

Witch Watch

by GUNDELLA



Nine of swords means recovery

Dear Gundella: The nine of swords depicts a convalescing person recovering from a long illness or emotional depression. Is this true of yourself at this time?

In my dream, I sat on the bed crying. Nine swords hung on the wall above me. Suddenly I arose and seized the third sword from the top. I broke it in half and went merrily on my way.

I awoke feeling light-hearted and happy, as if a large burden had been taken from me.

Can you interpret this dream for me?

M.C., Garden City

DEAR M.C.: The nine of swords depicts a convalescing person recovering from a long illness or emotional depression. Is this true of yourself at this time?

One interpretation might be that the third sword represents the three of swords, a card which depicts a damaged heart (from either illness or an emotional trauma).

Your breaking of that sword could indicate your determination to break out of this situation and become a well person again.

ONE OF THE world's largest privately held collections of playing cards (including Tarot decks and books) is that of Stuart and Marilyn Kaplan.

Kaplan is president of U.S. Games, Inc., of New York. This company has recently published a magnificent new volume entitled "The Encyclopedia of Tarot."

This book contains photographs of more than 3,200 different Tarot cards from more than 50 different decks. These range from the earliest known decks to the newest 20th century decks.

The diversity of these many decks further illustrates the point I have tried to make here and again: Tarot is a living language; it is continuing to develop every day.

Tarot symbols are adapted to the peoples using them and are altered accordingly. This does not detract from their authenticity, but rather strengthens it, keeping it as alive and meaningful today as it was in centuries past.

Kaplan's encyclopedia belongs in the library of every serious Tarot scholar.

BILL BUTLER'S "Dictionary of the Tarot" (Schocken Books, New York, 1977) lists not only his own interpretations for each Tarot card but also the interpretations of 13 others.

The others include: Case, Crowley, Douglas, G. Dawn, Gray, Grimaud, Huxon, Kahn, Kaplan, Mathers, Papus, Thieren and Waite.

These authorities differ greatly in their various interpretations, sometimes to the point of being totally opposing.

None of the authorities is wrong, however. Remember: There are as many interpretations of the Tarot as there are Tarot readers. Each person sees in the cards the message held for him or her at that time.

Next week, I will discuss the interpretation of the Major Arcana Card XVI, "The Tower."

(In June, Gundella will conduct a weekend workshop on Tarot. Enrollment is limited. For information, call her at 427-1072.)

Volunteers give tax aid

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency volunteers will be available to help low-income persons file their 1978 federal and state income tax returns.

Several income tax credits have been changed or added, and volunteers will be able to help persons correctly file for the credits. Especially confusing, according to the agency, may be the "earned income credit" for the elderly.

That credit replaces the retirement income credit and the homestead property tax credit. There is also a new "home heating credit."

Appointments for the income tax assistance sessions may be made by telephoning the agency site nearest you. Persons in the Pontiac-Waterford area should call 338-9287. Persons in the Walled Lake area can call 644-5320.

Oakland-Livingston staffers will also be able to make house calls to assist homebound persons.

Agency spokesmen advise persons who plan to use the service to bring along their 1978 tax forms, wage statements (W-2 or W-2P forms), bank interest statements, a copy of last year's tax return and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses.

Bob Hope says, "Help keep Red Cross ready."



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Bishop attacks paperwork

State Sen. Donald Bishop, R-Rochester, last week introduced a bill which he said would eliminate much of the paperwork involved in providing medical care for Medicaid patients.

"Faced with the mounds of paperwork doctors are now required to fill out in order to be reimbursed by the state, many are becoming reluctant — and justifiably so — to even treat Medicaid patients. As a result, the availability of quality medical care for Medicaid patients is diminishing in our state," Bishop said.

Bishop's bill would allow doctors who treat Medicaid patients to waive their fees through the year, then deduct half of the charges when they file their annual state income tax returns.

The proposal still requires doctors to keep records of their Medicaid billings so that claimed deductions can be verified.

Insurance salesman receives recognition

Alan D. Darnell, of 3262 York Drive, Troy, has earned membership in State Mutual Life Assurance Company of America's "1944 Society" for the third time.

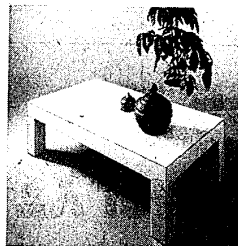
Darnell, group sales representative

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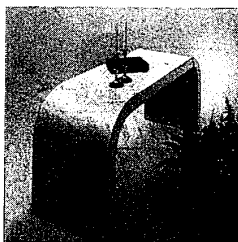
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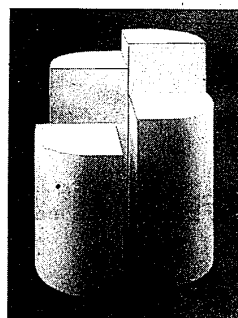
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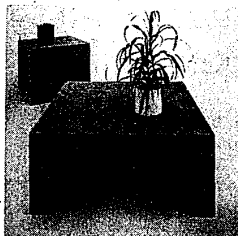
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