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BY TOM RAUM

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. (AP) -- GEORGE BUSH, A GEMINI, MADE LIGHT OF REPORTS OF ASTROLOGICAL INFLUENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON THURSDAY BUT SUGGESTED THE ISSUE WAS A ''TWO-EDGED SWORD'' BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WHO BELIEVE IN THE PRACTICE.

THE VICE PRESIDENT ALSO HINTED JOKINGLY THAT AN ASTROLOGER CLAIMING TO HAVE HELPED PICK HIM AS RONALD REAGAN'S RUNNING MATE IN 1980 MIGHT BE A USEFUL MEMBER OF HIS CABINET.

A SPOKESMAN, STEVE HART, SAID THE VICE PRESIDENT, WHO HAS A LOCK ON THE 1988 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, ''DOES NOT CONSULT ASTROLOGERS OR HOROSCOPES OR ANYTHING OF THE KIND. HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THE HOROSCOPE IS IN THE NEWSPAPER.''

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON AIR FORCE II, BUSH SAID HE HAD NOT CHECKED HIS HOROSCOPE BEFORE BEGINNING HIS THREE-DAY CAMPAIGN SWING THROUGH THE WEST.

''HOWEVER, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, WE'RE BOTH GEMINIS,''' BUSH SAID, REFERRING TO HIMSELF AND HIS WIFE, BARBARA, BOTH BORN IN JUNE.

BUSH'S JOCLAR RETORT MATCHED THE LIGHTHEARTED MANNER IN WHICH OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAVE RESPONDED TO DISCLOSURES EARLIER THIS WEEK OF FIRST LADY NANCY REAGAN'S INTEREST IN ASTROLOGY.

THE DISCLOSURES ARE CONTAINED IN AN UPCOMING BOOK BY FORMER WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF DONALD T. REGAN.

BUSH, WHO IN THE PAST HAS VOICED DISDAIN FOR ''KISS-AND-TELL'' BOOKS BY FORMER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, SAID IT WAS HARD TO RESPOND TO REGAN'S SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS SINCE THE BOOK HASN'T BEEN PUBLISHED YET.

''I DON'T THINK ANYONE KNOWS WHAT THE CHARGE, THE ALLEGATION IS,''' HE SAID.

ON WEDNESDAY, WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN MARLIN FITZWATER CONFIRMED THAT MRS. REAGAN HAD CONSULTED AN ASTROLOGER ON THE PRESIDENT'S PLANS FOR TRAVEL AND SCHEDULING. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT REAGAN DENIED THAT ANY OF HIS DECISIONS AS PRESIDENT HAD BEEN INFLUENCED BY ASTROLOGY.

ASKED ABOUT THE DISCLOSURES ON ASTROLOGY AND PRESIDENTIAL SCHEDULING, BUSH SAID: ''I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. BUT I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING: THERE ARE TWO EDGES TO THIS SWORD.''

''THERE ARE A HELLUVA LOT OF PEOPLE ACROSS THIS COUNTRY THAT READ THESE COLUMNS. OTHERWISE, THEY WOULDN'T BE IN THE PAPERS.''

ASKED ABOUT JOYCE JILLSON, A LOS ANGELES ASTROLOGER WHO CONTENDS SHE ADVISED REAGAN CAMPAIGN AIDES TO SELECT BUSH AS A RUNNING MATE IN 1980, BUSH SAID HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF HER.

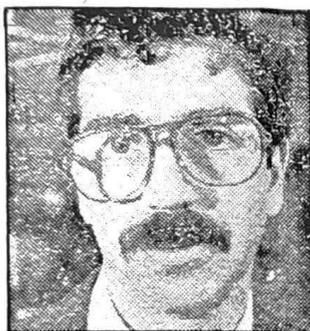
BUT, HE JOKED: ''I'LL LIKELY WORK CLOSELY WITH HER. SHE'S BRILLIANT.''

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# The Post asks: How do you feel about a White House that consults astrologers?



**Grace Adams, 22, political science student, Staten Island:** It sounds so far-fetched. It should be checked out. Obviously something is going wrong in the White House.



**Carl DiSarno, 35, computer programmer, Brooklyn:** Done in conjunction with other information, I don't mind it. It shouldn't be a major factor in decision-making.



**Etta Weiner, 70, retired, Brooklyn:** If he can't make a decision on his own, he shouldn't be in the White House. He shouldn't consult the moon and stars to decide for the country.



**Bill Yarbro, 30, real estate agent, Manhattan:** I hate to think the country is run by the formation of stars. We might as well have an astrologist in the White House.



**Suzanne Boule, 47, accountant, Queens:** I think it's terrible. This confirms my feelings that Reagan is unfit to be President. I don't like it at all.



**Bernard Neeson, 48, Con Ed mechanic, Bronx:** I don't see anything wrong with it. They might as well because nothing else has worked. I don't think it can hurt.

# REAGAN'S COSMIC WORRY: SPACE INVADERS

By KAREN PHILLIPS

President Reagan followed the uproar over the use of astrology at the White House by saying yesterday that he often wondered what would happen if the Earth were invaded by "a power from outer space."



**PRESIDENT REAGAN**  
*Imaginary threat.*

Reagan made the comment during a question-and-answer session in Chicago after he was asked what he felt was the most important need in international relations.

He mentioned the importance of frankness and his desire for peaceful solutions, adding there have been "about 114 wars" since World War II.

"But I've often wondered, what if all of us in the world discovered that we were threatened by an outer — a power from outer space, from another planet," Reagan said.

"Wouldn't we all of a sudden find that we didn't have any differences between us at all, we were all human beings, citizens of the world, and wouldn't we come together to fight that

particular threat?" the President said.

Meanwhile, administration officials and even the Russians joked yesterday about revelations that the Reagans avidly follow their horoscopes.

Gemini George Bush — who supposedly was tapped for the vice presidency after an astrologer decided he was the best man for the job — suggested he should

hire that astrologer for a cabinet position.

On Tuesday, Los Angeles astrologer Joyce Jillson contended she told Reagan to select Bush as his running mate in 1980.

After saying he had never heard of Jillson, Bush joked yesterday:

"I'll likely work closely with her. She's brilliant."

The White House confirmed Tuesday that

Nancy Reagan follows astrology and consults it for some of the President's activities. But the President said no policy or decision he has made has been influenced by the stars.

Meanwhile, the Soviets had a dignified laugh at the Reagans' expense.

Tass, the official news agency, crowed over the President's cosmic crisis.

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## Editorials

### Fixed stars

The revelation that President and Mrs. Reagan dabble in astrology must be kept in perspective. They are, of course, not the first world leaders to consult the stars. Mackenzie King, who was for 21 years prime minister of Canada, never made a move without consulting an astrologer, and biographers of King's great contemporary, Winston Churchill, say he also read the horoscope. In more recent times Indira Gandhi did so. There is no indication that any of these leaders made calamitous decisions as a result of beliefs in a harmless form of cultism which rests upon neither rational nor moral basis.

Regardless of how much the Reagans may look to the heavens, there will always be enough advisers with feet planted firmly on earth to prevent undue influence of any sinister manipulators such as the cultist monk Rasputin, who brought an empire to ruin by exploiting the fears and anxieties of the Russian czarina.

What the current brouhaha does indicate, however, is Ronald Reagan's fundamental mindset, which is an uncommon stubbornness — or, if you prefer, commitment to principle. It is this quality which leads him to rely on hunch, instinct and preconceived notion even when all rational analysis contends for an opposite course. His obsession with supply side economics, the Nicaraguan contras and the "Star Wars" defense shield are examples of these tendencies to cling to myths no matter what objective analysis may indicate.

The people seem to grasp this central fact about the president, and even seem to admire the qualities in such common expressions, "I may not always agree with Reagan, but I admire him for the courage of his convictions."

Clearly Reagan operates in a universe where there are certain fixed stars. The question is, are these stars fixed by astrology, or astronomy?



# The Washington Post

# Style

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## Jumping Jupiter!

### Reagan and the Space-Invader Hypothesis

By Henry Allen  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Apparently without consulting a qualified astrologer, President Reagan on Wednesday followed his Chicago speech on the Soviet Union by speculating on the effects of an invasion from outer space.

"I've often wondered, what if all of us in the world discovered that we were threatened by an outer—a power from outer space, from another planet?" Reagan said during a question-and-answer session. "Wouldn't we all of a sudden find that we didn't have any differences between us at all, we were all human beings, citizens of the world, and wouldn't we come together to fight that particular threat?"

Coming on the heels of revelations about White House interest in horoscopes, the remarks were bound to provoke anxiety, rumor and jockeying for position—even more than when he made similar

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Detail from an ad for "The Day the Earth Stood Still."<sup>TM</sup>



# Space Invaders

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statements to Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva in 1985.

Over at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, public information director Peg Maloy was asked if the government has any plans to deal with an invasion from outer space.

"Can I be frank? I don't know. If there were any attack on the United States we would be in pretty sad shape as far as civil defense is concerned," she said, adding with true Washingtonian prudence that she agreed with the president: "I do think the world would come together."

At Dukakis campaign headquarters in Boston, questions were greeted with, "I'd better switch you to the issues people. Let's see, who do we have in foreign policy? Or no, let's try space."

At the Jackson for President headquarters in Chicago, spokesman Eric Easter admitted, "We don't have a position paper on that. We'll get our people on that right away."

A Bush campaign spokesman said, "The vice president has not made any statements on invasion from outer space."

Elsewhere in the country, veterans of outer-space politics had more to say.

"I heard it on television, and I said to myself, 'Uh-oh, did he open a can of worms?'" said Sherman Larsen of Glenview, Ill., a director of the Center for UFO Studies. "If he said it, it's on his mind. Why is it on his mind? Is it altruistic, or is there something more to it? There are stories that Truman was out in the West and actually saw aliens. They hauled him off a golf course, took him away real quick like—no, that was Eisenhower. These are what you call semivalid stories. There's no documentation, only because you can't get at it."

At the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network headquarters in Seguin, Tex., International Director Walter Andr

to the president's description of outer-space beings as a "threat."

"They are not hostile," Andrus said. "They simply come and go. But they will defend themselves if attacked."

Meanwhile the usual fevered and vicious Washingtonian imaginations were at work, concocting rumor and innuendo that were utterly without basis in fact.

It was said that Michael Dukakis had called for an end to hostilities with the space creatures, pending negotiations based on the provisions of the Contadora process. It was said that Jesse Jackson had already had his picture taken with his arm around an alien. It was said that George Bush responded that any discussion of a ray-guns-for-hostages deal "was privileged, between me and the president." It was said that former White House spokesman Larry Speakes had written the space invasion statement. It was said that at National Airport, rumors of creatures arriving in flying saucers were greeted with: "It beats going on Eastern."

It was said that former secretary of State Al "I'm in Charge Here" Haig had been called to the White House about the outer-space invaders because "he can talk to them in their own language." It was said that Attorney General Ed Meese was trying to determine if outer-space beings had anything to sell to the government, and if so, did any of his friends have manufacturing contracts with them? It was said that Pentagon strategists were frantically searching through back copies of the National Enquirer for intelligence.

There were suggestions, said to emanate from the office of Rep. Robert K. Dornan (R-Calif.), that the outer-space invasion theory might put the Strategic Defense Initiative back on track. One idea: "Turn those space lasers around, aim 'em in the other direction and take out Saturn, Pluto and the Andromeda galaxy before they take us out."

The city waited in vain for a statement from the State Department's protocol office, regarding whether aliens would stay at Blair House. Would Nancy Reagan meet with, say, the first lady of the Crab Nebula? Would she be nicer than Raisa Gorbachev? What sign is she, anyhow?

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# Is Looking to the Stars The American Way?

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By Richard Morin  
Washington Post Staff Writer

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President Reagan's top aides were frantically engaged in damage control this week after the revelation that Nancy Reagan consulted astrologers to help set his schedule.

They may not have needed to bother. A succession of public opinion polls conducted during the past 10 years shows that many Americans share the First Family's interest in astrology. And if a key to Reagan's popularity is that he is the average man

writ large, those survey results suggest Reagan may suffer little lasting damage from the stardirt revealed by Donald Regan in his quit-and-tell book.

A survey of 1,989 adult Americans by the Roper Organization in 1985 disclosed that nearly a quarter—23 percent—said they believed in astrology. Another 30 percent hedged their bets and said they “weren’t sure,” while only slightly fewer than half rejected it without qualification.

A survey conducted for the  
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"I was never good at earthquakes," says Joan Quigley, who predicted a May 5 tremor. "What I do best is politics."

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# THE PRESIDENT'S ASTROLOGERS

The Reagans have been sneaking peeks at the stars for a long, long time

**T**he year was 1980, the mood in the nation restless. American hostages languished in Iran; American athletes were sitting out the Olympics. In the White House, a dithering peanut farmer President looked to be wreaking havoc on the economy. At least, that's how it appeared to one conservative society lioness out West—whose husband had spent some time in politics but was now between jobs. She felt she had a better man for the office.

Just to be certain, however, she called up a friend, a wellborn San Francisco Republican, from whom she had been taking counsel for several years. The woman, one Joan Quigley, quickly did an astrological chart on Jimmy Carter. Then she got back to Nancy Reagan with good news about her husband's presidential bid: "I was certain Ronald Reagan wouldn't have any

trouble with him," says Quigley, who volunteered her services to the campaign and later provided them, on a regular basis, to the Reagan White House.

Throughout this association, the Vasar-educated astrologer with country club manners was—as befits a lady—terribly discreet. By the end of the first term, her fellow astrologers had begun to notice the impeccable celestial timing of many Reagan moves, like the bombing of Libya and his announcement for a second term. "I had astrologer friends calling me saying, 'Reagan must have had his chart done,'" Quigley recently confided during an interview in a suite at San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel. "I just said, 'Yes. He must have been consulting someone.'"

Last week the soignée soothsayer's cover was blown by former White House aide Donald Regan. In his just-published book, *For the Record*, Re-

gan spilled what he insisted was "the most closely guarded domestic secret of the Reagan White House." To wit: "Virtually every major move and decision the Reagans made during my time as White House Chief of Staff was cleared in advance with a woman in San Francisco who drew up horoscopes to make certain that the planets were in a favorable alignment for the enterprise." Within hours, an avid press had zeroed in on Quigley as the mystery adviser.

If astrology was the Reagans' little secret, however, it was not very well kept. "I have known since before Reagan was elected that they went to astrologers," says former *Washington Post* style reporter Sally Quinn, "and that's why I'm surprised at all of the surprise and shock." In fact the Reagans' interest in astrology goes back to the early '50s—and amounts to far

more than the scanning of newspaper horoscopes that the President once jovially confessed to a reporter. Quigley was only the most recent of several stargazers to enter the Reagans' domestic orbit and exert the pull of the heavens on decisions great and small.

When Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis were first making their way in Hollywood, it was quite in fashion to see an astrologer. And no astrologer was more fashionable than Carroll Righter, the self-styled "gregarious Aquarius" who counted Marlene Dietrich, Cary Grant and Princess Grace among his clients. Storefront gypsy he was not. A Philadelphia lawyer, Righter had moved to Hollywood in 1937 on the advice of a horoscope, and soon became a true believer. He was introduced to star society at the home of Charlie Chaplin. By the time of his self-predicted death this year on April 30 (he had told an associate, "I will not make it out of this Taurean period"), at the age of 88, Righter was one of the deans of American astrology, his columns syndicated in 166 newspapers.

A dapper, lifelong bachelor, Righter was, in a way, the society "walker" of his day, confidante of the rich and famous, who saw him less as a backdoor soothsayer than as social equal. He attended Tyrone Power's wedding in Rome. He lunched at the Brown Derby. His "zodiac parties" in the '50s were the highlights of every season.

"All the stars were there—Rhonda Fleming, Marlene Dietrich, Lana Turner, Hedy Lamarr, Betty Grable," says former Righter pal Arlene Dahl. "Fish were swimming around in his pool for the Pisces party, and he rented a live lion for my Leo party." No matter that Leo was once so doped he fell into the pool and had to be hauled out by guests: The parties were adored and so was Righter.

As an astrologist, Righter was a stickler for exact timing. He once informed Susan Hayward that the most auspicious time to sign a movie contract was



When it was time for his Gemini party, like this one in 1954, Righter lined up sets of twins, says longtime friend Arlene Dahl.



Chart master Righter carefully guarded his clients' true ages.

2:47 a.m., so she obediently arranged for a 2:45 a.m. wake-up call. Righter himself took calls at all hours, keeping the charts of most-favored clients in a file by his bed for late-night consultations. "They need me here," he said. "Just like they need a doctor."

It's not clear when or how Nancy Davis—who arrived in Hollywood in the late '40s and signed her first contract with MGM in 1949—first came under the seer's care. By November 1950,

however, she ranked high enough on Righter's roster to merit a mention in his celebrity column for *Horoscope* magazine. "With her progressed moon passing through her 10th house . . . Nancy Davis' movie career moves steadily forward," wrote Righter between items on Judy Garland, Alan Ladd and Ingrid Bergman. Ronald Reagan, whom Nancy married in 1952, was also getting career advice from Righter in this period. According to his autobiography, Ron read his Righter horoscope while trying to decide whether he should launch a Vegas act. (For better or worse, he did not.)

By the '60s, Reagan's interest had turned to politics, and his stable of advisers had widened to include Jeanne Dixon. "She was always gung ho for me to be President," goes one story he has told on himself. But at the time, she said, "I don't see you as President. I see you here at an official desk in California." When Reagan did gain the Governor's mansion, however, it was likely the time-conscious Righter, not Dixon, who prevailed upon him to schedule the inauguration for the ungodly hour of 12:10 a.m.—which caused much merriment among the astrologically hip in California.

Eight years later, after Governor Reagan had completed his second term, he was considering a run for the Presidency. During this period, reports a former associate of Carroll Righter, Nancy was a regular customer at the seer's sprawling Hollywood Hills mansion. Making her appointments under the name Nancy Davis, she would arrive in sunglasses with a bandanna over her head, in a red Datsun driven by a liv-

eried chauffeur. "Carroll told Nancy that this was simply not the time to try," the associate recalls. "She was very, very angry. When she didn't like what she was hearing, she became really whiny. She really wanted him to explain why it wasn't a good time."

At some point in the early '70s, talk show host Merv Griffin introduced Nancy to Joan Quigley, who was a frequent guest on his show. The daughter of prominent hotelier John Quigley, she'd

been raised in the penthouse apartment of the family's Drake-Wilshire Hotel. Joan and her sister, Ruth, were famous San Francisco beauties, driven to parties in the family Rolls and regularly mentioned in the society columns. Neither ever married, and to this day they share a luxury address on Nob Hill. After studying art history at Vassar, Joan developed an interest in astrology and was soon writing on the subject for *Seventeen* magazine.

She wrote her first book under the nom de plume Angel Star because, she says, "my father disapproved of it terribly. He thought it was bunk." But he changed his mind. Joan recalls, when she read the chart of one of her father's friends and guessed the date of his first marriage (along with his penchant for philandering). "When I did my second book, under my real name," she says, "Daddy gave me a piece of jewelry and was really very sweet." He need hardly have worried about her falling in with a low-life crowd. Quigley is very snobbish about her clientele. "People who are very successful or very famous always have easier charts to read than the average Joe Blow," she says. "They've lived up to everything in their charts. I just take people of great depth whose lives are interesting."

From the first, Reagan fit the bill. "When I first saw his chart, I said, 'Wow!' I knew he was going to do fantastic things," says Quigley. Nevertheless, his electoral prospects for 1976 looked dim, and though "I did a little bit on his '76 campaign," she says. "I knew it wouldn't work out." In 1980, however, the charts improved. "I felt that Reagan had a very good chance of winning, so I did donate my expertise to the campaign. . . . If he had been a Democrat, I probably wouldn't have offered to help."

Quigley's help during the campaign, however, didn't prevent Reagan from catching some heat for stargazing. In July 1980 he told a reporter about the *Jeane Dixon* episode and added that he read his daily horoscope. Immediately, a delegation from the Federation of American Scientists—including five Nobel laureates—wrote the President to say they were "gravely disturbed" by the item. "In our opinion, no person whose decisions are based, even in part, on such evident fantasies can be trusted to make the many serious—and even life-and-death—decisions required of American Presidents," they wrote. To which



**Diller uses charts; Sly doesn't.**



**Stars have been good to Dickinson.**

## The stars do—and don't—come out for astrology

As astrological chart watchers, Ronald and Nancy Reagan are in stellar company. Prince Andrew and Fergie reportedly discussed their charts with an astrologer before their marriage. Princess Diana has also consulted an astrologer, apparently without Charles. "A pity," says one royal watcher, who seems to believe in the stars' power to guide relationships, "because I think it would be helpful."

There is also a galaxy of Hollywood celebrities who set store by the stars. "I do people who are up for Academy Awards," says syndicated horoscope columnist Joyce Jillson, who was wrongly identified for a time as Nancy Reagan's secret "Friend" and who claims to have advised the 1980 Reagan campaign on its choice of vice-presidents. Common in her practice, she says, are questions such as: "Should I spend money for an Academy Award campaign? Do I have the potential to win?"

Angie Dickinson, a devotee of astrology since 1960, takes a more everyday approach, always finding time to learn the signs of her co-workers on a given project. For example, David Gerber, her executive producer on *Police Woman*, is a typically dynamic Leo. "If I hadn't known he was a Leo, I might have said, 'Jesus, slow down,

Dave!' I would have been more ruffled by his energy." Jill St. John, on the other hand, is content to keep her eye on "the broad overview" of planetary trends mapped out in a yearly chart.

Phyllis Diller had charts done on her children as a guide to better parenting. "You know how teenagers are," she says. "I would have gone to a witch doctor if it would have helped." Alana Stewart admits she was skeptical about astrology until a chart reader advised her to keep then-husband George Hamilton off any airline flight with "7" in its number or departure time. The one time George ignored the advice, and took off at 7:30, the plane made a crash landing. "That made me a believer," says Alana.

Few in Tinseltown are eager to flaunt their astrological leanings these days, however. While the astrologers, eager to boost their ratings, claim every star since Lillian Gish as a client, the celebrities, put off perhaps by Nancy Reagan's star-crossed office politics, demur. Shirley MacLaine may have lived several lives, but she insists

none of them was spent consulting with soothsayer Patricia McLaine of Arlington, Va. Despite that, this McLaine claims Shirley as a customer, as well as Goldie Hawn and Sharon Gless. Like Shirley, both of them just say no.

**Robert Wagner was a Righter pal. Jill St. John is still a believer.**





Betty Ford met astrologer Laurie Brady (left, with Kaye Stevens) at a 1976 fund raiser.

## A heavenly approach to politics, past and present

Teddy Roosevelt is said to have kept an astrological chart pasted to the bottom of his chessboard for handy reference. America's Declaration of Independence, so the story goes, was signed only after the Founding Fathers made sure the heavens were in fortuitous alignment.

In fact, astrology has played a part in public life as long as there have been politicians reaching for the stars, though in the United States it has often been the women behind powerful men who looked to horoscopes—or cards or clairvoyants—for guidance. Both Florence Harding and Edith Wilson regularly consulted a certain Madame



Mrs. Harding doted on her astrologer.

Marcia Champney about her husband's public appearances—and perhaps reschedule them accordingly—Madame Marcia was always sneaked into the White House through a back door.

With the advent of political poll-taking and other miracles of technology, astrology's role in politics might have been expected to wane. It hasn't. Chicago-based astrologist Laurie Bra-

dy says she used to consult with First Lady Betty Ford who "mostly asked about her husband." San Francisco reader Terrie Brill, 46, says that in 1984 one of Walter Mondale's campaign aides asked her for help in choosing a running mate. The skeptical candidate apparently ignored her advice. "Ferraro had a real negative transcript re-



Mary Lincoln held seances at home.

garding money," Brill recalls. "I told him if he chose her, it would create negative momentum."

Writer Sally Quinn, who once investigated the capital's astrology habits for the *Washington Post*, says, "I was amazed at the kinds of people who actually made political decisions based on astrological charts." But though many of the power elite consult astrologists, she says, "nobody admits it." Until her death in 1982, Svetlana Goddilla was among D.C.'s most popular seers—and one of her most winning qualities was a certain realism about political success. "Svetlana said that most people, when they are trying to predict who's going to be President, look for good aspects," recalls local astrologer Caroline Casey, 35, the Ivy-educated daughter of a four-term congressman. "She looked for someone who's going to have an awful next four years."

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Reagan cordially responded, "Let me assure you that while Nancy and I enjoy glancing at the daily astrology charts in our morning paper, we do not plan our daily activities or our lives around them."

But it seems that all that changed in March 1981, after John Hinckley attempted to assassinate the President. "I could have predicted it—it was very obvious," says Quigley, adding ruefully, "I was doing other things." But Nancy, who according to friends and family was deeply traumatized by the shooting, soon got back in touch. "She called," Quigley remembers, "and said she was very concerned for the President's safety and [asked] could I get together with her on a professional basis. Which we did."

Since then, the First Lady has been a regular, paying client, though Quigley will not say how often they consult. She stresses that she has met the President only once, in the receiving line of a 1985 State dinner for the President of Algeria. "I know his horoscope upside down," she has said. "But I don't know him." (Ronald Reagan's precise birth moment, which is essential for accurate charting, is a carefully guarded secret, known only to a few.)

In fact, Donald Regan claims that by 1985 Quigley's reading of the President's charts had a hammerlock on the business of the White House. Taking cues from her "Friend," Nancy changed the time and date of scheduled events, canceled trips and severely restricted activities outside the White House. Regan was forced to keep a color-coded calendar on his desk to track the President's "good", "bad" and "iffy" days, and on at least one occasion Nancy gave Regan a list in which large chunks of time were marked "stay home," or "be careful" or "no public exposure." For the 1985 Geneva summit, Regan claims, it was left to the San Francisco seer to choose the most auspicious moment for our lame-duck Aquarian and the Russians' newly elevated Pisces to meet.

Quigley vehemently denies ever playing such a key policy role. "The summits were arranged by the State Department and Reagan and Shultz. I had absolutely nothing to do with it," she says. "I think people are overemphasizing my role."

Still, she's always considered secrecy the best policy in her dealings with Nancy and other clients. "I said to Nan-

# Astrology Believers

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National Science Foundation in 1979 reported that 21 percent of those queried said they, like the Reagans, read horoscopes or a personal astrology report "quite often" or daily—and one out of eight said they read their astrological forecast every day. Overall, more than half of those surveyed said they read such columns at least occasionally.

When those same questions were asked in 1985 by the National Science Foundation, they found that frequent readers of horoscopes had declined to about 15 percent. But researchers also reported that the percentage of people who said they had ever decided not to do something because of their horoscope forecast had increased from 5 percent to 8 percent, a "statistically significant" gain, according to the NSF.

That NSF poll also disclosed that 39 percent of the American public considered astrology to be "very scientific" or "sort of scientific." Those results, of course, were sort of dis-

mayng to the scientific establishment when they were released. "If the public is not clear about what is and is not a science," the NSF huffed in its 1987 Science and Engineering Indicators report, "then it also may not be clear on what views are regarded as scientific. This may help to explain the lack of acceptance of scientific thinking," as disclosed elsewhere in the survey.

After the first details about Reagan's interest in the zodiac leaked out, more accounts of baffling First Family behavior quickly followed. The bill of peculiar particulars included the president's belief in lucky numbers.

Reagan has cheerfully acknowledged that he considers 33 to be his lucky number. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater opened a press conference last week by telling reporters he would "take your first question at exactly 12:33 and a half," a joke that Washington Post White House correspondent Lou Cannon reported was part of a strategy to

make light of the astrology allegations without directly denying them.

(Parenthetically, there's a delicious coincidence related to Reagan's lucky number, the kind of pseudo-fact used to wow the gullible by New Age psychics, channelers and those society sorcerers who chart the stars for the stars. The sum of the digits of Reagan's lucky number is 6, which the ancient Greeks believed to be a truly magic number. Why 6? Because the sum of its factors,  $1 + 2 + 3$ , is 6, and the product of its factors,  $1 \times 2 \times 3$ , is also 6. So the president has the right idea, just the wrong millennium.)

In fact, polls show that many Americans say they have lucky numbers or charms. The 1985 National Science Foundation survey reported that 43 percent of the American public believe that "some numbers are especially lucky for some people." And a nationwide Audits and Survey poll in 1983 found that one out of eight adults said yes when asked if they had "some object that you consider your lucky charm."

The Reagans' links to things paranormal raise the question of what other superstitions, if any, they share with their fellow Americans. Inquiring minds might want to know,

for example, if the Reagans believe in ghosts. One out of nine Americans do, according to a 1978 Gallup survey. And what about witches? Again, 11 percent of 1,553 Americans claimed to believe in them when questioned by Gallup.

Better yet, what about flying saucers? Surveys in recent years show that more than half of Americans queried believe that UFOs are real. Those surveys consistently report that about one out of 10 persons says they have personally seen UFOs. The National Science Foundation poll found that 43 percent of those interviewed believed that at least some of the reported UFOs "are really space vehicles from other civilizations."

Frankly, it might be wise political strategy for Reagan to come out of the closet on UFOs, and peddle the notion of an impending War of the Worlds. In fact, Wednesday he opened the door when he mused about interstellar saber rattling: "I've often wondered, what if all of us in the world discovered that we were threatened by an outer—a power from outer space, from another planet." After all, what better justification could there be for his Star Wars plan?





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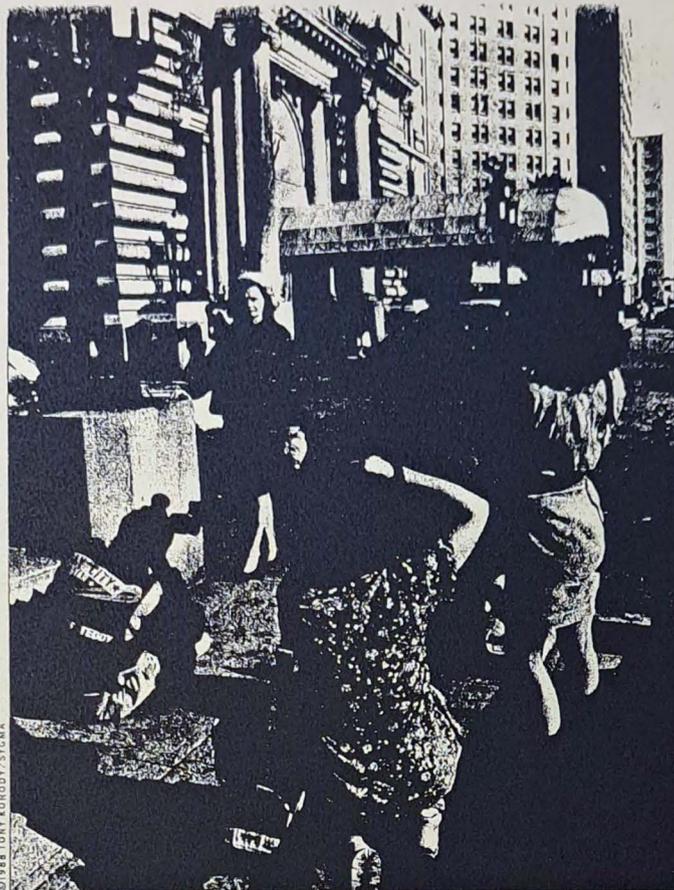
The Reagans visited Carroll Righter in Los Angeles in the mid '60s, before Reagan ran for Governor.



cy, 'I hope this doesn't get out,' " Quigley says. "I wanted secrecy more than Nancy." Now that it is out, Quigley claims she has sworn off presidential clients. "After the end of this year . . . I will never do anything connected with any U.S. President . . . again," she declared. Yet Quigley admits that she and Nancy have spoken since their relationship became public knowledge last week.

For her part, the First Lady says she has never stopped her perfectly harmless pastime of seeking guidance in the stars and has no plans to. So perhaps she directed her husband's attention to his horoscope in old friend Carroll Righter's *Los Angeles Times* column the day news of Reagan's secret scheduling adviser broke over the heads of his stunned minions in the executive branch. The horoscope for Aquarius that day read: "Several good friends may have the feeling you've been ignoring them."

—By Joyce Wadler,  
with Angela Blessing in Los Angeles,  
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and Margie Bonnett Sellinger in  
Washington



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"I predict the climate of events," says Quigley. But she never anticipated her own overnight fame.

"There will be more Reagan revelations in August," predicts D.C. astrologer Caroline Casey.



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# Umbrella holdouts

By Jeff Gibson

Standard Editorial Writer

The U.S. military wrestled with a problem of national importance for 20 years: should men in uniform be allowed to use umbrellas?

The Air Force was the first service to decide that uniformed male personnel could use umbrellas — not to hit the enemy with, mind you, but to stay dry in the rain.

The Navy approved umbrellas for its men last November. After long study, the Navy decided that in intense rainstorms, an umbrella just might make sense.

The practice was prohibited for years in all services because it was felt that a uniformed man carrying an umbrella looked effete. The brass thought it was better to have them look like drowned rats.

The Marines still need a few good men, waterproof if not bullet-proof. And the Army wants you to be all you can be, be you dry or be you wet.

## Aliens

President Reagan was speaking the other day about the difficulty of uniting people, and governments, behind common goals.

But, he said, the world would unite quickly enough if it were ever invaded by aliens from outer space.

Everybody had a good chuckle.

Meanwhile, NASA is about to start a \$9 million search for radio signals transmitted by aliens from outer space.

The project will scan the heavens for electromagnetic evidence that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe.

If we ever make contact, and the aliens want to pay us a visit, let's find out their motives first.

Would they bring us higher learning and understanding, or would they bring us trading beads and fire-water? Would they try to convert us to their religion?

right at home in a blacksmith's shop. They wear a few more clothes while standing at the forge, though.

And here's another little-known fact: the Japanese are importing a lot of branding irons to the American West.

You can tell when a critter's been branded by a Japanese iron. Try to visualize the Rocking W Ranch brand in Japanese.

Those Japanese are clever. It's hard to make a branding iron that says, "Locking W."

## Safety valve

The governor's council on what to do about prison crowding met recently in Butte. Montana's prison fills up as fast as the Legislature can enlarge it.

There's no escaping the fact that prison population is expanding. There's no escaping, period. That might be part of the problem. For years, inmates escaped from the new prison regularly, almost like it had a revolving door.

Security measures in recent years have almost eliminated escapes. The governor's council might consider getting rid of some of that special barbed wire, and giving the inmates a sporting chance.

Nobody's ever escaped from Montana's death row, though. It must be the incentive system. Some of those guys will be getting their silver anniversary pins before long.

## Try, try again

We've read that some unsuccessful suicide attempts are actually "cries for help," rather than serious efforts at self-destruction.

We knew a guy in Billings...or was it somewhere in North Dakota?

Anyway, the last we heard the guy had attempted suicide 27

# Reagans Concede They Look To Sun, Moon For Hel

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Starting May 7-14 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week.

He said he didn't want to comment on the spate of books by former White House aides, but he added, "No policy or decision in my mind has ever been influenced by astrology."

Joyce Jillson, a Los Angeles astrologer whose daily horoscope is distributed to more than 100 newspapers, said she spent "a lot of time at the White House" after the assassination attempt on the president.

She also claimed she made charts that determined that George Bush was the best choice for vice president in 1980.

But White House deputy press secretary B.J. Cooper said the Reagans didn't know Jillson. Fitzwater said: "I wouldn't be surprised if we start hearing from all kinds of astrologers because of this."

As far as he knows, Fitzwater said, the president's interest in astrology is limited to reading his horoscope. But he noted that Reagan has mentioned "lucky numbers" in speeches and jokingly has referred to the ghost of Abraham Lincoln residing in the White House family quarters.

## Reagan's Use Of Astrology

*These are among the reported ways President Reagan has used astrology (none has been confirmed publicly by the White House):*

### Arms Treaty

Sources said Nancy Reagan, after consulting an astrologer, insisted that the signing of the U.S.-Soviet treaty eliminating intermediate-range nuclear missiles be at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 8.

### Reelection Bid

A former White House official said the Reagans consulted astrological signs before deciding when to announce he would seek reelection.

### Selection Of Bush

Los Angeles astrologer Joyce Jillson claims she made charts that determined for Reagan that George Bush was the best choice for vice president in 1980. But the White House said the Reagans do not know Jillson.

### Inauguration As Governor

Reagan scheduled his inauguration as California governor in January 1967 to take place at an odd time, 12:10 a.m. News reports at the time said the decision was made to take advantage of favorable astrological portents.

The astrology question surfaced more than 20 years ago in California, when then-Gov. Reagan chose to be sworn in for his first term shortly after midnight on Jan. 5, 1967, in Sacramento.

Outgoing Gov. Pat Brown said Reagan picked the time because

he relied on astrology. Reagan's aides denied that, and said the unusual time was picked because of constitutional questions regard-

ing the transfer of power.

"I refer to it as the world's worst-kept secret that President Reagan relies on astrology," said astrologer Sydney Omarr.

Omarr, a former reporter with United Press International and CBS radio, distributes his daily horoscope to more than 300 newspapers, including The Charlotte Observer and The Washington Post, through the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

Elaine Crispen, Nancy Reagan's press secretary, said Tuesday the president's wife has consulted a friend who had studied astrology,

but Crispen refused to reveal the person's identity.

Crispen said the president's wife "has talked to this person about his (Reagan's) safety and travel, but I don't know of any particular incident or example of schedule change made because of this."

Crispen said astrology was "only an interest" for Nancy Reagan and was not a major factor in the Reagans' lives.

When a reporter asked whether the first family made decisions based on astrology, she replied, "Don't you read your horoscope?"

# Reagans Consult Astrology

## President Denies It Sways Policy

By **TERENCE HUNT**  
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WASHINGTON — The White House, dismayed by reports that President Reagan has made decisions based on astrology, acknowledged Tuesday that Nancy Reagan

### Signs

Charlotte-area astrologers are happy that President Reagan, an Aquarius, and Nancy Reagan, a Cancer, consult the stars. **Page 4A**

checks the sun, the moon, and the stars to help schedule her husband's activities.

But President Reagan said he has never based any policy or

decision on astrological forecasts.

The president didn't deny that he consulted the writings of astrologers, who believe the heavenly bodies form patterns that can reveal a person's character or future.

Asked if astrology played a part in shaping his schedule, Reagan told reporters with a smile, "You know I'm still looking for the fellas that tell me every day what I'm going to be doing."

The Reagans' interest in astrology was put in the spotlight by a forthcoming book by Donald Regan, who was forced out as White House chief of staff last year.

He had been frequently at odds with Nancy Reagan.

Regan reportedly wrote that the president's wife consulted astrologers to determine the timing of presidential speeches and announcements. Thomas Dawson, a spokesman for Regan, refused to discuss the book Tuesday, saying, "We don't comment on what is or isn't in the book" until it comes out, probably early next week.

Sources had revealed that Nancy Reagan consulted an astrologer and insisted that the signing of the U.S.-Soviet treaty eliminating intermediate-range nuclear missiles be at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 8.

But White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Tuesday: "I don't know in any detailed sense" if that is true. His regular news briefing was dominated by questions on astrology and the Reagans.

Nancy Reagan's interest in astrology, dating before the Reagans moved to the White House, was heightened by the March 30, 1981, assassination attempt against her husband, Fitzwater said.

"She was very concerned for her husband's welfare, and astrology has been a part of her concern in terms of his activities," he said. A friend involved in astrology "was helpful to her" after the attempt on the president's life.

The president was questioned about the reports during a signing ceremony for a proclamation des-

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# Presidents subjected to many jokes

By W. Dale Nelson

Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — What the killer rabbit was for Jimmy Carter and the bump on the head was for Gerald Ford, the signs of the Zodiac may become for Ronald Reagan.

Americans love to make fun of the occupants of the White House, and the president and first lady Nancy Reagan have just given them an excuse.

Actually, not much of an excuse is needed. Almost anything will do.

Lyndon Johnson was subjected to endless jokes just for pulling up his shirt and showing his scar from gall bladder surgery. Abraham Lincoln was a figure of fun because of his habit of telling tall stories. Even Richard Nixon, not much of a stand-up comic, drew guffaws for dressing up White House guards in goofy uniforms.

Once in a while, though, something happens that strikes the public funny bone with special impact.

For Carter, it all started on a ring afternoon in 1979 when he led some of his aides, gathered in the Truman balcony of the White House, about his encounter

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with a swamp rabbit as he fished in a pond on his farm in Georgia.

Carter said the animal was hissing and gnashing its teeth and seemed intent on climbing into his boat. The commander in chief said he took action by splashing water at the rabbit with his paddle to shoo it away.

Carter's press secretary, Jody Powell, who was in the group on the balcony, later wrote, "Had I been doing my job, I would have stopped the president at that moment, pointed out the dangers to him and his administration if such a story ever got out, and sworn him and all within reach of his voice to secrecy."

Instead, Powell told the story, several months later, to a reporter, Brooks Jackson of The Associated Press. Jackson wrote a lighthearted column about it, and the fat was in the fire.

"It was a nightmare," said Powell. "The story ran for more than a week. The president was repeatedly asked to explain his behavior at town hall meetings,

press conferences, and meetings with editors."

The former press secretary had his own tongue in cheek when he wrote that account, but it is certainly true that the enraged rabbit added a new facet to the folklore of the president from Plains.

Ford inadvertently broke into comedy one rainy day in Salzburg, Austria, as he walked down the steps of Air Force One on arrival for an international meeting with one arm around his wife and the other holding an umbrella.

Two or three steps from the bottom of the ramp, by his count, his heel caught on something. With no arm free to grab a rail, he tumbled onto the tarmac, then jumped to his feet, unhurt.

"From that moment on, every time I stumbled or bumped my head or fell in the snow, reporters zeroed in on that to the exclusion of almost everything else," Ford complained in his White House memoirs.

Not only that, but Johnny Carson made jokes about the subject on his late night television show and comic Chevy Chase practically made a career out of mimicking Ford's supposed clumsiness.

"Their antics — and I'll admit I laughed at them myself — help create the public perception of me as a stumbler. And that wasn't funny," said Ford.

Now comes former White House chief of staff Donald T. Regan, reportedly saying in a forthcoming book that Mrs. Reagan used astrology to determine the timing of presidential speeches and travel. The report reminds people that the president also has professed interest in astrology.

Both Carter and Ford had elections coming up when the snickers about the rabbit and the stumbles began. Both lost.

Reagan doesn't have that worry about. He isn't running.

But Vice President George Bush is running, and he lost a time joining in the fun.

Aboard Air Force II as he began a three-day presidential campaign swing through the West on Tuesday, Bush was asked about Joyce Jillson, a Los Angeles astrologer who says the stars told her Bush would be Reagan's best running mate in 1980.

"I'll likely work closely with her," Bush said. "She's brilliant. Joyce Jillson? Secretary what?"

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## 'Evident fantasies'

**P**RESIDENT Reagan declared in his Tuesday afternoon news conference that he never has been seriously involved with astrologers. But his record leaves room for doubt.

Next week's issue of *People* outlines "the whole strange story of the first family's long involvement with soothsayers." It says the Reagans over the years have consulted at least three stargazers: Carroll Righter, Jeane Dixon and Joan Quigley.

When Reagan was elected governor of California, the magazine says, "it was likely the time-conscious Righter, not Dixon, who prevailed upon him to schedule the inauguration for the ungodly hour of 12:10 a.m. — which caused much merriment among the astrologically hip in California."

After his governorship ended in 1975, *People* says, Nancy Reagan began making clandestine

visits to Righter to fathom chances for the presidency in 1976. "She was very, very angry," a source recalled. "When she didn't like what she was hearing, she became really whiny. She really wanted him to explain why it wasn't a good time."

The picture of America's chief executive heeding the sappy nonsense of astrologers is not amusing. It's disturbing.

In 1980, after Reagan told a reporter he once had been advised by Jeane Dixon, a delegation from the Federation of American Scientists, including five Nobel Prize winners, wrote to him:

"In our opinion, no person whose decisions are based, even in part, on such evident fantasies can be trusted to make the many serious — and even life-and-death — decisions required of American presidents."

Amen.



## Starstruck Through History

By **ROBERT STRAUSS**  
Daily News Staff Writer

**B**ack in 334 B.C., when Alexander the Great was looking to make peace with the Persians, his wife went to an astrologer for advice. The astrologer said that if Alexander crossed the Granicus river, great things would happen. Alexander, with his small army, waded through the river, defeated the Persians and went on to become the ruler of the civilized world. Sound familiar?

It should, since according to yesterday's news stories, astrology also played a role in President Reagan's signing of the latest medium-range nuclear weapons treaty with the Russians. Nancy Reagan, reportedly on the advice of an astrologer, insisted that the historic treaty be signed at exactly 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 8.

(The Reagans' fascination with astrology will be detailed in a new book by former White House chief of staff Donald T. Regan, according to sources close to the first family.

(The book, "For the Record," will be published by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich on May 23.)

Those who think that world leaders are rarely influenced by astrologers should look to the stars themselves — even to the Star of David.

"There is some feeling that the Star of David is actually King David's horoscope chart," said Warren Kinsman, a spokesman for the National Academy of Astrology. "If you do a chart for Nov. 1, 1062 B.C., you get a perfect representation of the Star of David. That is David's horoscope and, thus, implies that he used astrology for the battles that formed the Israelites' empire."

A couple of millenia later, Nostra-

damus, a French astrologer and physician to the court of King Charles IX, gained lasting fame when he foretold the manner and time of King Henry II's death. Nostradamus' famed work, "Centuries," is said to have predicted much of the course of world history, including Hitler's rise in the 1930s.

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And Reagan is hardly the first American leader to believe in the stars. Syndicated newspaper astrologer Sidney Omarr insists that most of the Founding Fathers who met in Philadelphia were astrology buffs, no doubt the reason why there are stars on our flag.

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rumored to have a weather chart on the White House wall. "I keep a weather chart," he commented.

The other President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was such that one of his vice presidents, Wallace, complained that FDR had a little bit of astrology in his world was going on.

Of course, with Winston Churchill as leader, Winston Churchill's astrologers (Churchill reportedly told him not to win World War II should have been fought in 1914).

Still, those all down our leader should note that practical mathematician Isaac Newton, also a scientist. When ridiculed, Newton looked at the stars and said:

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## The Pros Saw It Coming

By **BARBARA BECK**  
Daily News Staff Writer

**I**t comes as no surprise to astrologers and psychics that President Reagan allegedly made executive decisions based on consultations with astrologers.

Unlike an unsuspecting public, many astrologers interviewed seem to know something we don't.

"It is well known that Ronald Rea-

gan consulted his charts," said former Daily News columnist Sydney Omarr, whose astrology column appears in more than 200 newspapers.

"He is a man with great intellectual curiosity, with great intelligence, who is constantly looking for self-improvement," added Omarr, who has not personally advised the Reagans.

But Los Angeles astrologer Joyce

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rumored to have his astrological chart on the White House chessboard. "I keep a weather eye out on my Mars," he commented.

The other President—Roosevelt, Franklin, was such an astrology nut that one of his vice presidents, Henry Wallace, complained in his diaries that FDR had a little too much enthusiasm for the stars when the real world was going to pot.

Of course, with Hitler and British leader Winston Churchill consulting astrologers (Churchill's apparently told him not to worry—that the war wouldn't last more than a year), World War II should probably have been fought in the zodiac.

Still, those all too willing to put down our leaders' use of astrology should note that the greatest of all practical mathematicians, Sir Isaac Newton, also studied this subject. When ridiculed for his star-gazing, Newton looked grimly at his accuser and said:

"Be silent, sir, for I have studied it and you have not."

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Valerie Morrison, a nationally known psychic who lives in Roxbor-

ough, said she advised the president not to hold the inaugural parade in 1985 because she was predicting bad weather. The parade eventually was canceled.

"Nancy was always a constant watcher of 'Panorama,'" said Morrison, who appeared several times as an astrology expert on the Washington, D.C. talk show. Morrison also claimed she worked with the Secret Service to alert them to assassination attempts on the president.

Another astrologer Nancy Reagan See **ASTROLOGY** Page 58

thought the time for signing a treaty—except between warring lovers—I have chosen dates for City Hall politicians to launch campaigns. A campaign kickoff date is easy to pick because there is only one objective: winning.

Getting back to the Reagans... the president's recent press conferences (Oct. 22, 1987; March 19, 1987; Nov. 19, 1986; and Jan. 9, 1985) all have planets in Scorpio, which enhances Reagan's appearance and his ability to seem magnanimous and good to all.

The choice of time for the signing of the INF treaty limiting deployment of medium-range missiles (1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8) was inspired. It showed favorable aspects for the security of the United States and the strength and longevity of the treaty itself. To Reagan's credit, the time chosen was not to aggrandize the president's image but rather to capitalize on what was best for the United States, astrologically speaking.

## Squares in His Chart Liven Up Reagan's Life

Ronald Reagan, born Feb. 6, 1911, has a classically difficult chart, one that naturally causes him to create obstacles in his life.

His moon is in Taurus, squaring his Aquarian sun, and his Jupiter in Scorpio squares his sun and opposes his moon. This means that when things happen to him, they happen fast and furious.

Although to the outside world, Reagan may appear to be successful, in fact he has had to overcome many challenges. It is a common phenomenon in astrology that famous people have hard charts. They are natural achievers precisely because they have so much experience handling the ups and downs of life.

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# Astrologers claim Reagans' stargazing 'worst-kept' secret

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Syndicated stargazers say it was an open secret that President and Nancy Reagan consult their horoscopes, with their interest in astrology dating to the years when Reagan was governor of California.

The White House confirmed Tuesday that Nancy Reagan follows astrology and consults it for some of the president's activities, but the president said no policy or decision he's made has been influenced by the stars.

"I refer to it as the world's worst-kept secret that President Reagan relies on astrology. There's nothing new about it," said astrologer Sydney Omarr of Santa Monica, whose syndicated daily horoscope is distributed to more than 300 newspapers, including The Washington Post.

Omarr said he has never consulted with Reagan, but received congratulations via a phone call from former White House spokesman Larry Speakes when Omarr noted his 25 years with the Los Angeles Times syndicate.

"Franklin Roosevelt relied on astrology. Theodore Roosevelt did. George Washington's diary said he kept track of the position of the stars," Omarr said.

The confirmation of the Reagans' interest followed reports that Donald T. Regan, the former White House chief of staff, plans to reveal in a book that Mrs. Reagan turned to astrologers in shaping the president's schedule.

"It's an input that they receive. I don't like to use the word rely," said Joyce Jillson, an astrologer from the San Fernando Valley whose daily horoscope is distributed to more than 100 newspapers nationwide by Tribune Media Services.

Interviewed on CBS' "This Morning" show today, Ms. Jillson said she was not surprised at the sudden controversy over the Reagans' interest in astrology.

"This has been sort of in the offing for the last two weeks. . . . I have been hearing rumblings about this through various channels," she said.

"I think they handled it beautifully. And frankly I think Donald Regan, who is a Sagittarius, tried to use this to get much more attention than it really got."

The question of Reagan and astrology surfaced more than 20 years ago, when he chose to be sworn in as governor for his first

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term shortly after midnight on Jan. 5, 1967.

Outgoing Gov. Pat Brown said Reagan picked the time because he relied on astrology. Reagan's aides denied that, and said the unusual time was picked because of constitutional questions regarding transfer of power.

Ms. Jillson said the Reagans regularly consulted astrologers throughout the Reagan presidency and gubernatorial tenure in California.

Lyn Nofziger, a former White House political aide and longtime associate of the Reagans, dismissed the sudden interest in Mrs. Reagan's stargazing.

"I have never once heard her allude to astrology or to the stars or to the moon or to the sign of the ram," he said.

He said the president liked to read his horoscope and "laughed about it and kidded about it, but I have never seen him take the stuff seriously."

Ms. Jillson said she was at the White House after Reagan's assassination attempt in March 1981, and helped the GOP choose George Bush as vice president.

"There was talk that I did charts for all eight (vice presidential) candidates. I don't deny that. I determined the only winnable choice was

Asked if she advised the Reagans, Ms. Jillson said, "I never discuss my clients."

She said Reagan has used astrology to pick his inauguration and other big events. "Look at when he holds his news conferences. They're usually during a full moon. He chooses those times to do it."

However, White House deputy press secretary B.J. Cooper said the Reagans did not know Ms. Jillson.

Mrs. Reagan's interest in the stars was renewed after her husband survived the assassination attempt, presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said. Ms. Jillson said Reagan's charts indicated danger for that time, and he should have been more cautious.

She added astrology was used in planning last December's summit between the president and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, but things didn't go smoothly with Mrs. Reagan and Raisa Gorbachev because the Soviet leader's wife's birthdate is not known in the West.

"The problem with Nancy and Raisa would never have happened if we had her birthdate," she said.

The Washington Post said one of the astrologers that Mrs. Reagan consulted was Carroll Righter of Los Angeles, who was mentioned in Reagan's 1965 autobiography, "Where's The Rest Of Me?" Righter