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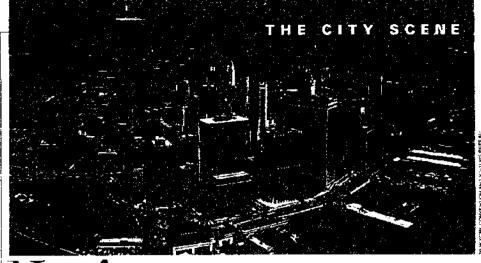
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Native New York

The inside scoop on where the locals eat, drink and play.

BY SUZANNE WISE

earing the millennium, New Yorkers are turning to practitioners of the ancient arts of the occult to handle urban life. Whether you believe in past lives or future predictions, visiting an experienced psychic is a thought-provoking adventure.

SOHO PSYCHIC

Frank Andrews has been in business for 34 years, writes a tarot column in the Sunday New York Post, and has given readings to John Lennon and Princess Grace. Meeting in his Far Eastern art-filled SoHo home, Andrews provided me with very convincing accounts of my past and present, and flung out a few feasible predictions. A glimpse at my palm accurately revealed (among other things) milk intolerance and a penchant for creative writing. A jaunt through numerology (using birth and current year dates) predicted a year of romance shead. He also got a glimpse of a past life, which was French. (I did spend a college semester in Paris.) The charge is \$150 for one hour. 261 Mulberry St., 226-2194

WEATHERMAN OF THE PSYCHE

An internationally known industrial designer who makes beautiful, useful objects out of garbage, Mark Seltman is a palmist with a social conscious and a creative mind. For Seltman, readings are a dialogue. "I'm not going to tell you your future," he warns. A kind of weatherman of the psyche, what he will do is analyze your character and forecast possibilities by studying prints of your palms, an astrology charl and tarot cards. Seltman believes palm lines can be changed by behavior, and often advises on

ways to improve your life, and thus your lines treatingly, he zoomed in on my intimate flaws. I left his apartment reflective—and a bit queasy Two bours is \$150, 111 E, 7th St., 777-0540.

UPPER EAST SIDE OCCULT

As a 14-year-old actress on the island of Malta. Madalyn Aslan began her career in celebrity palmistry with Rock Hudson. She's gone on to peruse the palms of Sam Shepard and a host of other stars, and write a Sunday astrology column for the New York Post. Her readings take place in an elegant Upper East Side apartment, complete with garden for outdoor readings. Her empathic grasp of my being, and pinpointing of details from the past, made me trust her predictions. An hour and a half is \$200, \$150 for daylong classes on palmistry. Make appointments through Laurie Dietz, 675-5992, or http://www.MadStarMap.com

A MEDIUM'S GENERAL STORE

Enchantments, a white magic store, offers occult books, swords, candles custom-designed to remedy your psychic ailment, and a mostly female staff of psychics for in-store readings. Lexa Roséan, author of "Supermarket Sorceress" and the forthcoming "Scxy Hexes," is an articulate feminist who gives profoundly insightful tarot readings for \$40. She also does past-life readings and astrology, 341 E. 9th St., 228-4394.

SUPERNATURAL CURRY

Akbar, a fine Indian restaurant with a lovely stained-glass interior, has psychics nightly after 7 p.m. for numerology or tarot reads, \$15 for each diner 475 Park Ave. at 57th Street, 838-1717. Cl