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By Cliff Hicks

Take a peek into future with Tarot

This may make you nervous. In some ways that is my intention — I'm trying to make you look at a perspective you may not be comfortable with.

I am a Tarot card reader. I have been for several years, and before the religious readers go up in arms, I am also an agnostic. It is not, as so many ignorantly claim, witchcraft.

Tarot cards are, for those of you who are unfamiliar with them, cards which are rumored to have the ability to predict the future.

They trace their history back so far in time that their origins are far lost to us. Some say they are Egyptian in descent, others claim they are pure romány, or gypsy.

In my opinion, the Tarot are a tool for putting ourselves under a microscope without realizing it. We are forced to bind aspects of our lives to cards and weave the cards into a story.

First, the Tarot are divided up into four suits: wands, swords, pentacles and cups. Each suit represents an element: fire, air, earth and water, respectively. There are 14 cards in each suit (ace through 10, page, knight, queen and king) and there are 22 major arcana cards, each with a name (like The Fool or Death).

There are many ways to lay out the cards and these are called forms. I deal in a form that is, I believe, known as the Tree of Life.

The Tree format looks like a capital Y with a third prong. The trunk represents the past and present and the branches represent the possibilities of the future.

At the bottom of my trunk is the Ten of Swords. It is, in its own way, a dangerous card. The traditional interpretation is that it represents clarity of thought, but I perceive it as detachment from a situation.

So, in the present is the Hermit, the symbol of wisdom and isolation, as the two states of mind go so well together. Either could be me — both maybe.

In the future, I have three options, represented by the three branches of cards. Each leads me down a different path.

My paths are the Ten of Cups, the Ten of Pentacles and the Queen of Pentacles. The first two are states of mind, the last a person.

The Ten of Cups represents happiness and joy. It is all that is nice about life in the spiritual sense. The Ten of Pentacles is wealth and security, the material things.

The Queen of Pentacles indicates a person, probably a woman, who is quiet and intense. She also puts her well-being above others, often.

To be honest, the future doesn't look that bad. Can the cards tell the future? I don't know. I don't think I'll ever know. It doesn't matter.

Would you like a reading? Turn down the lights and we'll begin.

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Downtown Eatin'

1950s atmosphere blends at new cafe

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If you're interested in a "Happy Days"-esque cafe with a contemporary New York City twist, check out the new Main Street Cafe at 1325 O St.

Located between O'Rourke's Tavern and Avant Card, the Main Street Cafe opened its doors for business Monday — nearly a week before the planned opening date.

The Main Street Cafe is a combination deli and full bar. There are 20 beers available on tap, as well as mixed drinks, coffee, cappuccino and espresso. The menu is a lighter one, with appetizers, light desserts, nine different soups and a 12-inch hot or cold sandwich sub.

The spacious, airy rooms and 18-foot-high ceiling lend a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere to the two-floor restaurant. There are wide booths with classic red zodiac vinyl and blackstone formica table tops, bar stools with lots of chrome, black and white floor tiling and bars made of glass brick.

There are eight televisions — including four big screens — two electronic dart boards and a jukebox.

The Main Street Cafe is owned by three entrepreneurs from Kansas: Tyler Olson, Mike Robinson and John Seltzer. Olson and Robinson are long-time friends from their hometown of Topeka, Kan. The two ran a bar together, the 12th Street Pub, in Manhattan, Kan. Seltzer worked for them as a bartender while he and Olson went to Kansas State University. Robinson attended Emporia State University.

Seltzer said the decision to choose

Lincoln for their restaurant was an easy one.

"Mike and Tyler were up here for a game," Seltzer said. "They were scoping out college towns, and they happened to walk by (the cafe's current location, then vacant). That was less than a year ago."

The space the cafe occupies has been vacant for nearly five years. Avant Card formerly occupied the space, Olson said.

"We felt that downtown Lincoln needed another restaurant that was steering away from the fried food and burgers," Seltzer said. "It's a niche we could fill."

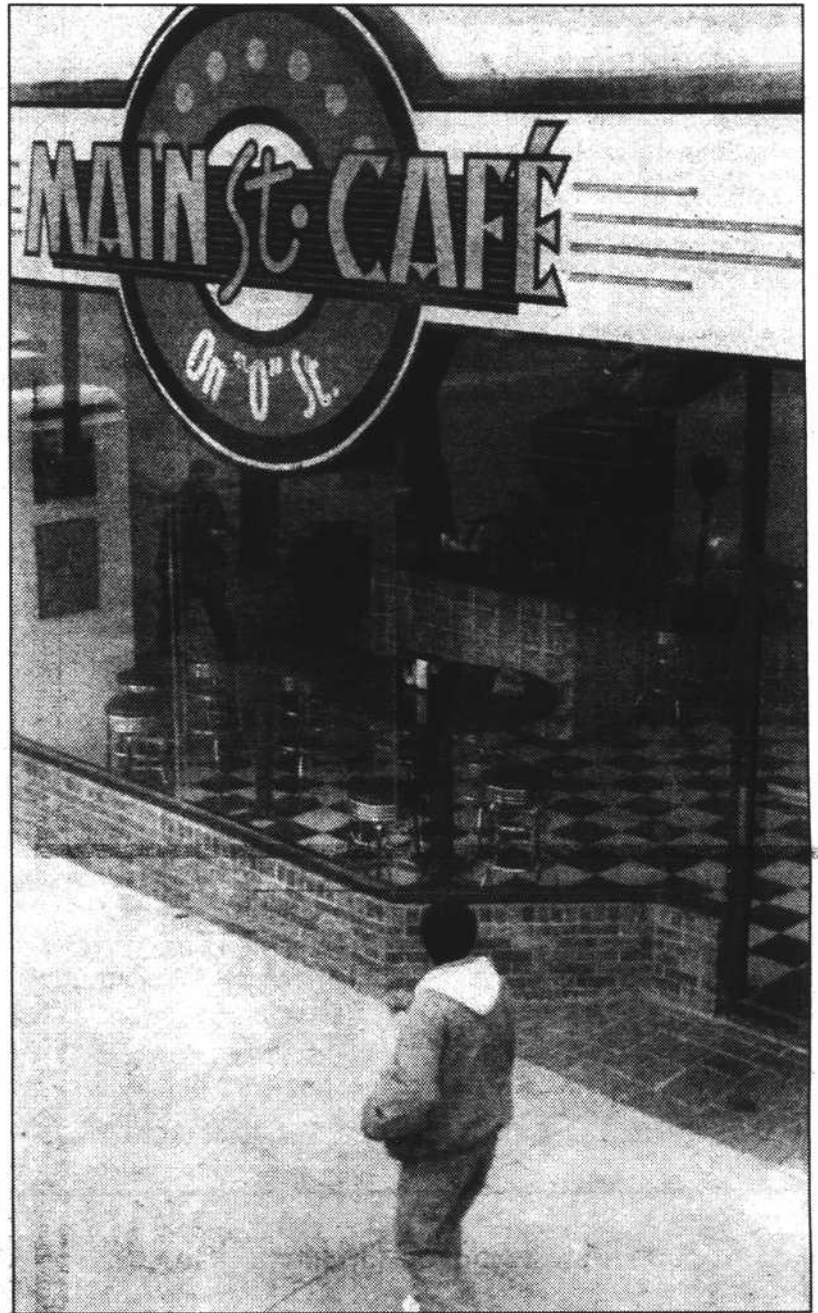
The light menu offers a quick lunch for the downtown business crowd, Olson said, while also providing a good place to eat, drink and watch sporting events for the college crowd.

The decor is taken from bars all over the country, but is mostly modeled after the 1950s New York City coffee shops, when they still served alcohol, Olson said.

"It's something Lincoln didn't have, and we didn't want to open a bar that looks just like the bar next door," he said.

The Main Street Cafe's official grand opening celebration will be this weekend, with plenty of drink specials.

The cafe's regular hours are 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Saturday, with the kitchen closing around 10 p.m. While the cafe isn't open Sundays, Olson said that would probably change in the future.



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MAIN ST. CAFE, at 12th and O streets, had its grand opening this weekend.

Kansas society plans newspaper auction

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — And you thought old newspapers weren't worth anything.

Well, you're probably right about that stack in your garage. But the collection the Kansas State Historical Society is about to unload is worth thousands.

"This is a very, very big deal," said Rick Brown, editor and publisher for the Newspaper Collectors Society of America in Lansing, Mich. He called the auction, set for Jan. 17, the largest of its kind.

Thousands of old editions, dating as far back as 1764, are among the issues of 180 newspapers from Kansas and 21 other states that will be sold.

Some papers will hold value for their announcements of historic events: the Lincoln assassination, the sinking of the Titanic, the stock market crash of '29. The brittle, yellowed pages hold

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reports of Frank and Jesse James, Lizzie Borden's murder trial, the fall of the Alamo, the Mexican War. Not to mention sports and the comics.

The historical society decided to sell them because they were expensive to store and available on microfilm.

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torical society's assistant executive director.

The papers will be sold in lots, rather than individually. Some papers are in good condition; others are little more than fragments.

Haury said that, in its early years, the society collected items related to American history in general, which is why it was getting newspapers from all over the country. More recently, it has focused on Kansas and the West.

Box Office Top 10

Below are the top 10 money-making movies of last weekend. The dollar amounts are represented in millions of dollars.

Movie	Earnings
1. 101 Dalmatians	\$13.5
2. Daylight	\$10.2
3. Star Trek: First Contact	\$6.66
4. Jingle All the Way	\$5.4
5. Ransom	\$5.3
6. Space Jam	\$4.4
7. The English Patient	\$2.78
8. The Mirror Has Two Faces	\$2.5
9. Romeo & Juliet	\$1.2
10. Set It Off	\$1.1

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