

# Charts in the News

with commentary by Elisabeth Grace



**Michael Rubens Bloomberg**, February 14, 1942; 3:40 p.m. EWT; Brighton, MA, USA (41°N21', 71°W09'); AA: birth certificate. See **Chart 1**, p.13.

With Sun and Moon conjunct in Aquarius, Bloomberg has a focused need to be of social significance that is fueled by intellectual innovation. With a stellium of Sun–Moon–Mercury in the 8th, the focus could involve shared values, resources, and investments. The Aquarian trio squares a triple conjunction of Mars, Saturn, and Uranus — all in Taurus in the 11th. What does Taurus need to do? Build material comfort and security — incorporating 11th house matters: social ideals, administrative bodies, and networks. Did you know Bloomberg got his BA in electrical engineering? He designed a computer network that provides, “real-time market data ... and other analytics to Wall Street firms,”<sup>1</sup> and made billions.

His Sun–Uranus square is a statement of freedom, innovation, and pilot’s license; the Sun’s square to Saturn adds disciplined ambition. His Moon–Mercury square to Mars could be combative in words and action. A majority of planets in fixed signs conveys the stubborn resilience of an “immovable object.” Believing he was simply the best candidate to lead the Big Apple out of the 2008 financial crash, he was determined to stay on as mayor, term limits be damned. And he did!<sup>2</sup>

Neptune in Virgo unaspected, and at the Aries Point (AP) (0° cardinal) in the 3rd house, ruling the 9th, suggests visionary communication that influences the masses. It’s reflected in Bloomberg’s radio network and extraordinary philanthropy. He’s given billions to support public health, the arts, government innovation, education, and the environment. With his Cancer Ascendant, he needs to be seen as someone who cares. Yes, he will nurture you, right down to taking away your cigarettes, your trans-fats, and your mega-sized sugar-packed sodas. Yes, it’s controversial. But he cares!

With Mercury and Venus retrograde, he *really* needs to mull things over internally before letting a pitch fly. He’s been mulling over a presidential run for years — but it wasn’t until transiting Uranus activated his intensely empowered Venus–Pluto opposition last year that he took action. Fiercely

independent, he’s fine with spending his own millions. His campaign slogan is “Mike Gets It Done” — apt for the Saturn–Pluto in Capricorn conjunction that started 2020.

Jupiter and Saturn will oppose Bloomberg’s Ascendant three times in 2020, with the third Saturn opposition exact on Election Day, November 3rd. Hmmmmm. In 2021, he’ll have the start of a years-long Pluto opposition to his Ascendant. The last time Pluto made a hard aspect to that angle was in at the end of 1981, when Salomon Brothers laid him off. He responded by reinventing himself in 1982 and developing the product that launched his company in 1983. How will he transform himself in 2021?

*Fun fact:* If this horoscope looks familiar, it’s because Bloomberg was born just six days before Mitch McConnell, whose horoscope was profiled in the Dec. 2019/Jan. 2020 issue of *The Mountain Astrologer*.

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**Elizabeth Lee Wurtzel**, July 31, 1967; 11:46 a.m. EDT; New York City, NY, USA (40°N43', 74°W00'); C: source unknown, but the time does seem to accurately reflect many events in her life.

Synchronicity between current planetary patterns and obituaries is common. On January 7, days before the heavy Saturn–Pluto conjunction, Elizabeth “Liz-zie” Wurtzel left her body. Wurtzel is best known for *Prozac Nation*, a best-selling confessional about her battle with depression. With wounded healer Chiron and the Saturn/Pluto midpoint at the Aries Point, see **Chart 2**, p. 13. we can see how she’d become known for the anguished skeletons in her closet, exposed for all the world to see. Chiron’s placement at 29° Pisces is especially poignant. The last degree

of the zodiac can feel like the end of the world. It's also conjunct Scheat, the unfortunate fixed star associated with deep thinkers and shipwrecks.<sup>3</sup>

Wurtzel was born to shine in spite of the wreckage. Her regal Leo Sun is made even grander by its conjunction with Jupiter. It's made more provocative by a square to her 1st-house Mars–South Node in Scorpio. The Moon in Gemini's need to be the cleverest kid in the room was her driving force — but it is also challenged by its lack of aspects to any other planet and its “locked away” placement in the 8th house. How could she let it out?

With the Moon ruling her MC, in mutual reception with Mercury on the MC ruling the 9th, Wurtzel found fulfillment as a writer, spilling it all to the public. “I made a career out of my emotions,” she said.<sup>4</sup> With Neptune trine both her Mercury and MC, she wrote about music<sup>5</sup> — as well as drugs and shattered ideals. Wurtzel's people-pleasing Libra Ascendant suggests she needed to be seen as popular, fair, and balanced. But as “a mixture of raging honesty and raging narcissism,”<sup>6</sup> her writing sparked controversy. How the barbs must have hurt.

Saturn is retrograde, in hard aspect to the angles and Mercury. This close contact adds gravitas, for better or worse. Saturn Rx suggests a remote relationship with the father, and in fact, Wurtzel's parents split when she was two. By the time she enrolled at Harvard, she had reportedly not seen her father in four years.<sup>7</sup> But Donald Wurtzel wasn't her biological father, a fact she did not learn until 2016. Uranus and Pluto were in hard aspect to her angles in 2015 and 2016. During that time, she also got married and was diagnosed with breast cancer.

In 2018, Pluto and Saturn moved in on her IC, suggesting a breakdown and restructuring. Also stressed: Mercury, ruler of her 12th house in Virgo, often reflects health issues. The last hit of this cycle was December 14th, 2019. Wurtzel's cancer was not cured. She transitioned just one day before Mercury squared her Ascendant, with solar arc Neptune = Saturn humming in the background all through 2019, and exact in early 2020. According to Noel Tyl, this arc suggests “losing focus of ambition, depression; [a] sense of being wronged.”<sup>8</sup>

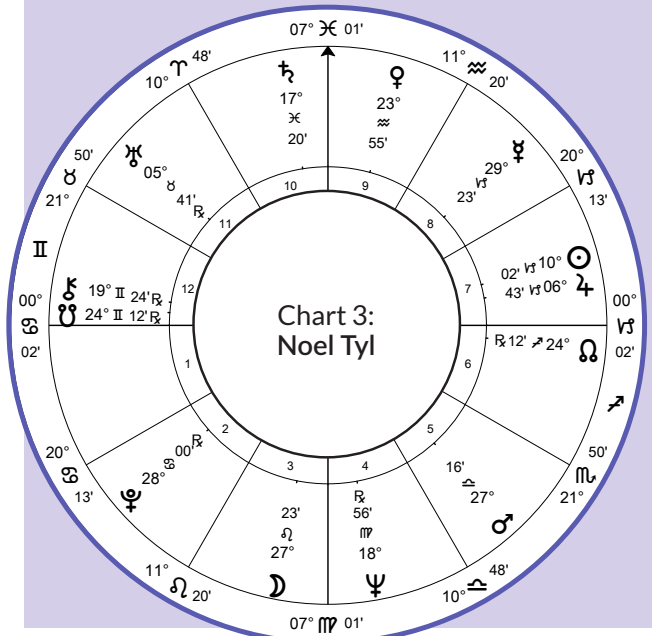
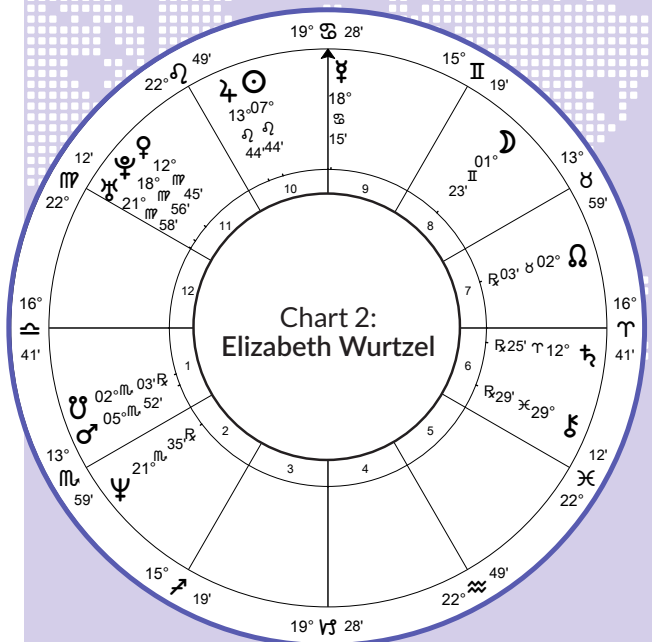
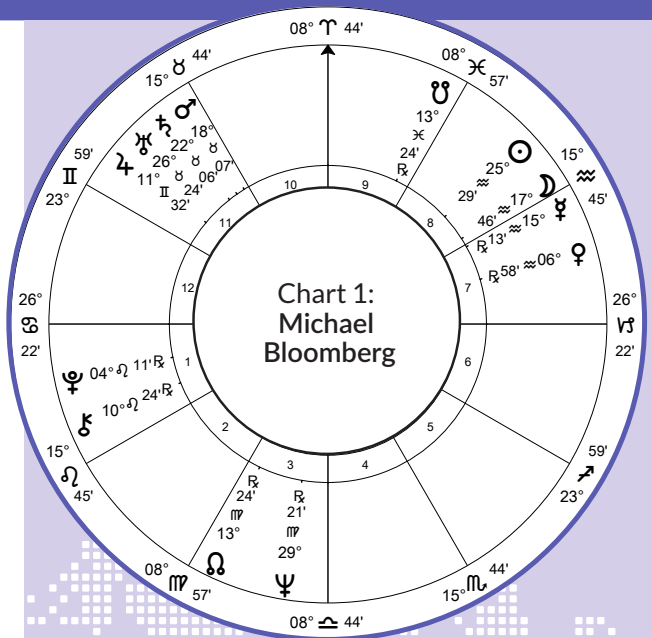
**Noel Jan Tyl**, December 31, 1936; 3:57 p.m. EST; West Chester, PA, USA (39°N58', 75°W36'); A: from memory.

I wrote these words on the day workers cut down an elm tree outside my home. It stood six stories high. It outgrew its little courtyard and nothing could be done. Now gone, it leaves a huge hole in the sky.

Noel Jan Tyl peacefully transitioned on December 31st — his 83rd birthday. He was like my elm — a giant among men — at 6'10" tall. His booming bass-baritone captivated audiences throughout his multifaceted career, whether on stage singing the role of Wotan<sup>9</sup> or at conferences teaching his groundbreaking approach that applied psychological need theory<sup>10</sup> to astrology. “Planets don't do anything,” he would bellow. “PEOPLE DO!” Tyl believed that if we used the horoscope to understand what a person needs, we could use our forecasting techniques to accurately anticipate actions.

Tyl's horoscope is fueled by the earthy ambition of a Capricorn Sun, see **Chart 3**, bottom right, with the ability to organize and deploy

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*All charts use Placidus houses and the Mean Node.*

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resources in a really big way — as seen by the Sun’s conjunction with Jupiter in the 7th. How to apply this big ambition is driven by the Moon, which Tyl defined as the “reigning need” of the horoscope. When the Moon’s reigning need is met, the person living the horoscope is fulfilled. It’s that simple. The reigning need of a Leo Moon is to be loved. Working with the ambitious energy of a Capricorn Sun, a Leo Moon needs to showcase the self with dramatic persuasion and much applause.

Tyl’s Leo Moon is in the 3rd house, ruling his 0° Cancer Ascendant and 2nd house, which Tyl interpreted as a measurement of self-worth. The house placement and rulership

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Where in the horoscope do we see the potential to become a master astrologer and mentor? Tyl developed a system for vocational profiling called the Midheaven Extension Process (MHEP), described in his book, *Vocations*. Here is a little sampling.

Start with Tyl’s Pisces MC — a double-bodied sign (two fishes) suggests more than one career, and we know that fits. OK — but what kind of career? We look at the MC ruler — Neptune — which refers to music, healing, vision, and spirituality — hmmm, that fits, too.

Next, we identify the dispositor of the MC ruler, and follow the chain until we can’t go any further:

- Neptune is in Virgo, dispossited by Mercury — which refers to information and communication — and is the classical ruler of astrology.
- Mercury is in Capricorn, dispossited by Saturn, which refers to business and authority.
- Saturn is in Pisces, dispossited by Neptune. We’re back where we started. STOP. Symphony orchestra manager. PR executive. Writer. Healer. Those Tyl career paths fit the themes we discovered in the chain of dispositors. What’s missing?

We examine the planets in the MHEP chain of dispositors. What houses do they rule? What planets do they aspect? Saturn and Neptune are only in contact with each other by opposition. No new info here. Mercury is another story — at

29° Capricorn in the 8th house and part of a close t-square with Mars and Pluto. Translation: a mindset that needs to be ruthlessly streamlined and efficiently communicating issues involving intimacy and other 8th-house concerns. Hmm.

The Moon is a key consideration in the MHEP process, as the reigning need of the horoscope! We identified communication and performance as needs of Tyl’s 3rd-house Leo Moon. At 27° Leo, it’s at one of the astrologer’s degrees<sup>11</sup> — and it’s opposed by Venus in Aquarius, the sign now associated with modern astrology.

Plus, Venus is quintile Uranus and in mutual reception. The quintile is a creative aspect that would need an outlet. Venus refers to aesthetics; Uranus refers to innovation. Venus is in the 9th house and Uranus rules the 9th house — publishing, travel, and collective belief systems. Turns out that Uranus is in touch with Mercury — in a wide square that you could argue turns Tyl’s t-square into a grand cross. It’s all coming together; the astrologer potential is emerging. I can hear Tyl’s booming voice, “Got the picture?”

Yes, we can see how Tyl would need to travel, teach, and publish over 30 books about astrology — including one that’s 1,000 pages — BIG! This would be a fulfilling second career for that double-bodied Pisces MC. Still more astrology signatures are in Tyl’s midpoints, e.g., ASC = AP = Venus/Uranus — needing to be seen as a famously innovative artist or astrologer! What other apt midpoints do you see?

**Melissa Viviane Jefferson, a.k.a. Lizzo, April 27, 1988; Detroit, MI, USA (42°N20', 83°W03'); C: unknown.**

**Author’s Note:** For the purposes of this exercise, I am using a speculative birth time of 2:30 p.m. EDT, with a 29° Leo Ascendant; Astro.com proposes 2:35 p.m., with a Virgo Ascendant, but this is now in doubt given Lizzo’s 2019 tweets.

Melissa Viviane Jefferson — a.k.a. “Lizzo” — is very much alive. By the time you read this, we’ll know how many Grammys the rap star took home as this year’s most-nominated artist. I confess: I did not look at her horoscope — or Lizzie Wurtzel’s — when I pitched them to *TMA*. As I write, I am floored by the similarities between them, and Noel Tyl’s, too!

Lizzo has a Sun–Jupiter conjunction square to Mars (see **Chart 4**, p. 69). It’s a strong statement of a need for assertion and ego aggrandizement that must be handled with care, and Lizzo’s is made more powerful with its Mercury–Pluto opposition. Like Tyl, she has a supercharged t-square that needs razor-sharp expression in words and action.

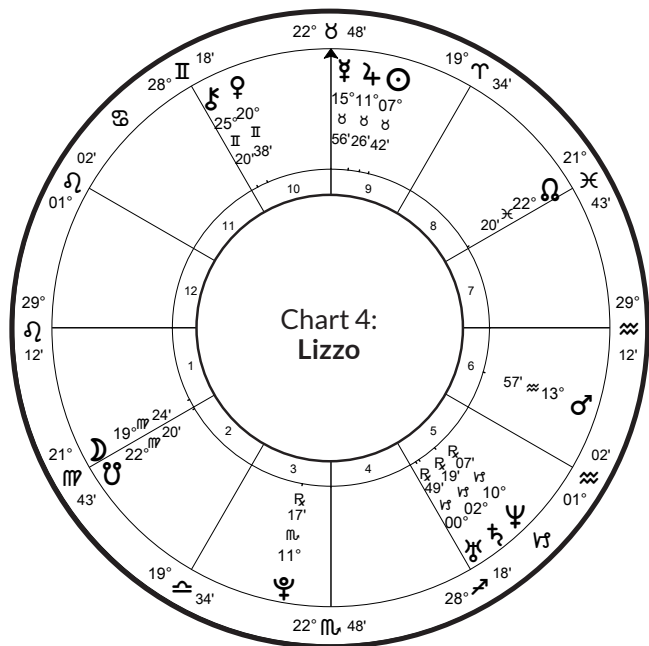
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Lizzo's Sun–Jupiter is in Taurus, squaring Mars in “rebel with a cause” Aquarius. She's here to establish material comfort and security, driven by her Virgo Moon's need to organize and get it right. Noel Tyl sees this earthy Sun–Moon combo as an easy expression of poise, common sense, and independence, and this is what Lizzo presents in one-on-one interviews. Meanwhile, the extravagant, sensual indulgence of her performance on stage reflects her Moon's square to Venus in Gemini, a marker for aesthetics that need to be diverse and

entertaining in every detail. It may also reflect a drama queen Leo Ascendant<sup>12</sup> — as Lizzo tweeted she had in August 2019.

Moon in the 1st house would suggest a need for entrepreneurship, but Lizzo says that in her youth she hoped to be a flutist in an orchestra (she is a classically-trained musician). As it turns out, this was her father's dream, not hers. Only after her father's death in 2009, did she begin to pursue a career as a soloist singer. Like Wurtzel, she has Saturn retrograde. But Lizzo's may rule the 5th house, where Uranus and Neptune are also placed. If so, this would aptly reflect how her father may have imposed limitations on Lizzo's creativity. With Saturn at the Aries Point, we surmise that the relationship with the father is prominent — as are discipline and ambition.

Also at the Aries Point: rebel Uranus, possibly ruling the 6th and trine the Ascendant. Her body needs to be different from the norm. Lizzo is a plus-sized woman and has made her “body positivity” a crusade. “My existence is a form of activism,” she told *CBS Sunday Morning* on October 6, 2019. She's living large and feeling grand ... and so should you. With Uranus soon to conjoin her Taurus Sun all through 2020, Lizzo is likely to find more ways of being herself without compromise.



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