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Well, speaking of prolonging the past, as an archivist of popular culture I have been doing that for decades, at least preserving it for others. As for me, I have had more than enough of it all as I went along. So recently, as I have been putting some of my many activities in order, I have been saying “hello there” to a lot of parts of myself I have not thought about for years, and goodbye as I acknowledge this and that part of me and put it in some sort of final order.

I never thought about it, but as I browse through all my stuff I see that I was very keen on newsletters, trying to share what I found interesting. I guess my Facebook blog is some kind of glorified newsletter, as well.

Anyway, here are the covers of some of the our publication “Astro*Talk,” a periodical newsletter that reached out to something like 14,000 readers every so often as part of my company Matrix Astrological Software, a company still going strong today, although no longer under my direction. I thought some of you astrology buffs might like to wander through the

past a bit. I am amazed that I published these in linen stock and in full-color and sent it through the mail. I know it that it cost a small fortune. Somewhere in the 1990s it became too expensive to do.

Matrix was founded in 1977, but I didn’t get around to publishing Astro*Talk until November of 1983. Although I served as editor for all of the issues, a lot of credit has to go to my brother Tom Erlewine for the wonder design job that he did for us. Tom is a great graphic artist and designer. Later this was taken over by Martin Machnowski, another really fine graphic artist. It was such a good magazine that well-known columnist and TV host John C. Dvorak (Infoworld Magazine) give it a “Silver Award,” even though he did not care for astrology. He held his nose and gave us the award anyway.

So, enjoy looking at a little bit of the history of astrology in the latter half of the 20th Century.

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W elcome to our
first issue!

IBM's PEANUT: TRICK OR TREAT?

Just as we are going to press we receive the news that the IBM Home Computer (code named the 'Peanut') will be available (no fooling!) as of Halloween -- or the day after which is November the first.

The particulars of the Peanut fall short of my hopes, but 'what's new?'. The trick is that altho IBM is releasing two versions, a \$695 64K computer with a keyboard and a \$1295 version with 128K RAM and one 360K drive... only the more expensive unit will be much supported.

Still a 128K computer with a built in 360K disk at \$1295 puts APPLE to shame as regards performance and price. How the Peanut will affect Commodore 64 sales remains to be seen. The C-64 offers one heck of a lot of computing power for \$200 bucks. The IBM is a lot more expensive. It remains to be seen whether the name IBM will carry with it improved reliability and performance to outweigh the obvious price advantage of the Commodore 64 (64K computer and one disk for about \$400!).

The Peanut will come with a cordless keyboard that communicates with the computer using infrared technology. Apparently IBM's offering of the \$695 (cassette?) model is not too in earnest since they recommend dealers order 9 enhanced (\$1295) systems and one entry system (\$695) for every ten ordered. I would tend to agree with their suggestion that most users will go

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I want to take some editorial space in this first issue of ASTRO*TALK to share with you my feelings about what we propose this newsletter to be about. It has taken much longer to get this first issue to you than planned. Our appologies to all of you M-65 owners who have not received a copy of M-65 USER NOTES for a long while. Your updates are included with this issue. ASTRO*TALK is going out to all MATRIX software customers. You can expect a copy of the newsletter every two months. We are organized (finally!) to make this schedule. We hope you like it.

The summer of 1983 and this fall seem to herald change in the lives of many people that I have spoken with. I know that I have experienced a re-ordering of some of my priorities. I find myself taking a different tack and pointing in a somewhat different direction now as contrasted with that of a year ago. As director of MATRIX Software, I have been concerned with programming, programs and computers over the last six or seven years. Altho I operated a school of astrology in Ann Arbor MI for many years, I have not found time to offer classes of late. I have not done more than a few Readings in the last several years.

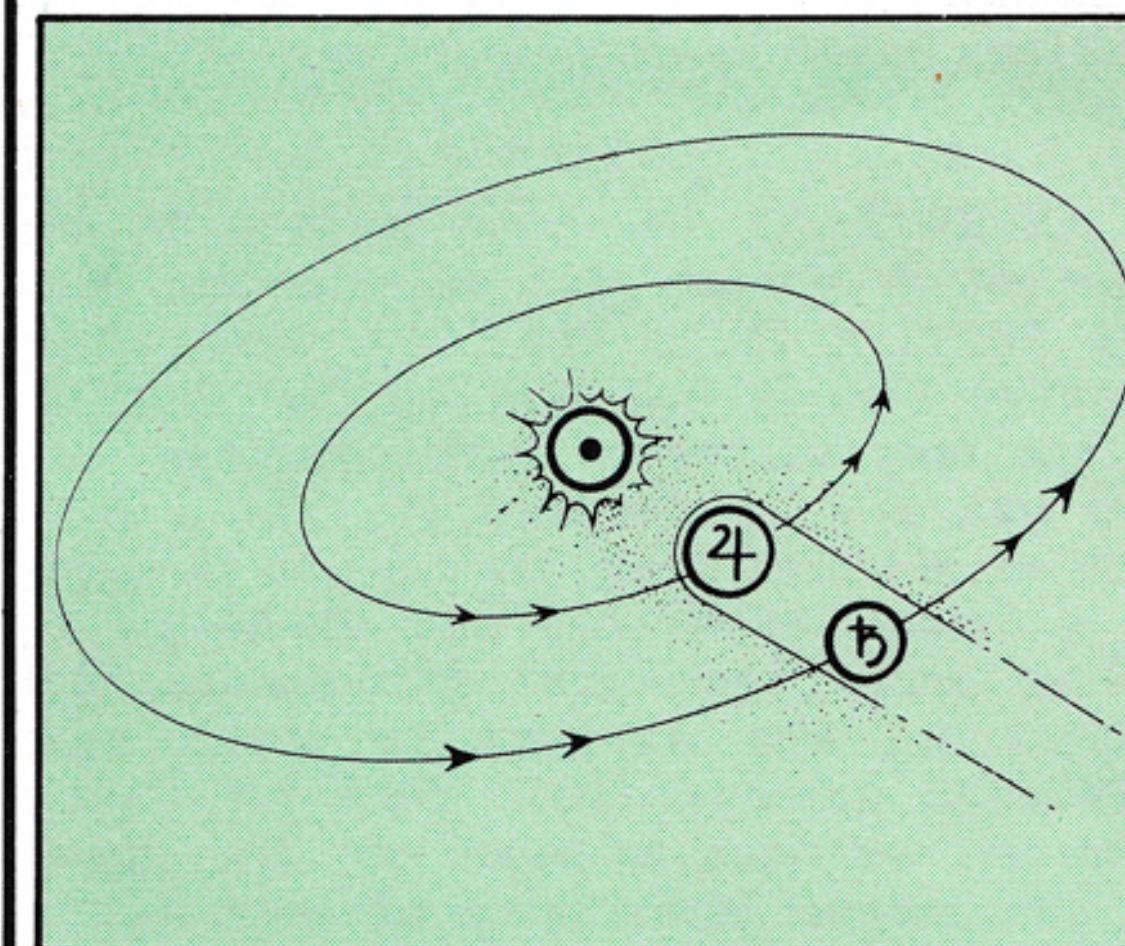
But this summer has brought with it signs of change. For one, I have been reminded of the great need for information to be communicated within our field on a more frequent basis. I had been looking outside myself among the many fine editors in the field of astrology for an individual to start up a magazine. I have often spoken with Noel Tyl, John Townley and others on this theme.

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SATURN IN JUPITER'S MAGNETIC FIELD

The most interesting science report I have come across of late is that it appears that Jupiter's magnetic field extends all the way to and even beyond Saturn! For those of us who may not be up on the mechanics of all of this, let me set the scene for us:

That great ball of fire, the Sun does more than just shine. A high wind of hydrogen blows all night and day thru our solar system. It emanates in all directions from the Sun and rushes past



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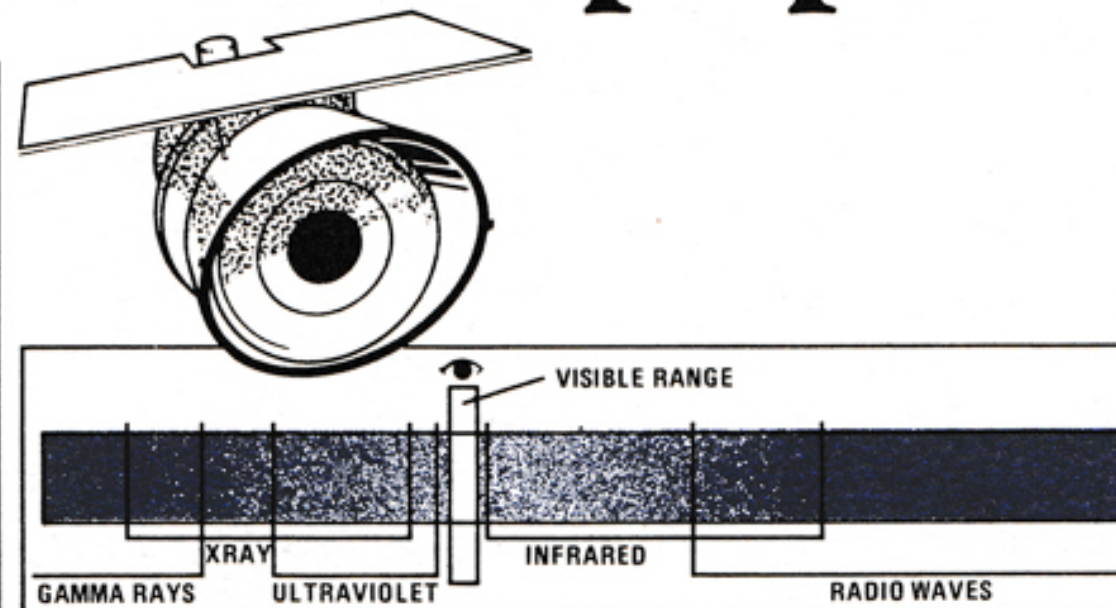
IRAS: new light on deep space

The big news in astrophysics has to do with the results of the Infrared Astronomy Satellite or IRAS (as it is called) that have been released in the last month or so. For those of you who might wish a little background information on this topic, let me set the stage.

Much of what we know about our Galaxy and, for that matter, deep space in general has come from what our eyes have shown us either directly or thru the various kinds of telescopes we have developed. In other words: visible light and the optical portion of the electromagnetic or light spectrum.

As most of you know, the visible light portion of the electromagnetic spectrum is but a window (and a very small one at that) into the cosmos. Advances in technology over the last 30-40 years have widened that window until we can now 'see' in a very much larger portion of the light spectrum. We now see with the eyes of machines far beyond the more narrow optical portion of the spectrum. Here is a diagram of the electromagnetic spectrum. It shows how very little of our window into space is available to us in the visible — thru our eyes and optical telescopes. How much more of a view we get via machine 'eyes' should be clear at a glance.

Many people fail to realize that the tremendous advances in astro-



physics (black holes, quasars, pulsars, etc.) have been made possible by what our machines have been able to tell us — what they 'see'. We stopped learning much about our universe optically almost halfway thru the century. This greatly expanded non-optical window has almost totally changed our conception of near and deep space in the last 20 years. This is not the place for a detailed presentation of modern astrophysics. The writer has published a book and several articles on the subject. (See Footnote #1)

The infrared (IR) part of the extended light spectrum has, until now, been less productive than the radio and X-ray windows. The chief cause for this poor IR window is due to the fact that IR radiation cannot properly be received from IR telescopes based on the Earth. Water in Earth's atmosphere absorbs IR light so that very little gets thru. The answer to this problem is to put the IR telescope in a satellite in Earth orbit. This is what IRAS is and the results have been magnificent.

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More on the AFA/AFAN Network

We ran a short article in our last issue on the AFA/AFAN controversy. For those of you who may not be up on this, the AFA is of course the American Federation of Astrologers while the AFAN is the AFA Network — a caucus or group of AFA members who want to (at the least improve) and (in some cases) 'reform' the AFA. I can assure you, judging from the letters and phone calls I received, that this is not a dead issue. What was a surprise to me, is

the interpretations I received as to my own bias.

I received calls from AFA members (some very influential) making it clear to me that they felt that I was taking the side of the AFAN Network group. I also received plenty of calls and letters to tell me that it was obvious I was on the side of the AFA in this matter. Conclusion: There is no lack of feeling about this whole

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New at Matrix:

Welcome to ASTRO*TALK! — The bi-monthly bulletin for the MATRIX Software User's group. Thank you for subscribing. Those of you who are reading a complimentary copy, we hope you will decide to subscribe (See our masthead for subscription details). We cannot afford to send out any more free copies of ASTRO*TALK. I wish we could, because we are serious about providing our customers and the entire astrological community with the best news bulletin possible. We have priced ASTRO*TALK to cover our costs. The bulletin is not a profit-making venture on our part. It is intended as an information service linking all of us together in a useful communication network.

We do need your support. We hope you approve of ASTRO*TALK and will contribute to it by subscribing and sending news items, articles, comments, what-have-you? Tucked away in the pines of northern Michigan, we appreciate being in touch with other astrologers thru this bulletin. We hope you will join us and make this publication part of your astrological life. Thanks! Here is what's new around MATRIX.

VIDEO ASTRO-PORTRAITS

We have just finished video-taping the 5th in our on-going video cassette series. Charles Jayne flew in for several days for the film-interview. It went well. We have over 5 hours of footage with Charles covering a wide variety of subject matter ranging from his Prenatal and Unknown Planet work thru Progressions and Directions (of course) and even dipping into his own personal initiation experiences with his teacher. We are **very** pleased with what we got on tape.

We now have video interviews of Michael Munkasey, Charles Harvey, Theodor Landscheidt, John Townley and of course Charles Jayne. We are still working on some of the technical details connected with film titles, color, etc. We have our editing equip-

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FIRE OR ICE?

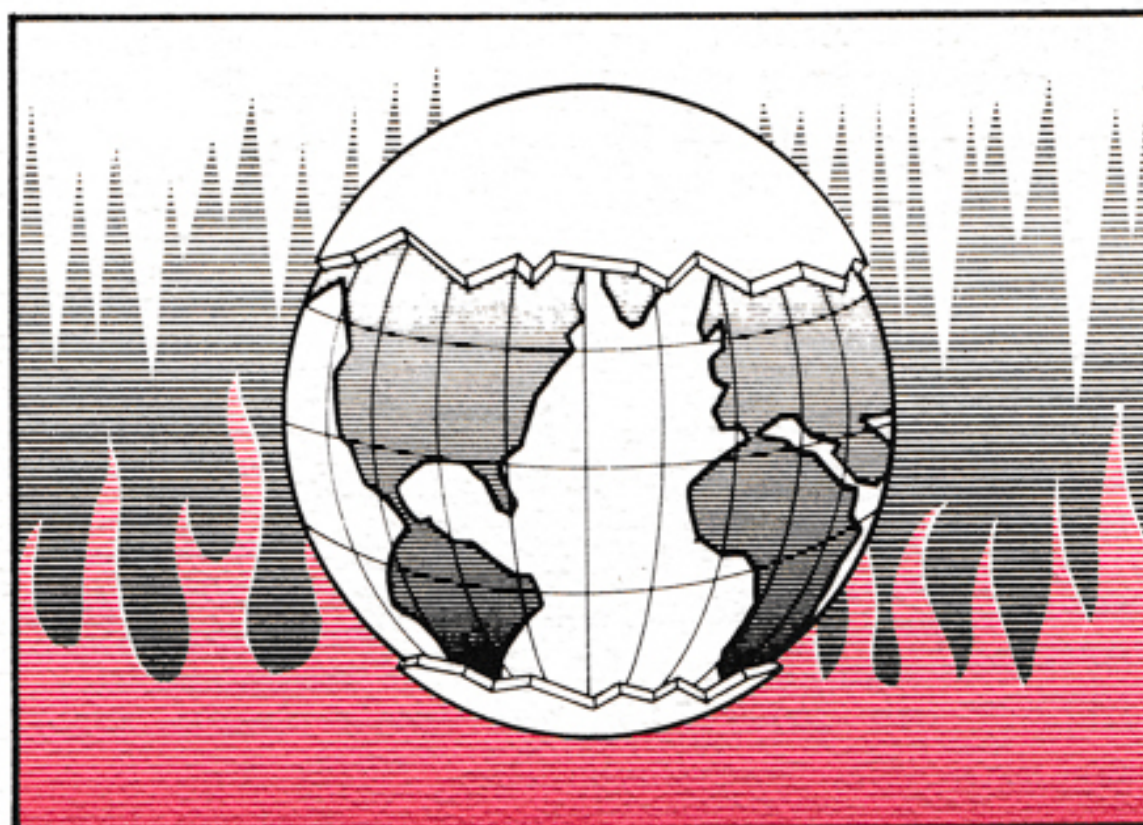
What you are about to read is very sobering altho, at first glance, it might look like the scenario for a first rate video game or, at the least, a grade B science-fiction movie. I don't usually fall for the doomsday plots but this one has managed to grab me. I would like the astrological community to take a look at it and see how you feel about it.

I have worked with esoteric and occult theories for about 20 years and have been exposed to dozens of Doomsday theories, apocalypse threats — you name it. In addition, political and global showdowns between the various superpowers have left me aware that "anything" could happen at almost any time. Most of us were brought up in this kind of atmosphere. The following theory and facts have a ring of truth to them that I cannot ignore. Unfortunately, the details of this report are somewhat complex and require attention and maybe even study to grasp. I will do my best to explain the basic idea and to provide sources for further reading (at the end of this article). Please believe me, it is worth your every effort to understand and respond to what is being presented here. I am grateful to astrologer Barry Lynes for first bringing it to my attention.

I have read many articles over the last decade concerning the long-range outlook for the Earth's weather and temperature. Some authors have found that the Earth is becoming increasingly warmer and that we can expect much warmer winters in the years to come. I tend to favor these reports because winters are very cold here in northern Michigan. On the other hand, are the reports that the Earth is growing colder day by day and even entering into another ice age. These articles have always left me feeling chilly. The truth is that I tend to hold the opinion as stated in whichever article I happened to have read last. All of these various

arguments for warming or cooling have seemed reasonable to me yet none were compelling.

There has been talk of the "wobble" in the tilt of the 23,000 year precession cycle as affecting our weather or the variation in the



Obliquity of the Ecliptic (the tilt of the the Earth's axis to the plane of it's orbit) and so forth. My astronomy background allowed me to understand such theories but darned if I could tell who was right. I had no gut feeling about the subject. No so with the Hamaker-Weaver theory that will be presented below. It got my attention right off if only because it of its comprehensiveness. This theory seems to include most other theories I have read, while pulling them all together into a very believable scenario. See for yourself. Here is some background material that you may find useful.

It is a proven fact that glaciers advance and retreat across the surface of the Earth in 100,000 year cycles while the interglacial periods (relatively warmer times) only last from 10,000 to 15,000 years. Science has documented this cycle in great detail. From the above numbers, it should be plain that the earth spends the great majority of its time in the colder glacial climate. In fact, the last glacier extended all the way south to Indiana before its eventual retreat.

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New at Matrix:

We have a lot of program news here at MATRIX. Big news and little news. Here are the main items:

MATRIX Programs running under CP/M

No, you didn't read the above wrong. After much too long, MATRIX has decided to field a series of programs for CP/M users. MATRIX CP/M programs will be available for a wide variety of CP/M machines and disk formats. Our Report Writers M-90, M-91 and M-94 are now ready. Our CP/M version of M-65 is in the works. Please let your CP/M friends know that we have something for them.

IBM PC Programs 'A Plenty'

We have really forged ahead on our IBM PC and MS-DOS compatible machines. Aside from Blue*Star 7, Astro*TALK and the M-14 Transit program, we now offer most of our larger packages.

M-65 on the IBM PC is our best effort yet. Fast and powerful, this version of M-65-A Chart Service is up, running and supports Epson, Gemini, Paper Tiger, Pro-Writer and Okidata printers with astrological glyphs. M-65 is really at home on the IBM PC and takes advantage of the increased disk size and general speed advantage of the PC. For example, the entire M-65 is compiled and run times are very fast. Aside from the two drives of the IBM-PC, MATRIX has provided its own Flask or RAM Disk as part of M-65. A RAM disk operates as a third drive on the IBM PC except that it is entirely in RAM or memory. What this means is that files are written to RAM rather than disk during chart calculation with a tremendous savings of disk wear & tear and great speed! In short, M-65 on the PC is a super system.

Our entire series of Report Writers too is available including M-90 Natal Report, M-91 Transit Report, M-92 RELATE!, M-93 Alphanumericology, the M-197/198 Lucky Day/Lottery Report, and M-94 Biorhythm Interpreter.

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CONSTANT COMET HALLEY'S IS BACK IN TOWN

The coming return of Halley's comet is eagerly awaited. In fact, astronomers have been searching the skies for that first glimpse of the body for years. The Roman author Seneca wrote "Comets are said to bring misfortune to countries ruled by the sign in which they are first visible... and also those countries ruled by the signs through which the comets pass while still visible." This return of the Halley comet was first noted on October 16, 1982, and it was then at 18 degrees and 26 minutes of the sign Cancer. Many thanks to James Neely for his excellent comet ephemeris which has been printed on the last page. This might be a good time to say a few words about comets from an astronomical and astrological perspective.

The ancient authors like Ptolemy, Seneca and others are not too encouraging when it comes to the comet. "The comets are very cruel and threaten us with the worst of mischiefs. They bring with them, and leave behind them, the seeds of bloodshed and slaughter" writes Seneca. Often the kind of effect predicted for a particular comet was derived from the color of that comet's head as it burned slowly across the sky. Thus a ruby-like color pointed to a Martian influence, a bluish-tint to Uranian and so forth.

Modern writers have been more kind to the comet as regards what it portends for man and the Earth. The great English occultist Dion Fortune writes "The comet in its orbit takes souls to the outermost bounds of the cosmos wherein there are no influences to which they can react,

and the cosmic atom-images which go to the building of their component parts cease to be reflected.

"That is the 'unknown death'. Such units cease to be completely and there is no reincarnation or fresh start. Even their karma is dis-integrated and touches not the group spirit. It is said of such that they exchange their planet for a comet. The elect to go far and fast, but they go too far and fast for their forces of cohesion, and the comet to which they have yoked themselves when it returns again to the sphere of our solar system is found to be without them."

And last, but not least, Dane Rudhyar writes in New Mansions For New Men "Comets have been related to ominous messages of destiny. But they should not be considered evil. The irrational is not the evil. It may disturb our intellectual and traditional self-complacency; but we should welcome its visitations, for it brings, at least to the strong, a breath of the beyond. And we need that beyond, that we may learn to laugh at our littleness and our pompously ordered interpretations.

"For comets and all celestial visitors which glow thru our skies, should not symbolize the servants of our conscious faculties, but instead the fiery sparks welling from the depths of unconscious being and setting the consciousness aflame, for brief moments, with inspiration."

That was but a sample of what astrologers have written on the comets. The modern day inter-

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New at Matrix:

Pictured on page two is a look at the new Report Writer covers now available from MATRIX. These cover/folders are part of an ongoing effort on the part of MATRIX to help our users market written interpretations and natal charts. I wish you could see these in color. They are really nice. These bright covers provide a much more professional appearance to MATRIX reports or chart calculations.

The covers are easy to use. No expensive binding process or holes to punch. Just place the finished report inside the right-hand cover, staple at the top, and your material has a professional touch. These bright three-colored covers add value to all MATRIX reports and natal charts.

The covers are not inexpensive because we have not opted for an inexpensive look. We are using the best heavy card stock and full three-color printing. The covers cost .90 each in quantities of 25. 25 covers are \$22.50 plus 1.50 postage. This cost of the covers should be easy to recover compared to the added value you are providing your customers. And the covers might be used in many ways. Aside from report writers, you may want to give each client a folder containing their natal chart wheel and other calculations you have prepared for them. Or provide a MATRIX report stapled to the inside of the folder and the natal wheel on the inside of the front cover. The covers are perfect for that special customer or when you want to add a touch of class to some options in your catalog.

What we are trying to say here is: 'We got covers!'. Many of you have written asking for this kind of support. Now they are here.

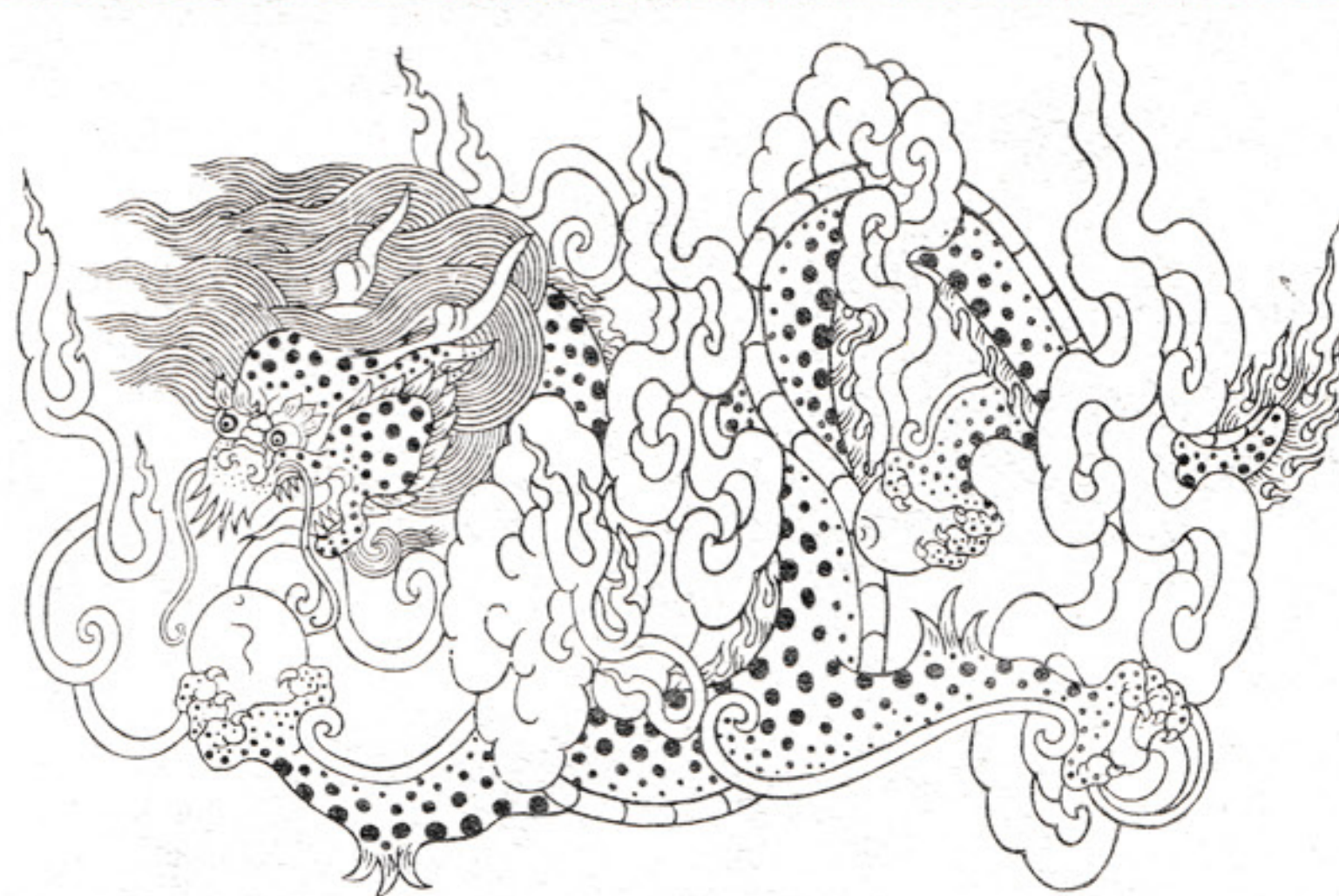
The new covers are a part of our increased MATRIX System support. Next in the works are a series of newspaper ad 'slicks' to help you advertise the report writers and other

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TIBETAN ASTROLOGY

A BREAKTHROUGH

The latest issue (released June 1984) of **Geocosmic News** is fantastic! This is the double issue (vol. 9, #3 & 4, Fall/Winter 1983) of the newsletter put out by NCGR (National Council for Geocosmic Research). They may not be able to get their newsletter out on time; but the content is among the best I have seen in astrological journals in years.

Most importantly, the issue contains two articles on Tibetan astrology and its' initiations — a subject of great importance to astrologers at this time. To my knowledge, these articles represent the most in-depth material published to date in English on this topic.

The articles are on the Kalachakra Tantra itself and a particular Kalachakra Initiation that was held in Madison Wisconsin in July of 1981. The Kalachakra Tantra is that portion of the Tibetan Buddhist canon that is of most interest to astrologers since it concerns itself with time — exoterically (astrological calculations) and esoterically (correspondences between macro and microcosm). The word Kalachakra itself means wheel or cycle of time. The Kalachakra Initiation is the ceremony whereby the essence of the texts is presented in

full (made present) and transmitted to students — in which it will continue to work.

Very little has been written in English concerning the Tibetan Buddhist theory and practice of astrology. There may be several reasons for this. For one, most of the tantric texts and their commentaries have never been translated into English. In addition, the Tibetan lunar calendar and method of handling dates is quite complex compared to our Western Gregorian calendar. Few people understand how to translate dates from one calendar format to the other. Last but not least, there is the fact that the Kalachakra tantra and its initiations are, for the most part, one of the more difficult to access in tantric Buddhism. Only advanced students are introduced to it and they often are bound by strict vows of silence on the subject.

And yet, astrology is an integral part of Buddhism as practiced in Tibet. The dates for almost all important ceremonies in Tibet are arrived at astrologically. Astrological charts used in Tibet include astrological birth charts, charts for important events, annual charts and their own form of progressed charts. In addition, astrology is often used to determine the exact moment of the re-birth of Tibet's great spiritual leaders or tulku's. The concept of the 'Tulku' or re-incarnating Saint is worth some comment.

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New at Matrix:

There is so much news this issue that I don't know where to begin. First of all, we hope we see some of you at the AFA/ACT convention in Chicago at the end of July. Most of our staff will be there at our booth in the bookroom. Please come and spend some time with us.

Our new full catalog is out. Be sure to send for your **free** copy. It is typeset, illustrated and contains all kinds of screen photos, sample reports and general information. We have included a few sample catalog pages on some new products in this issue of Astro*Talk. Those of you attending the AFA convention may want to check out these new M-65 modules in person. The M-65 Astrological System is available from Matrix on Commodore, IBM, Apple and Radio Shack computers.

Our new disk ephemeris is completed. It can be used to create M-65 chart files as well as power our new Transit Master module. Although the disk ephemeris will be made available in several formats, the standard release will cover almost 3000 years on a single disk! And that means an accuracy of better than 1 second of arc on the planets Jupiter through Pluto. The inner planets are accurate to within a second or so for recent history... slightly less in the distant past.

Speaking of our M-65 Transit Master, here is a program we know you will like. It can handle both static and dynamic transits as well as generate complete aspectarians, ephemerides, interpretations — you name it. The M-65 Transit Master is the most powerful dynamic transit program on the market. More details inside.

Another new release at the convention: M-65 Designer Wheels. These hi-resolution chart wheels will run on the Epson FX-80 and RX-80 dot-matrix printers. We feel they are really good looking. Several style

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THE Astrologer's Apprentice



by Doug Pierce

Between all of the hardware that's coming out these days and the new programs that we have put together, there is little space to tell you of the long range projects we are working on here at MATRIX — that you might like to know about. One of the most important areas of research and development at our center here in Big Rapids is that of artificial intelligence or 'AI' as it is called.

In this article, I'd like to tell you about a particular research project that we have been engaged in: putting together an astrological 'expert system'. Expert system is a buzzword that you are going to be hearing a lot more of in the years to come. Around here Astro*Expert, our in-house expert system project, is often affectionally referred to as the astrologer's apprentice. Before I describe our system, let me provide some background information that may help introduce those of you who are new to this concept.

Expert systems, also known as knowledge-based systems, have recently emerged from the academic realm of AI research as a prime candidate for commercial applications.

These systems are popping up all over the place in areas such as medical diagnosis, electronic circuit design, and the repair of complex machinery.

An expert system can be created from any type of knowledge that can be broken down into a series of rules. This series of rules is then used to make deductions and thus solve problems. For example, a medical diagnosis system might have the following rule for diagnosing infections: IF you have a fever, AND your white blood cell count is high, THEN you probably have an infection.

The rules used by these expert systems are normally more comprehensive than this, and their performance is often rather impressive within their limited areas of expertise. Of course these systems, like most computer systems, can 'only do what they are told'. The real achievement of expert systems is that they are a relatively easy way of telling computers how to do very complex things.

There is some history behind the idea of our applying expert system techniques to chart analysis and interpretation. Matrix Magazine, the technical journal that first introduced astrologers to computers in 1977, featured articles on advanced interpretive programs in three issues, as early as 1979. This was before the term 'expert system' had ever been heard outside the halls of academia.

Each of the Astrological Conferences on Techniques (ACT) held during the past three AFA conventions has included a stimulating panel discussion on this topic. Our readers might like to know, that the term we coined for dynamic approaches to computer assisted interpretation was 'Astro*Talk'. That was five years ago.

Matrix programmers Stephen Erlewine and Doug Pierce have a long term interest in the subject. Doug has been studying AI techniques for many years. In fact, it was this mutual interest that originally brought Doug to work with Matrix. Stephen has also been working for years on the design of an astrological computing language that could be used by any professional astrologer. Stephen and Doug have combined their expertise on the astrological expert system that I am about to tell you about.

Astro*Expert

Perhaps the most important concept for you, the potential user of this system, to know is that the system will be as easy for you to use as a pocket calculator — one with special astrological functions.

Up to now, the astrological programs that have been made available to you by our company are, more or less, preset as regards what they do. Yes, you can change aspects and select from a menu of options

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Grass Roots Research

by Gary Duncan

[Editor's note: Gary Duncan is one of the most qualified researchers working in the field of astrology today. He has worked as a professional in the fields of mathematics, statistics, computer science and astronomy. He appears to be the first astrologer ever to program astrology and to do astrological research on computers. His study of some 46,000 psychologists, presented at the 1984 AFA Convention, was an eye opener to all present.]

In the following article, Gary outlines a plan where all of us can cooperate in a research project of real value. The original article is about four times this length. As editor, I have had to shorten the article in order for it to appear in AstroTalk. If you would like a copy of the complete article, please write Matrix for one.]

1. INTRODUCTION

Over the past 38 years, from 1946 to date, I have been one of a very small group of astrologers doing genuine research in the field of astrology. For the past 20 years, at every AFA convention and other astrological function which I have attended, a plea for others to join the "cause" has been issued. Less than a dozen individuals have made any response. Of these, only six actually performed any work. The low-volume sales of research work in the field of astrology says much for the general lack of interest among astrologers to advance their own knowledge.

The acronym, GRR, stands for Grass Roots Research, and suggests that it is time to grit our teeth and "get tough" in a COOPERATIVE endeavor to do

some genuine research in the field of astrology. With the introduction of the personal computer, an increasing "army" of eager astrologers is now in evidence, and the mechanism by which such research can be undertaken is at hand. If this body of eager workers can be convinced to work in a cooperative spirit, many important research projects can be completed in a very short period of time. The purpose of this paper is to describe the GRR project, which is designed to organize such efforts toward a common goal.

Today, statistical methodology is well-understood, and more sophisticated treatments are easily executed by the high-speed computers of our age. Sorting operations, ephemeris computations, probability modeling, statistical reductions, and even the drawing of the camera-ready graphs are all handled by a large computer system in a matter of minutes. In less than an hour on a large minicomputer system, the Bradley Clergymen study (an early research project) was reprocessed, including the generation of all 10 planetary zodiacal graphs and 45 aspect graphs as well. It is no longer required that a single statistical study be performed by manual means.

There remain, however, three principal areas for our attention:

- 1) Data Collection,
- 2) Report Writing, and
- 3) Publication of results.

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New at Matrix:

Marketing Help!

Hot off the press:

Last May we introduced our "Profile" presentation covers to help you really make a good impression on your clients when providing them with printed output. Now we've taken the next step in helping you market your astrological services: the Matrix Ad Kit is ready!

The Ad Kit helps you prepare the ads, posters, business cards, etc. you need in order to spread the word on your services. As you may have found out, creating your own ads from the ground up isn't easy. It's time consuming, and if you can't produce the art yourself, it's expensive. These problems often stop astrologers from producing any promotional materials at all-- even though advertising can give a real boost to business. That's why we've produced this ad kit-- we've put the art time into it so you don't have to. The result is an inexpensive tool to help your business grow.

The Matrix Ad Kit contains:

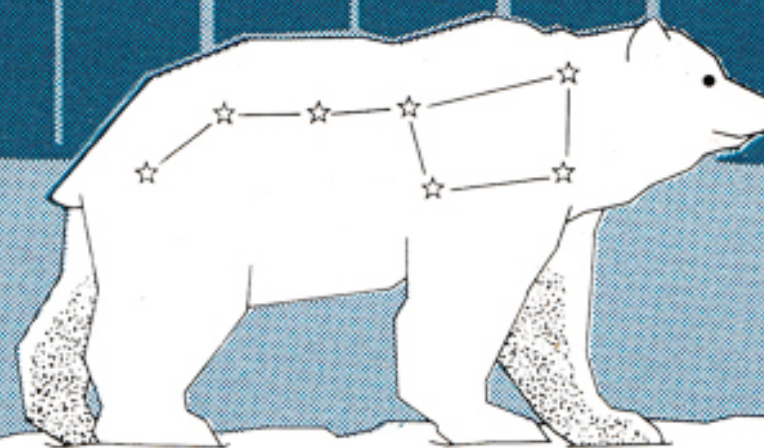
Camera ready Posters

We've put two posters on a single sheet-- you just have to add your name (we'll even give you your name to paste in place!). These posters are designed to reproduce well no matter who does the printing-- even an office copier gives good results! They're paired two on a sheet so when you trim them in half you cut your printing costs in half, too. The idea is to get the most mileage out of the least expense possible.

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Remember "Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain"? All those rumors that the Soviets were using psychics to steal our secrets, and take over the world? Now it looks like they are trying a new angle. Astrology. What we call mundane astrology, the astrology of national destinies and world events. Despite the official disinterest in astrology by almost every government in the world, there are persistent rumors of many governments, including our own, secretly using astrologers. Brig. Firebrace advised Churchill during W.W. II. Many top German leaders, including Hitler, were said to have consulted with astrologers. Wilhelm Wulff was forced to do astrological work for Himmler. Barbara Somerfield recounts that she knew a U.S. astrologer who was working for the Pentagon during the Vietnam war "trying to outguess the Cambodian astrologers". I knew a Michigan astrologer who was the "unofficial advisor" to the state Democratic party. Now the Russians are taking their turn.

One night a week, a group gathers secretly in an apartment in a Southwest Moscow suburb. By day, they are mathematicians, physicists, psychologists, computer programmers. By night they share a different interest, one not openly practiced in Russia: astrology. They are working exclusively with what their leader calls "state astrology", and we call mundane astrology. The linking up of the destinies of nations with the stars. At a recent meeting, the group was working with the exact time of Indira Gandhi's (prime minister of India) recent assassination, trying to predict India's stability in the future. They reached no consensus.

Their leader, a black bearded computer programmer named Mischa, said he had been studying astrology for 11 years. He estimates that there are 300 to 400 serious astrologers in Moscow. The government is officially hostile, and astrology books are not available in bookstores. But Mischa said that the government has not interfered with his group. In fact, some high officials are interested in learning more about astrology.

"There's a special group under KGB (security police) auspices interested in astrology," he said. "Some very high party officials have asked astrologists to chart their horoscopes."

Like modern western astrologers, Mischa and his group use computers to do their calculations. He believes that astrology will become a major science in the future, combining the best qualities of medicine, psychology and philosophy. His group is taking an "intellectual" approach to the subject. He said that astrology is a blend of scientific and mystical approaches and we are now in a frontier zone.

He also said that Soviet citizens tended toward fatalism, and would be overly influenced by astrology if it was allowed to flourish openly. He and his group prepare charts for themselves and their friends, "just for fun".

Mischa had checked the chart of Soviet President Konstantin U. Chernenko. He said, "Chernenko's role will be over no later than the summer of 1986, Mikhail S. Gorbachev will be his successor."

Martin Wolf

New at Matrix:

Its New Year's day here in Big Rapids. Right now there is almost a foot of snow outside my window and its still coming down. Happy New year! While I will have trouble getting my car out of the driveway, the snow is very lovely. Winter has a strange magic and beauty in northern Michigan. Hope all of you had a good holiday and are ready for this new year.

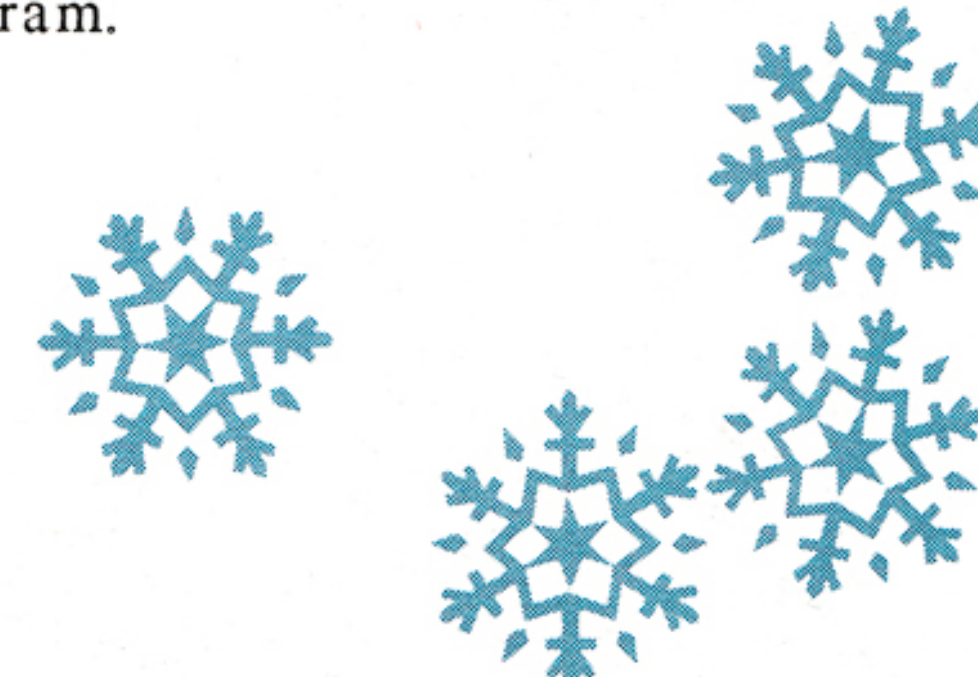
NEPTUNE RING CONFIRMED

One piece of late breaking news from the I.A.U. (International Astronomical Union) is that astronomers have confirmed that the planet Neptune does have a single ring at a distance of 76,400 km from its center. Analysis of data obtained July 22 (5h40m09s UT) confirmed a previous reading taken on June 15, 1984 (14h02m UT).

TRANSIT MASTER

Here at Matrix we have some good news too. Our new *Transit*Master* is almost finished with beta testing, and has turned out even better than we had hoped for. There is not space to say much, but there is one new feature that you ought to know about.

We were able to get a full 3000 years (600 B.C. thru 2400 A.D.) of ephemeris on a single disk. More important, we have achieved an accuracy of *one second of arc* for the Sun and all the planets (not just the outer ones) for this entire period! With one second accuracy, *Transit*Master* is the quickest, most accurate and comprehensive of any transit program on the market today. It will be available in several versions, with prices starting as low as \$150. We are working up some notes on the various versions, features, prices, etc. Call or write for complete notes on this new program.



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Talking with Charles Harvey.

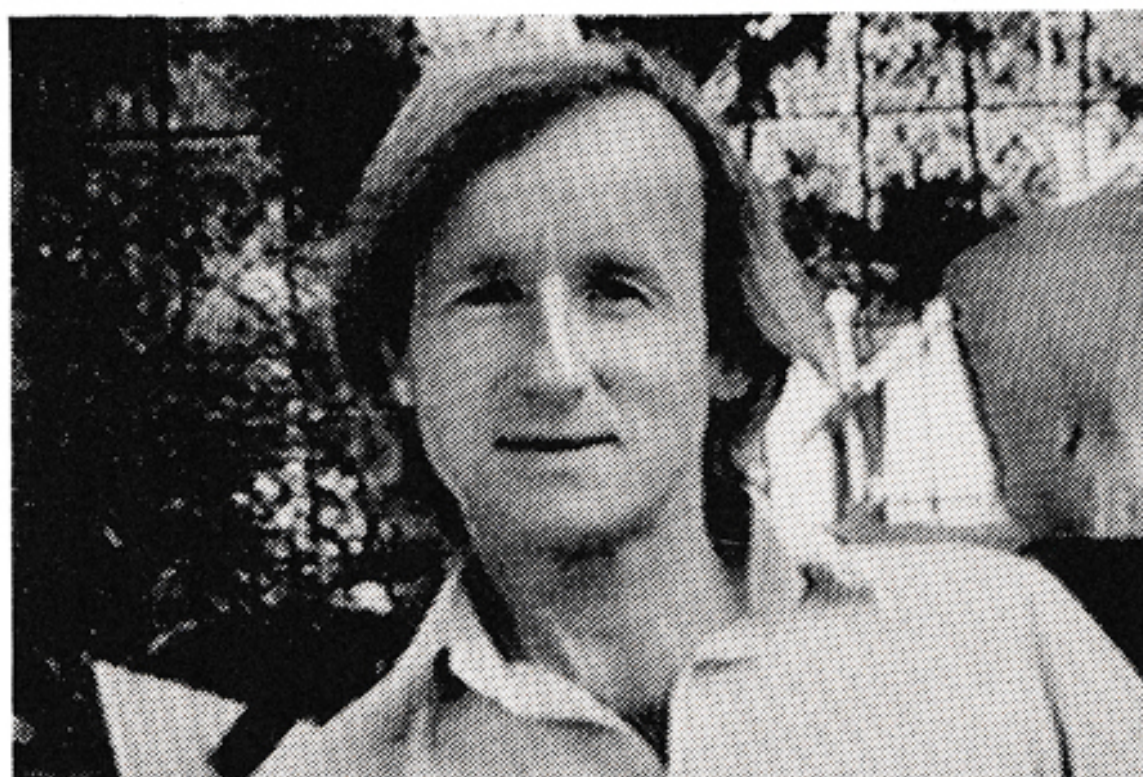
The president of Great Britain's Astrological Association talks with Michael Erlewine about John Addey, the Cambridge Circle & more.

This marks the first in a series of up-close interview/dialogues with well-known astrologers. Charles Harvey is perhaps the best known research astrologer in Great Britain.

As president of The Astrological Association, Harvey is generally recognised as the practical successor to John Addey as regards the theory and practice of harmonics. The following are excerpts from an interview with Harvey and your editor (Michael Erlewine) that took place on August 19, 1983 during a visit to Big Rapids, Michigan.

Michael: We all want to know more about John Addey. Where was he coming from in his mind? How did he get his training? Where did he get the depth that we are all so aware of?

Charles: John Addey was the moving light behind *The Astrological Association*. John Addey had this vision of an integral astrology. In other words, an astrology that draws from every possible approach, opinion, reason, argument, research and so on. If you were interested in horary astrology there is a place for you. If you were interested in statistical research, or if you were interested in the spiritual dimension, or if you were interested in counseling, or whatever it might be. John Addey is the key to all this. The first thing one has to know about John was that he started life as very much an outdoor person. He was a very accomplished athlete. He set long



Charles Harvey.

jump records. He was a champion footballer, cricketer, rower, and rider, and everything in that line. He's got Sun in Gemini, exactly trine Mars in Libra. He was really into that until up to about the age of 23. He would have been quite happy to spend his life at the race track. He was very keen on racing horses, gambling, golf, and whatever. Then at the age of 23, he got struck down by ankylosing spondylitis, a kind of acute rheumatism, which strikes overnight. He had certain symptoms of this before, maybe because of athletics or whatever.

During the war, he was a pacifist. He was brought up as a Quaker. He was serving in the ambulance corps, and one night during the war there had been a delivery of coal in the ambulance yard. The ambulances couldn't get in, and so he spent ten hours at a stretch clearing all this coal, so that the ambulances could get in. He went to bed that night, and he didn't get up off his back for another

year. He was totally stricken down; completely paralyzed from head to toe. He was in this condition, and that was the first time in his life... although, I don't want to exaggerate this... He was already of somewhat reflective turn. But he was just too outgoing and energetic. You know, Leo rising, Sun and Moon in Gemini, in the eleventh, really out there and alive. He had never really reflected about life, but this was just... wow... just running straight into a brick wall, knocked flat on his back. He spent a year on his back, thinking. I believe it was during this time... I haven't got my facts exactly clear on this, but it was very close to this time... somebody who was involved in an order, a teaching order, spoke to him... A brotherhood, teaching the ancient wisdom... a mystery school.

John joined the mystery school, and he studied with them, and was incredibly active. That was the mainstream of his whole life. To him, astrology was simply a tool for mankind. The real thing was keeping your eye on the unity of all things. This gave him his incredible depth. People who come across John Addey, and just know his writing say, "Well, he is very much into mathematics and statistics." I think to know that he was really a mystic and a philosopher, is the key to the man.

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Telecommunicate!

If you're not already conversing a la modem, you might not know what you're missing! A report from Glenn Murray.

[Editor's note: Aside from his work as an astrologer, Glenn Murray manages a government microcomputer center in Canada.]

Most computer users are vaguely aware of the fact that micros can be used as communications devices -- plugged into the nearest telephone receptacle and used to "talk" with other computers, hundreds, or even thousands of miles away...

If this sounds somewhat futuristic to you, I have news for you -- the future is NOW. The telephone modem -- the simple-looking little device that allows your computer to use an ordinary telephone line for this type of communications -- is currently the hottest-selling peripheral on the home computer scene. Every night (when the rates go down) tens of thousands of people dial into their favorite information services. They might choose a big-name utility like *CompuServe* or *The Source*, or they might just fall by their local BBS (electronic Bulletin Board System) for a "chat" with a few friends.

CompuServe is owned by H. & R. Block; *The Source* is owned by Readers Digest Inc. Information utilities are already big business, and getting bigger every day. *CompuServe* remains the largest and most varied, offering encyclopedias, the *Associated Press News* (updated hourly), the Dow Jones market report, electronic mail services, computing tips, hotlines to manufacturers, an electronic shopping mall with everything from fur coats to tickets to Hawaii, special services for wine-lovers, musicians, writers, educators, and every professional interest group under the sun... There's even a chart-calculation program on



there that's no slouch at all... The C.B. Radio simulation on *CompuServe* features two 36-channel CB-simulators running on mainframe computers where thousands of people converge and chat every night. People have been married on there... It's impossible to convey the full scope of the *CompuServe* experience in a few short lines.

To illustrate a point: some time ago, a Canadian writer decided he would be the first to create a truly electronic novel. He made this decision while under the influence of Dom Perignon champagne on a Sunday afternoon. That evening he began this landmark epic. Fueled by

copious quantities of Dom Perignon and who knows what else, he steamrolled ahead and finished the book by Wednesday morning. In the neighborhood of 25,000 words, -- short for a novel -- he called it "Blind Pharaoh", and immediately dialed up his favorite information utility, *The Source*, and sent them the whole book. By that afternoon, people were reading his masterpiece on line, and the author was reaping a few cents for each new reader. By Thursday morning, the book was reviewed in major U.S. newspapers -- a book that hadn't existed on Sunday morning.

And here's the clincher -- that was more than two years ago...

Bulletin boards are totally different phenomenon. Usually operated by some dedicated and sleep-deprived computer enthusiast with an overworked (or unsuspected) Mercury, these systems run all manner of home computers and allow users with all sorts of machines and interests to share information and software via their telephone lines. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of them across Canada and the the United States -- some specializing in particular machines or special interests, and some open to all callers.

Unlike big utilities which host hundreds of callers at a time, most bulletin board systems (hereafter called BBS) only allow one caller at a time -- usually for a fixed time-limit to permit access to other users... there are exceptions, however.

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September 1st, 1985:

The Matrix Heart Center reopens

In 1972, we opened the Heart Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Providing classes, counseling and community get-togethers, the center was the main support lifeline during all the years when Matrix Software was struggling to be born.

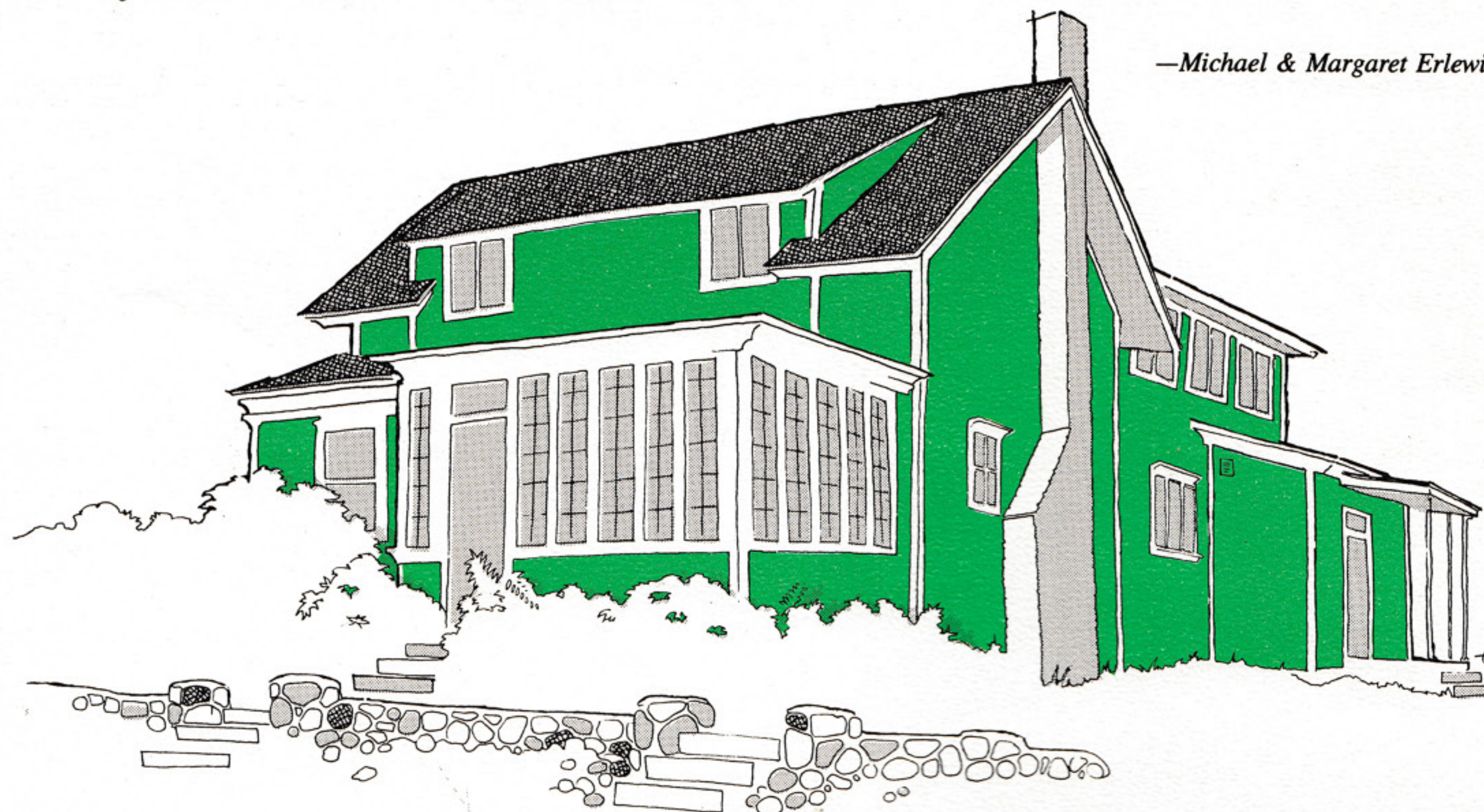
When we moved to Big Rapids in March of 1980, Matrix was becoming a going concern and required more and more of our energies—Heart Center activities became less and less frequent. It was January of '84 when we reopened the center to offer astrologers a place to visit and share in study and conversation. We never antici-

pated the response—hundreds of letters from astrologers interested in studying here. Our one guest room just couldn't fill the bill. The idea was put on hold until we could find more room. Now we have it.

On September first, we're dedicating the new Matrix Heart Center. We now have the facilities to provide comfortable rooms and good food to all who'd like to come to Big Rapids to enjoy learning and sharing with other astrologers.

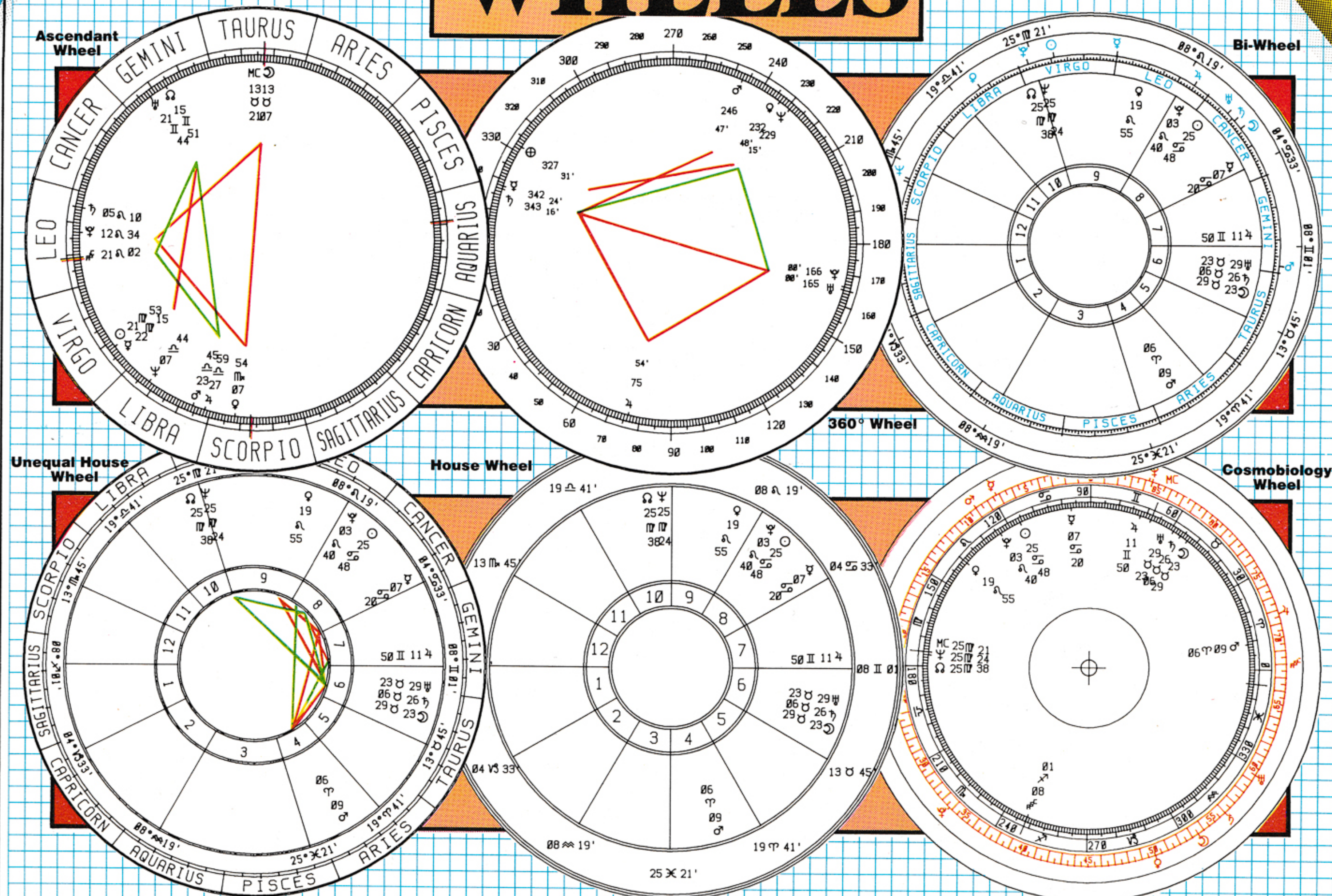
Details on the Matrix Heart Center are in this issue of Astro*Talk.

—Michael & Margaret Erlewine



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COLOR WHEELS



Announcing Matrix Color Wheels for IBM BlueStar users with Houston Instruments 4-color plotters (models 595 or 695). The Color Wheels package includes a variety of chart wheels including those shown here. Also included are aspect grids and user-defined text placement capability. Available now! Price: \$100.

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Bimonthly Bulletin For The Matrix User's Group

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H.E. Tai Situ Rinpoche Visits The Matrix Heart Center

For the last two years, a small group of us here at Matrix have been studying the eastern approach to astrology. Our study has led from the printed word to learning and working with the living practitioners of the ancient science. With the opening of the *Matrix Heart Center*, we are now more able to invite teachers to visit here with us.

Our first visitor to the new center was his eminence the ven. Tai Situ Rinpoche, one of the four main lineage holders of the Kagyu school of Tibetan Buddhism, and a recipient of the complete teachings of Vajrayana Buddhism.

H.E. Tai Situ is now on an international campaign for world peace involving a series of large conferences to be held thruout the world in August of 1987. Matrix has volunteered to help with the campaign, and thus the visit.

Readers might like to know a little about the background of Tai Situ Rinpoche. The word Rinpoche or "precious one" is used only in connection with certain very high lamas as an indication that the particular lama is of the highest spiritual attainment. Tai Situ is not only a Rinpoche, but he is also said to be a lama in continuous incarnation. Certain very high lamas have been found to continue from birth to birth in an unbroken chain. They are called tulku. Within a short time after death, a tulku takes birth and continues on with a particular direction or mission.

Tai Situ was recognized as a high incarnate lama, the 12th in the Situ line of tulkus, when he was less than two years old. The 11th Situ tulku predicted his own rebirth before his death and stated that his incarnation would be born in Taiyul, Tibet in February of 1954. Such an infant was indeed found at that time and place and the 18-month old child was taken to one of

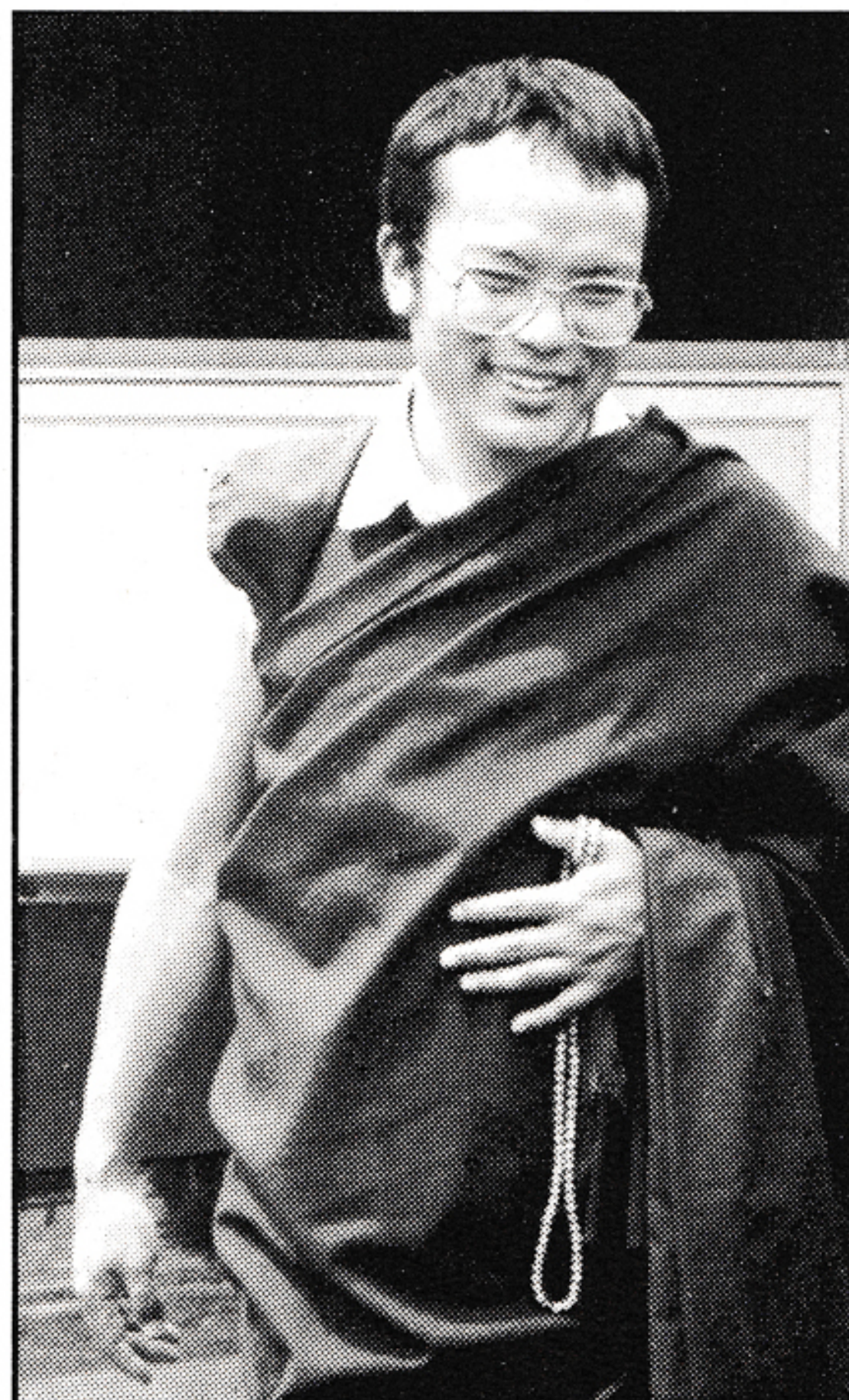


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Tibet's leading monasteries at Palpung, "accompanied by an escort of more than 1,000 horsemen, headed by an envoy of the Dalai Lama, emissaries of the kings of Bhutan, Nepal and Sikkim and many eminent lamas".

There he was enthroned as the 12th Tai Situ Pa, but this did not mean that he was simply the 12th heir of the 14th century teacher. His consecration meant that he had been recognised as the exact same teacher, now beginning his 12th incarnation in that role.

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"Star-Aid:" It's Our Turn To Help

Recently, we have all become aware of the plight of the famine victims in Africa, if only by hearing *BAND-AID*, and *LIVE-AID*. As astrologers, we take pride in being aware of our connections with cycles. We do research on the relationship of the planetary cycles to rainfall and drought. So it seems that we should also be in tune with the effects of these cycles. In *AstroTalk* (March 84), we published an article on Hammaker-Weaver's theory of the demineralization of the topsoil leading to both colder and drier winters, and to droughts, violent storms and winds, leading to erosion of much of the Earth's farmland (reprints on request). It might well be argued that the African famine is a living proof of his theory. But more importantly, beyond the theoretical, this is something that is happening to a massive portion of the population of the Earth.

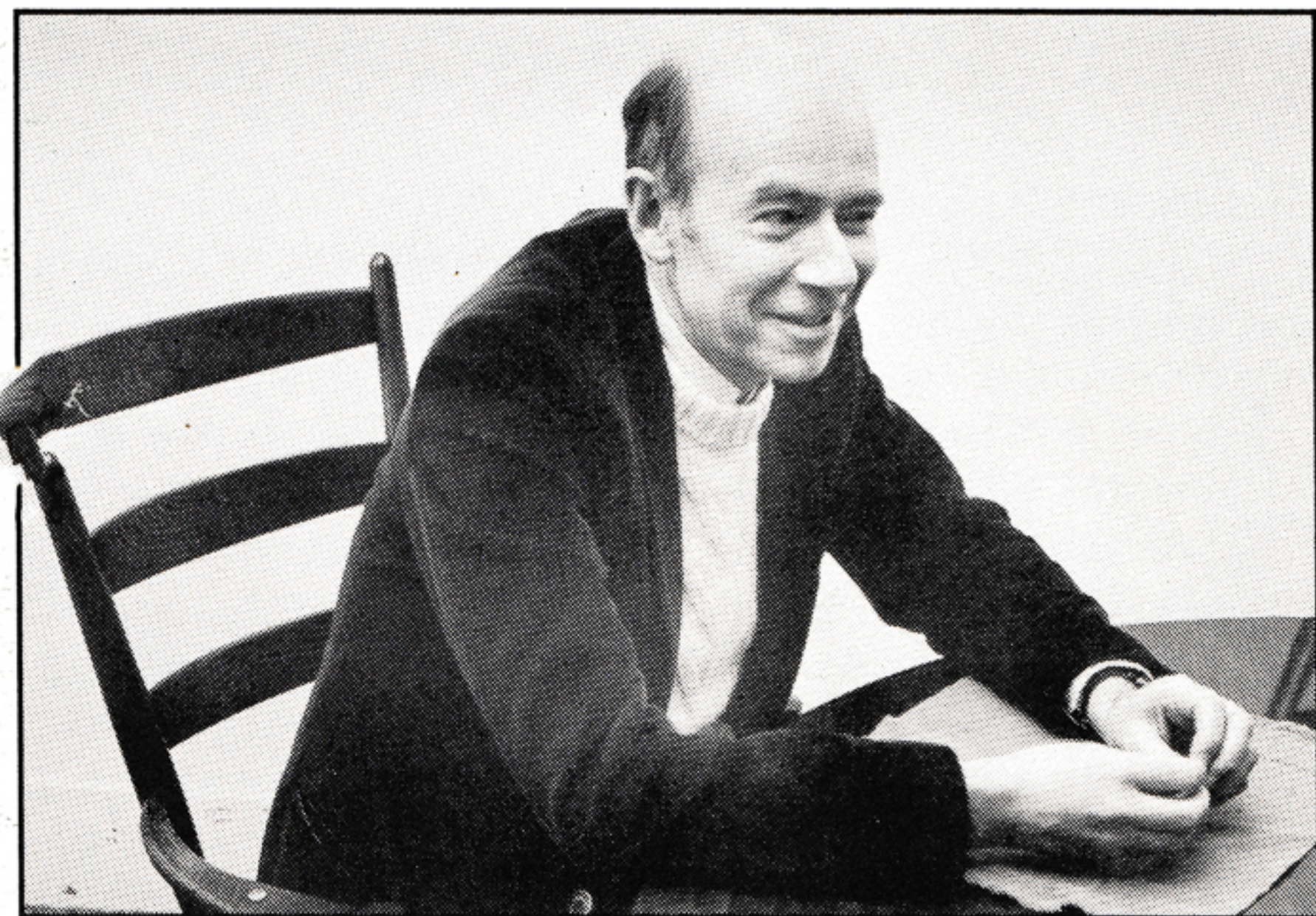
We recently recieved an article from our friend, astrologer Karen Johns, describing the plight of the famine victims, and imploring us to help. To quote her letter to us: "I have watched the astrological publications for many months and have seen little or nothing that links us to the world of pain and suffering going on right in our backyard. While we network within, for ourselves, we seem so very unconnected out there. Hopefully, you will help me change that. We must care. And what better to care about than mankind and it's continuation. Drought, famine and death know no boundaries. The USA is susceptible too, as are we, its residents."

If rock musicians can get together and do something to help, why can't astrologers? If you are interested, write to Karen Johns at 1203 E. Second, Royal Oak, MI 48067.



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A Conversation With Michel Gauquelin



*Michel Gauquelin, perhaps astrology's most celebrated researcher, was interviewed by Michael Erlewine during his recent visit to the Heart Center. The complete video interview runs almost two hours. Here are some excerpts for Astro*Talk readers.*

Michael: I am amazed to find out that you started studying astrology as a child. Most astrologers think of you as a scientist.

M. Gauquelin: I was interested in astrology when I was very young. I remember that I learned to calculate the ascendant at the age of eleven. I was encouraged to do so by my father, who was a dentist by profession, and was very interested in astrology. I don't know why I was so interested, it is a mystery. Going back to my early memories, I have always been interested in astrology. At the age of fifteen or

sixteen, I read a lot of books about astrology. I myself wrote a little text book, a very primitive one. It was on the practice of astrology. It was done by hand, of course. There were no word processors at that time. I still have this precious document in Paris.

Michael: Did you, like most of us, spend a lot of time studying the cookbooks the popular books & other ways of looking at astrology, —any books you could get hold of?

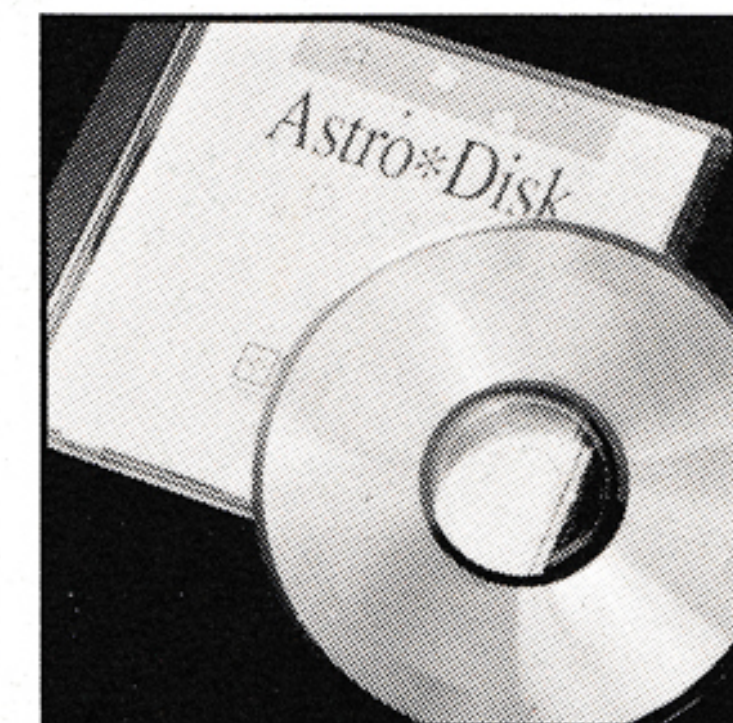
M. Gauquelin: Yes. First of all, I started from very simple and not very scientific, not

even very professional texts —very bottom line. I was interested in seeing what was happening to me, in my chart. At the age of seventeen, I bought some more boring books. One was by Paul Choissard, the French astrologer. He was born in 1867 and he died in 1930. He did his work at the turn of century. He was the first to apply statistics for proving astrology. He published six or more books. Some are still in print.

I got excited when I came to this, for I thought that this was what should be done. At the same time, I got a feeling for astrology when I succeeded in a

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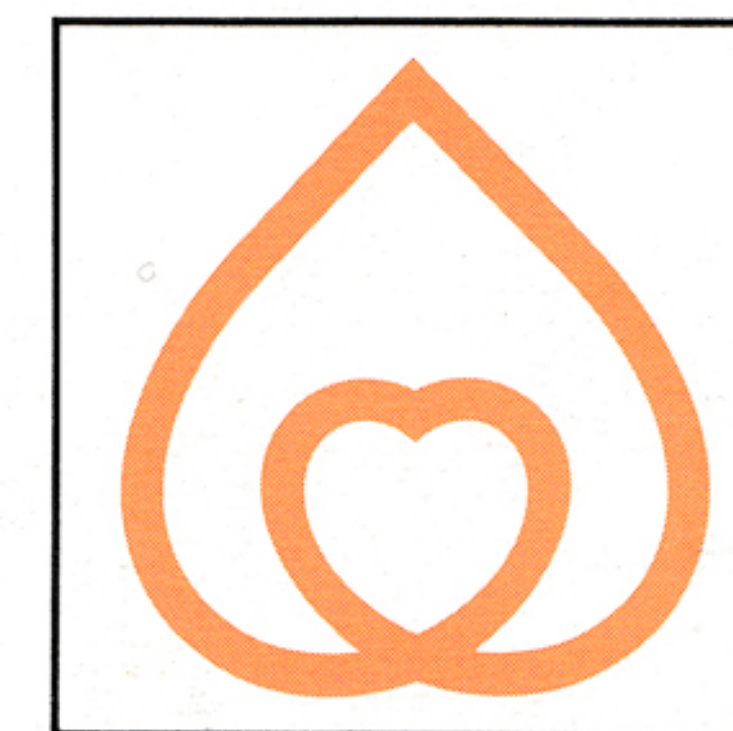
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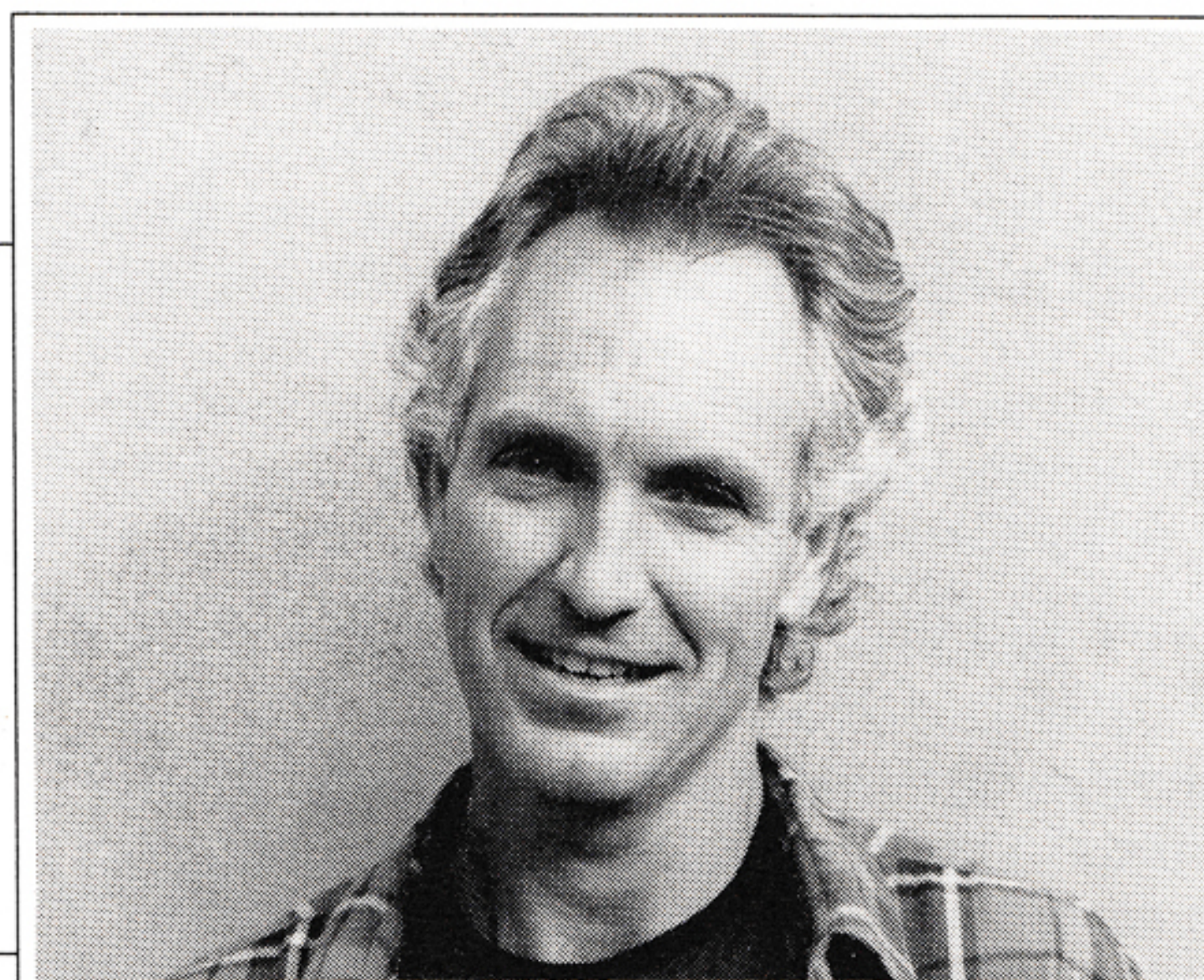
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A Conversation With Tom Brady

Tom Brady is one of astrology's bright new stars. He cuts through a lot of what clogs up most discussions and reveals the inner struggles of our field. His accent on astrological experience as something to live rather than to think about is right on target. The following is a conversation with Tom Brady & Michael Erlewine.



Michael: I feel that you have a very down-to-earth approach to astrology and to harmonics. Tell us about that.

Tom: Everything that I have been involved in within astrology has an underpinning to it. The underpinning is that it was all done as a critique of current intellectual trends in this society.

The people that I had gotten involved with astrologically were involved with the ninety degree dial. We had gotten interested in Uranian astrology, and Cosmobiology, simply because we found those techniques, especially the ninety degree dial, useful. Within Uranian we eliminated a lot of stuff.

But we found the ninety degree dial to be a tremendously concise and precise tool. We were off in the desert all by ourselves. We didn't have any teachers in the formal sense. This tool was popped in our hands, and we began to play with it--literally. We never got terribly involved in midpoint pictures, and the more traditional Cosmobiological way of using the tool. What we got involved with was using it as a rather complex aspectarian.

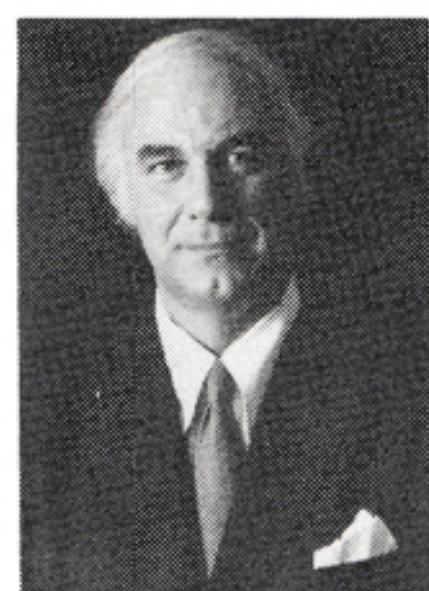
I am sure you are familiar with the dial. You are looking at conjunctions, squares and oppositions at one point on the dial. At any point across from that you are looking at semisquares and sesquisquares. At anything at right angles to that, you are looking at 22 1/2 degree aspects. You can further divide that quarter down into eighths. Then you are looking at 11 1/4 degree aspects. We began to find in our work that those very minor aspects, if they bunched up together, seemed to be as important in terms of predictive situations, or in terms of explaining situations that we were looking at, as some of the more traditional major aspects. We were doing that independently, and noting some of the things that happen when you work with a ninety degree dial. Number one: it begins to condition you to look solely at hard aspects, and you begin to forget about trines and sextiles. There was something that disturbed me about that, although at the time, I didn't understand it.

In 1978, I went to Chicago, to an NCGR conference, and I heard Charles Harvey speak. He wasn't talking directly about harmonics. The

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The state of astrology: Where are we headed?



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Barry Lynes



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Nineteen well-known astrologers share their candid views on astrology in '86—where we are and what's in store.

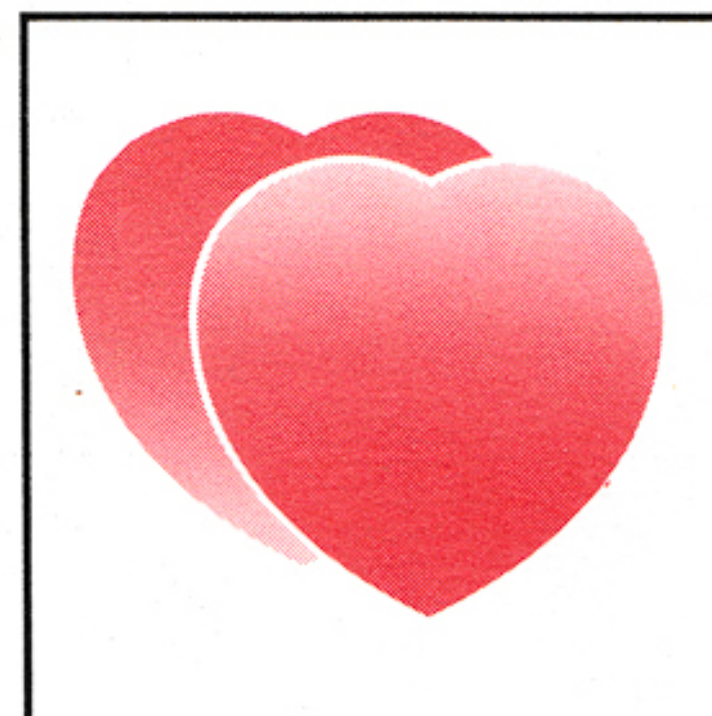
This question of what's in store for astrology was posed to some of the top U.S. astrologers by Michael Erlewine in the spring of 1986. Here are their thoughts:

■ **John Townley:** "I'd say that astrology has come to pretty much of a dead halt. I don't think it is going to go anywhere until it gets back to the level of establishing for itself a general field theory—a base on which it is all based. What we're dealing with is selected and often sporadic and erratic phenomena that work often enough to make it stimulating and make us know that there is something there. But there is no concrete or theoretical basis as there is for any other science. Until we have that, we are going to keep going around making the wrong experiments. We are trying to experiment testing different... doing the Vernon Clark experiment over and over again. It gets worse each time they do it. And so on... trying to make it match the MMPI and things like that. Of course, it's never going to match anything like that. The reason is that since we don't really know what we are testing, we're going to fail every time we try to test it. We are trying to test it by other criterion than actually apply to it."

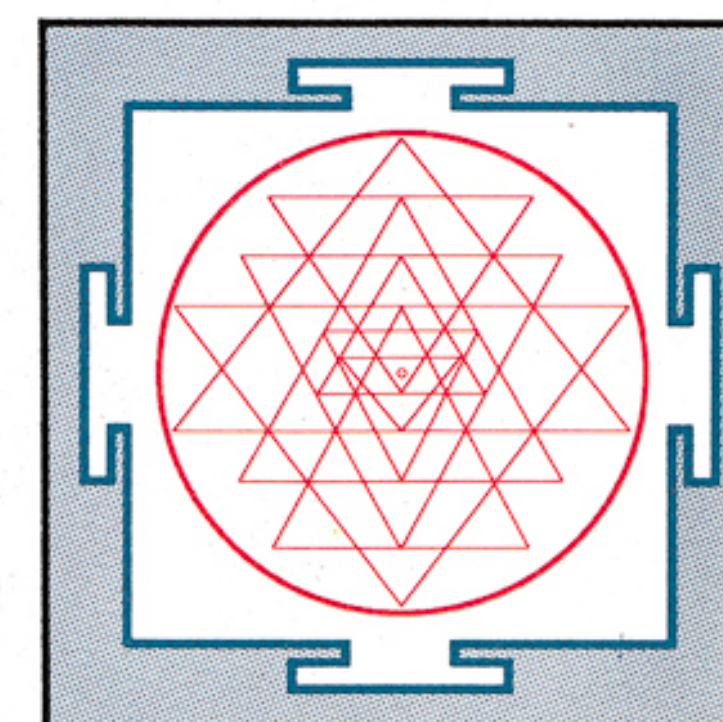
"I would say that most of the accusers of astrology are probably correct. They think that astrologers are 100% charlatans, but I would bring it down to 90%. Not necessarily even intentional charlatans. But for the same failing. They are suffering from the same failing. Maybe 50% of the people out there are deliberately selling hokum straight ahead. There is a certain respect that I have for that. I have done that myself in other fields. But the rest of them are frequently selling it under the guise of psychology or counseling, or many other things that astrology may be a part of, but are not fundamentally astrology at all. Because they don't really understand..."

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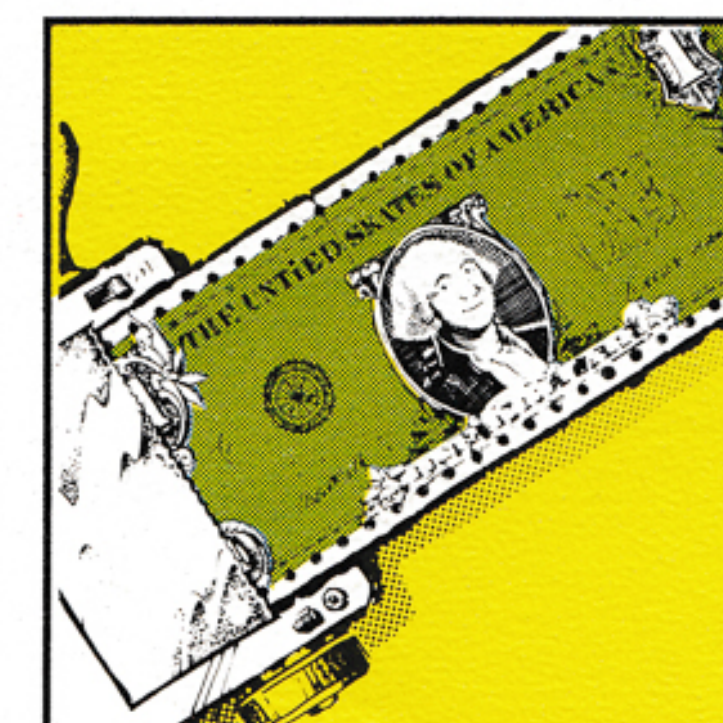
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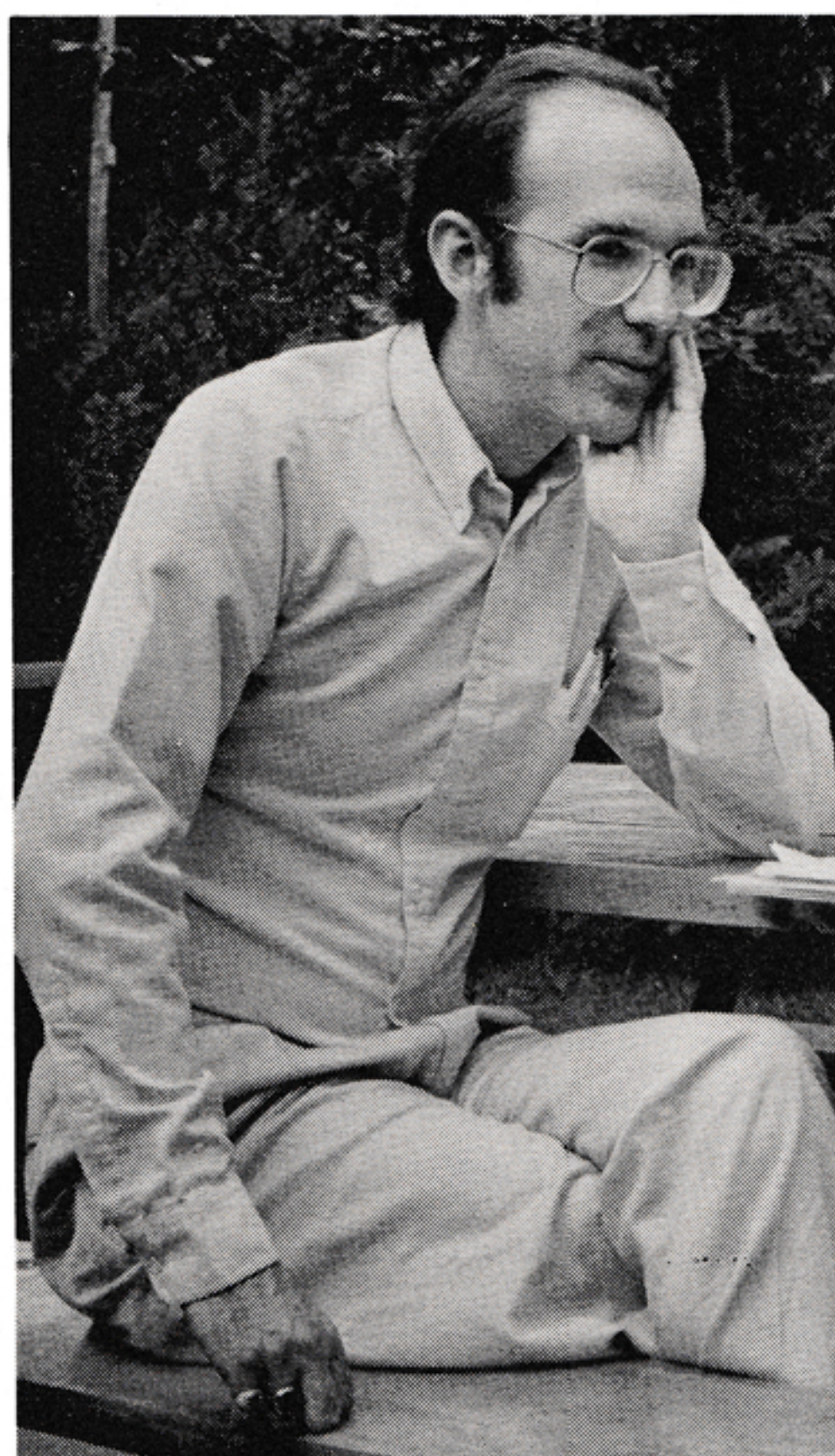


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Timothy Smith spent the day with us here at Matrix recently. He was interviewed for AstroTalk by Michael Erlewine.

Tim Smith

One of the finest researchers in the field of astrology talks about his early influences as well as his pioneering work on the DR-70 astrological computer.

Michael: How did you get into astrology?

Tim: I've been interested in psychic experiences from a fairly young age. I started dealing with some of those issues in the sixth and seventh grades and started studying people like Aleister Crowley, Plato, Iamblichus, Greek magicians and whatnot. I had no idea what I was doing. I can't even remember what I was trying to understand then and I somehow didn't run across astrology at all until I arrived in Ithaca New York—which coincided with the opening of Anthony Damiani's bookstore, the American Brahmin Bookstore [after Ralph Waldo Emerson, who has been called the American Brahmin]. Shortly after I met him, he showed me a horoscope. It made perfect sense to me and answered the questions that I'd been trying to ask: How can some symbolic technique connect man and nature... connect my own personal life with some kind of natural phenomena?

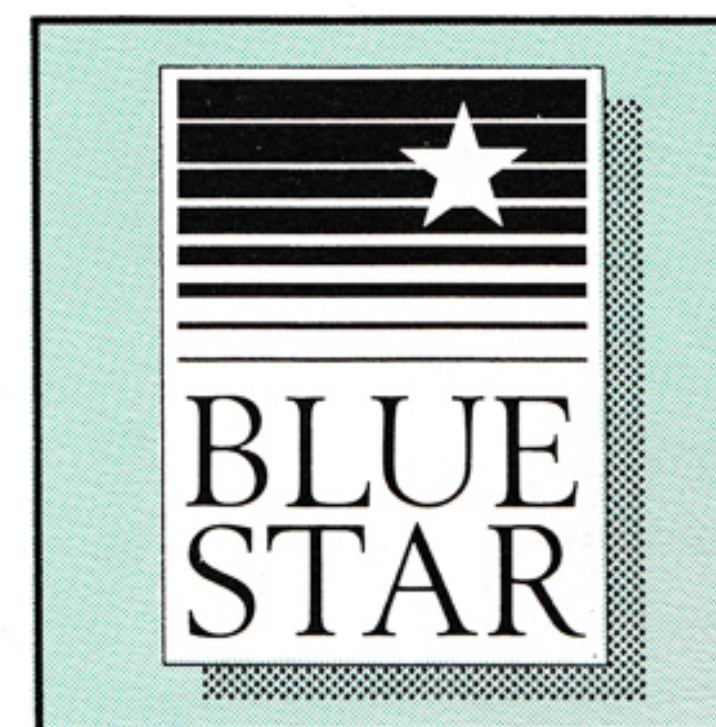
It took some years for me to realize that people had difficulty understanding horoscopes. For me, it was like picking up an old pair of shoes. It was immediately obvious to me that these things meant something—the sort of simple definitions of planets and so forth, of the houses and whatnot. I just started reading charts within a few months of having encountered astrology.

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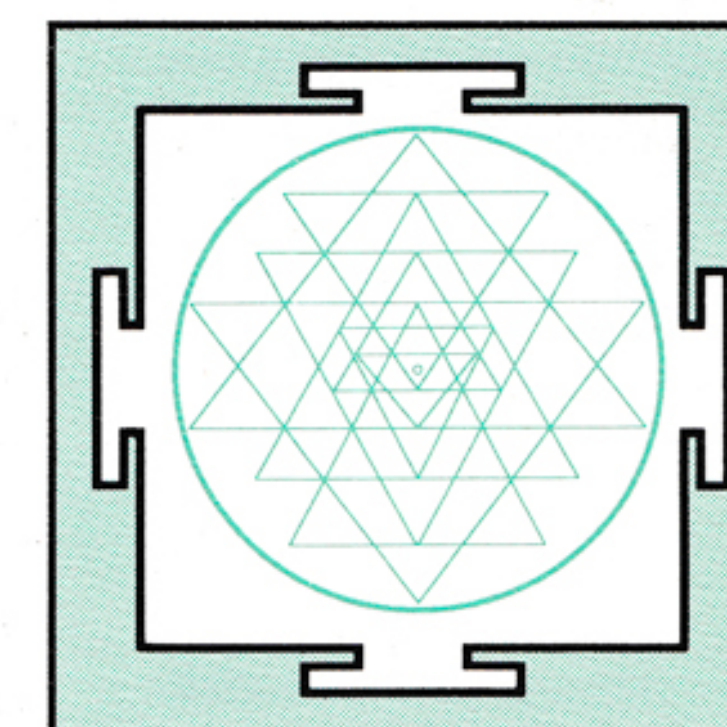
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THE MATRIX HINDU ASTROLOGY CONFERENCE:



GOOD DIALOGUE & GOOD TIMES

by Ginda Lasseigne

The energy was high and the activity hectic as final preparations were made for America's first Hindu astrology conference here in Big Rapids. On the Matrix grounds a brightly colored blue and white tent was raised and in the late afternoon and evening on Friday, our guests arrived from around the U.S. and even as far as Calcutta, India. The Heart Center was filled with guests in anticipation of the coming weekend.



Weekend activities began with an early morning meditation in the Heart Center shrine room, followed by a warm and friendly breakfast of hot cakes, fresh fruit, juices, espresso coffee and other tasty delights. After breakfast the conference began...

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Astrological Research Library Established At Matrix

**The Heart Center Library
is now available to all
astrologers, and offers
an unusually extensive
collection of astrological
and astronomical
volumes. We invite you
to make use of the library
in your research work.**

by Michael Erlewine

An astrological library has long been a staff goal here at Matrix. My brother Stephen and I have collected astrological and metaphysical books since the early sixties. We both worked at Circle Books, the metaphysical bookstore that Stephen and his wife, Morgen operated in Ann Arbor, Michigan from 1968 until 1974. At that time it was the largest bookstore of its kind in the midwest.

At any rate, it has been a dream of ours to help create a really first rate research and technical library for the astrological community. With the

establishment of the Heart Center Library, that dream is now a reality. Although the Heart Center was established in 1972, it was not until this year that we received tax exempt status under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Now that it is a non-profit organization, the Heart Center Library (which until now has concentrated on Indian and Tibetan texts—astrological and otherwise) is being expanded to include western astrological, astronomical, statistical and metaphysical materials.

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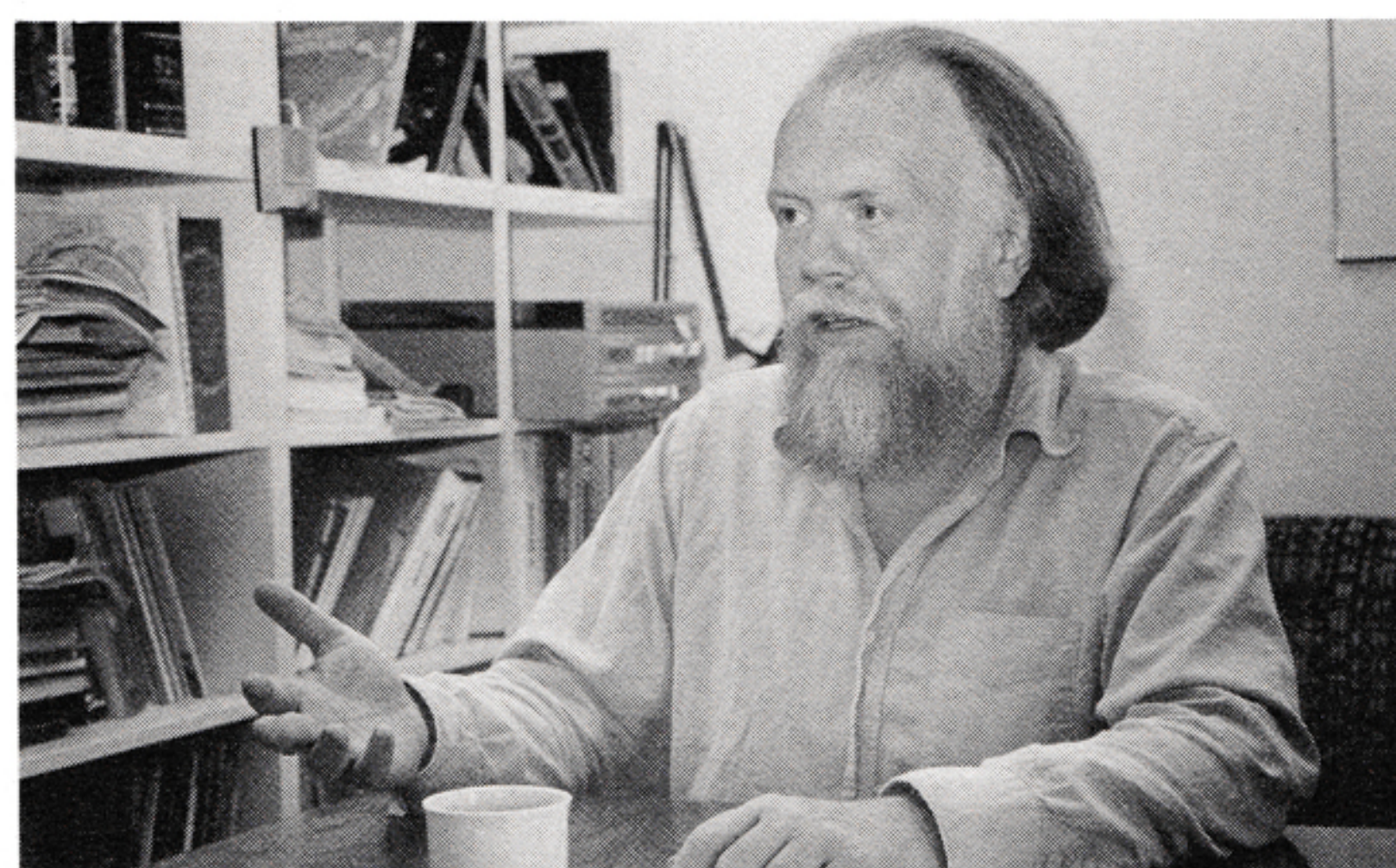
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Talking With Axel Harvey

Axel Harvey is one of Canada's leading research astrologers. He is currently co-editor of the very fine journal *Considerations*, but many of us can remember his contributions to the little journal *Correlation* back in the early 1970's. He is one of our finest technicians in the spirit of Charles Jayne and L. Edward Johndro. Michael Erlewine took this chance to talk with him during his visit to Matrix after the UAC convention of 1986.

Michael: You have just returned from the ACT conference as part of UAC.

Axel Harvey: Yes. In fact, ACT (Astrological Conference on Techniques) was a major factor in getting me back into astrological organizations at all—probably because ACT is not really an organization. It's more of an event.

M: Right; and planned that way, too. It doesn't have a hierarchy. You had a special experience at UAC regarding your fellow Canadians, isn't that right?

AH: I was badly burned by some astrological organizations that I won't mention the names of, in the early 70's. Events were OK, but organizations were something else. So I went to UAC in San Diego, and met a whole bunch of Canadians there. They made me feel very proud and obviously it's not the same Canada that I started to do astrology in, in the middle 60's. I think they're ready to promote some serious astrological work.

M: So, you felt some kind of kinship with your fellow Canadians.

AH: Absolutely. Well, I always did. I'm ready to get back into some kind of serious

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A conversation

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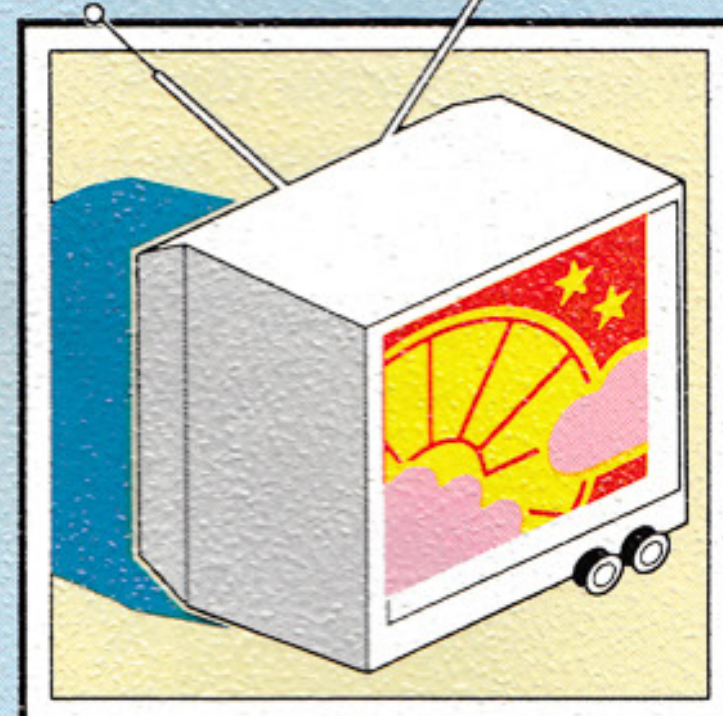
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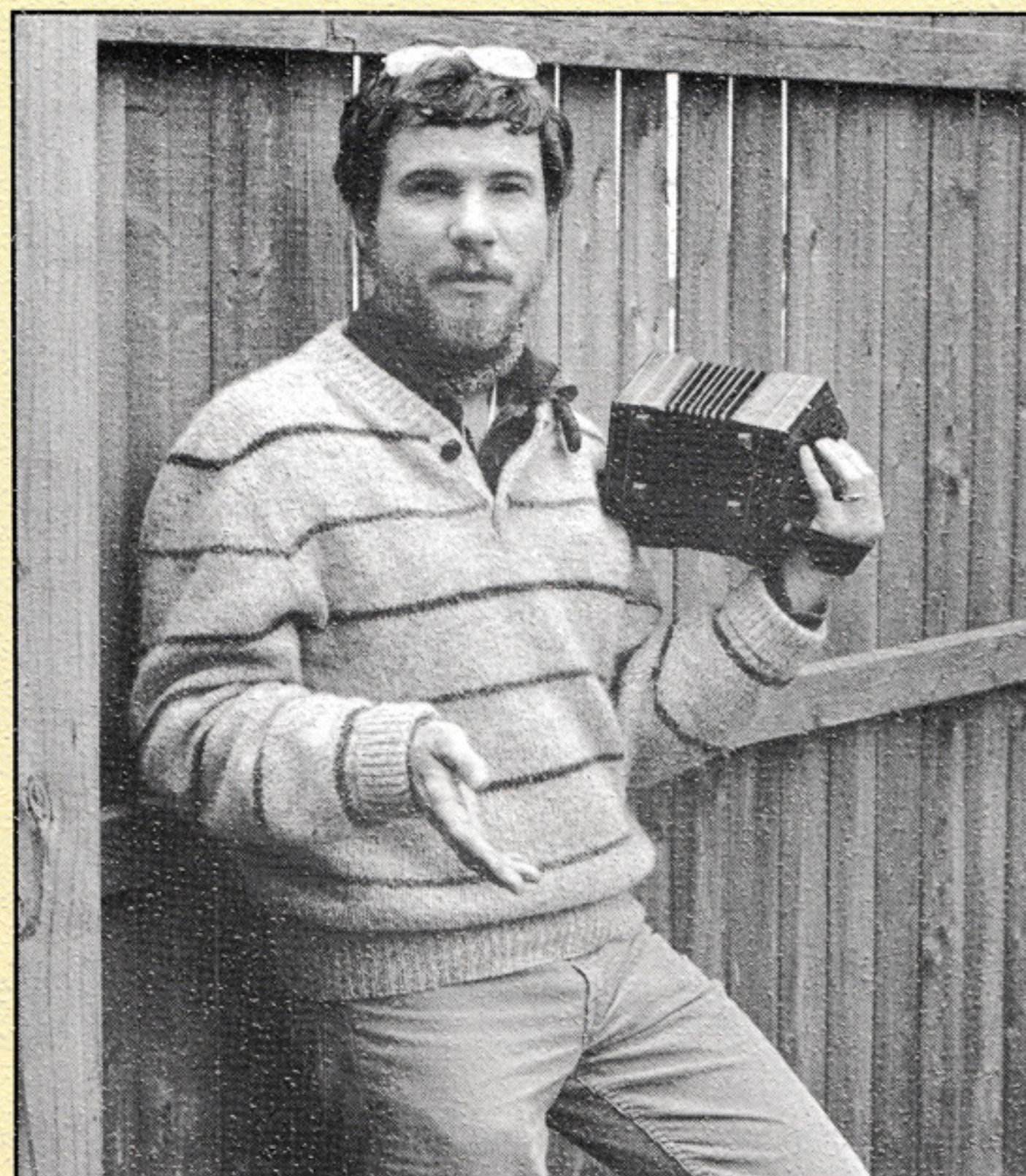
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Michael Erlewine: John, tell us something about the new program we're working together on. Why don't you give us a brief history of how you got into cycle research. You really have done pioneering work. No one really has looked at cycles this way before, and you already did many years ago.

John Townley: Well, in my life, the concept of cycles probably originally comes out of music. It comes from having started analyzing the world at large in terms of frequencies and cycles per second — from designing recording studios and doing, generally, acoustic engineering.

Michael: Now, you did some pioneer work in recording. We should get that in. This is the place to finally tell everyone.

John: Yes. Well, I designed the first twelve-track recording studio on the East coast, and designed and built Apostolic Studios. And then I also designed and built Pacific High Recording, out in San Francisco, which is the first sixteen-track (multi-track) installation. It was really the beginning of the "multi-multi-track" trend, which is still in favor today. I was just getting into a lot of other important studio designs that are still current today,

Talking With John Townley

[Editor's note: John Townley is one of the most important astrologers working in the United States today — at least according to this writer. We are about to release a new program for the IBM-PC environment, Life and Career Cycles, that was designed around John's research and includes interpretive text by him. We thought you might like to hear something about the concepts behind the program from John himself.]

because the recording studio environment was not a very user-friendly one. It was engineer-friendly, but it was not musician-friendly. So, when I designed my first studio, it was to make it producer-friendly and musician-friendly, so that you could hear the kind of mix that you wanted. You could play in whatever kind of conditions you wanted. And you could manipulate the sound any way you liked, from a producers point of view. That very quickly became the wave of the future.

My studio was copied by Record Plant (Gary Kellgren). His studio is still in existence today. And pretty soon, all of these things became industry standard. That, I guess, was my contribution to the world of music. Even though my company was later on eaten up by the majors, so to speak, it still remains. Even though I don't specifically benefit, it means whenever I go into a recording studio today, all the stuff that I designed is there and I can do what I want. Even though I don't own the studio, I can still get what I want out of it, and that wouldn't have happened had I not done it.

John: It was through recording that I got into astrology, because I got astrologer Al H. Morrison

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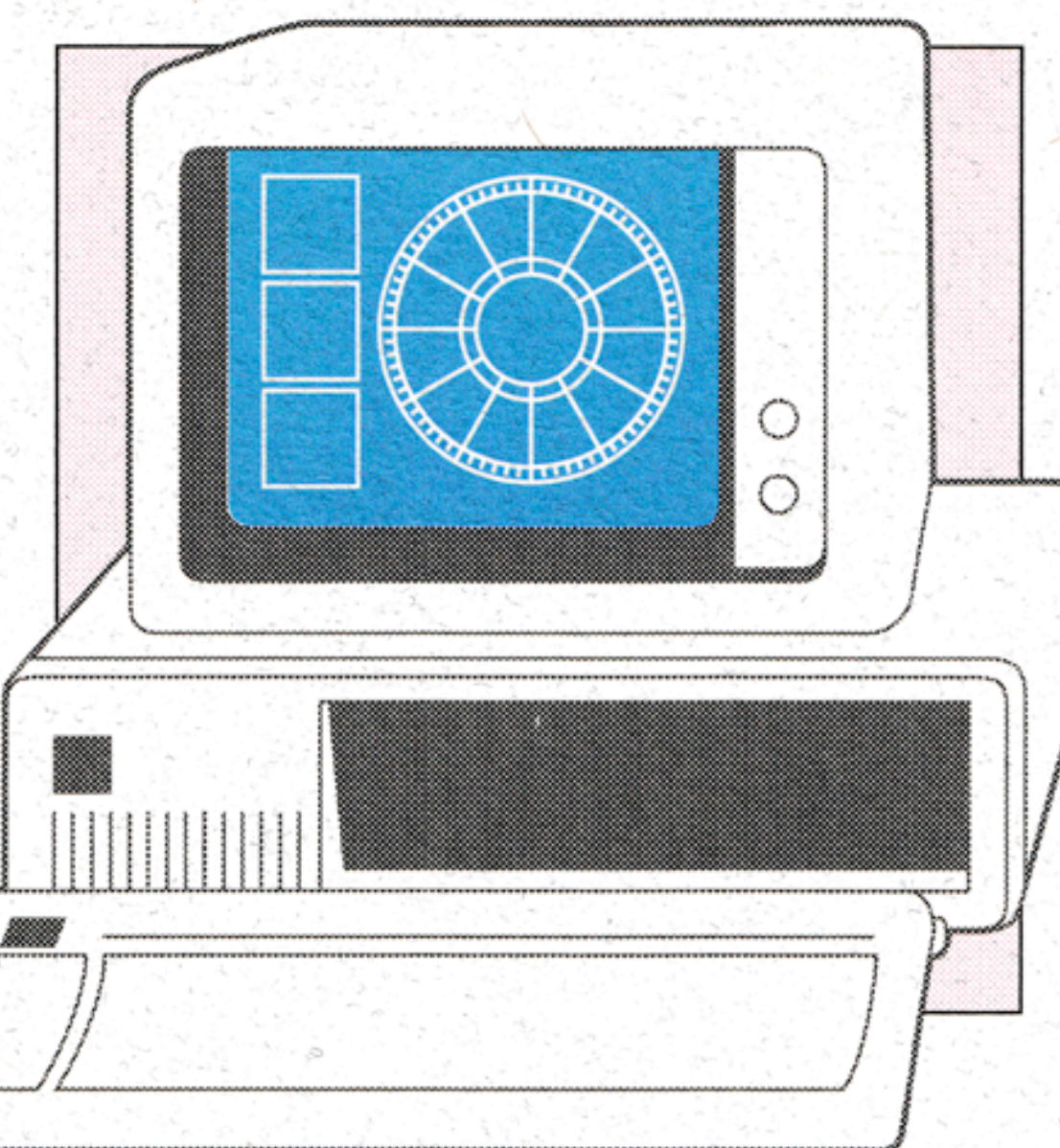
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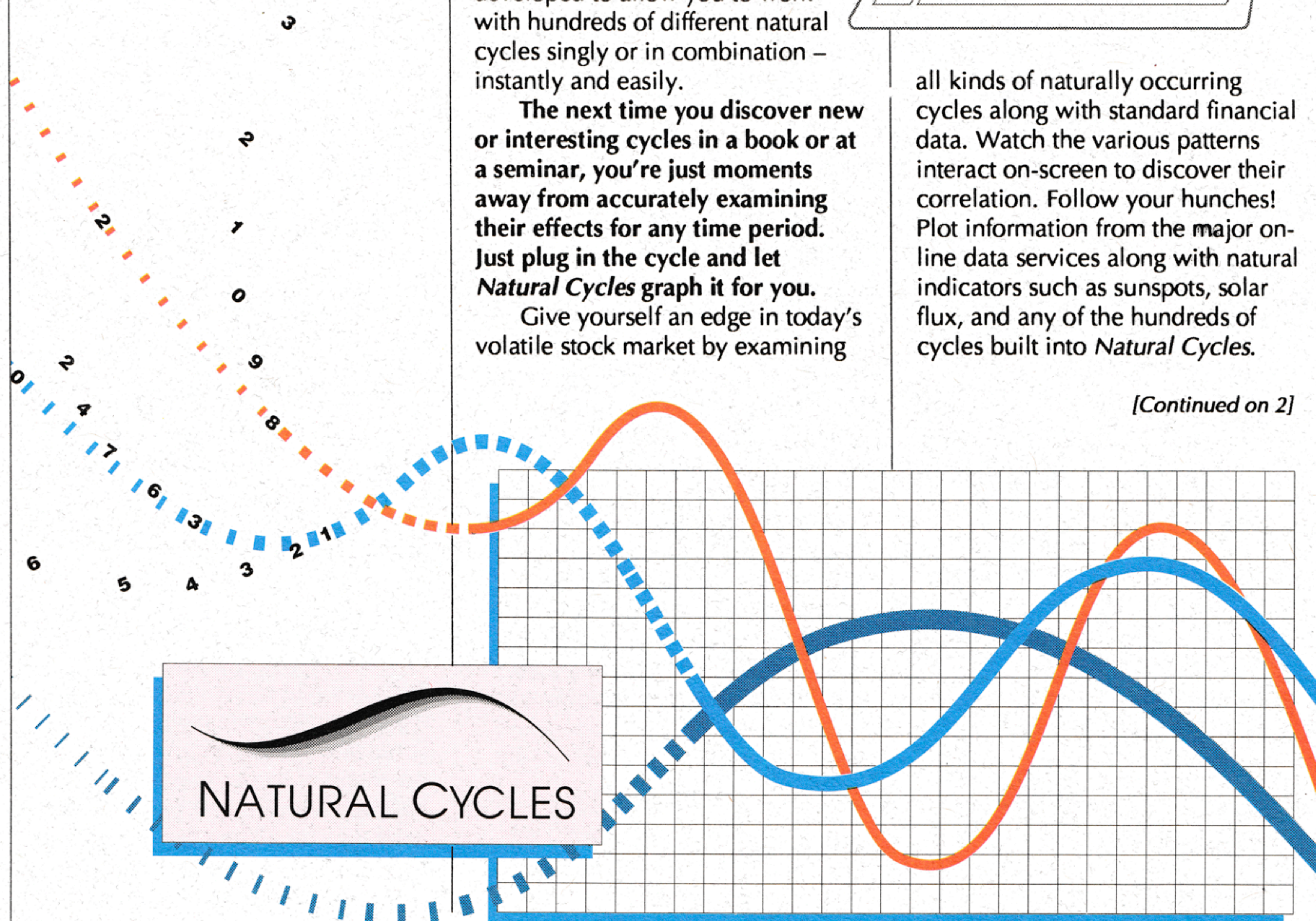
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Relocation is a fascinating branch of astrology. In recent years, its popularity has grown to the point that it's now used, in one form or another, by most professional astrologers. Relocating chart angles for example, has become a standard practice. However, professionals using computers have anxiously waited for hi-resolution maps for the ultimate in relocation analysis. With *AstroMap Hi-Res* that wish is now a reality. The program features both geographic maps and star maps right on your computer's screen.

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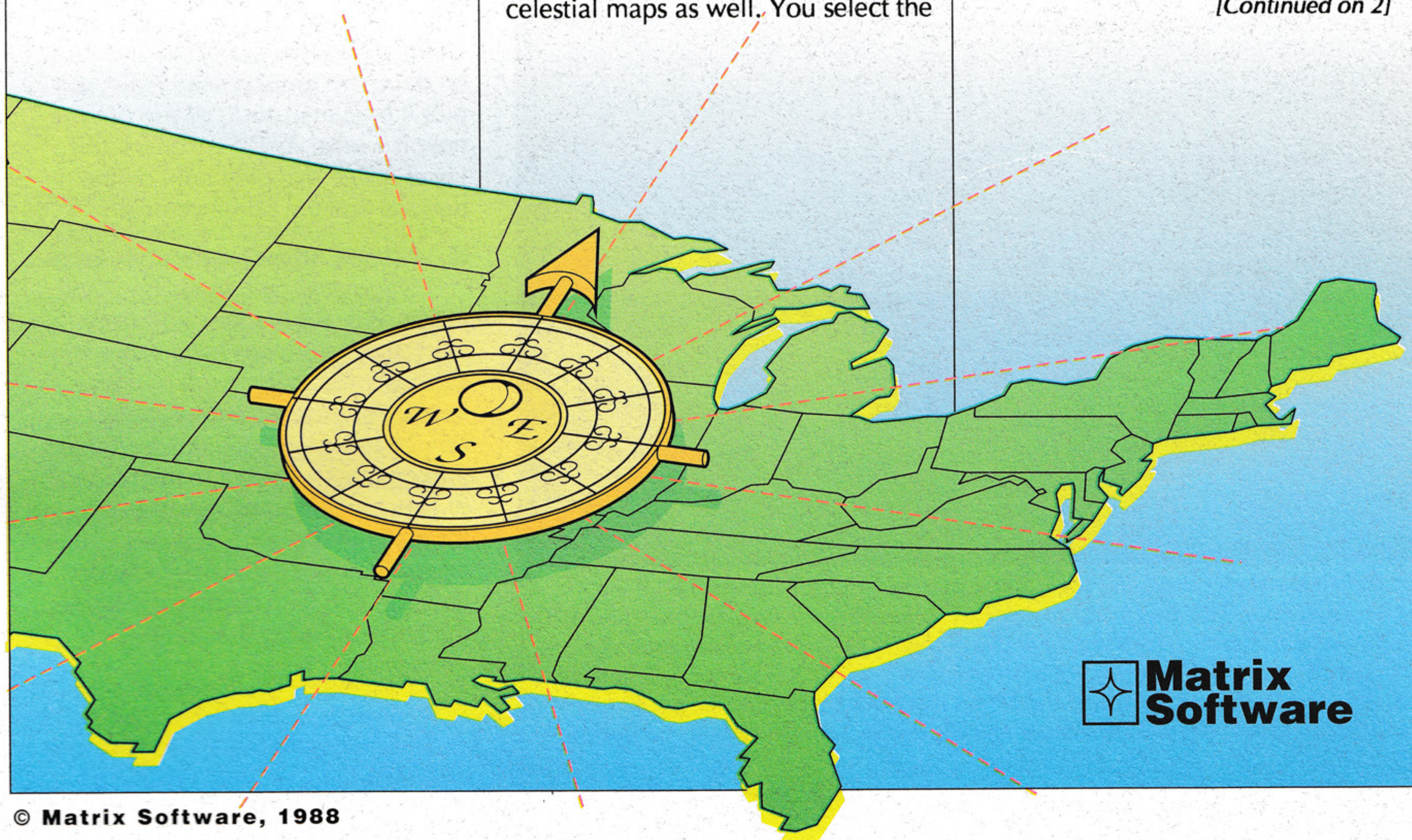


All 50 US states are included as separate maps. Shown above: Alaska.

degree of detail you need. All maps can be viewed on-screen or sent to the printer for hard copy at the touch of a button.

AstroMap Hi-Res is both beautiful and easy to use. Its pull-down menus (which don't disturb the screen graphics) offer you a tremendous choice of techniques.

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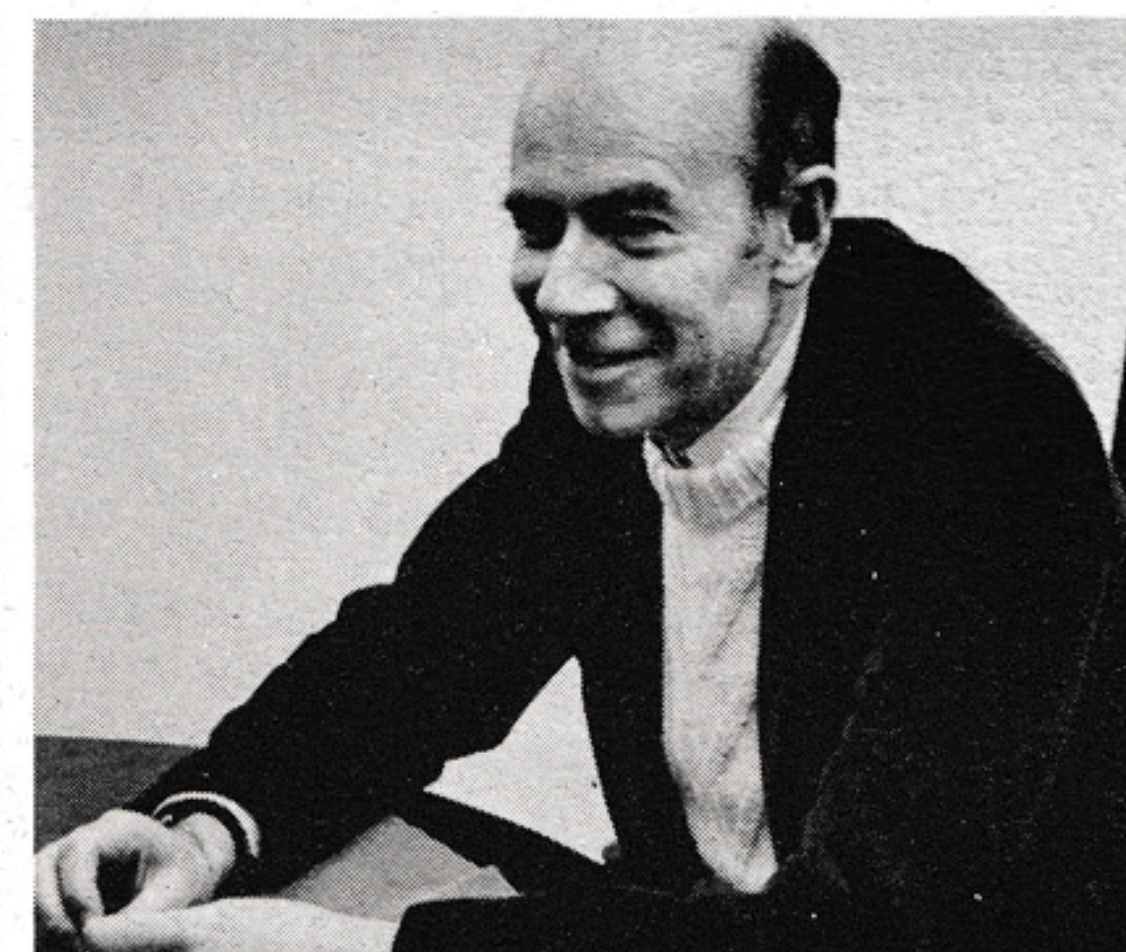
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A discussion of Gauquelin's *Mars Effect* research, the relationship of scientists and astrologers, and the birth of the neo-astrological movement.

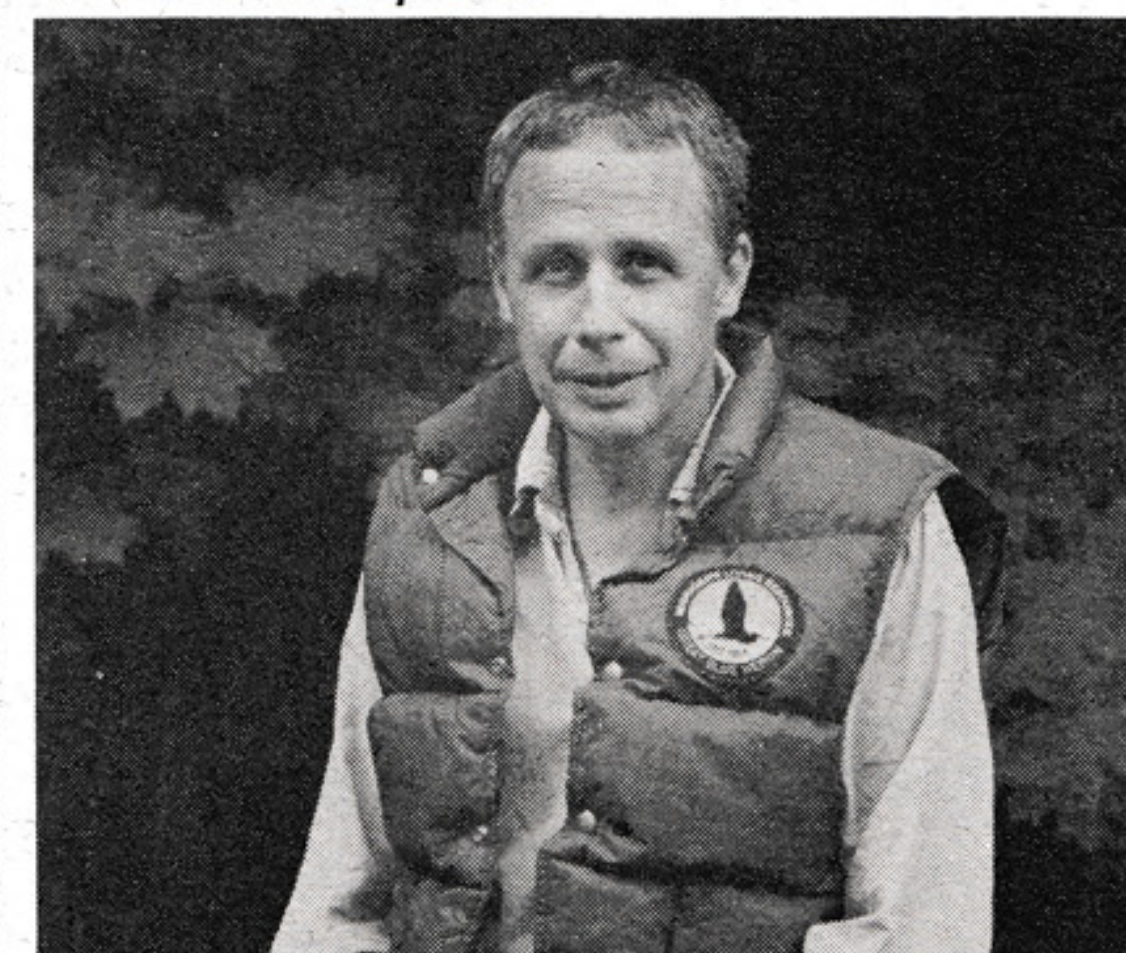
Michael: It's good to be with you again, Michel. What's happening in your life and work?

M. Gauquelin: One fact is that I am turning sixty on November 13. I had never realized that this could happen to me! I am apparently still in rather good shape, but there are a lot of years of hard work behind me and I think there are rather few people from the new generation who are trying to walk in the same direction (I hope there will be more). I don't want to complain about that, but I have to stop and think about what I have been doing and what I can do. I cannot just continue to make statistics and replicate my findings and so on just because it is interesting. I have also to evolve, and maybe to progress. For instance, I told you about this book I am writing, called *The Astrological Copernican Revolution*, which is a progression in my thought.

For this book, I have done a lot of reading, especially about ancient astrology and ancient thought, dwelling in particular on the Renaissance concepts of astrology – a lot of things I was barely aware of. I discovered that, in fact, astrology is more than I had thought – which is



Michel Gauquelin



Michael Erlewine

not a surprise for you, but maybe for me. Astrology is more than just correlation.

In the broader sense, the scope of my astrology is now larger. And while I have yet to write about a lot

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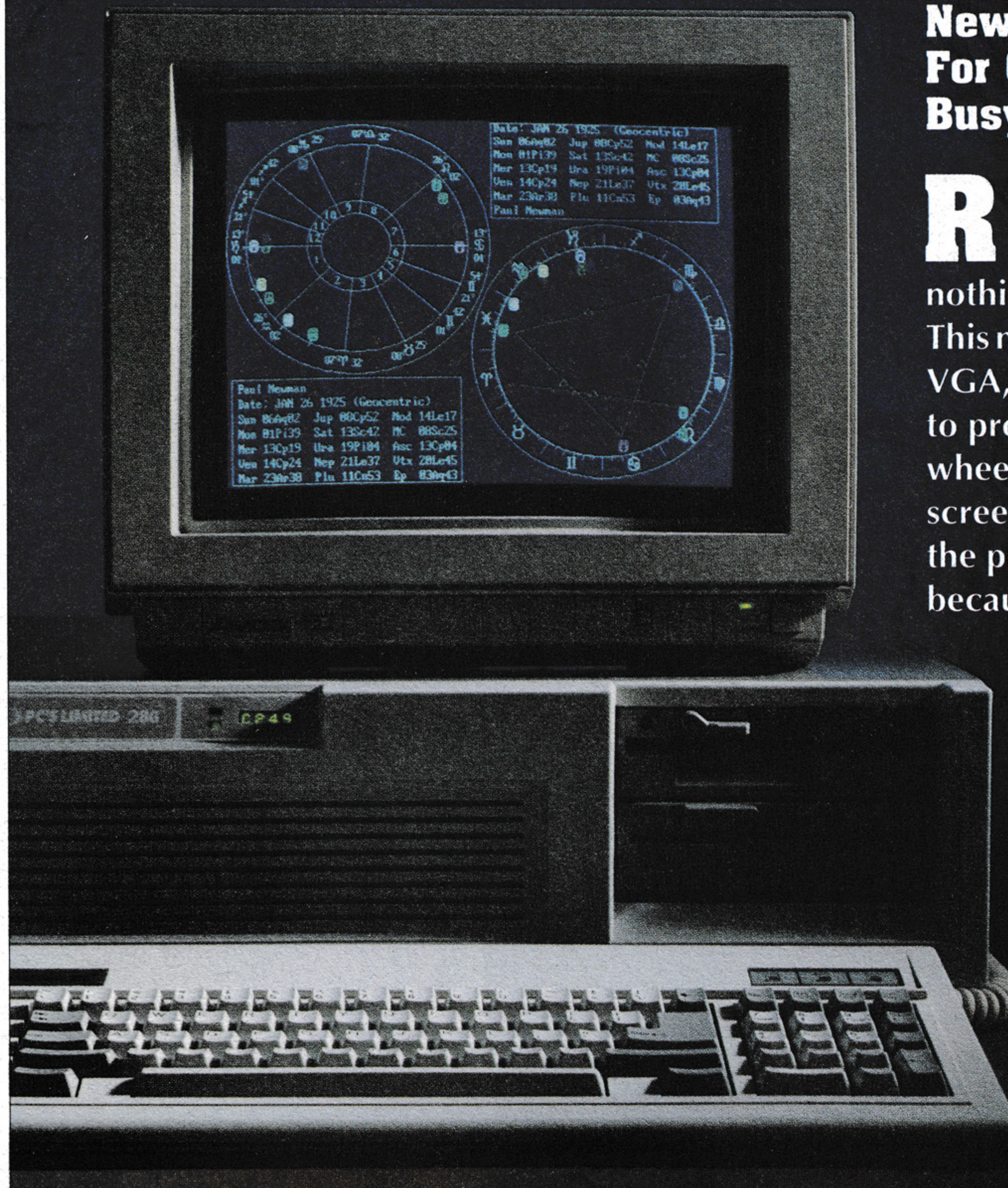
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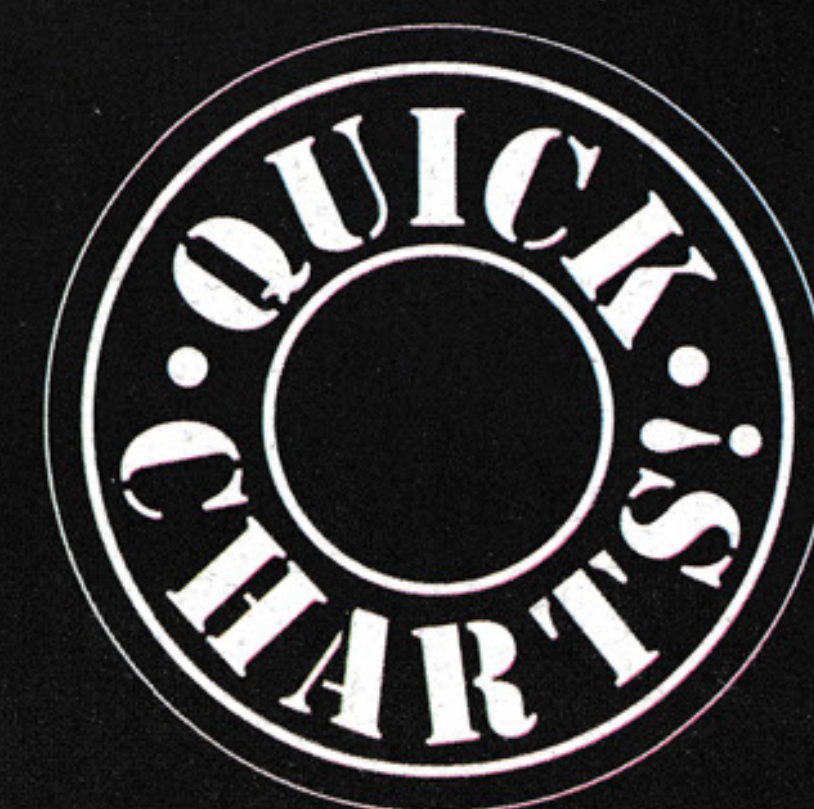
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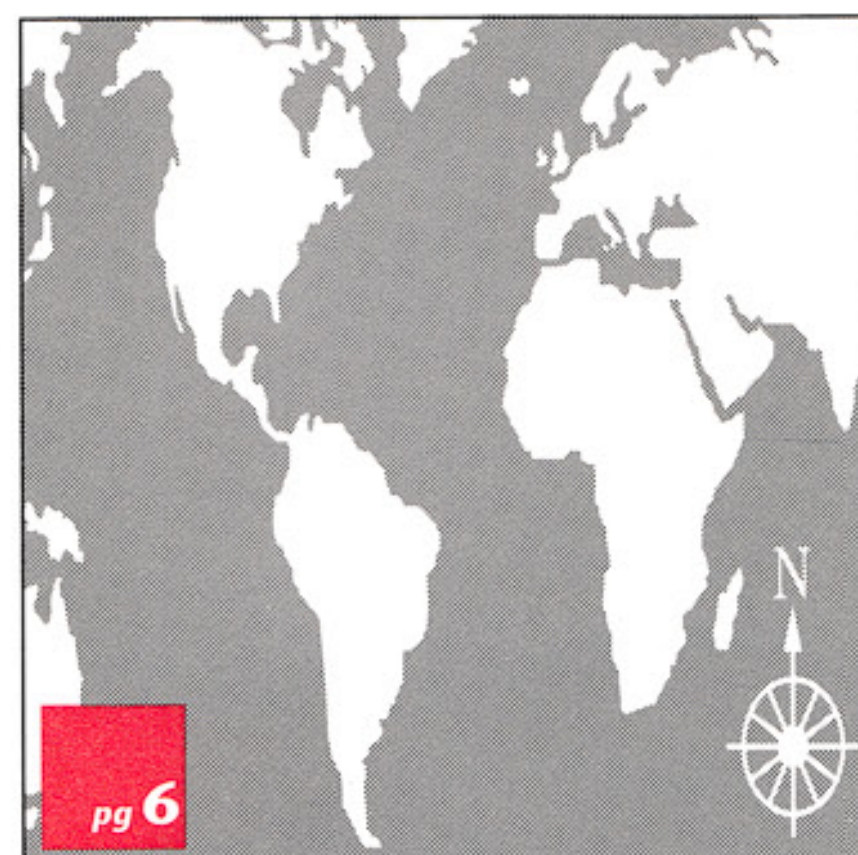
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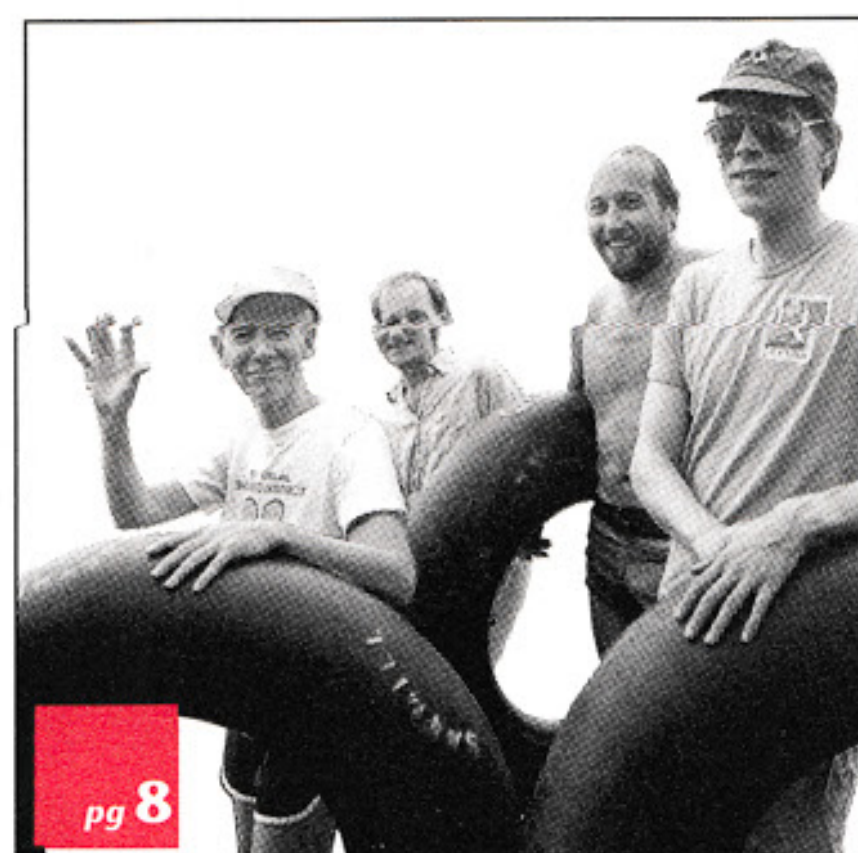
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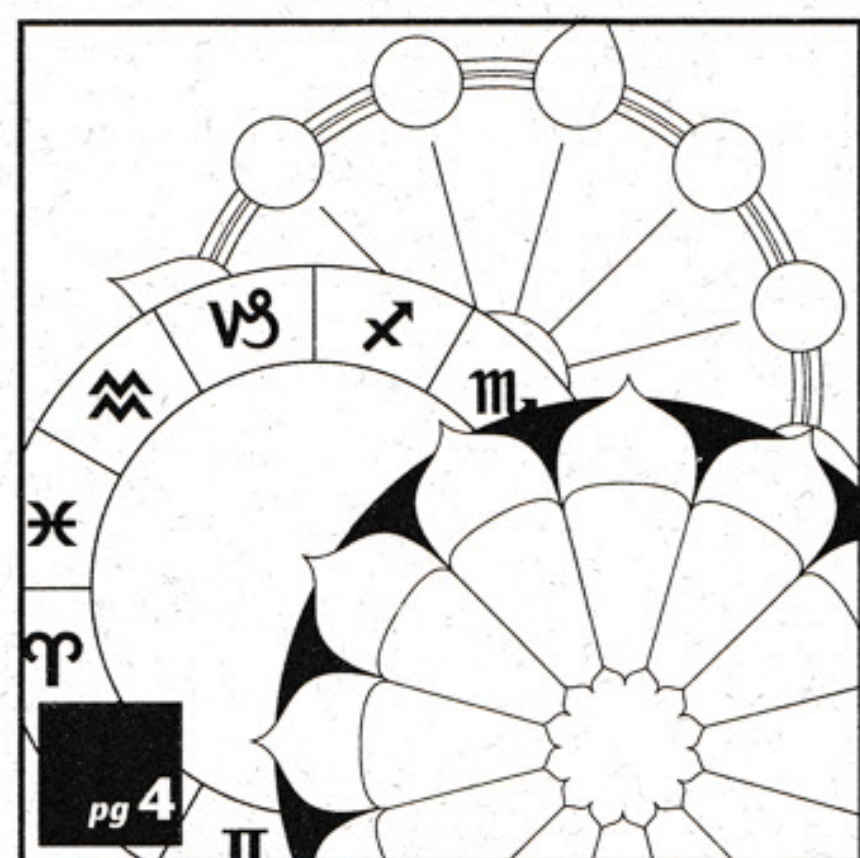


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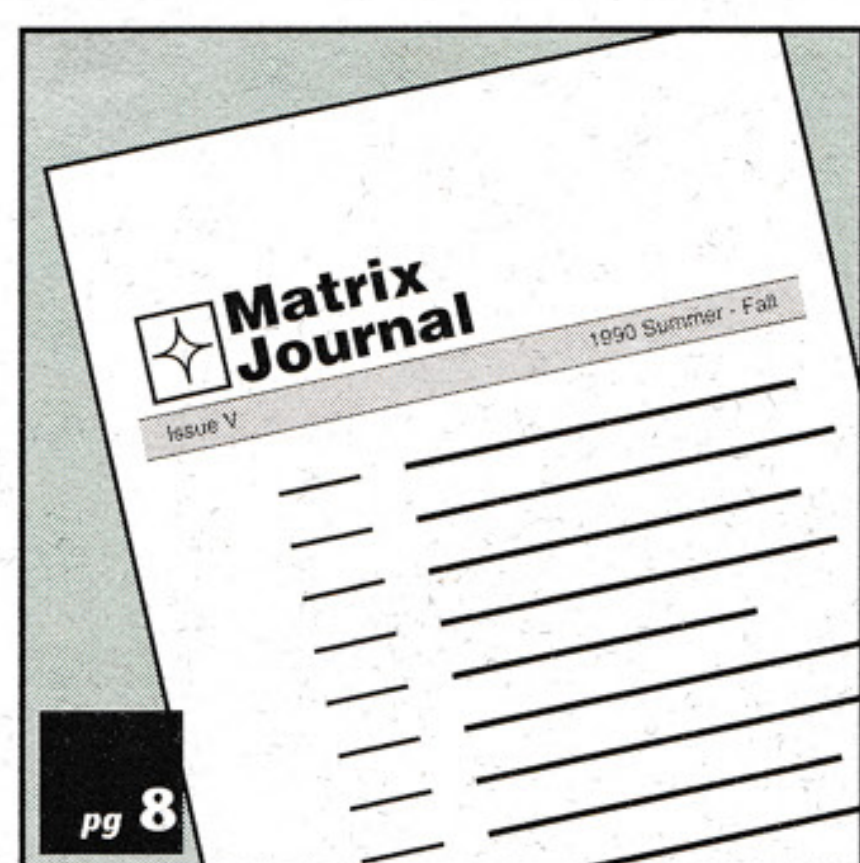
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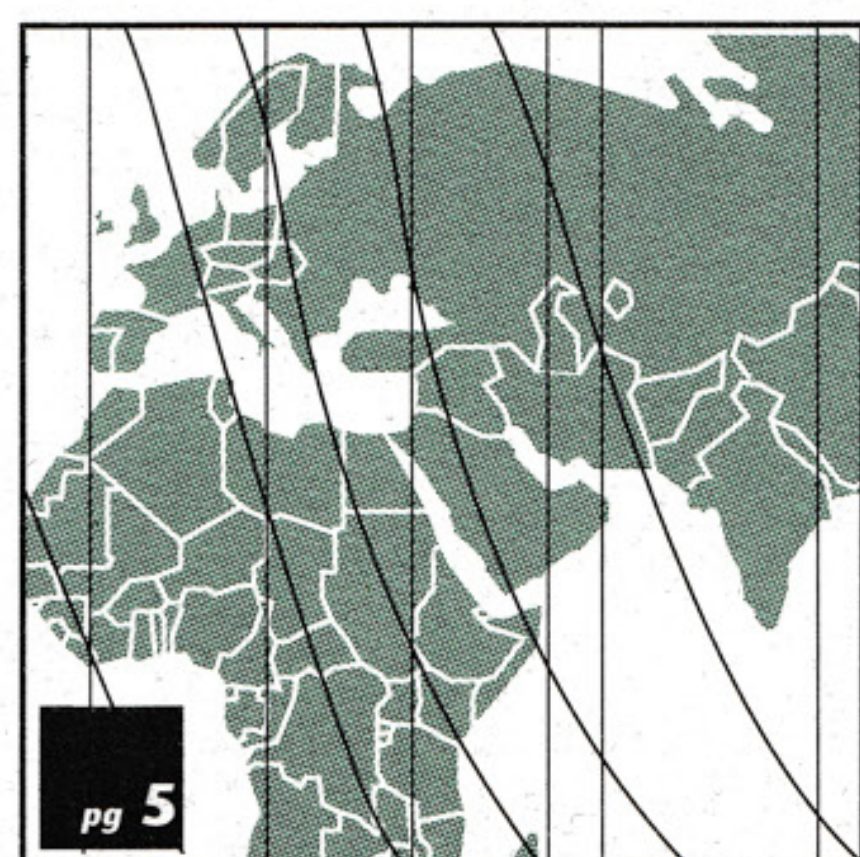
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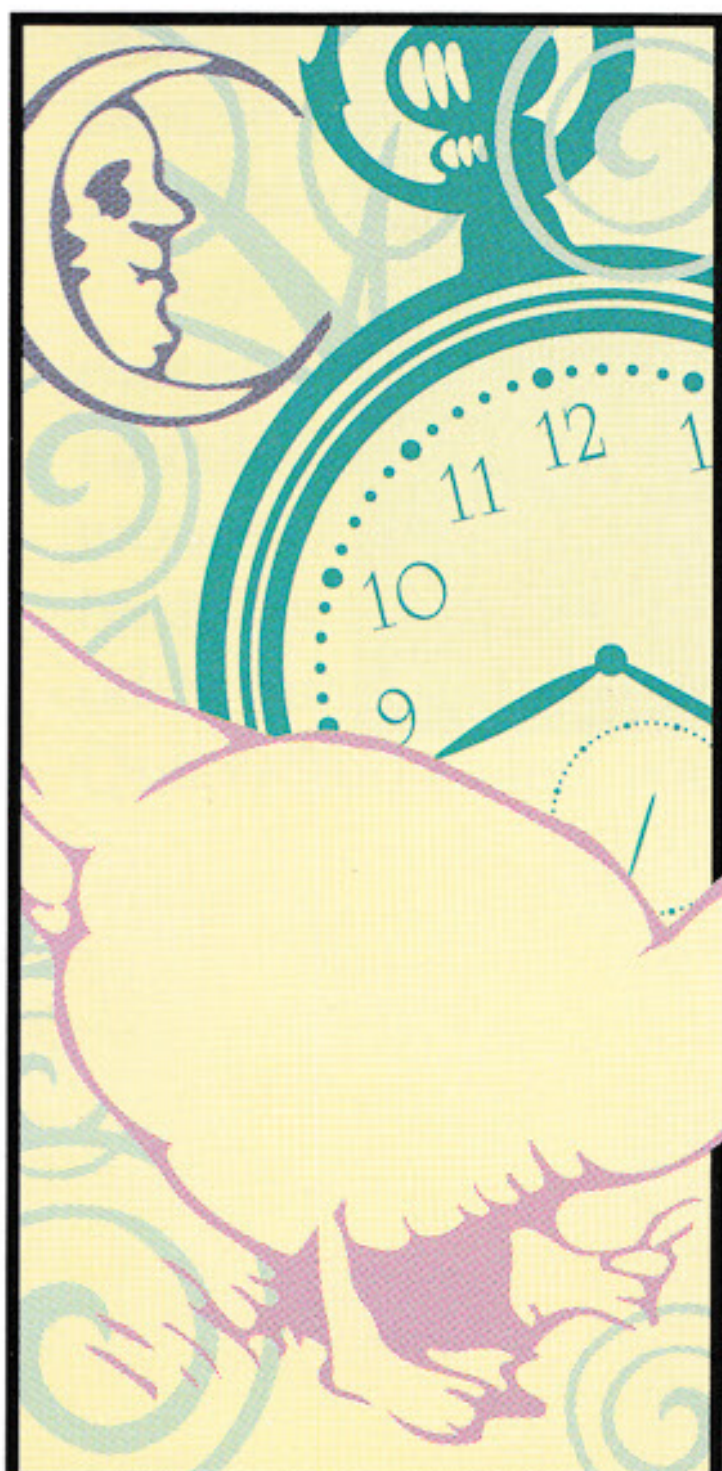
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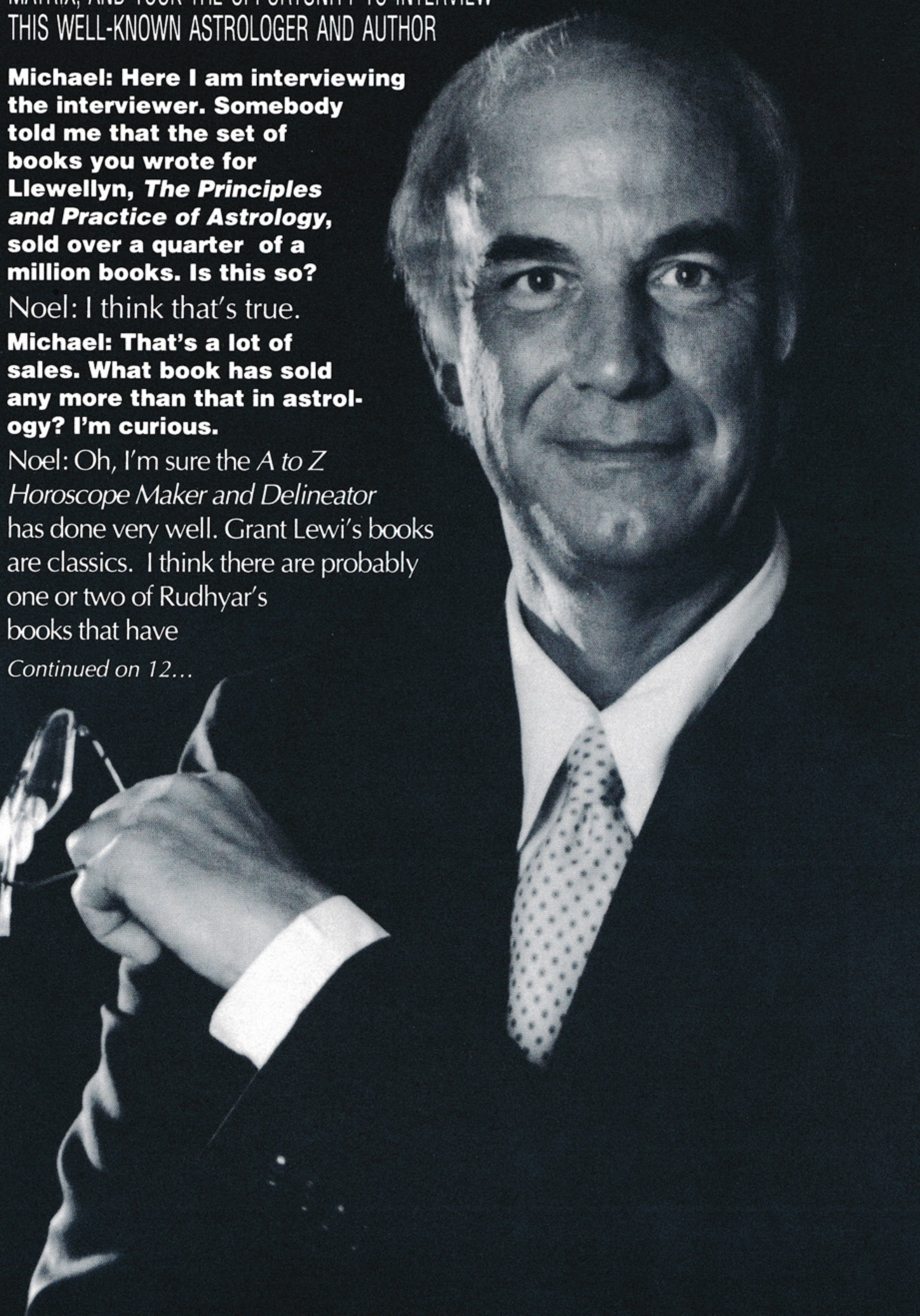
Michael: Here I am interviewing the interviewer. Somebody told me that the set of books you wrote for Llewellyn, *The Principles and Practice of Astrology*, sold over a quarter of a million books. Is this so?

Noel: I think that's true.

Michael: That's a lot of sales. What book has sold any more than that in astrology? I'm curious.

Noel: Oh, I'm sure the *A to Z Horoscope Maker and Delineator* has done very well. Grant Lewi's books are classics. I think there are probably one or two of Rudhyar's books that have

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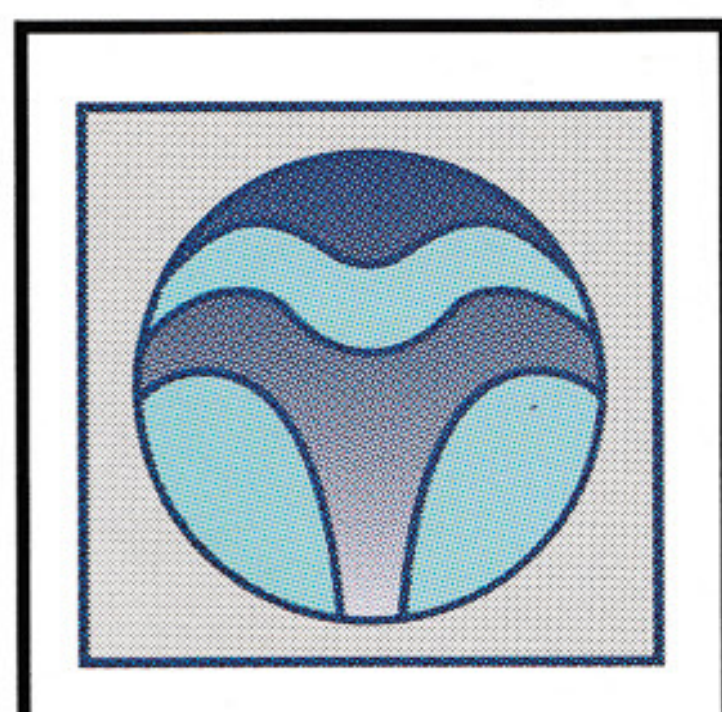
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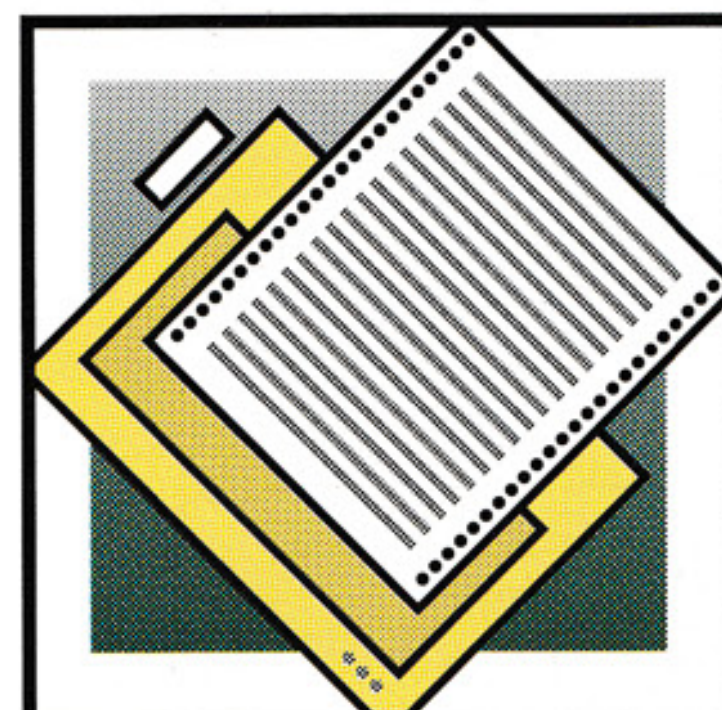


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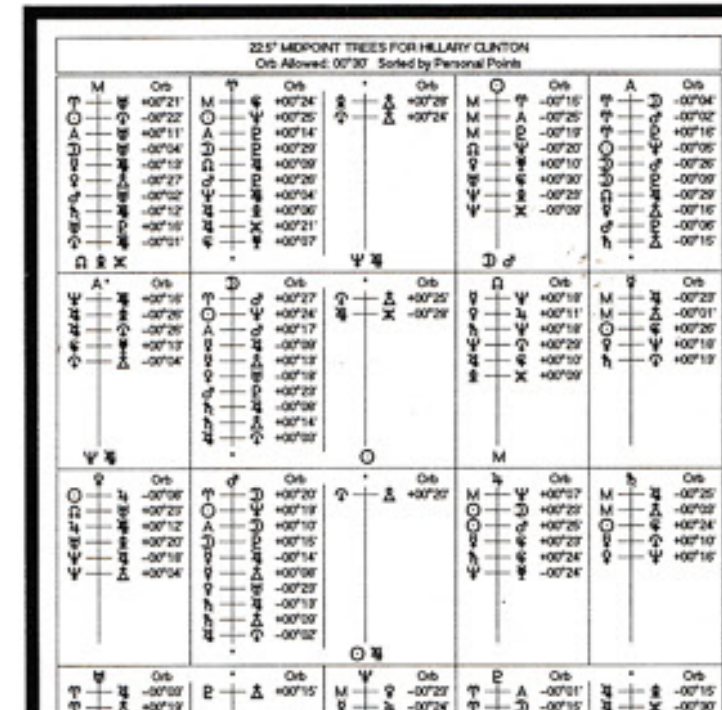
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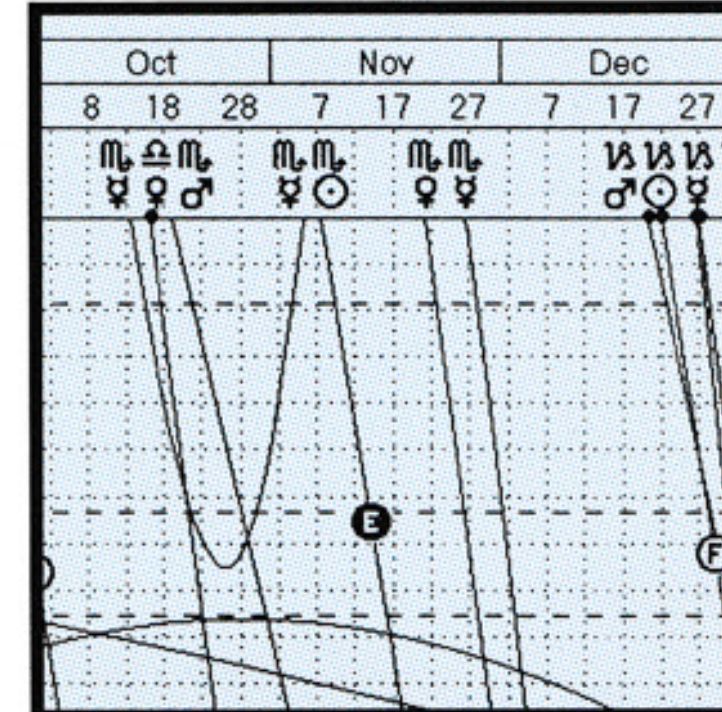
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