

2016 SKYWATCH LONG-RANGE DATEBOOK

An Astrological Timing
Guide for All Signs

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WELCOME TO 2016. The energy in the Skywatch over the next twelve months reads like a soap opera. Every month has its own message and set of distinct energies—highs and lows—as big changes in the Skywatch show up in 2016. Heads up. Positive connections between the Sun, Moon and planets in the months ahead can help you find the very best times to place your order and to find people and resources that can improve your life and times. But you'll have to be patient. Mars Retrogrades in the Spring. And there are several heavy squares to work through—delays are certain some months.

Read ahead. And get out your 2016 calendar or day timer and mark the kiss and quack days in it each month for the entire year. Add the Mercury and Mars Retrogrades. These kiss dates will give you targets: the good days and times to schedule the major events in your life. I've also listed quack days that are the least worthy of scheduling anything complicated or difficult—stick to routine on these days if possible. The kiss dates marked with a + and are called days of Grace and offer you the best times of the month for work or play. The quack days marked with a - have challenging and often dangerous planetary alignments—caution lights will be up on these days.

Keep these dates handy if you are a substitute teacher or on the wait staff and/or can pick your days to work. And be certain to pick the good days to see the doctor or dentist. Or to have elective surgery. Avoid dealing with the medical system on the quack days, if you can. This is when they are more subject to making errors and making you wait two hours to see the doc. Use the kiss days to deal with government agencies, too, and never file important papers during Mercury Rx—unless you want to risk them getting stuck in the system. It's the same story for taking your pets to the vet, or your car to the mechanic. Don't go on quack days. Try to schedule these visits on kiss

days if possible—plan ahead. And it will be much easier when your calendar is all marked up with the Skywatch information.

Obviously every sales force should pay close attention to these dates and times. And even if the day is not a kiss day, there will still be good times to talk to clients and have a positive connection for all of us. Avoid putting any pressure on clients on the quack days—negative responses are more likely. Get more information on the exact times to call—or not—in my daily report posted at www.skywatchastrology.com. Got a question about the Skywatch? Type it in the comment section on the site and I'll try to answer it.

Picking dates for legal matters, escrows to close, marriages, filing for divorce, spending your money, making investments—all deserve a good day and are more likely to succeed with good timing. Nothing guarantees you win on these days, but the odds are better, the timing is right for good things to happen when there are positive elements in the Skywatch. And this is an old science. Astrologers have been watching the planets and their cycles for thousands of years and watching what happens on Earth at the same time. Simply stated: As above, so below. Welcome aboard.

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★JANUARY★

Mercury is in the spotlight this month and you'll want to take note of his path and connections to other planets. New plans/changes are likely to stall as Mercury again turns Retrograde on Jan 5 and Jupiter also turns Retrograde on Jan 7. Jupiter's Rx cycle is not that big a deal as he spends five months a year appearing to back up in the sky. As the ruler of expansion and our philosophy he loses his focus and makes us prepare very carefully if we wish to progress in the days ahead—this is a typical situation when a planet is Rx. Mercury's station at the same time is more important.

Mercury barely enters Aquarius before turning Rx and retreating back into Capricorn, the first Winter sign, on Jan 8. As Mercury retreats he squares unpredictable Uranus on Jan 20, and again on Jan 31. Rx cycles typically bring extreme weather events and problems with computers, cars and electrical stuff with Uranus involved. The less planned on those days, the better.

And finally, Mercury meets powerful Pluto in the heavens on Jan 22 and stays connected until Jan 29! Mercury will meet Pluto while Rx, turn direct in motion, and conjunct/meet Pluto one more time. This will be an extraordinary period when truths will come out. And great lies will be told.

Pluto is the researcher and this will be a fabulous time to solve problems and for healing words and feelings to surface. Pluto also rules criminals and we might expect more thefts of important information—Mercury rules the details.

Note these days, January 22-29, in your calendar. This could be when you take a fabulous course than changes your life, or the week aunt Martha stops by for a visit and motor mouths you to death—Pluto. Nothing planned? Some unusual event in your neighborhood or office is likely with this pair. Record setting weather events are certain as Pluto rules extremes. Virgo and Gemini birth signs, ruled by Mercury along with Scorpio birth signs ruled by Pluto have front row seats to this surge of mental energy in the Skywatch. Remember to wait until after the Rx is over on Jan 25 to make final decisions. You may totally change your mind during the Rx cycle with Pluto influencing your thinking.

JANUARY KISS DAYS: 11, 13, 14, 18+. And you can add Jan 12 and 30 as kiss days but with Void of Course Moons = good for everything except finalizing matters. Count your blessings on Jan 18—it's a day to give something back.

JANUARY QUACK DAYS: 5+, 20+, 22, 31. Keep it very simple on the + days as little problems can get out of hand while people and matters may not be who they seem to be. Thankfully there are very few difficult squares or challenging oppositions in the Skywatch in Jan. Dealing with Mercury Rx is our main focus this month.

★FEBRUARY★

We all get a good break in February as the Skywatch tilts to the positive side. There are no big explosions of energy in the heavens and all planets are in direct motion, save for Jupiter who tottles backwards in Virgo reminding up to do our homework first—good decisions are made thereafter.

But the big group is moving forward and that means this is an excellent month to move, start a new job or class and to put our energy into the matters that will bring us benefits in the long run.

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This is the best astrological calendar made. It's the one I use to write Skywatch and is filled with information on the planets, signs and aspects as well as showing you the daily position of all the planets. Get one, follow along, read the daily Skywatch reports and you will begin to learn a lot about astrology quickly.

Circle the weekend of Feb 6/7 in your calendar. There are five exact planetary aspects that weekend. Three kisses and two quacks. This is a good mix and suggests a breakthrough or surge of creative energy over these two days. This would be a very good weekend to experiment and step outside the box knowing the outcome might not be perfect, but it will be illuminating. Be sure to read the daily reports these days and you can get the full measure of joy from the kisses and know how to step over the two challenging quacks, the squares that appear at the same time. And sometimes squares help you break through a mindset or habit. Squares have power.

Another unusual combination is in the Skywatch now as the North Node of the Moon meets lucky Jupiter in the heavens in Virgo. This connection has been in power since the beginning of the year and will continue to be a welcome element in the Skywatch for another month. The Node represents our karmic path and what we are supposed to do in this lifetime. Jupiter brings people and events to us that help us to fulfill that destiny. So this is when you meet people and feel like you know them at first encounter—and who do turn out to be positive influences in your life. This is a once in 10 to 15 year event when you may meet Buddha on the path wearing your team's jersey. Be sure to get his/her email address. The people you meet this month may hold an important key to matters related to your health and job, ruled by Virgo. Trust your instincts when you meet new people.

FEBRUARY KISS DAYS: 1, 3+, 10, 13, 14. Add Feb 26 but the Moon is V/C—research but don't buy. And add Feb 6 and 7 as there are kisses both days. The 3rd is a day of Grace and an excellent day to deal with bosses, authority figures, the government and for top shelf appointments—biz and personal.

FEBRUARY QUACK DAYS: 8+. A New Moon squares Mars that day and folks might be a little impatient and hasty. Add Feb 6 and 7 as there are quacks on those days, too. But it's not going to knock you off your horse. It's rare to have so few days in a month with challenging aspects. However, there are long Moon Void of Course periods—times to pull back and simplify your plans.

★MARCH★

A three-ring circus comes to town in March. As Jupiter stumbles backwards in his Retrograde motion and connects with three different planets in a very short period of time this month. Two of the planets have stingers. The third planet creates millionaires. Yes, yes, yes. This group puts our judgment to the test. Here's the lineup.

Jupiter makes an inconjunct to unpredictable Uranus on Mar 6. This is a minor aspect that begins to power up on the

2016 PLANETARY RETROGRADES

From time to time the planets appear to be backing up in the heavens and driving in reverse. This apparent motion is caused by the Earth speeding by in her orbit creating the illusion of the planet Retrograding. Notable that the Sun and Moon never Rx. While the most important Rx cycles we observe in Skywatch belong to Mercury and Mars. These are the personal planets and their Rx cycles are quite noticeable and will be major events in the astrological weather of 2016. Any Rx planet loses clarity and focus which turns on the caution lights on all new events ruled by that planet.

Mercury is the messenger planet who rules our computers and all the machines we use for travel and communications, including our cars—all more subject to malfunction and breakdown during Mercury's four Rx cycles in 2016. Yes, back up your computer and get your car serviced before the Rx cycle begins. The benefit: This is a good time to go back over recent plans and actions and to review, rethink and reexamine your work—improvements are likely to be significant and most helpful once the Rx cycle ends. This is a poor time to travel, sign important papers and to make binding decisions that have long-range significance—you might change your mind. Mercury Rx periods in 2016 are: **January 5-25, April 28–May 22, August 29–September 22, December 19-January 8, 2017**. Mercury rules both Virgo and Gemini birth signs who typically can feel the Mercury Rx cycle coming on a week ahead of time.

Mars rules our muscles and the energy/drive to put new plans and ideas into motion. In Rx, we all lose some horsepower and need more rest—this is not the time to try to break personal best records in the gym, or to launch major new projects. Better to pull back during Mars Rx and review your course of action. The benefit: Pulling back and recharging your batteries while working patiently on something that will happen after Mars resumes direct motion will greatly increase your chances of success and completion. Unusual bursts of adrenaline and anger from unlikely sources also accompanies Mars Rx. You may find yourself impatient over something that needs time to mature, especially Aries birth signs who are ruled by Mars, and Scorpio birth signs who are co-ruled by Mars. Mars will be Rx from **April 17–June 29**.

first of the month and suggests problems with computers, cars, high tech and unexpected stressful situations and reactions. Typically, the negative energy in the inconjunct leaves quickly past the exact alignment—it doesn't indicate anything permanent, just something that bugs you. This is not a good time to change things or make snap decisions. Let this date go by before you act.

The big kiss in this group begins to power up at the same time and will be exact on Mar 16. This is when expansive Jupiter makes a trine to powerful Pluto. This blend of energies sets up an excellent three-week period of time to schedule/reach for all kinds of healing, to travel, to handle legal matters, to find a partner or source of power or support. This marker rewards risk takers and is found in the charts of millionaires—and you get to borrow/tap into that energy this month.

But you've got to know your limitations. Jupiter travels on to make a challenging square to realistic Saturn on Mar 23. Ouch! Bad timing, bad legal advice, problems with the government and big biz all are more likely with this square. And especially due to Saturn now being in Sagittarius, ruled by Jupiter. Don't bite off more than you can chew this month. Stick to the tried and true around this square and be certain everything you do is legal. This square hangs out in the Skywatch for the next two months and is bound to signal the arrival of some serious economic condition in the headlines. Get organized as the month begins and Saturn won't be as much of a problem. But be ready for things to slow down.

Retrograde cycles often bring people and matters from the past back into our lives. And these Jupiter contacts may do the same for you—hopefully they will be positive ones. These three aspects will repeat during the Summer months and then disappear for good.

MARCH KISS DAYS: 12, 16+, 17, 19, 26. Throw your hat into the ring this month—fill out an application, make the

call, and ask for what you want on these days—give yourself the chance to win.

MARCH QUACK DAYS: 1, 5, 6, 14+, 21, 22+, 23+, 25, 30. There are six stressful planetary aspects on Mar 14. The less you have planned that day, the better. Same story a week later when the big square sets up—keep it simple and reduce your exposure to loss/hassle on the + days.

★APRIL★

Three important planets turn Retrograde in April. Add Saturn to the list who is already Rx and we'll have four of the eight planets backing up in the heavens by month's end. The Sun and Moon never Rx. Best then to get projects rolling and all your important contacts and travel scheduled for the first two weeks of the month before these Rx cycles cloud up the Skywatch.

Mars begins an 80+ day Retrograde motion on Apr 17 that will last until June 29. This every other year event lowers our energy level and calls out a time to pull back and reconsider the path we are on and how to improve our chances up ahead. This is not a good time to open a new store or to start a big new project—the odds go way down during Mars Rx that you'll get traction and immediate progress. Mars begins the Rx cycle on 8 degrees of Sagittarius and will back up to 23 degrees of Scorpio. Sag rules the law. "Aggressors lose" is the old lore on this cycle, so this is not the time to start any legal proceedings or fights/contests.

Mercury will also turn Retrograde on Apr 28 to May 22. This time in Taurus, the money sign, kicking on the caution lights around major purchases and financial decisions. Accidents, breakdowns, power failures and all kinds of mischief are of Mercury's doing.

Pluto also turns Rx a day after Mars on Apr 18. Of itself this is not unusual as Pluto has a long Rx cycle every year.



MOON VOID OF COURSE.

The Moon travels around the Zodiac quickly, completing the circle in about 28 days. (Pluto takes 250 years to do the same.) As she enters a new sign every 2–3 days, she connects/aspects/aligns with all the other planets. At some point she will finish her conversation/connections with them, walk away, lose all awareness of the other planets and drift out the back door without saying good-bye. This disconnected period—from her last conversation to when she enters a new sign—is what we call Moon V/C. These V/C periods vary in length from 2 minutes to 24 hours or more, depending on how all the other planets are stationed. Our intuition and judgment can be cloudy and uncertain when the Moon is V/C. It's not a good time to make major purchases or binding decisions—outcomes are uncertain—you may change your mind later and regret an impulsive act.

BENEFITS: While we are cautioned to pull back from the material world during Moon V/C, we can turn our attention to the spiritual world and find satisfaction. This is a good time for meditation, recentering, spiritual studies and for helping others. Stick to routine and keep your plans simple during V/C periods and you will not find them to be difficult.



However, it is uncommon that both Mars and Pluto, the power boys, stop and begin to back up on the bases at the same time. Some folks will be supercharged in these hours, while many others will think their tank is empty, empty.

Again we'll have long Void of Course cycles due to how the other planets are bunched up in a small part of the Zodiac. I'll keep you posted on the times in the daily report. We are lucky that there are very few difficult aspects/squares in the astrological weather this month. So accept detours and delays with the idea that things will get right again down the road a piece. And be on the lookout for something positive in these times. You may discover a new resource or ally.

APRIL KISS DAYS: 2, 3, 12+, 14, 22, 27. Add 5 and 11 to this list but hold off on finalizing things those days with the Moon V/C. The 12th is a day of Grace and a stellar time to get in touch with the people that can help you.

APRIL QUACK DAYS: 6, 7, 19 25. Double check all financial transactions for errors/deceit on the first three days in this list and be certain you get what you paid for—some won't.

★MAY★

We all will be walking up hill in May. Park your expectations at the door. Delays, schedule changes, problems with travel, commitments, foreign connections, and major screw ups are all more likely to occur when Mercury and Mars are both Retrograde in the Skywatch at the same time. And here we go: Mars remains in his Retrograde cycle all month and until June 29. Mercury is Rx as the month begins and continues to back up on the bases until May 22.

Mark these days in your calendar: April 28–May 22. It's wise in this period of time when both planets are Rx to be extremely

cautious with first-time events and purchases—double check the details. Rx cycles are best used by going back over recent plans and determining ways to make them better. This is the time to review, revise and to shop.

Mercury backs up in Taurus, the money sign, suggesting a good month to find ways to save or make some extra cash. Certainly it's a good month to look at your financial story and the options you have. Mercury ends his Rx cycle in a good spot in the heavens making a powerful trine to both Jupiter and Pluto. Translation: the efforts you put into your financial matters in May will pay off. This is also a good month to teach kids how to start a saving habit.

Mars Rx is never any fun. But it's the time to pull back and rest a bit.

And it's a good time to be working on something that won't be ready for a while, something you'll have perfected by the end of June, around the time Mars turns direct. Reactions from others, from anger to lust, will surface in situations you don't expect this month. It's a good time to take a look at what turns you on, and what is worth fighting for. Mars kicks it up a notch on May 27 when he backs into powerful Scorpio to finish his Rx cycle.

The last chapter in a difficult planetary alignment also appears in the heavens on May 26 as Jupiter squares conservative Saturn. Expansion vs. Contraction. This square has been hanging out in the Skywatch since March and tests our commitment and values in one area of our life. Pegged by many astrologers as “bad timing” in business, this challenging aspect is bound to put negative financial news in the headlines. Our mission is to play it cool and to not expect or promise more than is possible/realistic—Saturn.

MAY KISS DAYS: 1, 6+, 10+, 15, 30, 31. Here's the good news in May—we have more kiss days than stressful. Two + days of Grace are excellent for important appointments and making new connections that can help you in the future. Add May 13 to this list—morning hours are lousy and the Moon turns V/C, but Venus trines Pluto that Friday night and the mood is loving and fun.

MAY QUACK DAYS: 21+, 22, 25, 26, 29. The weekend of 21/22 is the most stressful as a Full Moon is sitting right on top of Retrograde Mars. Avoid travel, signing important documents, and making major changes/purchases on these dates if possible.

★JUNE★

Caution lights. Mars remains Retrograde in powerful Scorpio until June 29. The anger/lust/hate reactions you receive from others are likely to surprise you this month. Mars co-rules Scorpio with Pluto and is not happy backing up. I don't want to even guess how this frustrated energy will show up in the world events. Be extra careful with anything dangerous this month as accidents and problems can quickly get out of hand. Vampires are about. Scorpio also rules the mafia, criminals—and the Catholic Church.

A giant Mutable Grand Cross sets up in the heavens as the month begins. This formation is made up of four squares and two oppositions, challenging aspects that are bound to complicate matters around your home or office. Schedule the first four days lightly. Sweet Venus is in the middle of all this but is squared by Jupiter = don't go overboard in your expectations and promises around the New Moon on Jun 1–4. Travel and communications problems are certain. More trouble follows.

Realistic Saturn squares idealistic Neptune on June 17. Saturn squares test us. Neptune is our dream/path. This square will hang around and reappear in Sept. The last time this square came through, many years back, a nearby small town built (Saturn) a fabulous new library spending millions of dollars, complete with coffee shop and a children's center. The square to Neptune: after they finished the building they didn't have any money left for books. True story. Mars Rx adds an unpredictable element to this confusing square and prompts us to stay conservative and to keep things simple in June, at least until this square goes by.

The good news in the Skywatch appears on June 26 when expansive Jupiter trines healing Pluto. This trine is really in power all month long but will be more helpful once we get past the big square. Jupiter is in Virgo, the sign associated with medicine and natural forms of healing. So this is a good month to start a diet or any kind of healthful program. Add Mars Rx to this trine and you need to give any new situation a few extra days to start showing you some progress. Pluto is one of the best at fixing things, and Jupiter is a good source of inspiration, hope and support. They can help you in any category you choose. The good vibes in the trine will linger into the days that follow—schedule something positive, healing, and good for your soul at months end. As times change.

JUNE KISS DAYS: 6, 9, 16, 29, 30. These are the better days for important appointments and business. Add 12 and

26+ to this list as the energy is good both days but the Moon is Void of Course.

JUNE QUACK DAYS: 1-4, 17+, 18, 20+, 22. Who's on first? That's the question as a Mutable Grand Cross throws us curve balls as the month begins. Heads up. The last four days in this list will be very difficult for many people and that's what you want to remember if you work with the public. Neptune brings us problems with drugs, booze, water, poisons, infections, zombies and deceit—stay out of leaky boats and don't believe all you hear in June—do your own research.

★JULY★

Here's a catch-up month. No big squares and no confusing personal planet Retrograde cycles appear in this month's Skywatch. As you go through the trials and tribulations of the Spring squares and Retrogrades, know that you can safely postpone important appointments and decisions you've had no time for until we get to July when suddenly we have good news and lots of it in the astrological weather.

Mars is now direct in his motion and still in powerful Scorpio, a sign he co-rules. He now brings us fabulous energy to clean out the closets and to bring old furniture back to new life. Or to dive into a therapy that looks at our emotional conditioning. Scorpio wants to get down and get at the truth. Mars is pushy and impatient, but also willing to try something new. This is a very good month to put your energy into something that helps you grow and progress. The right choice is the one you feel the strongest about. Scorpio is a water sign = feelings count.

New ideas will be flying through the ether in July. Mercury begins the month in early Cancer and then flies through that water sign and into fire sign Leo on the 13th. Mercury stays about two weeks in Leo and enters earth sign Virgo on the 30th. Mercury is moving at his fastest clip this month which encourages communications of all kinds in the biz world. If you want to appeal to folk's emotions, send your message out while Mercury is in water sign Cancer. But if you want to advertise your theme park wait until Mercury is in fire sign Leo, the sign that rules playgrounds and having fun. Something practical that you want to share is best sent out when Mercury is in realistic earth sign Virgo. Different strokes of Mercury for different messages—something advertising agencies haven't figured out yet.

There's a New Moon on July 4, the nation's birthday. That's a very good sign in astrology—and makes for an extremely powerful Solar Return for the USA. New ideas and new initiatives will be floating through the headlines in the months ahead; new energy will fuel breakthroughs and positive situations encouraging all of us to support our country's values and laws. This will be an important year for America. As to whether the new values/solutions that appear bring benefits for all, or don't last more than the first few innings and only bring benefits to the wealthy, only time will tell.

JULY KISS DAYS: 1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 15+, 20. Choose the morning of the 15th for the hardest call you have to make, or for getting a new haircut—it's a day of Grace and a good time to get in touch with the people who can help you. There are

good aspects in many of the other days this month, but you'll need to check out the daily reports as something else is also happening on those days which you need to know about, along with the kiss.

JULY QUACK DAYS: 7+, 11, 29. That's it. There aren't many difficult markers in the heavens this month. Stay out of the dentist's chair on the 7th as astrological skies cloud up and nobody is in a good mood. Communication problems are likely on all three days—wait for another day to make your case.

★AUGUST★

The Sun, Mercury, Venus and Jupiter will all spend time in earthy Virgo this month. Virgo is ruled by clever Mercury, ruler of the fine print. Be sure to double-check the details and be sure to hang on to receipts, messages, letters and business cards as you are likely to meet people this month whose value is not apparent at the moment, but they may prove to be extremely helpful to your cause in the days ahead. Lucky Jupiter enters the sign of partnerships next month. Heads up Taurus and Capricorn birth signs as these Virgo planets kiss your Sun—get your order out on the table and make an appearance—the Force is with you.

Virgo rules our pets and all small animals, so this is a good month to get a new kitty or to take yours to the veterinarian. And with beautiful Venus and lucky Jupiter making a contact in the Skywatch this month, the odds are very good a Grand Champion puppy will be born somewhere. Virgo also rules our health and the holistic way and means of treating it. So this is a very good month to start any kind of new diet or exercise plan—the energy in the Skywatch now can carry you long enough to make new healthy habits permanent.

The stinker of the month appears in the heavens on August 13 when Jupiter makes an inconjunct to Uranus. This is a minor aspect that can cause problems with electricity, computers, and the rebellious tribes. Lots of folks won't be disturbed by this one, but you may have trouble getting service or people to pay attention for a few days preceding this aspect. Be flexible in your planning and open to a detour around this date. And pay extra attention to the kids and critters as minor accidents are certain for some. This marker is not likely to give you any real problems, just a new complication to work through.

Mercury begins another Retrograde cycle on Aug 29 which will continue until Sept 22. You've noticed all the Mercury Rx cycles are in earth signs this year—they are always in just one element and were all in air signs last year. Sweet Venus and lucky Jupiter join Mercury in the heavens during the last weekend of the month, just before the Rx cycle begins. This triffecta of planets is rather rare in the Skywatch and sets up a stellar weekend for social plans, introductions, family reunions, on and on.

Mars finally leaves intense Scorpio on Aug 2 and enters adventuresome Sagittarius for a seven week run. Sag energy is optimistic, fiery and full of promise—you'll notice the change in the people's attitude around you once Mars enters the sign of the Centaur. Mars entered Scorpio last Jan 4, and except for a short run in Sag, has been in Scorpio since then. That means Mars has been sitting in one little section of your birth chart for the last seven months—hopefully you've settled an issue that he has raised during this time. Mars will pass his shadow, the point he turned Rx, on Aug 22. The year begins again, in a way, in the weeks that follow

AUGUST KISS DAYS: 1, 2, 16, 17, 27+, 28, 29. These are the better days to make important calls and to handle priority matters. Venus and Jupiter meet in the heavens on the 27th for a day of Grace. Add the 24th to this list, but the Moon turns V/C at midday.

AUGUST QUACK DAYS: 6+, 7, 12, 13+, 25, 26. Venus makes two squares on the + days along with other stressful planetary alignments—back off, keep it simple, and hang on to your money on both days as your judgment may not be sound. On these days ask yourself: Do you really need the red high heeled sneakers?

★SEPTEMBER★

Caution lights are up as the month begins. Confusion and more are likely as Mercury continues his Retrograde path in his home sign of Virgo. The devil will be in the details until he resumes direct motion on Sept 22. Expect an unsettled beginning to the school year and be aware that just one small event or detail can prove critical this month and bring you success or a minor setback in these first three weeks. Virgo draws a very fine line. The good news is that Mercury backs into a fabulous trine to Pluto in the heavens as he stations from Sept 20–24. Truth serum? This is close to it and suggests positive outcomes and solutions—and a very good time to ask for what you want. Be patient while Mercury is Rx.

The major complication to all the above is Saturn lining up in a square to dreamy Neptune again on Sept 10. This is the third and last pass between these two opposites. Saturn wants reality. Neptune wants the dream. Saturn is the tester who can throw an extra responsibility or chore your way just to see if you really like what you are doing. This marker is in full power as the month begins—remember, it's the creeping that will get you. Strange sleep and dreams, problems with drugs, booze and water follow Neptune around.

And you may feel a bit spaced out, especially with Mercury Rx at the same time. Neptune tries to destroy the organization Saturn builds with. Frustration of some kind is certain and it's best to let all this go by before you make any major changes, decisions and purchases in your life, if possible. Wait until



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Mercury trines Pluto and you will make a more informed decision, and at that time people will be much more inclined to agree with you if you have a proposal to make.

Bottom Line: School starts with more hassles and problems than usual over the first half of Sept. And I know many kids will be tempted to walk out of first grade thinking “it’s all a big joke.” Lots of my friends are teachers who may be thinking the same thing during the first two weeks. It will be the same story at the local junior college—but don’t give up. The nasty Saturn square fades, Mercury stops being goofy and a much better set of markers show up over the last two weeks of the month for all of us. Headlined by Jupiter entering Libra on Sept 9.

Yes, you did see a cute redhead in your new class or at the grocery store this month and this is just the beginning of a year that will spark lots of new romances and plenty of engagements. Jupiter is the planet of expansion and good luck. Libra is the sign of partnerships and is ruled by loving Venus. This new Jupiter cycle appears in the heavens once every 12 years and lasts about a year. The last visit was from Sept/2004 to Oct/2005. So this will be a good year ahead to network, to get out on the dance floor, to improve the relationships we have—and for finding a better balance in our lives between work and play. Gemini, Aquarius and Libra planets all get “a high five” as Jupiter loves you the most in his new cycle. Thankfully, we all get a friendly boost from Venus and Jupiter that can lead to lifelong artistic or business partnerships forming, including a marriage, in this new Jupiter cycle.

SEPTEMBER KISS DAYS: 6, 7, 19, 20, 25, 30+. This last date is a New Moon that sits next to lucky Jupiter in the heavens. It is a fabulous day to start something new in your life or to interview for a new job. Plant a seed, gamble on yourself, handle a difficult matter—give Jupiter a chance to help you succeed on the 30th.

SEPTEMBER QUACK DAYS: 1+, 9+, 10+, 11, 12, 13, 16. All in Mercury Retrograde. The + dates are especially stressful—keep it as simple as possible and double-check the details on all of these days. Kids and critters may need extra attention during these stressful times. Mercury rules our pets and all small animals.

★OCTOBER★

You’ll meet Mars in October. He spends the entire month in his favorite sign, Capricorn, which he visits for six weeks once every two years. Mars rules your muscles and he brings high energy and the courage to blaze a new trail or to start a major new event in your life in October. When he aligns in harmony with Neptune on Oct 11, we get a day of Grace. Mars energy always shows up a day or so ahead of the exact alignment with other planets. His positive connections typically make matters easier to deal with and usually bring help in some form.

Mars is a bully, a tyrant and aggressive as he squares Jupiter on Oct 5 and can be violent and destructive as he squares Uranus in Aries, the sign he rules, on Friday night, Oct 28. Road rage and worse are likely on both days and again on Oct 19 when Mars meets powerful Pluto in the heavens. These aspects appear in the Skywatch once every year or two;

you’ve seen them come and go. Best still to note them in your calendar. This is when shit happens.

A big surge of rebellious and explosive energy lights up the Skywatch as the Full Moon in Aires is conjunct eccentric Uranus on Oct 15. Not a good day to travel or to handle important matters. Computer problems and communication breakdowns issue from Mercury squaring Pluto at the same time. This Full Moon creates a giant Cardinal T-Square with seven of the ten planets (calling the Sun and Moon planets for convenience) in signs that want to take action but also form squares to Mars and Pluto who don’t agree.

Positive changes in your life are just as likely with Uranus on board this month. The squares have the power to push you away from your failures and towards the better paths to follow. Look at your history and you will find that some of the best decisions you ever made happened during squares when there were challenges that made you look at the truth. Mars gives you the energy to leave losing ideas and people behind and to find the guts to stay committed to the destiny you desire. For some this is “wake-up time.”

All this Capricorn energy also pushes you into making choices: What is priority in your life? In your job, your relationships, your spiritual quest, on and on. What really matters and what are you wasting your time on? Seven planets in Cardinal signs suggest a very, very good month to take action and to make changes that keep you on the path to your destiny.

A sneaky Jupiter Neptune inconjunct appears in the Skywatch on Oct 22–23 and will be a factor for a few days. Something confusing or deceptive issues from this pair. Strange sleep and dreams, too. I’ll have more details in the daily reports on this one. Best if you don’t plan anything complicated, dangerous or first time that weekend.

OCTOBER KISS DAYS: 3, 4, 10+, 11+, 30+. Add the 26th as the morning hours are stellar but the Moon turns V/C at noon. A New Moon aligned positively with spiritual and creative Neptune headlines the 30th. This is a stellar day for something artistic, musical, charitable and visionary.

OCTOBER QUACK DAYS: 5+, 7+, 15+, 22, 23, 28+, 29. Stick to routine on the + days and you’ll likely skip the high drama that develops from the sharp challenges in the Skywatch then. Headaches are certain for some folks who won’t slow down—accidents, too. Be safe and don’t speed or push your luck on these days.

★NOVEMBER★

The first ten days are the best for important travels, calls and business this month as the Skywatch is upbeat and friendly. Venus travels through optimistic Sagittarius ruled by lucky Jupiter during these first ten days. Meanwhile, generous Jupiter is in Libra, ruled by Venus. This is called “mutual reception” when planets are in each other’s signs, and it’s a positive alignment that encourages the best side of both planets to appear in our consciousness and behavior. This is a stellar period of time for important appointments, meetings and sales calls. Yes, introductions and blind dates, too. Venus loves to meet new people and find romance. This delightful blend of energies actually began when Venus entered Sag on Oct 18 and ends when Venus enters Capricorn on Nov 11.

The main event this month is Jupiter lining up in a square to powerful Pluto on Thanksgiving Day. This marker will be in full force three to four weeks ahead of exact and through the rest of the month. Squares challenge us. Jupiter buys too much, promises too much, expects too much in a square. Pluto compounds Jupiter's mistakes and often gets caught up in power struggles resulting in divorce, bankruptcies and legal battles that cost more than they are worth. Pluto squares typically bring a test of wills, temper tantrums, the need for compromise but little agreement in core issues.

World events are likely to be very ugly in the weeks leading up to this square. Pluto rules mass calamities. Travel is bound to be impacted, ruled by Jupiter. Pluto also rules criminals—don't take your security for granted this month. This square shows up in the Skywatch once every six or seven years and will reform next Spring. The medicine for the square is simple: Don't go overboard. And figure you'll be short a dessert or two on Thanksgiving Day as Aunt Ruth gets a fever and can't bring her apple pies. Travelers may not make it to your celebration on time as schedule changes and delays are certain in the face of the square.

Squares give us power. Use the energy of this square cleaning up a mess, untangling a bank account and/or bringing order to a part of your life where things have been chaotic. Avoid speculation with Jupiter. And sit tight. Honesty and good intentions override the square's power to give you grief—most of us will cruise on past the moment with no great loss. But factor in this square for your holiday plans and stock your liquor cabinet accordingly.

Election Day Skywatch is spacey. The Moon is in Aquarius and she kisses Venus early in the morning on Nov 8. Luna then turns Void of Course until afternoon hours when she enters idealistic Pisces whose symbol is two fish swimming in opposite directions which suggests the mood of the country reading about the election in the newspaper the next day.

NOVEMBER KISS DAYS: 2, 4, 10, 19, 20, 26, 27. This is the weakest set of Kiss days I've seen. Be sure to read the daily reports first thing on these days and you'll be able to maximize the good aspects that do show up.

NOVEMBER QUACK DAYS: 18, 22, 23, 24+, 25, 29+, 30. Stay under the speed limit on these days. A New Moon at month's end squares dreamy Neptune in the heavens suggesting a poor time to make changes. Wait. December's soil is much more fertile.

★DECEMBER★

This will be a Christmas to remember. I guarantee it. Plan to do most of your shopping before Mercury again Retrogrades on Dec 19 in Capricorn. We do get lucky on this Rx cycle as Mercury floats peacefully up river until Jan 8 and makes only positive connections with the other planets on this journey. We have much better days this month for work and play from this fact and from the powerful lineup of Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus in the Skywatch.

Two brand new aspects form in the heavens this month and both involve Uranus. "Business man" Saturn will trine Uranus,

the ruler of everything high tech and electrical, including cars, on Christmas Eve. Two days later Jupiter will oppose Uranus and this one opens the doors to both winners and losers—there's always an unpredictable element in matters touched by Uranus.

The Saturn trine is fairly rare, once every 20 years, and hangs around through nearly all of 2017. Saturn is the old guard. Uranus brings the new techniques. This pair encourages you to make changes that preserve the integrity of the structure. Saturn is practical; Uranus is inventive. A trine blends their forces and can make something wonderful from the combination. And that's why this marker is bound to be very good news for some high tech companies over the holiday season. But not all of them. Jupiter sitting opposite Uranus guarantees that some of the failures will be as spectacular as well.

Saturn and Uranus are the two rulers of Aquarius. Their trine helps all of us use the Aquarian energy in our birth charts. If you are an Aquarian or have planets in Aquarius, this trine will boost your ability to use that energy and intelligence you already have inside, but may not have been able to reach before. I have no planets in Aquarius but this air sign rules my house of partnerships. And in your chart, Aquarius rules one of the houses. That tells me this is a good time to speak, teach and to network and find new partners. Find the house with Aquarius on the cusp in your birth chart and you will find positive opportunities and possibilities appearing in your life in 2017.

The danger for all of us is in going overboard in expansion, debt and expectations—all ruled by Jupiter. His opposition to Uranus is in power all month long and will hang out through early March.

Bottom Line: You'll be reading about these same two aspects in the Skywatch over and over in the 2017 Datebook. A new era thus begins in the Skywatch in Dec that will last until next Fall. And it's a very good one. Saturn trine Uranus rewards slow, practical application of new ideas and changes. Jupiter opposite Uranus is a joker in the deck but not a big problem unless you are avoiding the truth = Uranus. Stay honest with yourself and you won't suffer from the opposition.

DECEMBER KISS DAYS: 1, 9, 13, 23, 24+, 25+, 26, 27. This is the sweetest Skywatch I've ever seen for the holiday. Venus makes three kisses on Christmas Day! The good vibes continue as Kwanzaa celebrations begin. Just remember to save receipts and double-check the details during the days Mercury is Rx.

DECEMBER QUACK DAYS: 7, 15, 31+. Not many, but be very careful New Year's Eve as Mars meets drunk Neptune in the heavens that night.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Skywatch in January is good for priority calls and business once Mercury leaves the Retrograde cycle on the 9th. Mars gallops through Aries plus we have two Eclipses in February making this month a powerful one to start something new or to make major changes in your life. Dates and details will be in the 2017 Datebook.