

Modern Optimistic Considerations

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What's the good news going to be? What good news might we create? Consider the following:

1. The USA has a national *Do Not Call Registry*. The Canadian Marketing Association has also started a *Do Not Call Registry* to stop telemarketers from bothering us. <http://www.the-cma.org>. In the meantime how about we use our manners to say, "Good luck in your phone soliciting and thank you but *no*."
2. Children are reading, at least a lot of them. Over three hundred million copies of Harry Potter books have been sold worldwide making J.K. Rowlings one the wealthiest authors ever. Now with Disney's movie there is renewed interest in the classic Narnia books by C. S. Lewis.
3. J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter children's book series, is a woman. Women can be successful.
4. The Dove Campaign is a buzz with women and Oprah professing a newer, kinder and more realistic beauty. You or your next door neighbour may have auditioned for last year's underwear try outs. Although I missed the Dove Calgary interviews in October 2005 I auditioned at the Potato Producers of Alberta's conference to be their Spud Gal. We can celebrate that *We Are So Beautiful*...to someone, even if it is ourselves.
5. Working in PJs from home is more and more acceptable, doable and profitable. For those who might like to start a home based business, Small Businesses Canada at <http://sbinfoCanada.about.com> offers lots of ideas.
6. World wide researchers are looking for better and faster vaccines to avoid the winter-flu, bird-flu and mad-manager flu. Humour and an optimistic view point are both excellent strategies for avoiding illness. You can keep well.
7. Soon cell phones will not only be able to take photos, access your email and maintain your schedule but wash the dishes and do the laundry. Don't we wish? Don't let technology rule you but use it for fun, connection and productivity.
8. Clean technologies are becoming more popular as are environmental studies. Canada's Green Party leader, Jim Harris knows how to weave together a number of his interests. I heard he listens to Diana Krall while he roller blades through nature preserves. Consider how you might recycle your old electronic devices. Electronic Recycling Association operates from Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver <http://www.era.ca>.

9. Fashion dictates are herding women back to basic and sensible clothes. Showing lots of skin to thong crack viewing to too-too feminine will be discarded for solid coloured fabrics, classic jeans that sit on our wastes (those that still have one) and co-ordinated pieces that make it easy to successfully dress in the dark. I don't know about you but I never did let go of my favourite jeans and trusty navy suit. Plus, I'll never give up my boa and bunny slippers. You, too, will figure out how to dress for you and your success.

Make yourself a wonderful future filled with what you want to have, do and be.

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