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**IN THE CARDS**

*Predictions for Salt Spring in 2002*

By **PIRJO RAITTS**  
Staff Writer

Bryon gives astrological reading for Salt Spring

When people first settled on Salt Spring, they came together for a common purpose, says local astrologer and psychic Bryon.

And more than 100 years later, he predicts, that same sort of influence will bring the island together once again.

While Bryon could not know the exact birth-date of Salt Spring, he set it at roughly 1900, and took his reading for 2002 from that date.

"There is an Aries energy here," he says.

"People like to get out and do things."

2002 will be a year of abrupt changes and a move to action, but people shouldn't worry — changes will not be on the physical realm but will occur around work, career and money.

Salt Spring's chart revolves around Pluto and Gemini. Bryon said these planets speak of looking at truth from two angles at once. There are many divergent groups on island and they need to come together.

"It's about people coming together for a common purpose. People need to find them-

selves through the group dynamic. People need to mix and to honour one another's diversity."

Bryon talked of "fire" coming to the earth this year. This could be a forest fire and he isn't predicting anything major or ugly, but people need to be diligent and never careless. There are "anger" issues involved around this aspect of planetary influence.

The up side is that because Salt Spring is about people and creativity, the year will be

one of creativity. Bryon sees this as a year where photography could take the front seat in creative endeavours.


"It will be a very creative year and what we do will be noticed and flashed around the country and possibly the world. We will really be noticed."

As the progress of the sun moves into Cancer, a lot of mothering and protection of the island will take place.

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# Regional director gazes into 2002, sees referendum but no Barnacle

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Asked to make predictions about major issues in 2002, Capital Regional District (CRD) director Kellie Booth quipped, "I don't think we're going to have a Barnacle by the end of the year."

**"It looks to me like they're robbing Peter to save Paul and we're always Peter."**

On a more serious note, Booth believes major discussion and a referendum about local government will be the most important issue for Salt Spring in 2002.

"I think we will find that the current rural tax rate may increase to accurately reflect the cost of police and highways management in rural communities."

## Predictions *cont'd from p1*

Creating a municipality through incorporation is not something Bryon wants to see happen from an astrological point of view.

"It's not appropriate given the natal aspect of this island," he said.

In the summer, people will need to become more vigilant as to their safety at home.

People need to look at issues of violence and crime and protect themselves from criminal influences which are

Since Salt Spring tax assessments reside at the upper end of the spectrum, the island will be subsidizing unorganized territories in rural B.C., she said.

At a September conference for the Union of B.C. Municipalities, communities throughout the province discussed a recent report that recommended raising policing costs for unincorporated communities.

The most significant recommendation of the report is that instead of provincially funded policing for incorporated communities, each regional district would contribute to a police fund and those districts would collect money on behalf of the province, she said.

Booth wonders if the Ministry of Transportation might make similar recommendations after the province-wide Core Services Review is completed.

"It will be interesting to see what will happen with highways."

Currently, roads for Salt

Spring come from a big pot of south Vancouver Island funds, she said.

"Are we getting value for what we're paying now? ... If we're paying more, is there any assurance we're going to get better service?"

Capital upgrades to Salt Spring roads are already deficient, she said.

"It looks to me like they're robbing Peter to save Paul and we're always Peter."

On a positive note, Booth feels optimistic about approval for upgrades to Lady Minto Hospital.

"That little hospital has served the community very well."

She also hopes to make a good news announcement sometime this year about plans to use treated effluent from the Ganges sewer plant to irrigate school fields and local parks.

"Now we can look at what we can do with that high-quality byproduct," Booth said.

One scenario could even see a proposed indoor recre-

ation facility using treated effluent for grey water systems such as toilets.

She feels the implications of conserving precious island water resources could be staggering both financially and ecologically.

"The more you use, the more you make. Recycling, recycling, recycling. It's very good, I think."

The Burgoyne Bay park purchases have also been an obvious boon for the community, said Booth.

But it will take a while to figure out who will manage what parts, she said.

"We have the areas protected and that's a positive thing. Now we have the time to develop effective management plans the community will support."

## Fibre festival meeting slated

A huge fibre festival planned for the island this summer now has a title and a theme.

"Tomorrow's Tradition, Fashion from Natural Fibres," scheduled for July 25 to 28, will highlight natural fibres.

The event is currently in the planning stages and a meeting of interested people is set for Saturday, January 12, at 2 p.m. at the Farmers' Institute. As explained by co-organizer Susan Berlin last week, the plans, so far, are big.

On Thursday and Friday of the festival there will be workshops, and Saturday will see a sheep-to-shawl competition and fashion show in the evening.

Berlin and her organizational group want the fashion show to involve craftspeople as well as designers.

"We want to invite the top designers from Canada. We want everyone involved," said Berlin.

Farm tours, the local spinning mill, a designer's display at ArtSpring and shearing demonstrations are all part of planned events.

The festival precedes Convergence, an international weavers and spinners conference taking place in Vancouver.

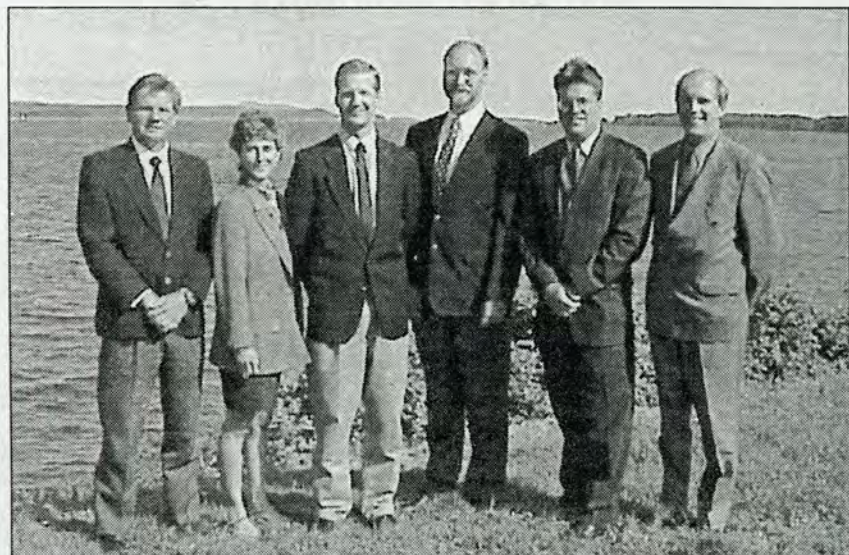
Joining Berlin on the organizational team are Maggie Krieger, Peter Bardon, Ted Hinds and Ann Heeley-Ray.

The January 12 meeting is open to anyone interested in being involved in some capacity at the festival.

"We need people for everything," said Berlin. "We need set-up people, shippers, fashion show coordinators, models, dressers, musicians, an MC, parking attendants, ushers, you name it."

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# Incorporation, seniors' housing in the leaves

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Staff Writer

Tea leaf reader Tanya Lester prefaced her comments about Salt Spring's coming 12 to 18 months with a qualifier: what she sees in the leaves is not predestined, but a blueprint — the exercising of free will can affect it all.

Local governance figured largely in Lester's reading, although she didn't recognize it as such immediately. What she saw instead was Salt Spring shaped like a house. It was huge, barn-like, with wide-open rooms — suggesting construction of a more orderly community, but with ample space to move.

Then she saw the human side of the domestic scene, with its emotional, dish-throwing tenants.

But rabble-rousers should be warned.

"People who are hell raisers for the sake of raising hell — they're going to be tossed out the back door," she predicts.

"There's always a certain amount of dysfunction in the house but there's going to be less tolerance towards dysfunction."

She recommends people wanting to change things "need to go with the flow and have [their] ear to the ground," but should ask "how can I do this in a harmonious way?"

She feels the incorporation referendum will likely pass, with an "extremely conservative person" running for the mayor's position. That indi-



Tanya Lester reads the leaves

Photo by Derrick Lundy

vidual "has a good chance of winning because there's not going to be much opposition."

For those alarmed by that prospect, Lester suggests citizens planning to back certain mayoral or council candidates during November elections should consider running for office themselves.

Election time will be heat-

ed, to say the least.

"There's going to be a lot of crying and weeping and gnashing of teeth."

But a more harmonious tone will soothe us after the ruckus, she says.

She also saw the island as four or five villages or groupings of people, and places where individuals pool resources and try to build new facilities or communi-

ties. Lester sees more development in the Long Harbour area, possibly instigated by a spiritual leader, which will lead to more small business activity — likely tourism-related.

Lester suggests new people will come to Salt Spring to develop spiritual communities, but that "we can't be naive about this kind of thing." Islanders have to ask, "What's the difference between a spiritual community that is good and going to add to what we have here, and fanatics?"

Salt Spring should also be wary of certain business interests from off-island, which will "take advantage of our chaos."

She speculates they could be in the 7-11 or Starbucks genre, and that the Upper Ganges area (on Lower Ganges Road) will take on a "more glitzy" appearance.

She also sees the seniors housing market becoming "really competitive," with an intermediate care-type facility on one of the other Gulf Islands even affecting Greenwood.

A "new look" around Greenwood also peeked through the tea leaves.

And how about a car dealership? She sees one setting up shop in the Rainbow Road area. (Got any plans we should know about, Richard?)

Less surprising is a prediction that the local arts and music scene will surge this year, spawned in part by informal gatherings of musicians in island homes.

"People think it happens lots already, but it doesn't necessarily happen all the time."

Those jam sessions will ferret out new musicians, and the heightened activity will culminate in a few summer music festivals on Salt Spring. (I don't think Lester knows that a province-wide bagpipe festival is slated for June.)

More public art — perhaps a project in Centennial Park or close by — will brighten Ganges, facilitated by someone who knows how to get government grants.

An individual visual artist will receive national or international recognition and that could lead to an arts conference or event on Salt Spring. A conference of writers or academics will add to Salt Spring's image as a more grown-up community and help boost the island's reputation as a place to hold such gatherings.

The high demand for rooms caused by various festivals and events will see more pooling of advertising resources by accommodation owners.

Lester also sees visual changes on McPhillips Avenue — a "facelift" or perhaps an apartment building close to that area; and more physical changes at Thrifty Foods.

Celebrities will buy little islands around Salt Spring and venture into town to pick up their supplies. More residents from the other Gulf Islands will also shop on our big island rather than in Sidney.

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## And how did Lester do last time around?

When the Barnacle wanted a tea leaf reader to sketch Salt Spring in 2002, there was no doubt who to call.

Tanya Lester, the experienced reader, reiki practitioner and activist in all things psychic, was summoned without hesitation.

We gleefully recalled the success of Lester's island reading two years ago when as a Driftwood reporter she boldly undertook her first divination of a place rather than a person.

She was remarkably accurate that time, from seeing changes to the Thrifty Foods building and surrounding areas such as Rotary Marine Park, to a serious workplace injury to gleaming new structures in Ganges Harbour. (It was likely the new coast guard dock, not those more recent additions.)

A new car rental spot in the Mouat's area did not materialize as predicted. (Still, maybe she was seeing a spate of cars stolen from that area; or just so many parked cars it looked like a commercial outlet.)

Lester became a national celebrity a few months ago when she read the leaves of CBC Radio host Bill Richardson live on Richardson's Roundup.

That led to about 30

requests for readings from people who heard the show and wanted Lester to do some over-the-phone divining.

Lester has been reading leaves for about six years, with four of those spent on Salt Spring.

She tread a genetic trail to reach the tea-cup trade, with her paternal grandmother and great-grandmother of Lebanese origin being seasoned practitioners.

Interestingly, she did not encounter that bit of family history until a few years ago.

Lester reads at Blue Moon on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and can be reached for an appointment through 538-0086.

She has been doing readings at The Bodyworks Collective in Creekside, and can be reached there in the next couple of weeks, but the collective has decided to disband later this month.

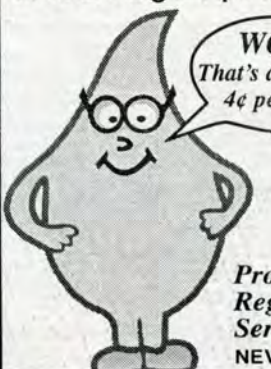
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# Canada to blame for weapons



Isle Say! ...  
with John Pottinger

"He that makes haste to be rich shall not be innocent."  
(Proverbs 28:20)

Front-page stories around the world the last few weeks have been warning about the risk of a war — a real war — between India and Pakistan.

Why is such a war considered more dangerous than other wars (if that notion is possible)?

Two reasons: First, they've fought each other four times in the last 50 years. Second, both countries have nuclear weapons — lots of them.

How did India and Pakistan get the technology to build atomic bombs? We gave it to them. I mean Canada. Not the Americans, or the British, or the French. We did it. Canada: That lovely, smiling, peacekeeping land that's pure as maple syrup.

What motivated a sweet place like Canada to contribute to (no, worse than that — to guarantee) the spread of weapons of mass destruction? What possible incentive, what higher moral purpose, led us to become a bright beacon to those intent on building atomic bombs?

Money.

During World War II, scientists from other parts of the world came to Canada to conduct research in the production of nuclear weapons. Under the auspices of Britain, Canada and the USA, this group completed a prototype, heavy-water reactor in September 1945. By mid-1947, the first operational reactor (known as NRX) came on line. Its sole purpose was to produce plutonium and uranium-233 for American atomic weapons. (This reactor had a major accident in 1952 that caused its shut down for 14 months while it was repaired and rebuilt. It was permanently closed in 1993, after admissions that significant amounts of radioactive contamination were released into the Ottawa River over the 45 years of its operation.)

In 1957, another reactor, called the national research universal (NRU) reactor, began operation. That one was designed primarily to produce plutonium for atomic weapons and is still in operation today. (It's scheduled for "decommissioning" in 2005.)

Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, Canada built many other reactors and began trying to sell them to other countries. The government of the time decided that nuclear energy was the wave of the future and felt that Canada could be a major player in the industry. In order to establish a name for ourselves, we made it really easy to buy one of these reactors; in fact we gave the first one away. To India.

That reactor, which was based on the NRX design, began operations in 1960. Although it was controversial at the time, Canada did not require India to guarantee that the reactor wouldn't be used to produce plutonium for nuclear weapons. We were so determined to establish a market for our reactors, we ignored the risk of nuclear proliferation.

In 1963 Canada actually sold (rather than gave away) a reactor. This was the first of the "CANDU" type reactors and it went to India also. To make sure they bought it, we loaned them half the money (\$40 million). Then we went one step further. As part of an "aid program," we provided India with information on the design, specifications and construction of heavy water reactors. India used that information to build a bunch of "CANDU clone reactors" which provide it with significant nuclear weapons building capacity — not subject to international safeguards.

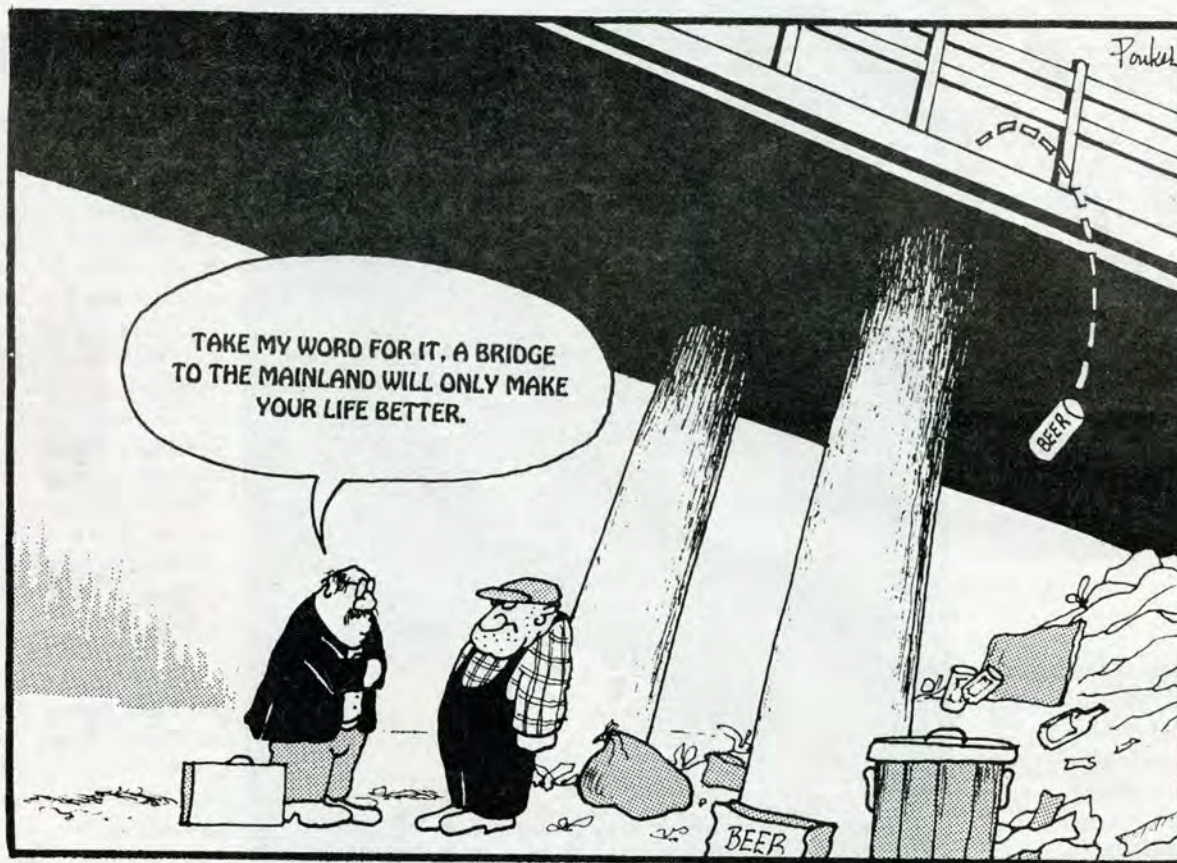
In 1964 we found our next customer. You guessed it. We signed an agreement with Pakistan to build a CANDU reactor near Karachi. In order to "close the deal" we agreed to finance 90 per cent of the cost. But we made them pay dearly for it: We charged them less than one per cent interest over 40 years, with no payments for 10 years.

In 1977 we ended nuclear co-operation with Pakistan because they wouldn't sign the Non Proliferation Treaty but, thanks to you and me, they were already blazing down the road to nuclear weapons capability.

Since then we've sold reactors to Korea, Argentina, Romania and, most recently, China. (I'm probably using the word "sold" incorrectly. We've lost money on every one of the CANDU deals we've ever done.) Those countries have signed the Non Proliferation Treaty, so we can rest assured they won't use Canadian reactors and technology to build atomic weapons.

Yeah right. They're all shining examples of open, honest government. Just like India and Pakistan.

Next time you watch TV footage of Pakistani and Indian missiles, picture little Canadian flags painted on the sides of them. How does that make you feel?



## COMMENTARY Cancer and the environment

By HARRY BURTON  
Second of two parts

Is it any wonder that cancer prevention receives so little attention?

The real cause of cancer is environment. Cancer is caused by exposure to carcinogens. Toxic diets, toxic lifestyles, toxic environments, toxic drug treatments and toxic diagnostic techniques cause cancer. The best way to solve the cancer problem is to prevent exposures.

This means we must avoid carcinogenic and hormonally active chemicals by demanding clean food, water and air, plus we must avoid all types of ionizing radiation.

Only three per cent of the 75,000 manmade chemicals in use today have been tested for safety. With the continued creation of up to 2,000 new chemicals each year, our bodies are exposed to many substances for the first time. Many of these manmade chemicals are hormone mimics, which can actually interfere with the natural processes that occur in a healthy human body.

Is it any wonder that the incidence of cancers and allergies is increasing?

As we have proceeded to clean up the air and water of the environment, the food we eat has become the greatest source of poison into our bodies. Almost all beef, chicken and pork grown in the U.S. and Canada is fed hormone supplements to cause additional growth and weight gain in the animals.

Why do you think that same growth effect would not happen in humans who eat the hormone-laced meat?

The health benefits of fruit and vegetables are well known. As well as vitamins, nutrients and minerals, they contain antioxidants, which help the body to fend off carcinogens. With organi-

cally grown food, a person receives this maximum nutrition and health benefit. With conventionally produced food, however, the traces of manmade agricultural chemicals in them decrease any health benefits. An apple raised conventionally can have up to 15 sprays applied to it by the time it reaches the consumer, the first spray being in the spring just as the blossom petals drop.

Life is indeed a game of chance. I choose to increase my odds at living by eating organic food whenever possible. I estimate that 80 per cent of my family food intake is organic due to the fact that we have a large garden. I attempt to maximize this figure.

Fortunately, organic food is the fastest growing sector in food industry sales. Organic cultivation grew by 162 per cent in 2000 in England while gross sales in California increased 38 per cent between 1995 and 1998.

On Salt Spring Island, we all have access to incredible organic food, clean air blowing in from the Pacific Ocean and water that is free from chemical effluents. We are indeed lucky.

We have much to learn from Cubans and Europeans. First, Cuba has a food system that is 100 per cent organic, simply because it cannot afford and has no access to expensive agricultural products of the industrial world. Being poor actually rewarded Cubans with pure, healthy food. They also cannot afford to buy processed foods.

Europe, on the other hand, has a public which demanded good quality organic food, with striking results. U.S. beef cannot be imported to Europe because of growth hormones used in the feed. Europeans have also banned all GM products due to public

demand. The new German Agricultural Minister, Renate Kunast, a Green Party MP, has initiated a movement to return German to organic food production, including barnyard-raised chickens and fruits/vegetables raised only with natural fertilizers.

Are we as Canadians prepared to sit by quietly and continue having our health deteriorated by unhealthy food?

Recently our elected MPs in Ottawa defeated a bill to label all GM foods. I believe that most constituents would want to know what foods they eat contain GM products.

How can our democratically elected members, when they get to Ottawa, vote as they want and not how their constituents want?

The other problem is the trend towards multinational companies. They have minimal interest in individuals or local concerns, but are instead interested only in profit and ensuring their tentacles of control.

The best assurance of quality food (and all products) is to know the first name of the person growing or making it. Small is generally good. In any area, ask the locals and they will direct you to some of the best farmers in the area. On the other hand, local farmers producing unhealthy food will soon be put out of business by a lack of market. For a multinational doing harm in a local area, however, business goes on as usual because there are unlimited customers around the world who don't know of the company's bad practices.

Most major corporations are still male dominated. The agricultural and biotech companies are making many decisions, which negatively affect the health of our world. We are all guinea

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pigs in these ongoing experiments.

Are these company executives so naive that they believe they themselves are immune from all these negative health effects they are foisting on the rest of us? They are in the same cage as us, eating the same food and breathing the same air.

Do they not have children or grandchildren who they cherish with all their heart, yet continue with practices that could expose their heirs to carcinogens?

Not only are babies and children at greater risk from cancer, since their cells are multiplying at such a great rate, but men are equally susceptible and increasingly at risk from prostate cancer for many of the same reasons as women get breast cancer. Hormones.

All GM food products are being tested by the companies that create them.

Can we trust companies which have financial interests in these products to be concerned about our health?

There has been no long term testing of some of these GM products — are you content to allow such short-term testing of GM products, or do you want assurances that they will not harm your grandchildren?

I have not heard of any GM product that was rejected because it proved unsafe. Does this mean that 100 per cent of new GM foods being created have been proven safe for humans?

Never underestimate the negative power of money or corporations. Rachel Carson, who in the 1962 publication *Silent Spring* first raised the alarm bells against pesticides such as DDT, suffered business-launched smear campaigns against both her scientific findings and her personal life. Her book and the information in it threatened corporate profits. Fortunately her research, writing and personal life withstood these onslaughts. Her conclusions about DDT were correct; it was subsequently banned and she gave great impetus to the environmental movement.

Other important things to investigate are the motives or ethics behind anyone giving any information, including myself.

Who pays them? What do they stand to gain if you follow their advice? Get to know the behind-the-scenes factors.

Marketing forms a substantial part of multinational budgets. According to Chemical and Engineering News, The Chlorine Manufacturers of America may be spending over \$150 million a year attempting to alleviate concerns about the possible dangers of chlorine in our environment. Much of this money goes to research centres and organizations, which will likely not receive future funding if results prove unfavourable to the chlorine-producing companies.

Can you trust a writer/speaker/researcher who is funded by the chemical industry to be unbiased in their presentations?

Man has somehow acquired a superior attitude towards Earth, as if our species is the master, and in most instances the planet has been manipulated to benefit man. A myopic person might then conclude that man is the master, yet we are slowly learning that Mother Nature still holds all the trump cards and we might be creating an insidious disaster in the future — one that will ambush us unrelentingly.

When are humans going to realize that they cannot dominate and manipulate Mother Nature for their own uses?

It is imperative that all citizens know as much as possible about the world that sustains them. Much good information about cancer prevention is available in the resources listed below.

Knowledge is power.

### Books

1) *LIFE'S DELICATE BALANCE: The Causes and Prevention of Breast Cancer* by Dr. Janette D Sherman.

2) *HORMONE HERESY: What Women Must Know About Their Hormones* by Sherrill Sellman. Website: [www.sellman.com](http://www.sellman.com).

3) *OUR STOLEN FUTURE*, by Theo Colburn, Dianne Dumanoski and John Peterson Myers.

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1) *HORMONE WISE DIGEST* (online) by Sherrill Sellman. Send an email to [Hwise@sellman.com](mailto:Hwise@sellman.com) with subject line: subscribe Hwise.

2) *RACHEL'S ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH BIWEEKLY* (online) by Environmental Research Foundation. Send an email to [listserv@rachel.org](mailto:listserv@rachel.org) with subject line: subscribe Rachel Weekly (your name).

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The writer and his wife Debbie run Apple Luscious Organic Orchard on Salt Spring Island.

## NY video

After our members' return from New York City, where we visited "ground zero" and attended numerous funeral services, all eight of us are still constantly approached about our experiences by interested members of the public.

We took many pictures and a fair amount of video footage and one of our volunteers has put this all together in video format.

We wish to invite those interested to the Ganges fire hall on Wednesday evening, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. to view the video and picture show.

After the show we will be more than willing to discuss our experiences and answer any questions you have.

DAVE ENFIELD,  
Salt Spring fire chief

## Shocked

Four hundred dollars a month. That's what it costs the Salt Spring Lions Club to get rid of your "good" garage sale stuff you want to donate.

As someone who works in the Lions building, I am shocked at the amount of junk people drop off because it's cheaper and easier than going to the dump.

Then a few of our hard-working seniors have to move it away from the doors, out of the rain and into trucks to haul to the dump.

The Lions Club is one of the biggest community supporters on the island. Isn't it a shame its members have to spend \$4,800 a year for your garbage when that money could be donated back into the community?



A journal as literary as the Barnacle can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, Slough-on-Severn, England. Here, Mayor Michael Grinnall browses the paper, courtesy of Valerie Perry.

So look at the stuff in your truck: If you wouldn't sell it at your own place, the Lions don't want it. If you need to drop it off when no one is there, they probably don't want it. If it's at the Lions Club outside, it's not yours to pick and choose from when no one is there.

The Lions garage sale takes place from 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays and Saturdays. Do everyone a favour. Drop off and pick up at these times, and think about what you are dropping off.

GAYLE MEEK,  
Salt Spring  
P.S. I am not a Lions Club member.

## Happy girl

A big thank you to Tina and the nice people at Pharmasave downtown for

## Dénouement

*The path is fine; it needs only a do-not-disturb sign so it may rest in peace.*

—Richard Cruickshanks

finding my Winnie-the-Pooh, who was lost when I visited Gramma and Grampa at Christmas.

Tigger, Piglet and I are very happy.

NICOLA (Age 2)

## Oil pact

It wasn't widely reported in the media, but on December 21 President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan signed an agreement with President George W. Bush that is aimed at helping the Central Asian nation develop its vast oil resources and bring them to world markets.

Coming amidst Operation

Enduring Freedom's successes in bringing freedom and democracy to Afghanistan, our joy at this happy event may be slightly muted by the fact that, according to the U.S. State Department, President Nazarbayev's own commitment to freedom and democracy is somewhat less than perfect. See [www.state.gov/www/global/human\\_rights/1999\\_hrp\\_report/kazaksta.html](http://www.state.gov/www/global/human_rights/1999_hrp_report/kazaksta.html).

It's shocking to contemplate, but could George actually be more interested in oil than he is in freedom?

BRIAN SMALLSHAW,  
Bay Ridge Place

# Is that a pig spleen in your pocket?



*Wit & Whimsy ...*

*with Arthur Black*

I want to reassure everyone that this is NOT going to turn into a rant about Environment Canada weather forecasts.

I am NOT going to dwell on the fact that, despite umpteen gazillion dollars worth of thermometers, barometers, anemometers, radar, Doppler, weather balloons and interstellar meteorological satellites, Environment Canada is almost always DEAD WRONG about predicting temperatures and conditions in the microclimate that surrounds my house.

I will NOT point out that the Environment Canada spokesperson NEVER ADMITS his or her organization screwed up the day after it rains when it was supposed to have been sunny, or when a Force 10 gale shows up on what was forecast as a calm day.

I am just going to say that, when it comes to weather forecasting, Gus Wickstrom of Tompkins, Saskatchewan, does it better. What's more, Gus doesn't have a high-tech laboratory full of sophisticated

instruments and gauges.

He does his forecasting with pig spleens.

You read right. Gus takes the spleen from a slaughtered pig (older hogs are best), holds it out in front of him, palpates the organ, sometimes even takes a little chomp of it ("I like to bite into it a little — I am trying to be more accurate," he says.)

And then Gus Wickstrom predicts the weather for Tompkins, Saskatchewan and environs.

Is he any good at it? The Farmer's Almanac thinks so. The magazine, which is mildly famous for the accuracy of its own weather forecasts, extolled Gus Wickstrom and his pig spleens in a feature article not long ago. He gets calls from radio stations and TV stations around the continent asking him to tell the world what the weather's going to be.

He's been interviewed by media outlets in New York and Los Angeles. KOMO TV recently flew him in to Seattle to read his pig spleen prognostications for Washington.

It's amazing what Gus can suss out from a simple pig

spleen. "The last few years there's been a blue streak at the bottom of the spleens," says Gus.

"That tells me we'll get some rain in May and June. (This year's) spleens have a good layer of fat compared to last year and that usually indicates more moisture."

Is Gus on the money or is he just talking through his porkbellies? Well, last year he went toe to toe with the official Canadian weather office — and mopped the floor with them.

"Environment Canada has thousands and thousands of dollars worth of equipment," says Gus, "and last year they said it would be cold and wet (in the prairies)."

"But the spleens showed exactly the opposite, and that's what we got — a warm and mild winter with little precipitation."

Environment Canada has a bit of an excuse in this contest — they've only been around for a few decades. Spleen-reading goes back for generations.

"It came from my dad's side of the family," says Gus. "They came to Saskatchewan from Sweden back in the early 1900s. But weather predictions with spleens were

done in Stockholm long before that."

Gus has great respect for a body organ that doesn't get a lot of positive press, generally speaking. He says the spleen is a powerful piece of meat that can do much more than tell you if it's going to rain on your parade.

He says slapping a chunk of raw spleen on your balding head promotes hair growth. "I often wear it under my hat when I go to check the mail," he says.

He's a big fan of taking spleen internally too. Gus reckons a feed of spleen is good for folks with rheumatism, arthritis, bad hearing, failing eyesight. "It can put a little zip in your life," he says.

Speaking of which, Gus cautions against eating too much spleen. He says a little under four ounces a day is the absolute maximum. Why?

Because spleen is, well, like Gus said — powerful. "It acts like Viagra. Anyone can eat it — men or women — but there is no use only one spouse eating it since that person will overpower the other."

Aha.

That explains that famous old Prairie expression: "Is that a pig spleen in your pocket or are you happy to see me?"



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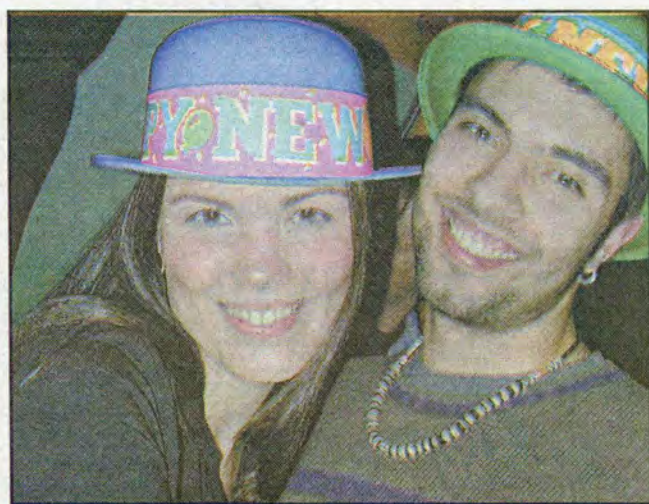
A weekly feature of the Barnacle Island Journal

January 8, 2002

Photos by Derrick Lundy



Seen here, clockwise from top left are: Swimmers at the January 1 Polar Bear Swim; Rita Dods and Vanda Winstone at Legion, New Year's Eve; Craig Jensen, Kathryn Landry celebrating the new year; Adham Shaikh at Talons; fishermen Graham French and Krishna Jolliffe; islanders celebrate at Meaden Hall; scrubboard player and (above) band at Moby's Pub on New Year's Eve; Meena Forderer and Gino Klein; and a watchful dog.



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# It's all in the cards for Salt Spring

By PIRJO RAITIS  
Staff Writer

Tarot card readers have been around for centuries, and many people still associate them with gypsy caravans and fortune tellers.

On Salt Spring, readers make use of only the cards — the theatrics are forgotten.

Aylwin sits at the table in her cozy kitchen on North View Road and gazes into the future to offer some predictions for the island in 2002. Using the Daughters of the Moon tarot deck, she reads a general spread:

- There will be a huge summer celebration like Sea Capers; something will be resurrected and it will be a big Salt Spring party for everybody. People will be happy about this because they missed Sea Capers last year.

- There will be a number of new work initiatives on the island. Work programs will increase employment and a lot of businesses will be hiring. This boom will be great for the young people here. Lots of activity is predicted for the arts and crafts, particularly in clay, and employment will be created from that line. A major new pottery studio may hire eight to 10 people.

- A new gourmet food company will expand and food items will be exported off-island.

- The erotic festival in February will see the start of many new romances. A dating service may enhance the romantic connection scene.

- Overall there will be a lot of fierce public debate on where the island should be going. Issues will be out in the open among different factions. Aylwin senses ample debate sparking on the issue of "rich versus poor," and on how the Texada lands should be used. By summer, heated fiery debates will reach a crucial peak, with flurries of letters to the editor and lots of people sticking to their positions.

- A period of sadness is now ending. The Texada celebration in December was for what we gained, but there was some sadness of what was lost.

- Tourism numbers will be down but revenues will stay up. People will stay on the island longer. Economically speaking this is not a "boom" time for the island; the economy will settle out. She sees a more sustained economic picture. Fall and winter tourism will be more steady and the summer "boom" will continue longer into the year. There is a sense of needing a year-round sustainable economy and there will be backers for that concept; some from government, some local and some "secret" angels.

- The pagan community will rise again and there will be more workshops, circles and celebrations, with more participation by the public.

- A new land development initiative will be attempted by "money" people. They may try another "Texada scenario," but this is not a logging development. These people, who appear to be Canadian businessmen from the east, may be unscrupulous and should be avoided. Unfortunately, their vision for the island doesn't include people who live here now. The island will respond strongly and send them packing.

- Aylwin sees music festivals taking place, likely in August. Local musicians will play together more.

- The Islands Trust will go through an internal struggle characterized by lots of disagreement. This is a two-to-three-year cycle and something new will take its place. It won't be called "Islands Trust" in future and the change will come from the inside, not the outside.

- The municipality issue will take precedence, moving closer to reality this year but will not be in place by the end of the year.

- A secret gift is on the way for the island, she says, and we need to have hope. It will be an exciting year and we are moving to a better place. More environmental housing, more harmony and balance is predicted by 2003. A much more unified island will emerge, but we must keep faith during the fiery debates.

Aylwin can be seen at the Saturday Market during the summer months and she offers phone and e-mail tarot card readings to her clients.

She can be reached at 537-8797.

# Weather predictions: 2002

A mixed bag of cold temperatures, less-than-normal precipitation and a balmy spring are in the crystal ball for the coming year, at least according to a long-range weather forecast by the Old Farmer's Almanac.

According to the Almanac's annual weather summary for southern British Columbia — which extends until October 2002 — islanders can expect above-average snowfall and below-normal rainfall this winter.

January through March "will average one to three degrees colder than normal, due to an exceptionally cold January; expect the coldest temperatures just after mid-month," the summary says.

"The stormiest periods will be in January, with heavy snowstorms; and mid-February with snow changing to rain."

The Almanac forecasts April and May as dry and mild, averaging a few degrees above normal.

However, things do not look so good for the summer,

which is expected to be cooler and wetter than normal.

"Temperatures will average about a degree below normal near the coast and about two degrees below normal inland. Early to mid-June, early to mid-July and mid-August will be warm. Rainfall will be above normal from June through August, with rain early in each month."

September is described as "pleasant and warm and sunny, until it turns much colder late in the month."

October could have heavy snowfall in the east of the area, but should be close to normal here.

The Almanac's forecasts are determined by a "secret formula" devised in 1792 by the Almanac founder Robert B. Thomas, and "enhanced by the most modern, scientific calculations based on solar activity, particularly sunspot cycles."

The Almanac also analyzes weather records for specific areas.

"We believe nothing in the

universe happens haphazardly; there is a cause-and-effect pattern to all phenomena, including weather . . . . Modesty requires, however that we add this caveat: it is obvious that we, nor anyone else, has gained sufficient insight into the mysteries of the universe to predict weather long-range with anything resembling total accuracy."

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# Soothsayers (sort of) peer into island's future

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Will debates continue to rage over Salt Spring barges, bridges and bylaws? Could peace spontaneously break out on the island of fragmented pottery? Would someone dare to hijack the Skeena Queen?

A few local comedians made predictions about Salt Spring's future.

Thyme and space specialist Shilo Zylbergold consulted turkey entrails in the

show whilst he channelled his muse, Absalom the Absolute, to augur the future.

Zylbergold introduced Absalom as a 300,000,000-year-old manager of a Hot Pteradactyl Wing stand from Pasadena, California.

"On the eve of March 31,



Zylbergold

2002, peace will break out all over the globe," professed Absalom/Zylbergold. "The next 24 hours will be consumed with harmony and love," he intoned.

"After that, people will start to discuss their individual peaceful experiences. They will deliberate on the pros and cons of peace and whether peace is all it's cracked up to be. People will ponder deep questions such as 'Is peace good for business?' and

'Will the tourists still come?'

"While comparing each others' versions of peace, discussions will lead to arguments and arguments will lead to bitter disagreements. And the world will be engulfed in turmoil once again."

On a more local perspective, Absalom/Zylbergold predicted that Salt Spring incorporation will proceed in 2002.

"The people voted-in to

govern the island will be the same people running B.C. Ferries — and all will be good," foretold the pteradactyl hawk.

"The only problem is that bylaws will be re-written every half hour."

Looking into his crystal ball, "Swami Sid" Filkow of the Salt Spring Hysterical Society gave a few hints of what lies ahead in the year of the palindrome.

"With the opening of Barb's Buns new restaurant, the old gang wars will return between the Barbarians and the Roastafarians and there'll be a lot of drive-by shoutings."

The yoga geezer also anticipates that Salt Spring will declare independence this year.

"But civil war will break out between the north end and south end over the issuance of occupancy permits," said the solicitor seer.

"Marijuana will be legalized by the new Salt Spring government but unfortunately the price of marijuana will drop and the banks and credit unions will fall into bankruptcy because clients will be unable to pay their mortgages."

Looking deep into his crystal, the carpet-wielding attorney also predicted:

"The Skeena Queen will

be hijacked and ordered to sail to Mexico. Fortunately for the hijackers, the ferry will break down two miles past Sidney."

Survivor celebrity and retail prognosticator, Bruce Patterson envisions a future not unlike the past.

"The Skeena Queen will continue to be late and continue to break down. Debates about the barge and bridge will also continue," presaged the oracle of creamed corn.

But touching upon unusual events, the future-gazing grocer prophesized:

"All crosswalks will be removed from Ganges because we don't use them and all passing lanes will be removed because we drive at the slowest speeds."

Mango-tango specialist Florence Reid soothsays with a gentle wink.

"There will be the usual ups and downs, but those Salt Spring Islanders with a sense of humour will fare best when the chips are down. Even better, when accompanied by a nice piece of fried haddock and a side salad."

Reid went on to offer a New Year's blessing to the island community.

"My wish for the year is more laughter, more leg-pulling and general hysterics."

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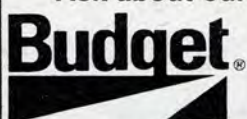
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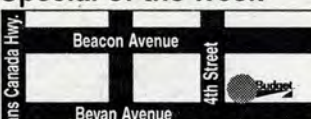
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Neville has raised Romney sheep for 15 years and been involved in the Coombes Fair, the Nanaimo Sheep Show and the B.C. Purebred Sheep Association.

According to a press release, she is one of only a few sheepkeepers who makes full use of all her fleeces. As she points out, it is hard to make money from wool, unless it is of good quality and carefully prepared and marketed.

Neville will bring samples of her own wool and products she has made with it. She will also demonstrate how felt is created and will teach the basic principles of spinning with both a simple homemade dropspindle and a spinning wheel.

All sheep owners or prospective owners of any age are welcome. For more information or to register, please call Margaret Threlfall at 537-4535.

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*Flick Pick ...*  
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The Center of The World is the new film from Wayne Wang (The Joy Luck Club, Smoke).

Shot on digital video, it's an intimate look into a very peculiar relationship. Richard, a millionaire computer guru, hires stripper "Florence" to be his companion for three days in a Las Vegas hotel. She establishes some rules to maintain a professional atmosphere, such as "no talking about feelings." Of course, it wouldn't be much of a movie unless someone broke those rules.

For those of you thinking, "I've seen that movie, it was called Leaving Las Vegas, you're right and wrong. Yes, Wang certainly has the Nicholas Cage/Elizabeth Shue vehicle in mind as a reference point. However, The Center of the World has far more depth and is infinitely more subtle.

Particularly interesting are the characters' motivations; by splitting film time evenly between Richard and Florence and never giving us any internal thoughts, Wang renders those motivations ambiguous and transitory. Is Richard looking for love, or sex, or affirmation as a man?

Is Florence just looking for money, or slipping into seedy trends of her past?

Certainly many viewers are going to be offended by the film's sexual frankness, while others will balk at its grainy, claustrophobic cinematography. But for the brave few, The Center of the World offers an insightful look into two interesting characters. Canadian Molly Parker, as Florence, is fearless in her role as a woman forced into some incredibly tight psychological corners.

As for Richard, we see a man grasping at straws. Even with all the material trappings money can buy, he has problems making even the most typical of human connections.

Can the two of them ignore their social roles and head off to a house in the suburbs? Not likely, but we know this from the start. The Center of the World isn't a pleasant experience, but illuminating nonetheless.

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### 10 CELEBRATIONS

AN INVITATION to all friends for a celebration of Bruce Robinson's life will be on January 19th, 2002. It will be held at the Brinkworthy Clubhouse commencing at 1:30 pm. Reflections at 1:30 pm and refreshments to follow. Sharing of memorabilia and memories are welcomed. Please bring any stories, pictures or other memories you would like to share. Enquiries at 537-8902

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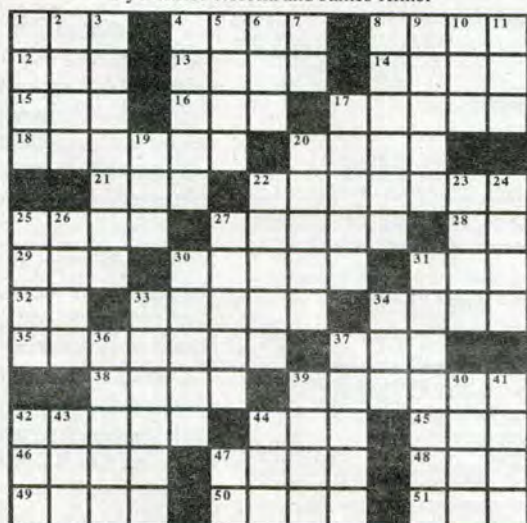
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- First six-decade hockey pro
- Lavish affection
- McBean's concern
- Among
- Sooty
- Revolutionary name
- Container
- Timely
- Beginning
- Killer whale
- Y follower
- Sideways
- And The Kid
- Eye protector
- Little - peep
- Louisa May Alcott character
- Language of law
- Salt in St Pierre
- Biblical you
- Curses
- First to swim Lake Ontario
- Running shoe
- OPQ preceder
- Contents
- First to broadcast hockey play-by-play
- Is unsuccessful
- British military org.
- Pride of Parry Sound
- The E in E.S.G.
- First foreign LPGA championship winner
- Ocean inlet
- Not difficult
- Sales agents, for short
- Secret agent

#### DOWN

- 3 First NHL 2000 point scorer
- Detested
- Leave out
- Come out on top
- Broadbent or Mirvish
- Northern - first Canadian Kentucky Derby winner
- Actor's quest
- Calendar abbr.
- Ogle
- 17 First Canadian Olympic gold medalist
- Understand
- Bedouin's destination
- Metric unit
- Brother of Cain
- Relax
- First foreign World Series winner
- Liturgical affirmation
- Wind indicators
- Shuswap and Wakaw
- Certain students
- First Canadian to run the mile in under 4 minutes
- Famous auto acronym
- Wrongdoings
- Certain turns
- Lock part
- Journey
- Waiter's concern
- for service
- Macaws
- Fish eggs
- Public Relations, for short

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**Tip of the week:**  
**January 11, 2002**  
 Four months have passed since the September 11th terrorist crisis in New York. In the wake and aftermath of that tragic event, Astrologers from all around the world worked to decipher what was going on at deeper levels. Predictions had been made by a good number of Astrologers that something big might occur in the fall of 2001 and it did. Many also said that the high alert would continue through to the spring of 2002, at least. As was mentioned several times over the course of 2001 in this Horoscope, the major planetary players are Pluto and Saturn in opposition to one another (180 degrees) with Saturn symbolizing the structural power of any establishment. Pluto represents the hidden power. The comparison can be likened to an iceberg with the bulk of the mass beneath the surface and out of sight, or the police force vs. the CIA, for example. Yet, Pluto also represents bringing what is hidden to the surface to be eliminated. As ever, there is much more to be said than what the media covers. In any case, the 'tug of war' between these two power players did gain the front page. The Astrological portrait reveals that many hidden players and agencies are at work. May they all be revealed and justice realized.

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
 A period of accelerated learning and maturity is upon you. This can prove to be a very empowering cycle or it could prove to be painful. As ever, it depends upon how you engage. Your choices are responses are the X factor that renders prediction as a probability not as an absolute. Fortunately, you are in a very good position to face any lingering fears. By month's end you are cautioned, however, not to act first then think later - an Aries issue. Outline your plans and intentions first.

**Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)**  
 Revolutionizing and/or breaking through traditional beliefs continue. Bias has no bias - we all have it. The next question is what are your biases, where did they originate and are they serving a greater purpose in your life now and into the future? Whatever they are and wherever they originate, no one is to be blamed or judged. Yet, proceeding forward without any sense of what motivates you is certainly the low road most travelled. It may take some extra effort at first, but the high road is the place to be.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)**  
 As the translator of the zodiac,

it is your destiny to help yourself and others to decipher wider and deeper meanings of words. As you do this you will quickly realize that there are many meanings and interpretations for any given word. This means that life is much less matter-of-fact and obvious and much more relative than it seems. 'Assumption' is a common issue. The point is that your current task is to translate and determine your personal experiences then to enter into dialogue and find out what others are experiencing. Relativity reigns supreme!

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)**  
 The process of building new, more solid and secure relationship patterns is a central theme now. Perhaps certain patterns do not reveal the fullness of your potential. Life can be painful and there is reason to be scared and hide and escape and be in denial. Yet, it is your destiny to face your fears. The secret is to understand that fear originates in the mind and triggers emotional reactions then closes the mind. Exercise seeing what might constitute fears slowly and surely. It is funny that 'mirrors' are what frighten people the most. Recognition, acceptance and determination will see you through!

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)**  
 This week's New Moon in Capricorn will have an impact on your life style, daily routine and habit patterns. This offers an opportunity for you to obtain new tools and/or skills to create a more practical approach. What can you do to start the process? The key is to think in terms of service. You will feel more grounded and focused for the next month so capitalize. If unsure, ask for guidance and trust that answers will come. The second clue is to inspire rather than push others to do the same without expectations.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)**  
 A very creative and charismatic cycle is now yours to enjoy. You will feel inspired to take a more balanced and intelligent approach. To achieve this goal, you must, however, be willing to pay the price. This includes being willing to really see the habit patterns that hamper progress and which you deny habitually. You do have every right to do them, but are you happy and what is their actual consequence? Exercise the humility and courage to see what others see. Ask!

**Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)**  
 Taking note and stock close to home is now in focus. Tending to security needs and investment prospects of all kinds is the goal. In regards to finances, there is good reason to proceed, yet cautiously until spring anyway. Alternative approaches may seem appealing now and that is good, yet go slow. Health and healing are a part of the scenario. Take time to do some self-enquiry. There is a charge in the air and tensions could escalate in late January through to March. Be diplomatic.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 22)**  
 Tending to the very real and practical details continues. Some important matters are at hand. A lot of communication, information, phone calls and short trips are likely. These will result in changes in your perceptions, beliefs and priorities. Meanwhile, a playful or excited mood finds you hopping and dancing and behaving strangely to others. In each case, love relationship fronts require initiative and refinement to flow more smoothly and fully. Keep an open mind and expect some surprises.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
 You are in a rather serious, efficiency oriented and determined mood. Certain modes of communication and quality of rapport in love and business need some attention. This is a good time to start communicating and/or planning for needed improvements. Financial interests and security in general are part of the proceedings. You are challenged to exercise full empathy so that you know exactly where others concern stand in terms of needs and wants. Take an open approach towards a win/win deal.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
 Whether by choice or due to external circumstances you are in a pioneering mode. You are eager to try out new tools and skills. The old routine does not meet your current standards. Your willingness to receive guidance and instruction from other authorities is ideal. Trust that you will learn simply by osmosis at first and especially when you take lateral action. Some major projects could start later in January. In any case, that is a good time to schedule any needed renovations or other exciting ventures.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)**  
 A summons from retreat and slumber has been sounded. Yet, like a bear out of hibernation, it may take you awhile to rise fully to the occasion. Inner work takes time and a lot more energy than one might think. Courage of conviction and consequent initiative are needed. Health concerns and considerations are central. Since all health and/or illness begins in the mind, is there some attitude or perspective that you can begin to build within. Pray, seek guidance and keep your mind open.

**Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
 Amidst the aftermath of the holiday season and the wake of anticipation for new experiences, some unexpected challenges may be surfacing. These may be literal and obvious or inward and disruptive. In any case, you are challenged to face these issues and any attending fears and flow past them. Ambitions to awaken certain modes of expression from a subconscious slumber are central. As you do, you will be awakened to hidden strength, insight and inspiration. Spiritual warriors are always rewarded, eventually.

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