the Board has voted to raise dues to \$36/year. The new fee structure is as follows:

Single member: \$36  
Couples: \$54.  
Pre-first Saturn return: \$24.

Membership includes the emailed newsletter. If you want it mailed, the cost will be \$18 additional. But you can get it free from the web.

The good news is that ASA is still the biggest bargain in the Western Hemisphere. The cost of admission to lectures and workshops is still extremely low, and will remain the same for the time being.

#### **Michael Lutin to speak at ASA in Feb.**

Once again, ASA is bringing a fabulous speaker to our membership and guests, with more to come in the following months. His topic will be announced on the website as soon as we know what it is.

#### **Last Month at the ASA.....**

#### **An Astrological Sampler**

*By Marta Morris, Scribe*

#### **Charlotte Zeek Benson – “The Economy in 2007”**

Charlotte Benson, our ASA President, put a chart of January 1, 2007, 12:01 a.m., in Washington, DC, on the overhead for us to study. The Ascendant was at 6° of Libra with a 10° Gemini Moon, and of course, the Sun in Capricorn. She felt that this chart was “generally” OK.

November 23, had seen Sun, Moon, Venus, Mars, Mercury all joining Jupiter in Scorpio. She interpreted this as a new cultural order which will affect

finances. In this chart Venus was in Capricorn in the 4th house which may be good for real estate.

However, Saturn, the ruler of the 4th, was inconjunct Venus, so there may be adjustments/corrections. In Vedic astrology the 4th house deals with cars so this might be interpreted as improvements in the auto industry or more fuel efficient cars, etc. Jupiter conjunct Mars may indicate less irrational exuberance, or Mars may indicate too much debt. The retrograde Saturn is a key player, implying that belt tightening may be necessary. Mexico and Canada are emerging markets. Cuba? Watch January 21. Progress in our War? The best aspect in the chart was a Moon trine Ascendant. In Vedic astrology this placement is Rohini—luxury, wealth, medical trends or discoveries, real estate.

In the Vedic New Year chart cast for 3/18/2007 at 9:43 p.m., Libra was still on the Ascendant, but its ruler, Venus, was in its fall in the 7th house in Aries. There was a new Moon in Pisces, implying “treading water.” Jupiter in Scorpio (Vedic) works better than Jupiter in Libra.

Mars in Capricorn in the 4th may be good for the housing market and indicates that manufacturing may improve.

Another chart for Phoenix on 1/18/2007 at noon has a scythe pattern, with Saturn at the bottom of the chart alone and all the other planets in a tight pattern at the top of the chart. New culture? There is a tantalizing conjunction of Uranus and the North Node for all of us to watch generally and in our own charts. This implies new products and discoveries. Jupiter trine Saturn is always a nice aspect, implying cautious prosperity. Vedic – Jesta - victory over obstacles. End of materialism and the beginning of spiritualism.

Dates to watch: Venus retrograde, July 27, 2007, going direct September 8, at 16° Virgo, conjunct the Sun. And the best news of all: the end of the Saturn/Neptune opposition in August.

## Ken Hopkins –”Astrology and the World of Sports”

Ken has long been fascinated by sports and by astrological correlations, such as the fact that many prominent sports figures were born when the Sun is in Aquarius: Hank Aaron, Michael Jordan, Jackie Robinson, Jack Nicklaus, and Bobby Richardson, to name a few. Football has its share of Aquarian quarterbacks, with 9 consecutive Super Bowls having Aquarian starters, but they did not win. A recent NFL draft consisted of 4 Taureans.

Ken plots teams and individuals using declinations and progressed declinations. Many athletes have an out-of-bounds Mars. He has also found that when the progressed Moon is at a Northern extreme, this coincides with professional excellence. Tiger Woods also has an out-of-bounds Mars, and when his progressed Moon was parallel the Ascendant, his successes began, with him winning 3 out of 4 tournaments. With the progressed Moon in the Southern extreme, relationships may take on an importance, and he has announced his engagement.

The NFL Seattle Sea Hawks were in Super Bowl in 2005/2006 with the Moon in extreme North. Likewise the Pittsburgh Steelers’ quarterback, Roethlunsberger, should peak in 2011. When the progressed Moon contacts natal Pluto, there can be injuries or accidents. Moon/Mars contacts can coincide with the death of a parent.

Steve Nash was voted most valuable player in 2004/05/06, with Jupiter contacting Moon by declination.

In baseball, Babe Ruth, had an out-of-bounds Moon. This often signifies emotional abandonment, and as a child, he was placed in an orphanage because of poverty. In 1920 he broke the home-run record with the progressed Moon in the northern extreme. Moon parallel NN coincided with his first contract; with Moon parallel SN, the movie “Pride of the Yankees” came out. Both Mark McGwire

and Barry Bonds achieved excellence with progressed Moon conjunct NN in the Northern extreme.

The Diamondbacks recently added several Virgos.

In a “different sport,” Jimmy Hoffa “disappeared” with progressed Moon parallel the vertex.

Transiting declinations can also be tracked to predict occurrences.

10/28/1956 is the birth date for Iran’s President. With progressed Moon to Pluto, he is in the news for Plutonian activity. Ken said that “he may go away.”

Nancy Pelosi’s birth date is 3/26/1940. After victory, with her progressed Moon contacting Jupiter and then SN, she had a minor defeat. It looks like ups and downs for Ms. Pelosi.

### **Douglas Noblehorse – “The 2007 Best of Astrology on the Internet”**

Doug began by stating that 10 years ago, there was little information available on the Internet regarding astrology. When he checked last week, there were 52 million sites. He gave us valuable information on just a few.

Astrolog ([www.astrolog.org/astrolog.htm](http://www.astrolog.org/astrolog.htm)) lets you cast charts, compare charts, run progressions and transits, and gives you a choice of house systems, and it is free.

Kairon ([www.kairon.cc/](http://www.kairon.cc/)) is the Apple Computer version.

AstroCenter Glossary ([www.astrocenter.com/us/AstroGlossary.aspx?Af=0](http://www.astrocenter.com/us/AstroGlossary.aspx?Af=0)) is another basic site.

Llewellyn Encyclopedia ([www.llewellynencyclopedia.com/subjects.php?gen](http://www.llewellynencyclopedia.com/subjects.php?gen)) is another basic site with facts.

Astrology Weekly Dictionary ([www.astrologyweekly.com/dictionary/index.php](http://www.astrologyweekly.com/dictionary/index.php)) has advanced information, such as the definition of “peregrine,” a planet without dignity or debility.

Astrology-Numerology ([www.astrology-numerology.com/astrology.html](http://www.astrology-numerology.com/astrology.html)) – basic astrology and numerology.

AstroPro Conventions ([www.astropo.com/features/conxions/meetings.html](http://www.astropo.com/features/conxions/meetings.html)) – information about conventions-dates, locations, speakers, etc.

Astrology Weekly ([www.astrologyweekly.com/](http://www.astrologyweekly.com/)) – comprehensive celebrity charts, void of course tables, Sabian symbols, and a declination converter.

Astrology Weekly Declination Converter ([www.astrologyweekly.com/declination/index/php](http://www.astrologyweekly.com/declination/index/php)).

CyberWorld Khaldea ([www.khaldea.com/](http://www.khaldea.com/)). Dan Rudhyar information, books, etc.

CW Khaldea Calendar ([www.khldea.com/calcenter/shtml](http://www.khldea.com/calcenter/shtml)).

CW Khladea Birthdata ([www.khladea.com/chartgallery.shtml](http://www.khladea.com/chartgallery.shtml)). Birth data for 1,000 celebrities.

CW Khaldea Charts ([www.khaldea.com/chartgallery.shtml](http://www.khaldea.com/chartgallery.shtml)).

CW Khaldea Ephemeris ([www.khaldea.com/ephemcenter/shtml](http://www.khaldea.com/ephemcenter/shtml)). Defines Mercury/Venus cycle types. Has a 3,000-year ephemeris with retrogrades printed in red.

Ephemeral ([ephemeral.info/too/](http://ephemeral.info/too/)) has out of bounds progressions, Moon phase charts with declinations.

Ephemeral Ephemeris ([ephemeral.info/oldeph/](http://ephemeral.info/oldeph/))

Ephemeral Search ([ephemeral.info/hyp/](http://ephemeral.info/hyp/))

Ephemeral Out of Bounds ([ephemeral.infor/oob/](http://ephemeral.infor/oob/))

Astrodienst ([www.astro.com/](http://www.astro.com/))

Astrodienst Charts ([www.astro.com/cgi?rs=3&btyp=2gw&](http://www.astro.com/cgi?rs=3&btyp=2gw&))

Astrodienst Travel ([www.astro.com/cgi/acrch.cgi?btyp=acm&](http://www.astro.com/cgi/acrch.cgi?btyp=acm&)). Astrocartography.

Fixed Stars ([www.winshop.com.au/annew/](http://www.winshop.com.au/annew/)) movement of the fixed stars from 900 to 2000.

Historical Ephemeris ([www.isleofavalon.co.uk/GlastonburyArchive/ephem/ea-index.html](http://www.isleofavalon.co.uk/GlastonburyArchive/ephem/ea-index.html)) historical facts and their astrological configurations from BC to 2200 AD.

Indastro ([www.indastro.com/own-horoscope/readownshoro.php](http://www.indastro.com/own-horoscope/readownshoro.php)) Vedic Astrology.

Meta Arts ([www.themetaarts.com/#Anchor-Astrology-35882](http://www.themetaarts.com/#Anchor-Astrology-35882)).

National Horoscopes ([members.tripod.com/tra\\_nations/a\\_index\\_nations.htm](http://members.tripod.com/tra_nations/a_index_nations.htm))

Weathersage ([www.weathersage.com/](http://www.weathersage.com/)). Annual hurricane predictions, etc.

### **Terry Warneke-The Astrological Pluto - Still a Planet?"**

Terry knew we all wanted a technical explanation of Pluto's "demotion."

First of all, let's remember that the Bible calls the Sun and Moon luminaries, but the Sun is a star and the Moon is a satellite of the Earth. So what is a planet?

Terry distributed a 3-page handout from a class in

1980 that totally defined Pluto. In 1978, the facts were that Pluto's orbital characteristics were quite different from the other planets. The plane of Pluto's orbit is substantially tilted (17°) in comparison to the rest of the Solar System, while the shape of its orbit is the least circular of all the planets. This decidedly oblong-shaped orbit causes Pluto to cross the orbit of Neptune. Since January 22, 1979, and continuing until March, 1999, Pluto was closer to the Sun than Neptune, meaning that the Solar System temporarily had a "new" outermost planet. Pluto's orbit is, in fact, very similar to that of Chiron. Chiron spends most of its time between the orbits of Saturn and Uranus, but for part of its orbit it crosses Saturn's path to come closer to the Sun. Like Pluto, Chiron seems to be an icy, low-density body of frozen gases.

Since 1978, nothing new has been added to this information. So what happened earlier this year? Money! If Pluto is demoted, funds allocated to its study can be cut and used elsewhere - maybe for a bridge in Alaska?

According to the information in Terry's handout, it has always been known that Pluto is not a planet. It is nothing more than a "powerful" snowball. It is not an asteroid, nor is it a comet. Since the discovery of UB 313 (recently named Eris), which is bigger than Pluto, we have a new category called dwarf planets.

The generation born with Pluto conjunct Uranus (1963-1968) are just now in their "prime," having completed (survived?) the square from Pluto to that conjunction. It is doubtful that they would consider Pluto irrelevant.

Therefore, Terry stated, as astrologers we should not only continue to "use" Pluto, but we should also begin using Eris once we know more about it. Pluto controls EVERYTHING between it and the Sun.

## Donald Harold Rumsfeld

By Virginia Reyer

Donald Harold Rumsfeld was born in Chicago, Illinois, on July 9, 1932 at 5:40 pm, according to his birth certificate. Prior to July 1, 1959, Illinois and Pennsylvania had a law that births and deaths be recorded in Standard time. From 2 AM on the last Sunday in April to 2 AM on the last Sunday in October, all births were recorded one hour in advance of Standard time by order of the Department of Public Health in Springfield, Illinois. I worked in hospitals in the 1950s in Chicago and had three sons, all born on Standard time, so I was familiar with this law.

Rumsfeld was born to George Donald Rumsfeld, a real-estate salesman, and to Jeanette Huster. He married Joyce H. Pierson, born September 18, 1932, on December 27, 1954. They have three children and six grandchildren. Rumsfeld attended Princeton University and served in the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1957 as an aviator and flight instructor. He transferred to the Ready Reserves until 1975 and to the Standby Reserve as a Navy Captain in 1989. Rumsfeld began his political career under President Eisenhower, later serving under Nixon, Ford, Reagan, Clinton and Bush. In 1977, President Gerald Ford awarded Rumsfeld the nation's highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In between stints of public service he returned to private business several times. During Rumsfeld's tenure as Chairman of Searle he obtained FDA approval for aspartame (NutraSweet); he earned a lot of money and became a rich man.

Rumsfeld's Ascendant at 10°23' Sagittarius makes him interested in politics. He is fearless and overly enthusiastic, and very imaginative and philosophical. This Ascendant gives him the ability to succeed as a government official. His mind is essentially materialistic. The Ascendant conjunct Rastaban, a fixed star, gives wealth, honors, prominence, and high preferment. The Ascendant trine Mercury gives keen mental and sensory perception and an

intelligent mind that makes him a good public relations representative and diplomat. Ascendant sextile Moon bestows emotional balance and favors relationships with women and the public. Ascendant opposition to Mars gives an aggressive spirit and violence.

With Jupiter ruling his chart, he seeks to acquire much education and to occupy positions of importance; he is fond of travel and will live in foreign countries. Jupiter trine Uranus bestows organization, creative ability and inspiration; gives a quick grasp of situations; and brings fortunate turns in life. With Jupiter semi-sextile the Vertex, he is apt to suffer from false reports. He can be intolerant of others and express feelings excessively. The Vertex in Cancer reigns over domestic affairs and the need to belong. He loves home and country.

Strong emotions affect his interactions, and he has many ups and downs. He attracts people who work with or for the public in general. The Vertex in the 8th house rules death of the physical body and concerns other peoples' resources and obstacles to finances, wills, legacies and insurance. Vertex square Uranus gives him an excitable, impulsive nature that lacks adaptability. Uranus square Pluto and Transpluto shows how mass involvement affects him. He may never feel secure; it creates many upsets, revolution, and a mania for destruction.

The Moon and Saturn are at the rim of this chart, holding the other planets in. Moon trine Saturn gives mental concentration and endurance of hardship if necessary. It is careful and attentive to business. The Moon at 2° Libra is strongly sensitive to the attitudes and reactions of others. Moon conjunct the MC indicates popularity and life in the public eye. With this Moon Rumsfeld is creative, sees both sides of a questions, and cannot be turned from his convictions. His MC, at 0° 0' of Libra, brings many changes as he attempts to deal with his problems, and many public encounters as well. The Moon and Venus in mutual reception give emotional responsiveness, charm, and harmony.

Sun at the Mars/Jupiter midpoint gives a wealth of feelings, ambition, and ability to cope with many situations. It gives pride and an urge for freedom, as well as organizing talent. Sun solstice Mars confers willpower and action that require strength and courage, desire to be in the limelight, can overcome difficulties and danger. Virgo and Pisces are intercepted in the 9th and 3rd houses, creating Aries and Libra double houses ruled by Mars and Venus in a vigintile (18°) aspect, which is harmonizing.

Venus is retrograde at 1°15' Cancer: he holds feelings in, can be easily hurt, moods can be fluctuating; he values financial and domestic security. Mars at 12° 22' Gemini opposite the Asc. rules aggressiveness and restlessness. These are lessons to be learned in this lifetime.

The north node of Pluto is conjunct his Sun, bringing many associations which may be important in this lifetime.

Neptune's NN conjunct Mercury is fantasy; he tends to make secret arrangements with others and can be highly seductive.

Uranus's SN conjunct the Asc. gives a restless disposition and nervous irritability.

Uranus's NN is conjunct Mars and opposite the Asc.; also Mars's NN is conjunct Mars, and both nodes opposite the Asc. give a propensity to restless, willfulness, fights, and injuries.

Saturn's NN conjunct Pluto and the Vertex give a hard, unfeeling disposition, a tendency toward violence and secretive plans. Cruelty to others. Self-destruction and separation.

Rumsfeld has had many changes in his life. He was sworn in as Defense Secretary on January 20, 2001. He led the military planning and execution of the Iraq invasion in 2003. The Abu Ghraib scandal occurred on his watch and many critics felt he should resign, but Bush did not accept his resignation.

On March 1, 2005, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit in a federal court in Illinois on behalf of eight men who were tortured and abused by U.S. forces under the command of Defense Secretary Rumsfeld. The lawsuit seeks compensatory damages on behalf of these men.

Rumsfeld announced his resignation on November 8, 2006 at 10:54 AM at the Pentagon. He was under fire from Democrats and many Republicans. He is reassessing the core of his life. Robert Gates, former CIA chief, has been named to replace Rumsfeld.

The birth chart is on our website. Go to Articles and it will be under Virginia Reyer's name.

### ***It's True - There ARE More Librans!***

*Thanks to Doug Noblehorse for this factoid.*

David, of Denver, Colorado, asked Yahoo! what is the most common birthday. Here's the response.

Dear David,

We found several references to this question on the Web, all pointing to the same source: a survey of 12,576 Americans conducted by Anybirthday.com. Answers like this one from the Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star cite the study's finding of October 5 as the date the most people (in the U.S. anyway) are born. The 2001 report claims that approximately 968,000 living Americans entered the world on that date.

So why October 5? Just a random date? Perhaps, but Anybirthday has a theory: To be born on this date, a baby would most likely have been conceived on New Year's Eve.

The survey also found May 22 to be the least common birthday. As yet, no guesses as to what it is that happens in late August (nine months prior to that date) that routinely turns so many people off. Perhaps it's just too darn hot?

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