

What will the future bring?

Shea-Porter vs. Gregg? Raised toll prices?

Beckah Boyd, self-proclaimed Manchester psychic, says plenty is happening at the turn of the new year. The 23-year-old is co-author of *Ghost Quest in New Hampshire*, which details the Ghost Quest group's investigations into various haunted locations in the Granite State. The group may soon get the chance to investigate Manchester City Library. In the spirit of beginning-of-the-year predictions, Boyd was asked to make her guesses about what 2009 could bring. Visit Boyd's blog at www.carrieanddanielle.com and lean more about Ghost Quest at www.ghostquest.org.



Q: Considering the recent ice storm, weather is on people's minds a lot now. What are your thoughts on weather for the coming year?

For New Hampshire, I'm a little off sometimes. I'm originally from Massachusetts. What I've noticed is that weather will actually be a little bit better, possibly a couple little storms, but nothing like what we've seen in the past. Winter may actually end a little early. Spring might be a little short. Summer will be the big season this year.

[Gov. John] Lynch has long said he would oppose an income tax. Do you see an income tax coming to New Hampshire?

I don't feel like he'll put in an income tax.

ocrats will be in control for a while. What are your thoughts there?

Democrats will be staying in power for a little while longer, but that doesn't mean there won't be any Republicans or that they won't have a say or be able to put in their two cents or get what they want passed. It just might be a little tougher.

Do you have any thoughts on any Republican politicians?

There is one male, who has an energetic energy. He's younger than the rest. He's not like in his 20s but probably like in his 40s. He always has more ideas. I feel like he's in business. He would have some business ties in New Hampshire and he's all about growth. He just doesn't want to stay with the standard and maintain. Again, he's kind of like Hodes. He likes to work in teams. He's really a diplomat. In that, if there are going to be arguments, he's going to be a peacemaker. He sees from all sides of the coin. He tries to look at everybody's perspectives. ... [Sen. John Sununu] I feel like sometimes his enthusiasm and different ideas are kind of misunderstood. Sometimes people don't get it. More because they're not seeing things from the whole picture. He's really trying to get that win-win situation. He is very much a sweetheart. He likes to be with everybody. He's not separated with the upper class. I feel like that's where the crux of his whole thing comes from.

People have talked about Reps. Paul Hodes and Carol Shea-Porter as possibly running against Sen. Judd Gregg. What are your thoughts?

I wouldn't be surprised if Carol Shea-Porter goes for it. Only because, with her, she's such a strong personality, a fix-it personality. ... She's got a lot of yellow in her energy, which stipulates she's a doer, not someone who will just "yes" you to death. She's not going to make choices off the cuff. She thinks about things before she says anything. If anything, she's got the strongest energy in the group.

What does the yellow energy mean?

We're all made up of energy. We actually emit [electromagnetic fields]. A lot of people call that your aura. On a day-to-day basis, it will change. Certain parts stay the same. Certain colors are base colors. With her it's yellow. She's not just about talking, she's about putting ideas forth, and about making things happen.

Studies are suggesting there are now more Democrats than Republicans in New Hampshire. Some analysts say Dem-

Do you see Sen. Sununu running for office again?

I feel like if he does, it will be for a national office.

What about the economy? People are very concerned with our economy. What are your thoughts on that front?

Well you know, I feel like the foreclosures are going to slow down. I feel like over the next year, there'll be a lot of evening out.

Any other predictions you'd like to make?

Travel is going to be really tough this year, I feel that it is going to be more congested, accidents may be more frequent and roads will be falling into more disrepair. So people may want to try and plan their destinations in advance and really make plans instead of just going on a whim. I also feel like they may make an attempt at raising the tolls again, although I feel like that may not happen, it is something to keep an eye out for.

— Jeff Mucciarone