

Fortune teller predicts future

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If you've read Anne Tyler's novel *Searching for Caleb* you would be delighted by the adventures involving the character of Justine Peck. Justine is a character who the reader loves because of her ability to use magical powers to tell the future. Having read the book, I decided to go to a fortune-teller. Expecting to meet an eccentric old lady wrapped in a black cloak and staring into a crystal ball, I found Ms. Weldon quite different and the experience quite intriguing.

Just as Tyler's character could read the cards to predict her clients' future, my fortune teller predicted events that would take place in the new year. I also had a chance to ask her a few questions.

In her mid-twenties, Ms. Weldon of Moncton, has been telling fortunes since she was a child. She said she started with "playing around with Old

Maid cards." Her mother could not believe that she could see anything in a deck of cards. However, Weldon insisted that she could tell her own future.

Weldon has two children and a husband and often relies on her premonitions to control her family and marriage.

In one experience, her husband was out hunting and was lost in the woods, and Weldon dreamed that she could see him and that he was lost. She was awake until 6 a.m. and not until she dreamed that her husband had found a cabin was she reassured so she could get back to sleep. The following day her husband confirmed her dream was true. Ms. Weldon in a humorous way, said, "my husband doesn't have a chance. If he has anything on his mind bothering him I know before he says anything."

Weldon has had other dreams which she told me about. She dreamed the night that John Lennon was killed that she was a young girl in her teens again

standing in an arena in Moncton. She could hear the music of the Beatles and suddenly she saw blood and someone getting stabbed several times. The next morning when she awoke, she switched on the radio and heard that Lennon had been shot several times. "Although this seems rather far-fetched," she said, "I know that it truly was a premonition."

However, Weldon says, "your future can change from day to day it is not always predictable."

The formation of the cards help her to order out their multiple meanings. She only tells fortunes in her own home and restricts her customers to people who have been referred to her. Her customers range from teenage girls to older women. They ask her about their sex lives, their boyfriends, their husbands,

and their careers.

Weldon explained the procedure in which she would read the cards, which involved reading the meanings of past --as well as the future. "Fortune-telling," she said, "is not just reading the cards, palms, or tea leaves for hidden meanings but it relies on psychic powers of concentration."

When asked if she believed if astrological signs and horoscope predictions could have any bearing on your life, Weldon said that she often read "the characteristics and their predictions but she did not believe they have much bearing on her method of fortune-telling."

"As I said before, the cards hold multiple meanings such as the trade card, the

dissatisfaction card and the engagement card."

The card readings were done three times and a conclusion followed, whereas Ms. Weldon asked me to shuffle the deck and pick out nine cards (face down). She summarized her predictions for me for 1981. She said reading more than one year into the future is very complicated.

The past is not read more than the future. Weldon said the readings are different for everyone. For one person, the past may dominate their cards, whereas in another person the future is displayed more and very little is shown about the past.

I won't tell you what the fortune-teller predicted to me but I was convinced that she had a special ability to read the future.

P.C. energy critic speaks

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Federal Progressive Conservative energy critic Michael Wilson told a small crowd at the annual meeting of the Fredericton South PC Association Monday night that, "we are seeing centralized control that we have not seen in this country for the past 20 years." Wilson referred to both energy and the constitutional question in his address, saying Trudeau has chosen his system and has not listened to the people or the experts.

Wilson made a further suggestion that the energy policies of the Trudeau government have caused alienation of the western provinces, which will soon result in the nationalization of the oil industry. Wilson said "people (in the West) feel they have been done in by the federal government" not only because two taxes were forced upon them that they did not want, but also because of the economic pinch of nearly 60 oil rigs leaving the country. These rigs leaving the Canada have created the atmosphere for more federal involvement in the oil industry, Wilson said. That is why Alberta is angered.

Wilson suggested it was not only the oil companies who faced serious setbacks but also the businessmen who were losing business on account of the rigs leaving. That is why there is a loud voice in the Canada West Foundation, he said.

"We are seriously exposed" to the problems in the Middle East and it is "foolhardy to suggest that we have control as the government has" when Canada is exporting 25 per cent of its oil, he said. Mexico has also proven to be a problem area as they have not been able to meet their commitment on oil, said Wilson.

The Progressive Conservative Party agreed with the aims of the oil policy as set down by Trudeau but feels the means to bring it about has created the opposite effect. Wilson said, clarifying the Tories' stand. Canada's energy policy should be moving towards self-sufficiency, increased state-ownership of oil companies to produce fairness in price, and increased Canadianization.

Wilson said his government's first priority would be to stabilize the country's resources and to break "the deadlock between Alberta and the federal government."

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Wine dipped.

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