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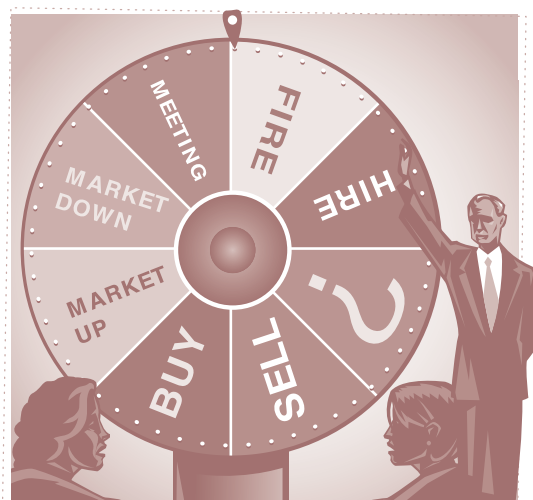


January - February 2004

*The South Florida
Astrological Association
proudly presents*

Astrologer, Lecturer
and Investment
Analyst

**Ray
Merriman**



“Forecasts for 2004”

**Thursday Meeting & Lecture
February 19, 2004**

7 - 10 p.m.

\$15 for SFAA members, \$20 for non-members

Thursday's lecture will take place at the
Fort Lauderdale Airport Hilton, 1870 Griffin Road.

“Evolutionary Astrology”

Saturday Workshop, February 21

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(lunch on your own, 12 - 1:30 p.m.)

\$40 for SFAA members, \$50 for non-members

Saturday's workshop will be held at the
La Quinta Hotel.

Parking Fees: Bring your Hilton parking ticket
to the event, and the SFAA will give you
a voucher, so you will only pay \$3.

There is no cost for parking at La Quinta.

For directions to either hotel and a map,
visit our website, www.sfaa.us.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Brenda Brush

Dear Friends,

We have kicked off 2004 with a bang. Steven Forrest was great. His lecture Thursday night was so informative. The subject was "The Sexual Logic of the 8th House." I am still thinking about some of the concepts. If you missed it, this would be a good tape to get. Saturday's workshop surpassed all expectations. "Linking Charts: Inter-aspects in Action." Steven's profound insights about relationships were awesome, to say the least. We had a great turn-out, and I want to thank everyone who was there for coming and supporting the group.

Where is the sign Aquarius in your chart? How do you interrelate in groups? Are you comfortable with your own uniqueness? These are all questions associated with the sign Aquarius. Uranus has been in Aquarius for seven years, awakening and renovating and helping us

grow beyond what we have known. Uranus has now left Aquarius, not to return for 84 years. You should feel different, freer and ready to move to a new level with friends, groups or goals in your life. You can no longer stay the same in that area of your life. New friends may be coming into your life and old ones leaving. In general, we could say groups are changing and so is the role we play with groups. Astrology is ruled by Aquarius as well as some other signatures, and we are a group of astrologers. This group should be meeting your expectations in even greater ways in the future. Look for change in the Aquarius area of your own chart.

Uranus has now entered Pisces, and time will tell what awakenings that will bring. I suspect we need to get ready for creative work like we have never seen before in music and the arts. A search for spirituality and deeper meaning in life will be more widespread.

Where is Pisces in your chart? What has been behind closed doors will be revealed now. Pisces is the place where you hide at times. With Uranus there, there is no place to hide. You will be noticed, warts and all, so be comfortable with every aspect of your life. Uranus is the planet of freedom; Pisces is the sign of addiction. This a wonderful time to free oneself from addiction. We all have some type of addiction. Could be work, movies, religion, food, drugs, alcohol, your children, etc.,

any place we go to avoid facing the realities. This is our opportunity to be more well-rounded.

We have Ray Merriman for our February meeting and workshop. He is always good. He has much wisdom. He is a seasoned astrologer and not to be missed. The meeting will be on his projections for the year. The Saturday workshop will be on Evolutionary Astrology, the more esoteric, spiritual side that we all love. He is great with this branch of astrology, and we rarely hear him speak on it. See you all at the meeting.

Peace be with you.

YOU CAN ORDER SFAA SPEAKER TAPES

Because you don't want to miss a word of our fabulous speakers, you might consider ordering tapes of the various lectures and workshops that SFAA has presented.

If you have web access, go to our website — www.sfaa.us — and download the tape form, or you can call Nancy Clark, 305-895-8490.

Of course, you can just send Nancy a check, made out to SFAA, to 2134 N.E. 123rd Street, North Miami, FL 33181.

If you attended the Thursday lecture, that tape is \$5. If you didn't attend, it's \$10. If you attended the Saturday workshop, the three tapes are \$15; if you didn't attend, they will cost \$25.

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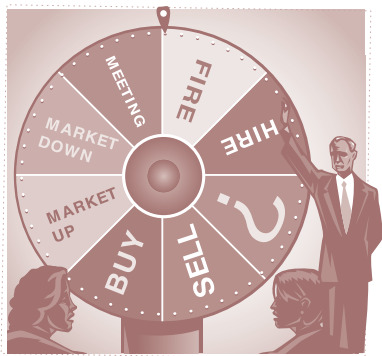
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particular, the NASDAQ), the rise in foreign currencies against the U.S. dollar and much, much more.

This presentation is highly informative and enjoyable, and is a wonderful guide for personal and financial planning and trading for the new year.

event, so bring your checkbook because you know you can't resist!



Federation of Astrologers (AFA) and a life member of the Association for Astrological Networking (AFAN). Ray also is a CTA (Commodities Trading Advisor registered) with the National Futures Association.

ALAN OKEN IS COMING

Ralph Cannizzaro, SFAA vice president in charge of programming, has secured the internationally known lecturer and teacher Alan Oken to present our April programs.

Alan will also be available to give a limited number of chart readings on Friday and Sunday, April 16 & 18, surrounding his presentations. Alan's readings run 75 to 90 minutes, cost \$200, and he provides a tape.

If you are interested, please contact Alan directly at 505-466-2258 or alanoken@worldnet.att.net.

GREAT SPEAKERS KEEP COMING!

March 18 & 20

Demetra George

April 15 & 17

Alan Oken

May 20 & 22

Frank Signorella

SUMMER BREAK

September 9 & 11

Linda Hill

October 21 & 23

Robert Blaschke

November 18 & 20

Lynn Bell

LECTURE & SFAA MEETING

Thursday, February 19

7 p.m., registration & socializing

7:30 – 10 p.m., program

FORECASTS FOR 2004.

Ray's annual forecasts speech is one of the most unique and accurate glimpses into the coming year. Utilizing the study of cycles and geocosmic factors, he presents an overview of trends pertaining to political, economic and financial markets throughout the world for the forthcoming year. Special markets sections are included on interest rates, stock markets and precious metals.

Last year's book, *Forecasts for 2003*, called the timing of the Iraqi War, the popularity (and drop in popularity) of President George W. Bush, the fall in T-bonds and the end of interest rate declines after June, the continuing escalation of the budget deficit in the United States, the rally of the U.S. stock market through most of the year (and, in

WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 21

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

EVOLUTIONARY ASTROLOGY: The Journey of the Soul through States of Consciousness. This workshop will look at the spiritual importance of the quadrants — based on time of day of birth — the angles, angular midpoints and aspects to them from the natal chart planets. It will also examine shifts in consciousness that occur when the Moon's North Node transits over these points. It is a workshop that will put you in touch with your deepest longings and essence of your character from a spiritual, evolutionary point of view. And it will show how your chart reads like a book from one chapter to the next. Illuminating!

BOOKS. Both of these books by Raymond A. Merriman will be available. *Forecasts for 2004* is \$39.95, and *Evolutionary Astrology: The Journey of the Soul through States of Consciousness* costs \$25.

This year Alice Kashuba is offering many astrology books for sale at each SFAA

About Our Speaker

Raymond A. Merriman is a professional astrologer and president of The Merriman Market Analyst, Inc., an investment advisory firm specializing in market timing products and services. He is the editor of *The MMA Cycles Report*, an advisory newsletter used by banks, financial institutions, investors and traders. He is the author of numerous astrology books and has developed two financial astrological software systems: the FAR (Financial Astrological Research) program and the SOS (Stock Optimizing Selector) program, which enable traders to identify potential turning points in various stocks and/or financial futures markets.

An astrologer since 1967, Ray earned his B.S. in psychology from Michigan State University and has completed post-graduate work in clinical psychology. He is the current president of the International Society of Astrological Research, Inc. (ISAR), a professional life member of the American



VALENTINE'S DAY AND THE SEMISEXTILE

By Alice Kashuba

On February 14, 2004, at 4:14 p.m. in Hollywood, Florida, Venus in Aries and Mars in Taurus form an exact semisextile at 7° 18'.

A semisextile occurs when two planets are separated by 30 (the lower semisextile) or 330 (the upper semisextile) degrees. Venus is in an exact waning semisextile or 330 degrees from Mars.

Bil Tierney in *Dynamics of Aspects Analysis* says the upper semisextile correlates with the nature of Pisces,

Neptune, and the 12th house. We have the ability to draw from our inner soul to be creative, imaginative and mystical. The emphasis is on altruism. Venus and Mars are in mutual reception and in detriment. The choice is to rage against the opposing energy or to blend the energies in compassionate concern and sacrifice of personal desires.

Venus in Aries. The Sabian symbol is *A woman's hat with streamers blown by the east wind*. Aries rules the head and the east wind is associated with spring and Aries — a time of refreshing rebirth. The decanate is Mars and the dwad is Mercury. The energy of Venus can overpower a relationship by forcing ideas and activities for personal self-fulfillment on others. Or she can use her inner beauty to enjoy sharing the excitement of a relationship by blending her desires with those of her partner. Venus is the vision and visionary who knows how to bring harmony into a

relationship.

Mars in Taurus. The Sabian symbol is *A sleigh without snow*. The sleigh is temporarily without its power to operate in its usual manner. This is a symbol of changing cycles. It may be winter and waiting for the next snowfall, or it may be spring and will be at rest until the next season. The decanate is Venus and the dwad is the Moon. The energy of Mars is attracted to beauty, possessions and money. He can hold on to these things by powerful persistence at the expense of a loving relationship. Or he can learn to appreciate the joy of sharing beautiful things, feelings and spirit with another. Mars has the energy to manifest ideas into practical reality when he cooperates with people around him.

Robert Blaschke in *Sabian Aspect Orbs* says an exact waning semisextile requires "participation in the abundance of life by feeling part of an interconnected

whole." Use the virtue of love to accomplish what the soul has been visualizing.

Venus and Mars sit at the top of this chart. This a good time to focus on how we can bring unselfish love into our lives as we relate to our spouse, lover, children, family and friends. Discover how to take the fire of Mars and Aries and the beauty of Venus and Taurus and blend them into a powerful energy of love and light.

Two things to look at in your chart — where the transiting semisextile occurs and what the relationship is between your natal Venus and Mars.

While you are contemplating these energies, plan to take time on February 14 to connect with at least one other person in your life — a romantic candlelight dinner with a significant other, a quiet conversation with a close friend, a joyous party with children or a visit to a confined person. Take action to share love.



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