

## AQUARIUS 2024 NEWSLETTER Compliments of Alice DeVille

The famous romantic, Richard Cadbury of Cadbury Chocolates, created the first heartshaped box filled with chocolates for gift-giving on Valentine's Day in 1861. He designed boxes with artistic cupids and rosebuds that are now a Valentine tradition. Britain introduced the treasured tradition of sending Valentine greeting cards and candy in the $19^{\text {th }}$ Century. Sales rapidly took off. In the $21^{\text {st }}$ Century these romantic gestures and the loving tone of Valentine cards appear via on-line cards and greetings. Receiving messages from loved ones makes recipients feel special. Express the language of love to honor dear ones on February 14, one of the most treasured days of the year. In 2024 the romantic planets fall in mixed signs: Venus in earthy Capricorn and Mars in altruistic Aquarius, with the Moon in passionate Aries warming your heart all day. Show the special people in your lives you care by celebrating a Happy Valentine's Day. Our Sun sign honoree is Aquarius, the sign known for analytical insight, impulsive action, spontaneity, unexpected moods, flashes of brilliance, rigorous rants, and endearing encounters. Serve the chilled champagne and toast Aquarius at a birthday bash that features palate-pleasing appetizers, and a delectable protein-entrée along with sides of savory carb and unusual vegetable treats. Infuse remarks with fond memories as you serve the honoree's favorite birthday cake.


ANNOUNCEMENTS: Congratulations to N.P. for winning the \$15 coupon for December's drawing; a discount coupon will go to January's winner who will be notified on the $31^{\text {st. }}$. Those of you who schedule an appointment during this cycle are eligible for the new drawing. I accept payments in advance for services via PayPal (www.paypal.com) where you can use either credit cards or debit cards directly from your checking or savings account at this secure site. You do not need your own PayPal account to pay for your consultations. PayPal notifies me when the fee is paid. PayPal links to my alternate e-mail address, alice.deville27@gmail.com. My phone number is 1-813-3745398. The Chinese Year of the Wood Dragon begins on February 10, 2024, and culminates with the Lantern Festival on February 24. Dragons are the fifth animal of the Chinese Zodiac, and symbolize power, honor, nobleness, luck, and success. The
five types of dragons are: gold dragons, earth dragons, fire dragons, water dragons, and wood dragons. Personalities vary according to the type of dragon energy affiliated with your year. Although often optimistic, the Wood Dragon is not very open to emotional displays and guard themselves from potential hurts. They are talented and very good at reasoning and analysis, exude charm, and attract admirers who often run after them. The last wood dragon year was 1964, a cycle that repeats every 60 years. Happy New Year! Gold, Silver, and Grayish White are the lucky colors for 2024. Lucky numbers are 1, 6, 7; lucky flowers are bleeding-heart glory bower, larkspur, and hyacinth, and lucky directions are west, north, and northwest. Dragons are compatible with monkeys, rats, snakes, and roosters; they root for their partners, encourage them with their soothing words, and have amazing intuition and expansive imaginations that lead to better understanding of their partner's aspirations. Fill your red envelopes, exchange them with family and friends, and celebrate this tradition at a family reunion meal. Happy Anniversary to $L$ and A on January 22. NOTE: The 2024 Sun Sign Book and the 2024 Moon Sign Book that includes my article, 2024 Solar and Lunar Eclipses Through the Houses is available at Llewellyn Worldwide and Amazon.com. Look for them online or in your favorite bookstore. Happy Aquarius birthday to D, L, C, Z, F, D, A, and S.


Address Cyber-security breaches to stop culprits from stealing your ID, mailing lists, and sending you phony invoices that are not yours. Run your virus protection programs Instead of following shady links or believing their scares. Send everything to SPAM. Be on the lookout for porch bandits, ATM skimmers, fake messages, illegal requests for funds, and dating site cons that are not going to pair you with a legitimate potential partner. Avoid adding a friend or contact to your networks if you don't know the party. They could be trolls fishing for information. Demand remains high for those with skills to combat security leaks and keep us safe from theft and intrusion. More and more telephone companies show the words, "Scam Likely" when numbers from unidentified callers show up. After last year's hurricane and tropical storm hit the west coast of Florida, residents experienced an avalanche of phishing scams from vendors ready to sell them a new roof, siding, exterior facelifts, or insurance. Phone calls were vague. Don't answer if you don't recognize a number.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN THIS CYCLE, JANUARY 20-FEBRUARY 18:
February 2: Groundhog Day
February 10: Chinese Year of the Wood Dragon Begins
February 12: Lincoln's Birthday
February 14: St. Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday

## BIRTHDAY HIGHLIGHTS FOR AQUARIUS

Happy Birthday, Aquarius! As the fourth fixed sign of the Zodiac you are the natural occupant of the $11^{\text {th }}$ House of associations, friendships, goals, groups, your employer's resources, hopes, global initiatives, leadership in organizations, motivations, mutual interests, new trends, unorthodox methods, wishes, and sudden revelations or change. Your sign's symbol is the Water Bearer, known for supporting humanitarian endeavors and displaying optimism, a trait of your air sign. Spontaneous Uranus is your sign ruler and helps you connect with others in a variety of social settings adding new insight to your sphere of influence. The shakeup planet is retrograde now, and will turn direct on January 27 EST. Many individuals with $11^{\text {th }}$ House emphasis in their charts know an astrologer or two by birth, through family, friendship, or via a consulting relationship. Your color palate includes brilliant, electric blues, indigo, most medium blue shades, sky blue, lavenders, ultramarine and accents of bright white. You take pride in being among the most analytical signs in the zodiac. Problem-solving and innovation are your strengths especially if you remain flexible to change and release what is not working in a timely manner. Innovative applications define critical aspects of your work. Many of you collect gadgets, buy high-tech electronics, and display inventiveness. The more altruistic Aquarians show commitment to the improvement of relationships in both personal and professional settings. When you're not tuned in, everything gets on your nerves, and you become peevish, detached, or cynical. Your sign rules the ankles, blood pressure, calves, hemoglobin, legs from knees to ankles, shins, body tremors and wrinkles. Aquarius relates to social networking. This year the Sun enters your sign on January 20 at 9:07 AM EST and leaves on February 18 at 11:13 PM EST. Much of the material in the following section also refers to individuals with Aquarius on the Ascendant.

Aquarius, your birthday year starts off with the Moon in compatible Gemini in your solar $5^{\text {th }}$ house of romance and Mercury in early Capricorn in your solar $12^{\text {th }}$ house of introspection giving you ample opportunities to plan the year ahead. On February 6, Mercury sails into Aquarius in your solar first house giving visibility to your ideas and insight among close contacts and peers. Venus in Capricorn on Valentine's Day could mean a quiet celebration on the day of romance, possibly driven by work projects or other responsibilities that limit availability for celebrating. Venus will join your sign on February 17 adding joy to your psyche via surprising encounters. Venus trines Jupiter in your solar $4^{\text {th }}$ house of home during the first full week of your cycle. Celebrate your assets and compatible partners. If you don't already have one, this could be the year you find a suitable partner. CHOICE is a keyword for you in 2024. Check dates carefully when scheduling surgery or critical medical tests and procedures. Your solar 4th House is the setting for transiting Jupiter in Taurus this year which represents your home, foundation, base of operations, family, residents of your home, parents, and real estate transactions. Jupiter's trip through Taurus ends in late May. It brings fortunate energy to your home and family. Those of you born between January 25 and February 18 benefit most from this transit which completes the Taurus cycle on May 25 and begins a year-long journey in Gemini in your solar $5^{\text {th }}$ house of romance, children, sports, socializing, entrepreneurial endeavors, and vacations. While traveling through Gemini, Jupiter pauses on October 9, and moves direct again in Gemini on February 4. While Jupiter is in the $4^{\text {th }}$ House you may spend quality time planning vacations, perfecting a prospective business venture, reviewing children's educational and sports interests, coaching work or sports teams, and expanding your social life or romantic pursuits. When Jupiter moves to your fifth house, you may be traveling more
to satisfy work responsibilities. You will have multiple opportunities to demonstrate your versatile analytical skills. Work contributions lead to promotions or raises. Selfdevelopment could be part of your new goals to expand your value to the work team. This new cycle allows you to pursue desirable work and cherished goals simultaneously. Enjoy the solid financial opportunities that come your way through valuable networks. Saturn in Pisces travels through your solar 2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ House of assets, income, resources, money you earn and money you spend, further education related to special developmental interests that come up, and financial planning. Saturn will occupy Pisces and this key house all year. So will transiting Neptune in Pisces. An eclipse on September 17 further accentuates your responsibilities in this house. Be sure you enjoy a work environment that maximizes use of your qualifications. Network if you are looking for a job. Aquarians don't like changes yet the challenges you met over the past few years strongly supported a change of circumstances and a new perspective on the nature of your work. Aquarians born January 23-February 9, benefit most from this year's transit of Saturn in Pisces. Spiritual growth may expand as evolving life circumstances open up in new directions. Saturn imposes annoying restrictions and limitations yet simultaneously sends opportunities that help you excel in your field of work. Be alert to financial transactions that need scrutinizing such as contracts for vehicles or workplace expansion. Strengthen your action plan and create stability and satisfaction. Eliminate lingering obligations. Accelerate peak performance. Add new technology to the productivity mix and enjoy a happy, meaningful life. Saturn will be retrograde in Pisces from June 29 through November 15. Embrace a new level of prosperity as you create a budget and set spending goals that are affordable and meet your needs. Uranus, your ruling planet, resides in conservative-minded Taurus this year in your solar $4^{\text {th }}$ House of home and family where this chaotic planet has been creating havoc since 2018 by opening your eyes to the possibility that you can manage your home and family differently if there is an unsettled feeling in your environment. During this time, more than one type of relationship has suffered strain or alienation. Manifestations may have been in the form of blowups, unemployment, romantic breakups, or health issues. When Uranus moves direct on January 27, you may notice a change in attitude from some residents of your home, or a family member may be leaving in response to executing new plans. A family member may also ask you for temporary shelter in the wake of changing life circumstances. Sometimes a Uranus transit results in damage to the home from storms, floods, earthquakes, tornados, or hurricanes. Ongoing work on your home may be delayed or has to be redone. On an optimistic note, a Uranus transit could bring you gifts, awards or inheritances which improve your financial picture. Make efficient use of your time to unpack if you are moving in to a new residence so that you feel settled again. Although Taurus prefers stability, Uranian behavior leads to a provocative path that is unpredictable. Aquarians may move several times during the erratic planet's 7 -year passage through a house and sometimes natural disasters create the disruption. This year the Uranus transit most affects Aquarians born February 8-19 and those with planets at 19 to 27 degrees of Aquarius, Taurus, Leo, and Scorpio. Stay grounded through this shift, develop stability for your home, and nurture relationships. Uranus is retrograde again September 1-January 30, 2025. Neptune in Pisces connects with your Sun if you were born February 14-18 while it moves slowly through your solar 2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ House of income, resources, personal assets, material attachments, money, your ability to relax, benefits received for services offered and self-development, while covering the $25^{\text {th }}-29^{\text {th }}$ degrees of Pisces. Thoroughly review your financial transactions this
year and use a professional accounting system to maintain fiscal reliability while you monitor expenses. Avoid confusing deals that Neptune sometimes attracts, making sure the details are clear and not nebulous when it's time to sign a contract. Stay focused. With Saturn in Pisces in this house and an eclipse in Pisces in September, be alert that the second solar house will be one of your most important in 2024. Use logic in executing upcoming financial decisions. Since April 2011, Neptune has been moving through your money house. In addition, it is important to monitor the position of Neptune in your natal chart to maintain clear insight for seeking and managing income sources. Avoid purchasing goods made with inferior materials so that you don't have to write off bad choices. Don't let the Neptune haze sneak in and cloud your vision or you will fall into a rut of attracting what you don't want. One of your lessons this year is not accepting flawed, stale, or poorly made products from online vendors whose advertising shows goods that look top-notch but look nothing like the catalogs display. If that happens, take a photo of the goods, contact the vendor, mail them the photo, and request an immediate refund. Ask for a written resolution of the problem. Do this as well if you learn that a gift you ordered was defective. Keep others away from your bank account. Claim your power by seeking new work that pays generously to cover bills, provide benefits, and considers future career growth. Closely review contracts and clauses. Neptune goes retrograde on July 2 and resumes direct motion on December 7, 2024. Pluto's long residence (since 2008) in your solar $12^{\text {th }}$ house in Capricorn, occurs in the department that represents self-assessment and puts you in touch with themes that include healing, widows, orphans, hidden enemies, introspection, quiet reflection, seclusion, private thoughts, behind-the scenes-activity, secret trysts, visiting the sick, atonement and a lingering hoarding mentality that begs to be purged in 2024. The transit for the year ahead most affects those of you born February 18-20 and those of you with planets or Ascendants in Capricorn, Aries, Cancer or Libra that cover 29 degrees of these signs. You no longer have to dodge the bullet when you don't release the fallout from holding on to old karma. Aquarius, the hot breath of Pluto is descending on your sign on January $20^{\text {th }}$ at 1 degree and affects those born January 19-21. Pluto moves briefly into your solar first house in the first two degrees of Aquarius and stays there until 2043! The action-oriented first house gives you a chance to use your finelyhoned analytical skills to figure out what has skewed your path to freedom. Now you can pay more attention to your health, innovative ideas, passion for life, and individuality. Look at this schedule! Once Pluto goes to Aquarius, it turns retrograde on May 2, moves back into Capricorn, then turns direct in Capricorn on October 11. Only those of you born January 20-23 feel the impact of this Pluto in Aquarius transit. You'll have greater insight after November 19 when Pluto finally leaves Capricorn and surrenders to Aquarius for the next 20 years. Meanwhile, assess the quality of your treasured desires and identify the inner places you would like to liberate. Have an open mind and play fair. Learn what independence truly means. Start the healing process now. Develop a positive outlook.

The eclipse department in 2024 brings you 4 occurrences: two lunar (Full Moon) and two solar (New Moon) eclipses that are ready to generate intense periods that start to manifest a few months before they actually occur. You experienced the last Solar Eclipse of 2023 in Taurus $5^{\circ} 8^{\circ} 09^{\prime}$ on October 28 in your solar $4^{\text {th }}$ House of home, family, base of operation, and family, probably your mother. The influence will linger through March 25, 2024, when the first lunar eclipse of the year takes place in Libra. If you opened the door to solve family-related issues in the last two
years, give them greater attention to release the angst in the next two months. As 2024 unfolds, the first lunar eclipse of 2024 occurs on March 25 in Libra at $5^{\circ} \bumpeq 07^{\prime}$ in your $9^{\text {th }}$ house of your higher mind, advanced education, foreign travel or relocation, diverse cultures, in-laws, religion, philosophy, politics, publication and writing, and long-distance travel. Make sure applications, articles, resumes, and transcripts are submitted on time for admission to a new school or publisher. Check travel plans carefully to avoid cancellation of flights. If a career change is desired, consider either a foreign assignment, a temporary duty station, or transfer to a distant work location. You could travel more with an eclipse in this house. Two weeks later the first Solar Eclipse of the year occurs on April 8 in Aries, $19^{\circ} \Upsilon 24^{\prime}$ in your solar third house of communication, education, mental state, local travel, neighborhood, siblings, electronic systems, and all matters related to transportation. Calls, messages, and texts may increase in volume from people connected with this house. Most likely more frequent visits from cousins, siblings, and neighbors occur while community activity takes on greater importance. Priorities could include purchasing a new vehicle, pursuing educational courses, buying office equipment or adjusting your work schedule. Pressure will be on you to showcase your talents and expertise, keep commitments involving goals and timelines, and deliver the work assigned to you with exceptional quality. Managing contracts may be a key part of your work this year. Review documents carefully. Make use of internal networks to manifest opportunities for new work or partnerships.

The second solar eclipse of 2024 occurs on September 17 at $25^{\circ}$ f $41^{\prime}$ in Pisces and falls in your solar $2^{\text {nd }}$ house of assets, income, salary requirements, what you value, how you spend money, and self-development. The eclipse calls for fully addressing any salary concerns or money issues that need attention. Develop a budget that allows you to monitor all expenses and plan ahead for big ticket purchases. Be sure to visualize a win, bonus, or unexpected cash gift coming your way. Surprises are fun. The final solar eclipse of 2024 occurs in Libra at $10^{\circ} \bumpeq 04^{\prime}$ at 2:49 pm EDT in your ninth House of the higher mind, advanced educational degrees, foreign countries and cultures, in-laws, philosophy, religion, publishing, writing, law, and long-distance travel. Those of you with a birthday that falls between January 30February 1 may experience a positive and powerful aspect from this eclipse that influences plans and calls attention to important matters connected with the themes of this house. The eclipse has an effect on travel, may impact educational pursuits or graduations, and many affect relocation plans for anticipated job offers. Include travel for pleasure this year and enjoy the interlude. If you have been searching for new work, the offer may come up unexpectedly. Don't rule out temporary duty in a different business location. Aquarians looking for more stable work conditions may start their own business. Never fear eclipses but do think of them as opportunities for growth that allow you to release old patterns while you examine conditions and relationships with others. Expect surprises that create both positive and perplexing feelings and outcomes. The closer an eclipse occurs to a planet or point in your chart, the greater the importance in your life, especially if one of those planets is in the same degree as the eclipse. Celebrate the success of completed goals. Material in this section may apply to those with Aquarius Ascendants and depicts the flow of activity in your natal chart.

Famous Aquarians include: Geena Davis, Diane Lane, Mischa Barton, Eartha Kitt, Edward Van Halen, Christian Bale, Ellen Degeneres, Arsenio Hall, Alicia Keys, Paul Newman, Bridget Fonda, Joey Fatone, Nick Carter, Sarah McLachlan, Edward Burns, Heather Graham, Adam Lambert, Oprah Winfrey, Tom Selleck, Gene Hackman, Phil Collins, Nathan Lane, Vanessa Redgrave, Justin Timberlake, Carole King, Boris Yeltsin, Lisa Marie Presley, Ronald Reagan, Christie Brinkley, Farrah Fawcett, Morgan Fairchild, Alice Cooper, Natalie Imbruglia, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Bobby Brown, Bob Marley, Natalie Cole, Chris Rock, Garth Brooks, Nick Nolte, Seth Green, Alice Walker, Joe Pesci, Mia Farrow, Laura Dern, George Stephanopoulos, Brandy, Jennifer Anniston, Burt Reynolds, Sarah Palin, Christina Ricci, Henry Rollins, Peter Gabriel, Gregory Hines, Chris Farley, Michael Avenatti, Jane Seymour, John McEnroe, Michael Jordan, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Rene Russo, Denise Richards, Paris Hilton, Cybill Shepherd, Jean Auel, John Travolta, Matt Dillon, Molly Ringwald, and Vanna White.

## PLANETS PLACES FROM JANUARY 20-FEBRUARY 18

Happy Chinese New Year. The Year of the Wood Dragon starts on February 10 (see page 2). Mercury is in Capricorn after moving direct in Sagittarius on January 1. If you are ready for fun after discharging your problem-solving duties, take time on the $21^{\text {st }}$ to play and to welcome the sign change of Pluto from Capricorn to Aquarius that comes your way during the first full week of your sun sign transits. The $20^{\text {th }}$ has a full plate of planetary activities as the Sun Sign shifts from Capricorn to Aquarius in the midst of Pluto's sign change. Treat yourself to a dinner out on the 21st and enjoy some much earned down time. On February 11 Mercury enters Aquarius for the remainder of the month giving your analytical mind a tune-up by supplying you with the right words to explain your analysis of the status quo. Venus wraps up a stint in fun-loving Sagittarius on January 23 and heads for practical Capricorn through February 18. Valentine's Day shows a controlled Venus in Capricorn making plans for a quiet celebration with both Mercury and Mars in Aquarius. Expect the unexpected for a nice little twist to events. Make a date with a mystical partner for your Valentine celebration and see where the music takes you. Bring the sweets to your workplace on Valentine's Day and treat co-workers to an impromptu dessert party after lunch. The Moon will be in passionate Aries all day and the romantic energy carries into your date night. Idealism mixes with romance in many circles. Stay tuned! Mars moves to Aquarius early on the $13^{\text {th }}$ and energizes your Mardi Gras plans if you make them and stays in the sign until after mid-March. Enjoy amusing stories, jokes, quick quips, and lively conversations that keep you engaged with people in your circle through the end of February. You and others around you are in an adjustment cycle with the movement of Pluto to Aquarius and you can feel it in your bones. Jupiter in Taurus makes a few uncomfortable aspects to fire and air signs born at 6-9 degrees of your signs during this cycle and keeps you on your toes. Professional networking claims your time during the last full week of January and again during the week of February 11. Meetings may bring surprise contacts. Globally you'll hear more about world powers seeking workable solutions to conditions of war, economic, medical, and security problems. Ukraine remains in high focus with unpredictable moves occurring regularly. On a personal level you have opportunities to bring attention to your perspective as you suggest solutions to everyday problems. Saturn travels in Pisces from 5-8 degrees during this cycle. This month most affects you favorably if born January 25-30, April 24-29, June 26-30, or October 27-31 or have planets at these Pisces degrees. Watch for additional disagreements over the status of social security a valuable commodity for millions.

The Senate will not go along with promoting a bill for drastic action. The President forgives college debt. Take note of how goods and services are distributed as you look at power shifts around the world and the U.S. relationships with these countries. Allied countries are encountering changes in operations. On a personal level, strengthen conditions and relationships that have fallen apart and became problematic. Saturn in Pisces is likely to revolutionize our spiritual world, awaken intuition, and lead us out of confusing mental patterns. For the rest of the year, Saturn will occupy 5-19 degrees of the sign going retrograde on June 29. Stay healthy and eliminate painful habits. Verify facts when sharing information and seek the truth. Change is in the works to help American families cope with losses incurred in the aftermath of the weather conditions and adversities which are taking a toll on auto and home insurance premiums, health care costs, and rising energy rates. Watch activity around the Leo Full Moon on January 25 that is in hard aspect to transiting Uranus in Taurus. Be thankful for your blessings. Uranus in Taurus goes direct on January 27, EST, $19^{\circ} ૪ 05^{\prime}$ and spends the next two years in this sign through April 2026, hitting the same degree multiple times as it already has! No other planets will turn retrograde until March. Mars in Capricorn trines Uranus in Taurus on the 29 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ bringing a note of optimism to January's end. Many will keep their eyes on the tasks at hand and burrow into solving current problems. Saturday, February 3, ends the week on a positive note, leaving those who are bored in the dust and stimulating spontaneous romance. Physical and intellectual connections are the love stars this month. How are you interpreting truth when you observe the loose treatment of facts and how lightly some powerful personalities react to destructive behavior that can only lead to unpleasant outcomes for those affected by it? Examine your life for lack of commitment. What is the status of financial agreements? Work on stabilizing the systems you have in place. Are others involved in your financial decisions? Both the Moon and Venus trine Uranus on February 7. Good news for you if you were born May 8-10, you'll feel the most impact from these transits now. Look at your chart for clues. Where is Uranus and how is it affecting your life? How have you experienced sudden change? Ravaged countries at war will heal more with diplomacy instead of force to settle disputes. Put people first. Engage in practices that elicit calm energy: exercise, meditation, objective discussion, and facts in lieu of destructive exchanges or lies.

Neptune (in Pisces until 2026) most affects those born March 15-18 this month giving you opportunities to interpret dreams, defuse confusion, tap your spiritual outlook, support charities, and release self-deception and doubt. Depending on the location of natal Neptune in your chart and where this transit in Pisces flows, you have a chance to demonstrate your altruistic spirit and show kindness and compassion to those in need by using your mystical and psychic qualities. Eliminate rigid behavior patterns. The Universe welcomes sensitive minds that show a caring spirit for humanity and encourage forgiveness. Wherever you have Pisces in your chart this year, you'll have the company of Saturn for 1-1/2 more years. Neptune will receive a visit from the September 17 eclipse this year. Comfort those in your circle that need help for a release from emotional bondage, worries, or recent losses. Encourage contacts to lighten their hearts. Be inspiring and manifest happiness in life. Pluto in Capricorn left temporarily to welcome Aquarius into its chair on January 20 at 0 degrees. Those of you born January 19-21 will experience the first vibes from Pluto in an air sign since Pluto left Libra in 1984. The last time Pluto was in Aquarius occurred 17781798. Fixed signs born at 0-2 degrees of their signs may notice intensity in their decisions and interactions through September 2 when Pluto returns to Capricorn for a
closeout in November. Wherever Pluto falls in your chart you have opportunities to let go of unwanted baggage; acknowledge the truth about people and events that you've been avoiding, and complete any traces of karma that have been lingering during this long transit. Go ahead and eradicate fears, nourish your inner strengths, and regenerate life phases. If you suddenly have to deal with erratic behavior, stifle it quickly by manifesting a peaceful vision. Enjoy the freedom once this long Pluto transit closes and get ready to unload clinging baggage. Mars in Aquarius joins Pluto on February 13 to help you make adjustments to newcomer Pluto in Aquarius. Apply logic using wise decisions and truth. Process the fallout from disappointing personal or political decisions. Resolve inner tensions via meditation and exercise. Vote your conscience in the voting booth. Chiron is direct in Aries during this cycle and most affects those born April 4-6 who stimulate their consciousness to awaken their troubled minds as they breathe in a profound healing vibe, surrounding their auric fields with balancing energy. Spiritual Warrior Aries, in a battle mode, charges ahead to eliminate inner fear and shed light on the truth. Now is the time to replace apprehension with firm convictions and increased self-confidence. Rise up while releasing old pains that produced challenging lessons in this lifetime. The Brave Wounded Healer helps you face the truth about people, places and conditions you met along your current life path and what you brought in from former lives. Banish the lingering grief that has infused old concerns. Let go and you will soon experience stability and inner peace. If you were born with Chiron in Aries, this is your Chiron return so check the house where it resides in your natal chart to find the optimal solution for releasing stuck energy. Embrace your return to better physical and mental health. Celebrate a new month and a new you!

LUNAR/SOLAR CYCLES
January 20: Sun enters Aquarius, 9:07 AM EST
January 25: Full Moon in Leo, 12:54 PM EST, $5^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ 15'
February 9: New Moon in Aquarius, 9:59 PM EST $20^{\circ}$ 出 41'
February 18: Sun enters Pisces, 11:13 PM EST
PEOPLE, PLACES AND TOPICS IN THE NEWS
Consumers appreciate the lower gasoline prices but readers are appalled at the high prices of products, especially groceries and the quality of produce that looks like it should be tossed. Readers keep receipts handy to compare prices on the cost of food that some reports say are going down but their checkbooks just don't jibe. Sizes of products, but not the price, of many goods are shrinking. Utilities and home and auto insurance are also out of control, especially in reports from consumers in Florida. Sundries, including all paper products, and cleaning agents, have skyrocketed and buyers are looking for bargains at warehouses and discount outlets. Make lists before you shop and compare prices - be grateful if you have options. Restaurant food, including fast food venues have elevated prices. Food often seems inedible according to patrons who have described the lackluster quality of food in establishments that used to receive accolades for presenting tasty, excellent cuisine. In early 2024, eateries seem to be scaling down the number of items on the menu or developing a new venue. Buffets are back in some circles. Lack of help is creating new norms. Takeout orders are in the middle of a new round of complaints. People want to eat what they pay for. One reader said the quality of the dessert pies took a dive from one
baker yet the vendor raised the prices and packaged broken and unappealing goods. What have you noticed? Let me know. I hope you like to cook.

Kardea Brown: If you have never seen the delightful Food Network cooking show, Delicious Miss Brown, you are in for a treat if you tune in on Sundays at noon EST. Miss Brown turns out meal after meal of mouthwatering food. She is an American chef and got her start as a caterer before joining the Food Network as a guest on The Kitchen and then appearing as a judge on Beat Bobby Flay, Chopped Junior, Farmhouse Rules, and Baking Championship and more. Kardea is a Scorpio born in Charleston, South Carolina, and her roots trace back to the Gullah Geechee heritage allowing her to blend her cooking with a unique southern charm. Kardea uses a variety of shrimp, seafood, pork, beef, vegetables, and savory spices in her tasty recipes. She has also published a book, The Way Home, that features recipes of her heritage, and can be purchased online through various outlets and bookstores. Kardea got engaged to her fiancé, Byron Smith, on New Year's Eve. The couple is planning a marriage for later this year. Kardea's solar chart shows Mercury, Pluto, and the Sun in Scorpio, in hard aspect to a stellium of Leo placements in her solar $9^{\text {th }}$ and $10^{\text {th }}$ houses, in hard aspect to Juno in Aquarius in her solar $4^{\text {th }}$ house (she loves her home and had it built with preferred features designed to compliment her cooking style), a stellium of Sagittarius planets Venus, Pallas, Saturn and Uranus in the solar first house opposing Chiron in Gemini in her $8^{\text {th }}$ house. Her Moon in Virgo is part of a T-square to her Sagittarius and Gemini placements. Kardea knows what she wants, prefers her independence in decision-making, and shows determination in pursuing her goals. In April her natal Jupiter in Aries will receive a conjunction from the first solar eclipse of 2024. Her $6^{\text {th }}$ House of work gets a boost and possibly a new show to add to her portfolio. Congratulations, Kardea, on a job well done.

Golden Globe and Emmy Awards Broadcasts. The first show of the year was The Golden Globes masterfully presented by Tina Fey and Amy Poehler on Sunday, January 7. The next awards show was The Emmys engagingly presented on January 15 by Anthony Anderson at the Emmys ceremony. The Screen Actors Guild awards will broadcast on February 25, and the $96^{\text {th }}$ Academy Awards will air on March 10, hosted by Jimmy Kimmel.

## READERS CORNER

Several readers made comments regarding the work mate of her husband that kept dropping in to visit at night while her husband was still working. Most were appalled at his lack of manners. The woman reported that the next time the coworker rang the bell, she replied that he was no longer welcome to visit. A month later, he has not returned for an uninvited visit. This is another question about accommodating visits to relatives. Let me know your thoughts.
Q. Since Easter will be celebrated early this year on March 31, I invited my girlfriend to accompany me to visit my grandmother. I have seen my grandmother at my parents home over holidays when she can travel but have not visited with her for three years. I have very fond memories of celebrating Easter with my grandmother who is working through some illnesses. She was always so kind and made Easter a fun and tasty holiday. My girlfriend flat out turned me down and said that she will be celebrating with her family and following her own family customs. She would not discuss it or compromise. I am hurt as I was planning to ask my girlfriend to marry me
this summer and am saving for a ring. What do you make of this? My birthday is May 15 and my girlfriend's is February 14. She is an Aquarius, and I am a Taurus. Thank you for your assistance.
A. I believe you just learned that when one person's sun sign is in hard aspect to the other's, there is going to be a fair amount of disagreement in the future. Reflect on your dating history. How often does this occur? How would you feel if you got engaged and your fiancé decides she doesn't want to visit your relatives? Your Moons oppose one another's adding to the relationship strain. You may be looking at a breakup in the near future, probably by early April. Hang in there though, because a wonderful aspect in your chart occurs around your birthday that could bring you a new love if you venture outside your normal dating routines. Venus joins Uranus on May 18.

Thank you to all who sent in questions and comments about previous newsletters. I'm glad you enjoyed the issues and welcome your thoughts again.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "I am all the things I have ever loved." ...Toni Morrison

## OFFICE HOURS

- Monday through Friday: 12-6 pm.
- Saturday: 12-4 pm.
- No Sunday hours.

Information about the sign of the month is general, is based on solar charts and may not address the actual activity in your natal chart. If this is your birthday month or if you are interested in learning more about how the current cycles affect you, call me to schedule an appointment for a personal consultation or a coaching session. Refer a friend who could use a new perspective and receive a $\$ 15$ discount toward your next consultation. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Happy Valentine"s Day,

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