

You can shape your own future

Since the beginning of time, man has wanted his future revealed to him in some magical way. Cards, dice, dominoes, crystal balls and rune sticks are only a few of the thousands of props used by readers to tell your fortune.

I believe that it is possible, with or without these props, for sensitive, perceptive readers to predict some of what will happen in the days ahead in an individual's

life. However, this prediction is based on what has already taken place and the presumption that you will continue along the path you are traveling now.

For every action, there is a reaction. For every result, there is a cause.

THE ONLY reason I can see for anyone wanting to know about his future is so that if they don't like what is foretold, they can take some steps to change it and make sure it doesn't happen that way.

I believe in predestination, but I also believe in free will.

That may sound contradictory, but it is not. Certain things are happening now, and are bound to happen in the future, because of what we have done in the past.

When these predestined events take place, we have the free will to react to them in many different ways. The way we



react will determine the next set of predestined circumstances.

Each of us controls his own destiny. Most people do not like to recognize that fact. It is much easier to blame fate for what happens to us.

WE ARE all bound to meet with some misfortune in our lives. And when we do, we can sit and feel sorry for ourselves and spend the rest of our days bemoaning our lot in life, or we can meet these misfortunes head on and see what can be salvaged after the holocaust.

I have been privileged in my lifetime to know two truly great men who were double amputees. After losing both legs, these men went on to live active, productive lives.

On the other hand, I have known some people who, if they break a fingernail, will spend the next two weeks sitting around and crying about it.

Your life is what you make it. You do control your future. There is nothing you can not achieve if you have the emotion, imagination and self-confidence to do so.

And there is no predestined misfortune so terrible that it can not be altered and used for some benefit.

Beware, when you have your fortune told or read your horoscope in the daily paper, that you don't let that influence you and cause you to make it come true.

Someone once said, "I don't know how much the stars influence our lives, but I can say for sure that the belief in astrology has affected and shaped the lives of many."

Don't accept someone else's ideas about your future. Instead, decide what you want and then go out and make it happen.

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Consumer bill backed on final vote

Except for three absentees, area legislators all backed S.B. 1—the so-called "Consumer Protection Act"—when it passed both houses of the Michigan Legislature last week.

A conference report was adopted by both houses after house committee members backed off of two pet ideas—giving the attorney general authority to add new illegal practices to the list spelled out in the bill and widening the provisions banning unfair, competitive practices.

The senate gave it 29-3 passage. Supporting it were Sen. Donald Bishop (R-Hochester), Harold Cooper (D-Oak Park), William Faust (D-Westland) and Bill Huffman (D-Madison Heights). Missing was 2d District Congressman Carl Pursell (R-Flynn).

The house vote was 70-11. Reps. William Keith (D-Garden City) and Richard Peterson (R-Troy Lakes) were absent.

THE NEW LAW takes effect April 1. It bans deceptive trade practices as those which mislead a prospective buyer.

For example, a store violates the law if it advertises a special, and then stocks only a small quantity of the item.

A real estate salesperson and a car dealer who know about defects in their products and fail to inform the buyer would also be in violation.

All other 29 practices are outlawed. Consumers, as well as county prosecutors and the state attorney general, may take alleged violators to court. A consumer may file a case himself in small claims court. Late an attorney whose fees must be paid by the seller if the consumer wins or takes his complaint to the attorney general or county prosecutor.

If the consumer can prove wrongdoing, the law provides for a minimum \$250 in damages, even if the harm to the consumer is minimal.

SBT hearing set for Dec. 15 in Pontiac

A public hearing on the single business tax will be held from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at the auditorium of the Oakland County Court House.

The hearing is sponsored by Gov. William Milliken. A House Task Force on the Single Business Tax.

The North Oakland Chamber of Commerce asks its members who want to speak at the hearing to call Ken Rogers at Rogers and Associates 667-4191 prior to Dec. 15.

Tinsmithing feature

The almost-lost craft of tinsmithing will be demonstrated at the Detroit Christmas Antique and Collectors Show, Dec. 8-12 in the Light Guard Armory, on east Eight Mile.

Gordon Bragman, 25-year-old tinsmith who apprenticed at Greenfield Village, will give daily demonstrations, using tools that date back to 1900.

The show will also feature collections of Tiffany lamps, jewelry, coins, primitives, postcards and other items. The armory opens at noon each day.

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