



VIRGO 2015 NEWSLETTER Compliments of Alice DeVille

This year Labor Day falls late, in the middle of Virgo's turf, and gives us a welcome extension to the summer holiday cycle. Celebrate all you have accomplished in your work and personal life so that your portfolio glows with self-satisfaction. Why not plan a nice weekend cook-out or a season-ending getaway so you can swing into the fall routine with batteries charged and a sense of organized fulfillment? Virgo thrives on a change of scenery once the work is done, the projects are complete and the house is in order. Give Virgo a preview of autumn's bounty and invite your honorees to a festive meal or prepare a favorite dessert. They will thank you for your generous spirit.

Important Dates

September 7: Labor Day
September 11: Fourteenth Anniversary of 9/11; Patriot Day
September 13: Grandparents' Day and Solar Eclipse
September 23: Autumn Begins

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Newsletter: A number of readers have written in about the advice column format of Readers' Corner and told me how much they enjoy the topics - they want more, more, more. If you are new to this newsletter know that I usually provide a synopsis of comments on what we covered in the previous month. I do post the newsletters on Facebook each month. **Security:** Watch for the following type of messages: your loan has been approved; just click on the link; your student quarters are ready, just provide the information we need from you by viewing the link; your car is ready for pickup; we have attached your loan papers for your new car - all you have to do is sign and return to us; I am inviting you to be a **Facebook or Google Plus** friend; some may actually appear to be contacts you know. As I have suggested in earlier newsletters contact the inviter directly to find out if that individual has actually sent the invitation. Apply the same precautions to **LinkedIn and Twitter** invitations. Make no connection with someone you don't know; readers are reporting increasing mail with "hook-up" requests and porn links; just send to SPAM. Winner of the July client drawing was JM; August's drawing will be for a \$10 gift certificate to apply to your next consultation. Clients who book a one hour or more session during the Virgo period will be entered into the September drawing. If you schedule a

consultation during the time your sign is featured you receive a \$10 discount toward your session.

VIRGO'S BIRTHDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Happy Birthday, Virgo! Your organization-savvy Sun Sign rules the 6th House of work, daily environments and routines, health consciousness, medical advice, pets, colleagues, alternative medicine, workouts, nutrition, certain medications, herbs, spices, your kitchen's utility, pets the size of dogs or smaller, vitamins, efficiency of output, body workers and assimilation of facts and information. Mercury rules your Sun making yours a mentally-driven sign; not surprisingly Virgos often seek employment in communication-oriented careers, fact-finding firms, libraries, body workers including massage and Reiki, patient advocacy, publications (writing, editing, journalism and collaborative ventures), problem-solving or administrative support roles. Virgos take the wheel and look for whatever needs attention, using systems that keep them organized and cross-referenced. Some excel at organizing space and de-cluttering often including Feng Shui expertise; others prefer the healing field, massage, nursing and veterinary medicine. The cooks among you appreciate leading edge kitchen equipment and often run the school cafeteria, thrive as a chef or caterer or open up your own diner - and you understand nutrition so diners get the whole package. Yours sign understands processes and puts them into practice. Virgo rules the bowels and intestines; digestion problems bother some of you, while others display signs of hypochondria, excessive vitamin use, and germ phobia or fall into the extreme end of the spectrum called messiness or just plain being a slob. Many Virgos are "fussy" or "picky." This year the Sun enters your sign on August 23 at 6:37 AM EDT and leaves on September 23 at 4:21 AM EDT.

Your birthday year starts out with **Jupiter in Virgo where it moved on August 11 and stays until September 8, 2016** in your solar 1st house giving your very public 1st House the limelight and opportunities to show your best stuff. If you have been holding back on information, now you can let the cat out of the bag and make your announcements. For some of you Jupiter may play a role in altering both your personality and appearance if those are the areas you wish to enhance. Be moderate in how much and how soon you make these changes whether you buy a new wardrobe, have bariatric or cosmetic surgery, change your hair color or style or opt for a supply of wigs. Weight often crops up so check your eating patterns and emotions while Jupiter is here. Contacts will pay attention to you this year so launch an initiative or take the lead in a project you have had your eye on while Jupiter was in Leo in your 12th House of secret planning. Venus has been in your 12th in Leo also in retrograde motion and will flit back and forth until October 8 making it difficult for you to hold back your goals and speak your mind. **Saturn in Scorpio plays a complimentary role in your life through September 17th in your solar 3rd House** of communications, equipment, methods of transportation, community, cousins, mental outlook, siblings, neighbors and education. Those born September 20-23 have Saturn contacts through this time that will help you clear up old business that was pending for a year. You will have a chance to review commitments, honor obligations, communicate ideas and plans and accept the reward that comes with a job well done. Work on having those conversations you have been putting off or clearing up expectations about matters at home base which have been rife with misunderstandings and stand between you and harmonious relationships. **Then Saturn heads into Sagittarius on the 17th of**

September and your 4th House of home and family where you will experience lively exchanges over household accommodations, ongoing renovations, installation of security systems, demands from family and those at whatever you call your base of operation. Saturn monitors the work ethic and tasks that affect domestic tranquility. Some of you will be insistent on restoring balance and sharing the work load more equitably. Saturn also relates to real estate and for some of you can mean a move - close by or long distance - or downsizing for retirement or as a result of an empty nest or a divorce. If you are buying a home be sure to hire a home inspector and pay attention to signs of water damage, infestation, aging appliances or unsound structures. With Saturn in residence many of you will find an increase in responsibility and decision-making on the home front especially if you are born August 23-September 9. Recent connections with others have led you to alter your mind set regarding love and life. Others in your circle may increasingly lean on you; help them develop more independence. With the unpredictable nature of **Uranus in impetuous Aries** Virgos born September 4-14 through the end of this year get a workout in the solar 8th House of new income sources, debt, mortgages, investments, wills, taxes, lenders, and joint financial holdings or inheritance. And did I mention that Pluto in Capricorn is still in the mix helping you to fend off the impulsiveness and ground you in solving problems as they arise or simply reminding you to keep adding to your savings and tweaking your retirement account. A partner's assets may change for the better via promotion, raise or bonus or diminish due to an acquisition, layoff or a career change. Many Virgos take on mortgage debt or sell a property with these vibes; some inherit cash, jewelry, books, private correspondence, heirlooms or property. Proceed with plans to pay off debt or to settle pending legal matters. Just don't blink when Uranus makes a signature surprising move that requires a new strategy. Breathe through the latest upheaval and make the best moves when you have studied the options for living a successful life. **Neptune in Pisces contacts your Virgo Sun via opposition through the end of your birthday year in your solar 7th House of business, personal, public, marriage and roommate partnerships especially if you were born August 28-September 3, the time when you feel a connection to Neptune.** All things Neptunian in nature are possible - emerging from the fog of uncertainty in how to solve relationship problems; retreating into the clouds to avoid confrontations over differences in lifestyle and philosophy; experiencing a spiritual awakening vs. staying numb with too much drink, self-medication, or daydreaming to avoid responsibility. As soon as you recognize your pattern of creative avoidance, be at peace knowing that what you saw in the past may not have validity and it is up to you to validate your truth. Look at the details of both intimate and business relationships before agreeing to an important change. Mystical Neptune either inspires you to develop a clear vision or clouds reality in the name of love or opportunity so be sure to check the facts and figures first. Stay away from people who are ill and possibly spreading toxins via colds, coughs, and viruses; enjoy a healthy, balanced diet and make exercise a part of your routine. While the Neptune-Sun connection can be uplifting and inspiring, it can also attract unscrupulous types to your life who will distract you from your plans. Watch for those who insist on drinking to this and that and want to make light of reading legal documents thoroughly - don't let them mess with your money. You may meet interesting spiritual types or body workers that bring new information into your life. Writers break loose with material that pays big dividends. Neptune in Pisces remains active until 2025 influencing your solar 7th House. Enjoy working with mentors - there may be more than one at your disposal. **Pluto in Capricorn in your solar 5th House of social and romantic life, sports, children, competition, risk taking, speculation,**

outdoor activity, vacation hot spots and dating resonates strongly with Virgos born September 5-10 through the end of your birthday cycle. Celebrate the recent shedding of your skin and old baggage. Embrace your new-found confidence and let Pluto's positive power manage major initiatives for the next year. Pluto's dynamic of positive change generates a trine aspect that aids your plans and projects.

Matters connected with the 5th house get most of the attention even when transiting Uranus in Aries throws a few jolts your way and insists that you take a new course of action. Stay passionate about priorities and work on projects, adventures, fitness routines, sports connected with children's activities, educational pursuits, or entrepreneurial venues, and especially cultivate social circles. Maybe you can be the wind beneath the wings of children, students, protégés, and co-workers in the year ahead while Pluto plays a positive role in your life - the planet has staying power right now. Enjoy the vital transformations as they unfold and you enter into new territory over the next 10 years.

The year 2015 has four eclipses that affect you through September 2015 and two more that affect you in 2016 up to your birthday cycle. The influence of eclipses can last up to 12 months and can begin to show evolving conditions even before they actually occur. The 2015-16 eclipses highlight several of your solar houses in this order: 7th, 2nd, 1st, 8th, 7th and 2nd houses - emphasis is on you, your money and your partners with that lineup. The March 20th eclipse in Pisces did a dance to stimulate activity with relationships and still is in your 7th House of partners and influences your chart especially through September 13. This position helps you gain a clear perspective on partners, what's going on with them, where they stand on important issues and the big picture regarding love interests in your life - current or emerging -- over the next 18 months. You may have already received some big reveals and have more to come. Look over new prospects carefully to find the best for compatibility and care and don't be afraid to challenge what appears to be disingenuous energy. Ditto if you are in a long-term relationship that seems less straight-forward; someone could be holding out on you. Whether the issues involve the love of your life or the people on the work team, seek the advice of consultants, advisors and mediators to help you in the process. The April 4 lunar eclipse in Libra influences you until September 27 and fell in your solar 2nd House of income, resources, personal spending options, self-development, and salary and other negotiated benefits. Many of you are in the process of paying down your debt and the eclipse gave you the momentum to reduce it minimize the burdens. Some of you bought homes or refinanced with the benefit of low interest rates and attractive prices; others received an income boost or a bonus of some type. Those of you with partners that have spending habits probably had a meeting of the minds and are working on solutions or a truce and maybe cutting up the credit cards. More than one of you has good karma and receives money or gifts from varied sources; some will have longstanding debt paid back. A partial solar eclipse that affects you personally and puts the spotlight on you takes place on September 13 in Virgo in your solar 1st House and stays the course until March 9 when another solar eclipse occurs in Pisces. This September 13 eclipse gives you a chance to speak your mind, initiate physical or professional change and call the shots on important areas in your life. Do you thrive on innovation? If so, this is the right time to shine and put your best foot forward. Which ideas have been lurking on the back burner waiting for the right time to make an appearance? Be sure to take a deep breath especially if this eclipse falls on or close to your birthday. The last lunar eclipse of the year occurs on September 27

in Aries in your solar 8th House of new or joint income streams, assets, mortgages and other loans, insurance and inheritances; inner workings of the psyche, surgery and regeneration. No doubt you are integrating new financial management plans that will completely roll out in 2016. You will be looking for support at work or at home for your big plans and will have to lay the groundwork and a convincing argument for financial purchases that are in the works or will lead to a lifestyle change. If this is work-related, show the cost-effectiveness of the hires or the reorganization. Attend pre-retirement planning workshops if you are within a five-year range of leaving your job - or allow more time if you want the Big Picture sooner rather than later. You and your spouse may have different ideas about how to spend and save income; talk it over to avoid pain. The first solar eclipse of 2016 occurs in dreamy, romantic Pisces on March 8th in your solar 7th house and will help you understand the strengths and limitations of close relationships - both personal and professional. New friendships, connections, soul mates or kindred spirits help you expand your outlook in life and bring new ideas for experiencing fulfilling partnerships. Be aware of circumstances that may need a close look because eclipses in the 7th House can move so quickly toward attraction and just as rapidly lead to a breakup before the eclipse energy leaves your house. Be decisive about what you truly desire in a partner. Some Virgos undergo a change in marital status. For those seeking a more active social life, fill your calendar with parties, classes, mixers, and charitable events that provide opportunities to meet new friends. On March 23, 2016 the first lunar eclipse of the year occurs in Libra in your income-oriented 2nd House. You will have a feel for the solvency of your assets and the areas where you can expect the most gain. Perhaps you are considering different banking arrangements or reorienting your retirement fund. Many of you are job hunting so it could be time to land the big one that will put you on the best possible career path. At the same time you may have to level with partners about spending and your expectations for mutual money management and contributions. If the relationship is advancing talk seriously about funds; don't be too shy to ask the right questions about credit scores, loans and all forms of debt. A number of Virgos are in line to receive compensation through raises, bonuses, or promotions. Be sure to fund your own self-development goals to obtain the inner balance you desire. Enjoy this positive cycle of resource activity! This section may also be valid if your Ascendant or Rising Sign is in Virgo.

Famous Virgos include: Amy Irving, Adam Sandler, River Phoenix, Hugh Grant, Kobe Bryant, Rick Springfield, Steve Guttenberg, Dave Chappelle, Billy Ray Cyrus, Claudia Schiffer, Sean Connery, Rupert Grint, Chad Michael Murray, Jack Black, Regis Philbin, Gene Simmons, Rachel Bilson, Elvis Costello, Macaulay Culkin, Sarah Chalke, Paul Reubens, Jason Priestly, LeAnn Rimes, David Arquette, Colin Firth, Shania Twain, Michael Jackson, Cameron Diaz, Van Morrison, Joan Jett, Faith Hill, Pink, Richard Gere, Gloria Estefan, Mark Harmon, Lily Tomlin, Keanu Reeves, Charlie Sheen, Jada Pinkett Smith, Marc Anthony, Guy Richie, Shannon Elizabeth, Ludacris, Salma Hayak, Beyonce Knowles, Raquel Welch, Rosie Perez, Rachel Hunter, Michelle Williams, Lance Armstrong, Tyler Perry, Rachel Ward, Fiona Apple, Charles Kuralt, Ryan Phillippe, Virginia Madsen, Rachael Ray, Fiona Apple, Sam Neill, Trisha Yearwood, Amy Poehler, Tommy Lee Jones, David Copperfield, Mickey Rourke, Jeremy Irons, Jimmy Fallon, Sophia Loren, Bill Murray, Luke Wilson, Faith Hill, Rose McGowan, Jason Alexander, Nicole Richie, Ricki Lake, Stephen King, Eric Stoltz and Scott Baio.

PLANETS POSITIONS AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 23

The big news during Virgo's cycle is the presence of the second solar eclipse of the year on September 13 in Virgo. Those of you born around that date can expect major movement over the next 6 months to a year - many of you are already feeling the vibes and have inkling about where major shifts will occur. Make major decisions in the week following the eclipse. The more distant outer planets are retrograde during this cycle and so is Chiron in Pisces. Conditions through the end of the month are more optimistic than they have been all summer. With Venus and Mars in Leo, romance could be in the wind for many who are enjoying Cupid's arrows, yet it will be no surprise to learn of high profile scandals involving affairs or a surprise divorce from a solid couple. The impact of the Uranus-Pluto square and the Aries-Libra eclipses continue to shake up the status quo through next year.

Jupiter in Virgo brings new opportunities for an expansive cycle in the house where it appears in your chart through September 10, 2016 when it moves to Libra and stimulates partnership ventures. In the meantime, you get a boost of attention and build confidence in the house where Jupiter falls in your natal chart; ditto for other early born earth signs, Taurus and Capricorn. You may decide to be of service to those less fortunate, improve your health or amp up the quality of your daily work. Certain Virgos will fund a new kitchen. **Venus is retrograde in Leo until September 7 when it goes direct and stays in Leo during the rest of the month. It is traveling with Mars in Leo through the 24th and could accelerate activity in your recreational and social life. It is time to clean up the past when Mercury enters Libra on August 28 and goes retrograde on September 17 until October 9.** A considerable amount of flip-flopping takes place in the week before the retrograde occurs - in politics, especially in the polls; in the workplace and in your personal life. Communication and equipment matters flare up September 15-23 so be sure to back up your data and update security software. **Ceres is retrograde in late Capricorn until September 16 and opposes the U.S. Pluto in Capricorn; bashing of women or denying funding that will help them is part of the distressing energy that prevails.** This position shows the need to make solid decisions regarding family matters, immigration and laws in need of reform. Watch the agenda of future political debates for emerging issues and the line of authority behind them. The Moon wobbles during the time preceding the September 13 eclipse lend confusion and backpedaling to candidates' platforms. Subversive dealings continue in the Middle East. **Saturn completes its 29 year cycle in Scorpio on September 17 and moves into Sagittarius where it remains until late 2017. Right now it affects Scorpios born with the Sun at 28-30 degrees and moves on to affect Sagittarius born November 22-23. Early Aries and Leo Suns enjoy the gifts from the sign shift during the second half of September.** Those with the conjunction benefit from a close look at financial and legal papers, a medical checkup, eye examination or dental work; late water signs experience smooth transactions in making major purchases before September 17 and positive changes in the daily work environment. The fixed signs Taurus and Leo may be taking a critical look at current life conditions to make sure anticipated plans go smoothly. Retrograde **Uranus in Aries** visits the Sun of those born April 8-10 when it covers 20 and 19 degrees of Aries. Readers should check your chart for planets in those degrees which call attention to unplanned activity and decision paths. The cardinal signs Capricorn, Cancer and Libra with these degrees are likely to encounter new information and unexpected events related to the houses where critical degrees reside. Pleasant interactions are in the works for a few weeks for Leo and Sagittarius born with planets

at these degrees. Uranus remains in a close **square to Pluto in Capricorn** along with those strong eclipses which affect world conditions through mid-2016. Recall that this connection is part of a 140-year cycle of Pluto and Uranus that has left many people feeling confused and lacking confidence. Groups and individuals address frustrations over power trips and abuse of authority; more than ever we are asked to prepare for unexpected weather patterns, and be vigilant of the crimes against consumers using Internet and telephone technology that manipulate others' lives. United forces and cooperation help to weather planetary and personal storms. **Neptune now retrograde resides in its natural sign Pisces at 8 and 7 degrees, so look at your chart to locate planets or points in Pisces at these degrees. You are experiencing a cycle of release to rid your life of stagnant patterns, especially if Neptune is on your Sun, Ascendant, a house cusp or a planet. While it is retrograde Neptune affects those born February 25-26.** Address any insecurities you may be harboring and especially examine the relationship you have with yourself; wide awakenings emerge if you are up to the challenge. **Retrograde Pluto moves slowly in Capricorn on the Sun of members of the sign born January 4-5 at 13 degrees of the sign; those with an Ascendant at that point or other key planets feel the vibes.** The rest of us should look at any planets or houses where we have 13 degrees of Capricorn, especially Cancer, Aries, and Libra who are undergoing both subtle and intense challenges; or Taurus and Virgo who experience positive vibes from the trine to the Sun or other planets. Watch what happens when you change the tone and quality of communication. Where Pluto makes contact in your chart, it is looking for rebirth in that house. What conditions need your personal attention? Watch the house and make note of what unfolds through fall.

LUNAR/SOLAR CYCLES

August 23: Sun Enters Virgo 6:37 AM EDT

August 29: Full Moon in Pisces, 2:36 PM EDT, 6°07"

September 13: New Moon in Virgo, 2:41 AM EDT, 20°10" Solar Eclipse

September 23: Sun Enters Libra, 4:21 AM EDT, Fall Equinox

PEOPLE, PLACES AND TOPICS IN THE NEWS

The questions that came in since last month are a mixed bag of topics. Leading the list are those from readers with many questions about the presidential election of 2016 including queries about several contenders triggered by the recent Republican Debate on August 6. My feeling is that many of the hopefuls will be gone before things get serious and I choose not to spend considerable time doing in-depth research on individuals until the field narrows in 2016. To do the job correctly it is necessary to look not only at the candidate's natal chart but also the progressed chart, the solar return and the transits for the year ahead - and then do some comparison to the U.S. chart and to the charts of other candidates. Please understand the brevity of the responses that follow. Of course if an important story breaks I will hop on it for a future issue.

Vice President Joe Biden: I have featured his chart in the past during the 2008 election campaign for one. I do have his time of birth and he is a Scorpio with several placements in the sign, the Ascendant in early Sagittarius the Moon in early Taurus and a number of tie-ins to the U.S. chart. I think the timing is off for a run and see more

about the personal loss of his son, Beau, and the inevitable grieving, and the fact that Saturn in Sagittarius is approaching his Ascendant and sharpens coping skills or increases responsibility in major life areas; and often affects health. Some political types feel he will enter if **Scorpio Hillary's** popularity wanes due to the e-mail showdown that is looming. She still has the lead among Democrats as I write this section. Readers wanted an additional explanation for the escalating popularity of **Gemini Donald Trump**: His campaign style is truly attention-getting and many are drawn to him to see what he is going to say. His publicity machine makes sure the press is aware of every move. We are a long way from narrowing down the field; as in previous elections, candidates who have strong aspects in their charts a year prior to the selection process often do not have the staying power to get them to the top in the election year. Like Trump **Carly Fiorina, a Virgo born September 6** does not have much experience in politics; ditto Ben Carson, another Virgo born September 18 (an eclipse opposite his Sun in March in his solar house of the public helped bring his star into the limelight). Carly's Moon in harsh aspect to the communicator planet, Mercury can be polarizing to the public and her message has probably been misunderstood by colleagues in different career venues. Voters will have to decide whether they want a President with significant political experience or a less seasoned newcomer to lead the White House in 2017. More than any other election year it is possible to have a strong showing among independent third party candidates vying for the presidency. Stay tuned.

Rachael Ray: Readers continue to comment favorably about coverage of TV chefs so this month I am covering the chart of the immensely popular Rachael Ray, a Virgo born August 25. Rachel has 7 planets in Virgo ranging from 2-28 degrees. This spread shows her to be very focused on perfecting her craft offering dishes that cover all the bases that appeal to people who enjoy food -- sinful, succulent, visually attractive, healthy and crowd-pleasing. She is a double Virgo - Sun and Moon and could possibly be a triple Virgo to include her Ascendant. She examines all facets of cooking and places special emphasis on cooking utensils - no wonder she designed her own line of cookware and has been the successful author of several books and host of a number of Food Network shows as well as her ABC talk show. With Jupiter touching all of her Virgo planets over the next year we'll most likely learn of her plans for expanding the base of her food universe and new products or shows. Rachael has done so much to promote the use of olive oil in Italian and other healthy cuisines that her nickname for it, EVOO, was added to the dictionary a few years back. Mangia!

Frank Gifford, a 12-year veteran of the New York Giants football team and husband of Kathy Lee Gifford was a Leo born August 16 - he and Kathy share the same birthday. He passed away shortly before his 85th birthday due to natural causes. According to Kathy he did not like funerals and boxes and anything to do with mourning, so his friends and relatives and members of the Giants and football world came to his home to party in remembrance of his love of life. His Sun in Leo and Mars in Gemini show that he had those great legs that made him a memorable running back and flanker as well as a dynamic sports commentator who used humor and insight to please the viewers.

READERS' CORNER

Readers weigh in on corner issues that appeared in Leo's Newsletter: Most of the mail came from readers who thought **the man with the 11-year-old son that**

transferred custodial duties to his girlfriend was appalling and thought she should ditch him right away. Some asked if the ex-wife was in on the arrangement. Others thought the girlfriend was much too naïve and needed to be more assertive when conditions made her unhappy in a relationship rather than to wait until the anger built up. My favorite comment came from a reader who thought the girlfriend should pick up the son as usual and then drive straight to the golf course to let the boy stay with his father letting him know that she wanted to give him more time to bond with his son - and then let him know she was not going to be available to help again. Several readers liked **the woman who stood her ground and refused to come in at the last minute as the maid of honor at her cousin's October wedding**. They thought the cousin was the rude and impolite one and felt that the writer should carry no remorse and would be lucky if she receives no invitation. Finally **the woman who brought doughnuts to ballgames** drew praise and criticism from readers - three individuals said it was no one's business since she spent her money and her time on the food; two readers said that fruit was a better choice in the summer rather than something that could melt. Can't win them all. Several readers sent a comment to me praising the "corner" and asked if I will publish more questions each month. My spirit is willing but the space is limited. Thanks to all who participated.

This month features shared vacation and entertaining dilemmas as well as a query on what to make of a friend's changed behavior. Maybe one or more of these sheds light on your own situation. Enjoy!

Q. VACATION BLUES: Two reader couples wrote in about disappointing experiences with their recent shared vacations. While circumstances are a bit different for each I am combining the questions and the respective responses. Couple #1 wrote in saying they have two middle school age children and vacationed at the beach with another couple from their neighborhood two years in a row. The couple also has two children of approximately the same ages and all thought they would save on rental accommodations for two weeks and would be able to participate in similar entertainment and outings. For the second year in a row Couple #1 discovered that the other couple prefers to stay in most nights to play cards, engage in board games and drink and expect the same from their children although they have given their children permission to join Couple #1 at some evening outings. Couple #1 feels this activity is something you can do at home rather than on vacation and also thinks their vacation sharers drink too much. Couple #1 ideally enjoys entertainment venues, swimming, parks, the arcade, walks along the beach, miniature golfing and boat trips that they can share with their children. They don't want to eat out every night but it is vacation and while they will eat breakfast at the rental house and some lunches they want the freedom to enjoy a relaxed schedule and not feel that they have to return at a specific time to help with meal preparation. They have been bored and restless with the others' routine. As they were leaving for home, the other couple wanted to lock in a vacation time for next summer. Couple #1 said they would let them know but have decided not to join them and prefer to take a solo vacation to another location with their children. They have not yet given them their decision and want to know why the two couples approach vacation so differently. The sun signs for Couple #1 are a Leo and Libra while their vacation mates are Taurus and Virgo.

A1. Leo and Libra are two very sociable signs and would thrive on the adventure of breaking routines and seeing what the vacation location has to offer.

Their house mates are both earth signs and while not necessarily true of all earth couples, seem to prefer nesting at home base to taking in the sites and actively participating in recreation. If one or both have a frugal gene they may not want to spend a lot of money on the entertainment and recreational amenities available. Their styles seem to clash and one or both couples would be disappointed after two years of compromise over how to spend the time at the beach. Couple #1 is wise to opt out of a third year. My advice is to let the other couple know **now** that you are going to vacation separately next year and if they ask why let them know that your preferences and theirs are dissimilar and that you prefer to explore another venue.

Couple #2 writes that they have two young children and agreed to spend a week of vacation time at the beach with another couple who have two toddlers. The other couple split the cost of the beach cottage but did not contribute to the food budget nor did they arrive with food, snacks or beverages for themselves or their children and dug right in to the provisions that Couple #2 brought to the cottage. One night toward the end of the vacation their housemates bought a 6-pack of beer, drink mix for the kids and some chips. On nights when they were eating out the second couple only wanted pizza or burgers which they bought for themselves rather than agreeing to a sit-down dinner and returned to the cottage in lieu of taking in the local attractions, going to a movie or participating in any local events. The second couple never offered to reimburse Couple #2 for food nor treat them to a meal. At the end of the vacation the two asked if they could join them again next year but the couple said they were not ready to commit to future plans. Couple #2 wants to know why communications fell apart and whether there was anything in their charts that showed it would be an unsatisfying and costly experience for them. They do not have the birthdays of the other couple.

A2. With the information we have, the answer lies in the chart of the wife in Couple #2 who is a Cancer born July 6 with Libra on the cusp of her 7th House and Aries rising on the 1st House cusp. Eclipses have been going back and forth on the degree of these two houses. Most particularly when it comes to sharing living quarters, the 7th House of partners and roommates describes anything unusual or upsetting in the environment. Additionally Venus in the 4th House in Cancer was in harsh aspect to these 14-15 degree eclipses and transiting Pluto in Capricorn and showed that they might have unplanned expenses for luxury items, vacations or entertainment. The husband has the Sun in late Scorpio with transiting Saturn going over the Sun for the last time in the series pointing out some type of burden or unplanned responsibility during the time of the vacation in late July. The big problem seems to be that understanding of who would pay for what was tacit rather than spelled out when they agreed to share the beach cottage and their roommates made assumptions that the other couple was paying for the food. Of course they should have checked with Couple #2 first. It seems evident that they did not have much cash to spare when asked how much space they needed to store their food for the week and they said none - and they did not run out to the store to buy supplies. Couple #2 could have said something then to let them know they bought food for only their family; since Couple #2 did not speak up their friends decided to help them eat it. As with Couple #1 I advise you to let this duo know that it is unlikely you will consider this arrangement in the future and let them know why. **GENERAL COMMENTS:** Whenever you have plans to share an event, vacation or living arrangements with another, be sure you get specific over how costs will be distributed. Make sure also that you know the habits, entertainment

preferences and some of the likes and dislikes of your roommates to avoid disappointing outcomes. Develop a check list and send it to all parties requesting feedback and concurrence; a week before you get together revisit the list to make you covered all the bases. Then go have fun!

Q. I am sick of seeing kale on the menu as a “hot, must have item” to show off and say you are hip, healthy and up to date if you eat it or serve it. I might add that I don’t eat it and sure don’t cook it but I have tried it and made that decision afterward. I recently received an invitation from a friend. When I got to the house she was beaming as she told me proudly that she made everything on the menu, including dessert, with kale as one of the ingredients. I could have screamed as I made my way around the buffet table to find kale scones, kale-infused butter, kale chips, curly kale and cheese appetizers, kale stuffed pork loin, baby kale and slaw salad and kale pound cake. What is it with these one-note hostesses? I ate very little and couldn’t wait to get out of there to go have a burger. What should I have done after I learned what was being served that night? I am a Pisces with Virgo and the Moon in Virgo rising. Thank you for your assistance.

A. With your planetary lineup you do have a sensitive palate and stomach. At the time you call to accept the invitation you can engage in conversation to see if the host will give away any details about the menu - “I’ll bet you’re working on a creative main course,” to see if you learn any details. Otherwise when you call to accept an invitation you can only advise the host of any particular food allergies. Once at the party you could have “felt ill” after you ate one of the dreaded appetizers and gone home early. You were correct in sticking around and grazing rather than telling the hostess you did not like her food. Your friend took the kale trend to extremes. Has this happened before? Scope out the emerging food fads and you will know what she is likely to serve at her next dinner party. If it is something you like go for it; otherwise politely decline the invitation. **Spoiler Alert:** A new trend is serving burgers with a fried or poached egg on top. Would that interest you? P.S. was there a kale cocktail?

CONFIDENTIAL TO “FRIEND WHO DID A ONE-EIGHTY” - A writer says that her friend has been missing in action from most social events over the last 8 years much to the exasperation of her social contacts. Her friend has been so career-focused that she and others in her circle have given up on connecting with her more than 2-3 times a year; and she is not good about returning phone calls. All of a sudden she has been available and engages with them frequently and everyone wants to know why. Well, her friend experienced her first Saturn return in late fall, got engaged (changing one’s status is a Saturn trademark) and married early this summer. Saturn returns very often bring a change of residence, marital status, career demands, changes in the family status or often a return to school or a new life path. A shift in responsibility shows up in some manner. Stay tuned as more changes unfold and bring opportunities to enjoy her friendship once again.

Thank you to all who sent in questions and comments about last month’s newsletter. I’m glad you enjoyed Leo’s issue and welcome your thoughts once again.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: *“In seeking happiness for others, you find it for yourself.”* ...Unknown

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