

Tarot Card Readings: an encouragement in life, love, and health

By Kristen Berman

Before she starts she always says 'The Our Father' and A Hail Mary' and asks God to surround her with white light, only the good and true. And then Swamita Antia begins.

I was asked to shuffle the cards and pick out eight. From those eight cards Swamita Antia attempted to foresee my future.

I walked into her home with a fellow staff member, Kellie Rouse, who was also getting a reading, yet the companion failed to soothe my nerves. My mind spun into the endless 'what if's.' What if I was told that I would never fall in love, or my health was in jeopardy? Wouldn't I always carry that information with me and wait for it come crashing down? Yet, it was worth the chance. I was curious.

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-Swamita Anita
Tarot Card Reader

Swamita Antia said she once closed her eyes and asked why and how she was able to do this healing. "When I did that, I saw the blessed virgin." However, before she began the reading she forewarned that she doesn't know where she gets this information; though she predicts

its from God, all she can tell me is what she feels.

I spread the cards out on her dining room table and randomly selected eight from

the deck. As she flipped them over, her eyes grew big and she said 'Hmmm...' at the combination she saw.

"You're very intuitive and balanced. In fact you have the ability to do this kind of reading if you tried."

Flattered as I was with her compliments, I was anxious to hear more about my future.

She told me that something happened in the past with my

friends and a guy that destroyed my ability to trust. She warned it was going to be a long time until I was going to trust again, but assured the time would come.

I sighed in defeat. However, I realized that she was correct. I have a tendency to hold myself back and not allow people to have my trust. She continued and predicted that the friends I have now will be ones that I am always in contact with.

The experience continued with an aura reading. She says anyone is capable of doing this, just look hard at the person's forehead until you see colors outlining their bodies. For me, she saw yellow. That is representative of the stomach. She warned that I may have gallbladder problems and ulcers. I'll look forward to that. She also said that my mind never stops; it is always going. That is very true!

My turn was over and my friend took her spot at the table. Swamita Anita had strong opinions about Kellie, "Have a little fun, don't let everything pass you by. Live on the wild side." Kellie agreed that she was too reserved. On the love side, Kellie was told that the person

she likes now may be 'the one.' Kellie smiled.

When analyzing Kellie's aura, she saw blue. From that she correctly said that religion played a role in her life, more so than it does in mine.

The reading came to a close and both Kellie and I felt very eerie. What was said at Swamita Anita's informal dining room table was strangely on-target. The readings revealed things about us that we didn't want to admit and yet should confront. It opened my eyes.

Swamita Anita works at Leaves of Earth in Antioch. She bought her first set of Tarot

cards 20 years ago and just read the directions. About eight years ago she found herself then saying things that weren't written in the booklet and nine out of ten times they were coming true. Now she charges \$10 for ten minutes and will do parties.

She offers this as parting advice, "Don't call those 1-900 numbers. Those people don't know what they are talking about"



Photo by Kristen Berman

SISTER PSYCHIC: Swamita Anita purchased her first set of tarot cards twenty years ago. She currently works at Leaves of Earth in Antioch, as well as out of her home.

Ultimate Frisbee an exercise in sportsmanship, agility, and exhilaration

By Shawn Froberg

Dashing through a stream of opponents, pumping both legs until they feel like Jell-o only to be grabbed and smashed into the ground. It's not football or rugby, but the description of a growing sport among young people, Ultimate Frisbee.

Although conventional rules of the sport don't call for any contact, many find the addition of certain rules bring a new challenge to the game. First thought of as the ultimate hippie sport, many colleges are now home to trained and athletic Frisbee teams. The sport combines athletic ability with the ease of throwing a Frisbee.

The major obstacle during the game is holding onto the disc and not giving it away by not catching it or dropping the disc. The size of the field you can play on is any you deem necessary, and any kind of Frisbee can be used.

During a recent game a heated fight took place between senior Andrew Judson and sophomore Matt "Bacon" Rynkiewicz concerning the completion of a goal. After the argument was over, both apologized and shook hands. Judson added, "For me the game isn't about winning but the sportsmanship that

it requires." Although the game can get heated at times, many play just to have fun

with friends and toss around a Frisbee.

The game can be very addicting according to senior Ryan Lefave who later said, "It seems like just yesterday I was playing Frisbee, and I guess that is what I am doing to-day."

Although not the largest player on the field, Bacon (Rynkiewicz) managed to score two points for his team and blocked several throws throughout the

game. "I think I could have done more, but I need better competition to do it," said Bacon.

Master of the long drives senior Matt Vogel stormed the field and put up a re-

lentless wall of crisp throws and wacky trick tosses. "I think it is a great game, and I can't get enough of it," said Vogel.

A newcomer to the sport sophomore Nathaniel "Gubba" Judson was pleased to see the teamwork of each of the sides and added his own trick throws to the game. "I'm just glad to see all the fans come out and watch the teams do what they do best," said Gubba. Throughout the game, there were many great throws, but Gubba owned the game with his quick moves and flawless throws. The game ended with the Judsons 6-4.



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FRIENDLY FIRE: Nathaniel Judson and Andrew Judson risk their necks to keep the Frisbee from dropping to the ground.



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-Andrew Judson
ACHS senior

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