

Charts in the News

with commentary by Elisabeth Grace

Nancy Pelosi, March 26, 1940; 12:00 p.m. EST;
Baltimore, MD, USA (39°N17', 76°W37').

With transiting Saturn no longer squeezing Nancy Pelosi's Aries Sun by square (as it did through 2018), the gentlewoman from California defied her critics, reclaiming her gavel and power as Speaker of the House. Naturally, she cut a deal with incoming progressives in order to win their support; leave it to her Venus-Uranus conjunction in Taurus and her indomitable Scorpio Moon to find a way to persuasively present herself as a friend to all.

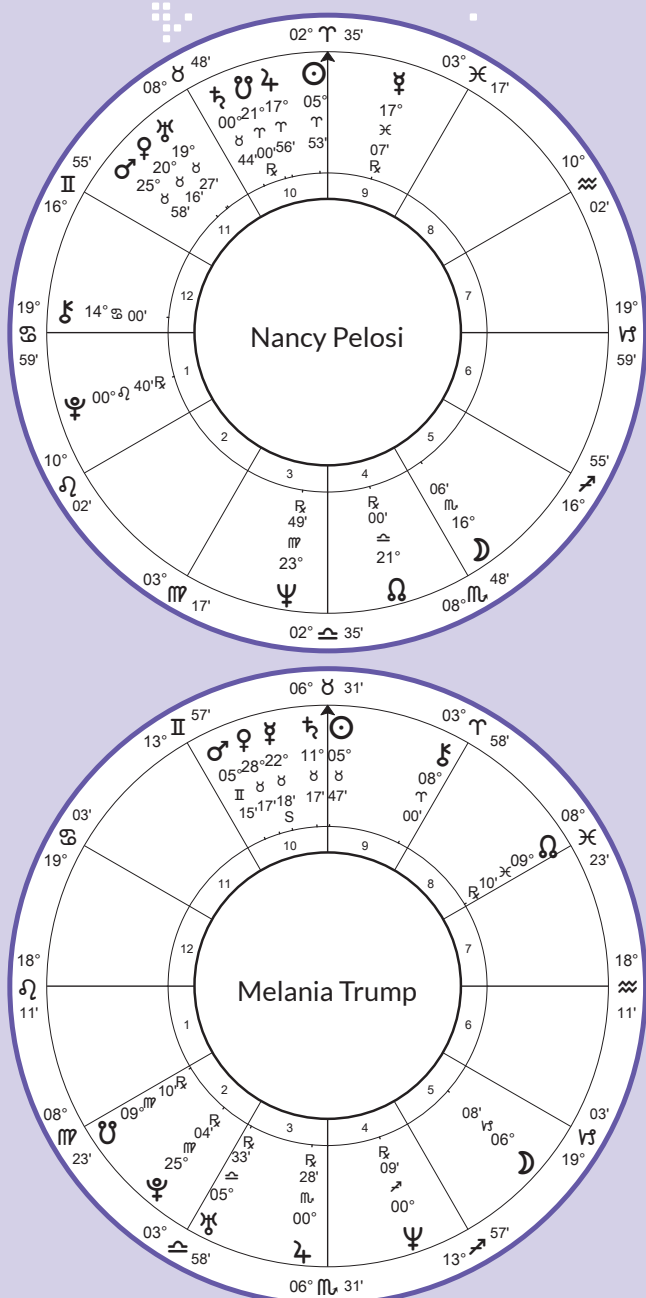
Stubborn endurance is suggested by natal Mars, dispositor of her Aries Sun, at 25° Taurus. This is no ordinary Mars, as it is exactly conjunct Algol. This fixed star is traditionally seen as extremely unfortunate, associated with decapitation and other dire ways of "losing one's head." How curious that on January 2, when asked how her mother approaches meetings with Trump et. al., Alexandra Pelosi told CNN, "She'll cut your head off and you won't even know you're bleeding."¹ Kudos to astrologer Rick Levine for instantly recognizing that statement as an apt expression of Mars conjunct Algol, and for reminding us that Algol is the decapitated head of the Gorgon Medusa, a rape victim arguably unfairly punished by the goddess Athena. The word Gorgon means "fierce, terrible and grim"; Medusa means "to guard or protect."² Where does Speaker Pelosi's Mars-Algol conjunction fall in Trump's horoscope? On his 24° Taurus MC, square his Leo Ascendant and Mars. Her Mars is expressly designed to cut his stature and his manhood down to size (and it already has).³

When transiting Uranus returns to 0° Taurus in March, it delivers the third of three 20,000-volt supercharges to Pelosi's powerful Saturn-Pluto square (exact on March 20-21). That square was eclipsed by January's total lunar eclipse at 0° Leo, right on her Pluto, which will be activated when Mercury hits 0° Aquarius (January 24) and when Mars hits 0° Taurus (February 15). The rest of 2019 is marked by transiting Neptune conjunct her Mercury, infusing intuitive thinking with potentially greater vision. *Fun fact:* Speaker Pelosi shares a birth date with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao, wife of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

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Melania Trump, April 26, 1970; 12:00 p.m. CET;
Novo Mesto, Slovenia (45°N48', 15°E10').

With the Sun in Taurus, Melania is born to establish material comfort and security, driven by the ambitious need for accomplishment of her (likely) Capricorn Moon. Neptune opposing Mercury and Venus (in late Taurus), as well as Mars in early Gemini, adds glamour and fog to her need to express an aesthetic ideal — or illusion. This opposition has been highly responsive to Mars transits in recent years. For exam-



All charts use Placidus houses and the Mean Node.

Without an exact birth time, we can't tell for sure if transiting Saturn was conjunct Melania's Moon at the time of that authoritative reach, but the fact that her popularity plummeted in the December polls⁵ makes it a theory worth testing. Regardless, note that Mars will enter the third decan of Taurus on March 15, setting her up for another round of provocative attacks and/or assertion likely making news. Watch for more independent actions in July, August, and September. Transiting Uranus will station at 6° Taurus, right on her Sun. Breakups, breakouts, or both?

It's not even a week old (as of this writing in January), but the 116th Congress is already living up to its horoscope. The partial government shutdown of December 12, 2018 is unresolved, and the president stormed out of a meeting with congressional leaders when told he wasn't getting money for his wall.⁶ Meanwhile, certain newbies are making headlines for using words that can't be printed in this refined publication.⁷

What drives this Congress? The Moon in Sagittarius, fearfully focused and needing respect for righteous opinion. About what? The Moon in the 8th house refers to shared resources, debt, and values. It rules the 4th house of family and homeland security. Was it just a coincidence that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was sworn in surrounded by children, including her own grandkids?

The chart is ruled by Mars in Aries, high-functioning in its own sign but limited by its placement in the 12th. Will hidden combative energies be its self-undoing? Or will it apply its ego energies for the benefit of the team, as a surgeon or a quarterback might do?

Since Mercury in boundary-pushing Sagittarius squares Mars, heated arguments with challenging resolution are a given. The closest aspect in the chart is a trine between Mercury and Uranus. Mercury is at the Galactic Center, suggesting innovative ideas that consider the *reeaaaaally* Big Picture, even the entire Earth. Ready for that New Green Deal? With Jupiter square Neptune in the signs they rule, you can't fault this Congress for faith and optimism, unless it's really all just an illusion, a scandal, or a lie.


It's fascinating to see Uranus at 28° Aries strongly placed in the 1st house, but stationary and not quite ready to turn direct. The rebel forces wishing to shake up the old guard may not be able to move forward quickly. *Fun fact:* In the horoscope for the 117th Congress (January 3, 2021; 12:00 p.m.; Washington, D.C.), chart ruler Mars is once again in high-functioning Aries — but this time in the 1st house — and *exactly where Uranus is in the chart for the 116th Congress:* at 28° Aries. Will the 117th be the Congress that oversees a revolution?

The image displays three circular astrological charts, each representing a different entity. The top chart is titled "The 116th Congress", the middle chart is titled "California", and the bottom chart is titled "Kevin Spacey". Each chart is a circular diagram with a central circle containing the title. The outer ring of each chart is divided into 12 segments, each representing a zodiac sign. The inner rings show the positions of the planets and the houses. The charts are arranged vertically, with the top chart at the top, the middle chart in the center, and the bottom chart at the bottom. The background of the entire image is a solid purple color.

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California, September 9, 1850; 9:41 a.m. PST (rectified time); San Jose, CA, USA (37°N20', 121°W53'). (Chart is on p. 15.)

California is designed for disruption. Look at that Uranus-Pluto conjunction at 29° Aries. In 2018, this volatile pair was hit twice by transiting Uranus. On November 8, two days after the second hit, deadly wildfires broke out. The town of Paradise literally burned to the ground.⁸ Reflecting the anguished losses of these fiery upsets are transits and a solar arc (SA) between Pluto and Saturn in 2018 and 2019: Squares from Pluto to California's Saturn were exact in 2018 on January 31, July 20, and December 7; SA Pluto will hit Saturn on December 19, 2019. A hard aspect to Saturn by Pluto is a surefire suggestion of intense effort in the face of potential destruction.

Disruption can also be liberating. With Uranus now opposing California's Venus and with SA Mars at 0° Aries, California's pioneering initiatives are making news. Examples include boldly planning to monitor climate change with the launch of its own satellite, banning for-profit charter schools, eliminating the cash bail system, and defying the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) anti-Net neutrality ruling.⁹

The third and final hit of Uranus to California's Uranus-Pluto conjunction happens February 23 – March 2. The third hit of Uranus opposing California's Venus occurs on April 2. Watch the headlines for continued upsets, for better or worse.

Kevin Spacey, July 26, 1959; 12:00 p.m. EDT; South Orange, NJ, USA (40°N45', 74°W15'). (Chart is on p. 15.)

Kevin Spacey chose a stage name that aptly reflects his horoscope, with its square between his regal Leo Sun and spacey Neptune. Who he really is and the illusions surrounding him have been a prominent focus since late 2017, when the first of dozens of men came forward to accuse the two-time Oscar winner of sexual assault. In December 2018, actual felony charges were filed against him by a man who says he was only 18 when he was groped by Spacey in a Nantucket bar.

Where do we see the potential for dramatic "wipeout" in the horoscope? Spacey's second Saturn return was in January 2018 — definitely a reality check. Since 2017, SA Sun (who he is) and SA Neptune (illusions) have been at the Aries Point (within 2° of 0° cardinal signs). His Sun was eclipsed at the end of July 2018, echoing the potential for a curtain falling (in August, the total weekend box office for his film *Billionaire Boys Club* was \$618.00).¹⁰ Meanwhile, SA Neptune has just conjoined his Saturn, adding to the surreal potential. If his Aries Moon is being squared by Pluto, we see the potential for emotional catharsis. That's assuming he even has an Aries Moon, as it's not entirely clear whether he was born on July 26 or July 27.¹¹ Seriously, who is this guy?

In response to the felony charges filed against him, Spacey broke a yearlong silence with a bizarre defense posted on social media, in character as *Frank Underwood*, his killed-off persona from the series *House of Cards*.¹² However he is judged in the trial (the next stage is scheduled for March 4, 2019), this video is undisputed evidence of a grand eccentric genius (Mercury conjunct Uranus in Leo and square Jupiter in Scorpio), acting out — literally — with compelling, disciplined perfection (Mars conjunct Pluto in Virgo, trine Saturn in Capricorn). Perhaps we'll see the real Kevin Spacey later this year, under the potentially liberating transit of Uranus square his Leo Sun.

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