



For those believing in astrology, Jan. 8 marked the beginning of a rare astrological event: All Planets in Direct Motion, which will continue through Feb. 6.

The infrequently occurring event was seen as great fortune and an opportune time to manifest goals, according to ancient astrologers. The event is rare because at least one planet is usually in retrograde motion for most of the year.

Stephanie Tetra Forest, also known as Wave Rayne, is the first American teacher of solar system influences to teach online courses, publish international

articles in several languages and to lecture on the occurrence and potential of APDM.

APDM is a unique time when the earth's perspective becomes like the sun and the vibration of the solar system can provide an extraordinary kind of cosmic assistance for any endeavor created to benefit, rather than to hinder, human life on earth, according to Forest's website allplanetsdirect.com.

The whole planet can be energized by cosmic fuel rather than fossil fuels, she writes on her website.

Her website also says an election that takes place during

the APDM cycle will serve to strengthen the achievement of certain goals with far greater ease. Teams may bond swiftly over common goals with increasing levels of confidence, determination and even faith, with APDM increasing the amount of faith members have in themselves and their projects.

Forest also writes to be cautious of retrogrades soon after the APDM cycle, as things could change or even reverse direction.

The next Mercury retrograde spans from April 9 to May 3.

University assistant professor of physics and astronomy

Tabetha Boyajian is a member of citizen scientists group Planet Hunters a team that first discovered strange light patterns of the "most mysterious star in the universe."

Boyajian named the star "Where's the Flux?" or "WTF," but it is more commonly known as "Tabby's Star."

The Greeks invented astrology 3,000 years ago to explain how everything worked, Boyajian said.

They would make observations and connections for these findings, which led astrologists to invent zodiac signs to deduct people's fortunes and moods

based on the time of the year and their birthdays, she said.

The earth spins once every day, but it also slowly wobbles like a top over the course of 22,000 years, Boyajian said. The earth has shifted enough that it is not pointing at the same parts of the sky Greeks saw when they created astrology, she said.

From an astronomer's standpoint, all planets aligning doesn't really mean anything, Boyajian said.

The distances between these astronomical bodies are so huge that they can't influence anything in our bodies or souls, Boyajian said.

CAMPUS CRIME BRIEFS

BRCC student turns himself in, arrested for multiple thefts in UREC

LSUPD spokesperson Lt. Kevin Scott said an 18-year-old BRCC student turned himself in to police because he was wanted in connection to three separate thefts inside the UREC.

Christian Ortiz-Rodriguez allegedly stole cash on Jan. 13 from multiple wallets left on the court

side of the basketball facility while individuals played basketball, according to Scott.

Ortiz-Rodriguez turned himself in to LSUPD Headquarters on Jan. 19 around 10 a.m., Scott said. He was arrested and issued a misdemeanor summons for three counts of theft.

LSUPD would like to remind those visiting the UREC to never leave valuables unattended, including wallets and mobile devices. If you need to bring these items inside the UREC and cannot watch them at all times, lock them up using an available locker.

21-year-old arrested for September gameday knockout

LSUPD arrested a 21-year-old non-student for second degree battery in connection to an incident that occurred at the Parade Ground in September.

As the University hosted its first home game of the season

against Jacksonville State University on Sept. 10, non-student Jacob Cassagne grabbed a victim exiting a portable toilet and struck the victim multiple times in the face, according to Scott.

Cassagne reportedly struck the

victim until he lost consciousness, Scott said. LSUPD obtained an arrest warrant for Cassagne, who was arrested on Jan. 22.

Cassagne was booked into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison for the aforementioned charge.

Man charged with criminal conspiracy, bank fraud

LSUPD added additional charges through an arrest warrant for a non-student incarcerated at East Baton Rouge Parish Prison, Scott said.

Non-student Starlet Barbe, 49, was incarcerated Jan. 24 at EBRPP for an unrelated and unknown case, according to Scott.

While incarcerated, Barbe was additionally charged with criminal conspiracy, forgery, nine counts of bank fraud and nine counts of monetary instrument abuse,

Scott said.

The charges were the result of a backpack theft that took place near the East Campus Apartments sometime during football season, according to Scott.

The backpack, which was reportedly left unattended while the owner tailgated, contained a checkbook, Scott said. Barbe then allegedly cashed various checks totaling \$910.

Barbe was arrested and booked into EBRPP on the aforementioned charges.

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