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the parlor study, a room filled with Biedermeier furniture—from the custom cabinetry to the round burlwood table where he and his clients sit. There is almost no stereotypical psychic paraphernalia about, except for a Buddha-like statue that according to Andrews is a "young man seeking enlightenment, just like you and me." Hanging out with Andrews is fun. While he's slight in stature, he's a big personality, talking quickly and getting excited when he "hits" on something. **261 Mulberry Street (212-226-2194)**

COST: \$175 for a one-hour consultation that includes several tarot readings and a palm reading.

Mark Seltman

A HANDS-ON APPROACH

MARK SELTMAN LOOKS LIKE A WIZARD: He's tall and lanky with a gray ponytail and beard, and although he doesn't dress up for consultations, he's not above the occasional purple robe and pointy hat for the public readings he gives at parties and corporate events for people like Martha Stewart ("People don't realize how hard you work, Martha!") and the ladies of *The View*. He actually started out as a successful industrial designer, but he gave up that career to pursue hand reading, which he'd been studying for 25 years. "I was sick of depleting the planet and polluting the environment," he explains. "I got some consciousness." His greatest accomplishment occurred when his daughter was born. Her short index finger indicated a tendency toward low self-esteem. Seltman decided on the spot that he would work only from home in order to give her the extra support she would need, and he feels that now, nine years later, she has avoided this fate and the topography of her palm has actually changed.

PHILOSOPHY: "I like to think I'm fast-forwarding my clients toward self-awareness. You still have to do the work."

WHAT TO EXPECT: Private readings are held in Seltman's incred-

ibly tidy East Village railroad apartment, where the organic foods and world-music cassettes are alphabetized neatly in shelves reaching to the ceiling. Don't look for prophecies; Seltman doesn't believe in them. He just likes to help his clients understand themselves better. **111 East 7th Street, No. 72 (212-777-0540)**

COST: \$250 for a reading.

Patricia Masters

VOICE OF REASON

PATRICIA MASTERS, WITH HER DANCER'S posture and dramatic stage-whisper voice, is one of the city's most discreet psychics, doing a lot of work she's "not at liberty to discuss"—including, according to the psychic grapevine, helping to crack cases for the NYPD. She describes herself as "clairvoyant-clairaudiant," which is to say that she not only sees things but hears voices. Before the session, she spends some time thinking about your name, so that by the time you arrive, she, and the voices, are ready. She believes that people inhibit themselves by limiting their imaginations to what is known; she considers it her mission to get them

in touch with the unknown.

PHILOSOPHY: "I can show off, but that's not the good stuff."

WHAT TO EXPECT: Masters is incredibly thorough. She'll tell you everything about your career, health, and love life, then ask you for questions. She'll close her eyes, turn her head, move her hand around in your general direction, and conduct brief conversations with her voices. "Oh, really? Hmmmm. Interesting." She'll then face you, open her eyes, and make declarations. "They say your body does not like orange juice." She does make predictions, and she offers very specific advice, particularly where nutrition is concerned. Here's what not to expect: any explanation of who "they" might be. **(212-288-5467)**

COST: Rates on request.

Deb McBride

SCHOLARLY READING

DEB MCBRIDE, WITH HER ROSY CHEEKS, friendly smile, and chintz-filled Park Slope walk-up, is probably the coziest astrologer in town. But she's also one of the most academic: She's the author of some of the practice's more scholarly articles, and

treats her craft like a true science. "There are certain things in an astrological chart that we carry with us our whole lives," she says, "and I know when they're going to get pinpointed time-wise based on what the planets are doing."

PHILOSOPHY: "You tell me what's going on, I tell you what's going on, and then we try to meet in the middle and figure it all out. I just like people to know that if they feel like they're going through the juicer, they're not crazy. There are bigger forces at work here."

WHAT TO EXPECT: While McBride is a very by-the-books astrologer—not only does she spend a good deal of time with your chart before you arrive, but she frequently studies other charts during the reading in an attempt to identify patterns in your life—she recently completed a three-year course in counseling. It's almost like talking with your favorite R.A. from your college dorm: gentle and



IN THE CARDS: Frank Andrews was encouraged to be a psychic by the real Auntie Mame.