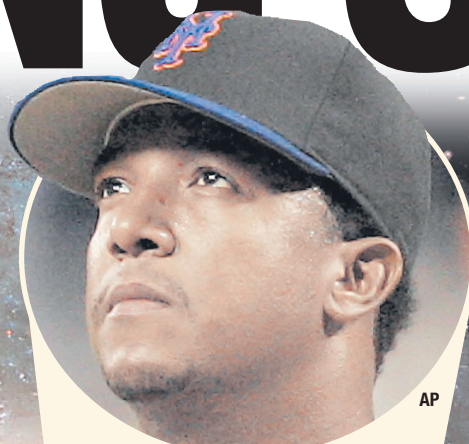


# SEEING STARS



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**Billy Wagner**  
Increased chance of injury.



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Sports astrologer Andrea Mallis (below with Mr. Met) says the stars offer answers to players' production, like the rough season last year by Pedro Martinez (above). Here's some of her 2007 prognostications:



Anthony J. Causti

**Alex Rodriguez**  
Leaves "dark night of the soul" behind.



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**Carl Pavano**  
Struggles to continue.



**Barry Zito**  
Mets would be a good fit.

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## Sports astrologer looks to sky for scouting reports

**B**ASEBALL is entering the Age of Aquarius. Meet Andrea Mallis, sports astrologer. Like GMs, agents and assorted marketers, Mallis will be attending the winter meetings in Orlando the first week of December.

She writes a column for MLB.com, appears on the A's radio network, yes, it figures she lives in Berkeley, but Mallis grew up in Queens as a Mets fan. She has combined her love of baseball and astrology and says she counsels 12 professional players — to guard their privacy she will not reveal their names — and is looking to expand her business to a team not afraid of adding another learning tool.

"It's practical," explains Mallis, who is in her mid-40s. "People have a lot of misinformation about astrology. They think it's like Miss Cleo or psychic stuff, you can channel it. It's really a lot more complex than people give it credit for, it's a metaphysical science, and it's crunching numbers, dates and times.

"It's like having a map. You can certainly go through life without a map, but it's about optimum timing — when to open a business, when to get married, when to change jobs, relationship compatibility. You name it, it's really an important tool. You want to make sure you get a player at the peak of his cycle."

Think of her as the ultimate advance scout. If stat-nerd Bill James can become a baseball executive, why not Andrea Mallis?

"I can literally save a team millions of dollars," she says of future performance indicators. Don't call Mallis a psychic. "Sports astrology," she contends, "is a sensible, discrete profession — hardly resembling generalized horoscope fare."

She has correctly predicted injury woes for Mets ace Pedro Martinez and A's shortstop Bobby Crosby. She said Russ Ortiz would struggle in 2005, Randy Johnson would have troubles in New York and also correctly forecast that Barry Bonds would suffer knee

problems and return late in the 2005 season and that Barry Zito would win the 2002 Cy Young. In 2005 she said letting Mike Piazza walk away from the Mets would be the right thing for both parties.

In her column for MLB.com that appeared Sept. 29, and is posted on her Web site [www.virgoinservice.com](http://www.virgoinservice.com), only one Yankee pitcher is mentioned, Aries Chien-Ming Wang. Wang was the only Yankee to win a game in the postseason.

After some intense studying of the charts, here is what Mallis had to say about key players in 2007.

Zito, she offers, is "currently experiencing the momentous astrological rite of passage known as 'Saturn Return' which occurs approximately every 29 years, an auspicious cycle of endings and new beginnings."

Mallis says Zito is in for an endurance test. "His first year with a new team might be consistently inconsistent," she cautions, "not a true indicator of his long-term potential."

She points out that reuniting Zito with former pitching coach Rick Peterson would be an excellent idea. Zito is a Taurus, Peterson is a Scorpio, although they are Zodiac opposites, they have a great deal in common and are "appreciative of each others eccentricities." The lefty coming to the Mets makes sense because, "Zito has done some of his best work with Peterson ... perhaps with a timely reunion, the teacher-student relationship can flourish again," she says.

The Mets signed free agent Moises Alou, a Cancer, same as Willie Randolph. The manager and player will have good compatibility. Alou was ready for a change. The injury-prone, 40-year-old will have to be careful "about taking inappropriate risks. July looks strong. He has a winning 'can-do' attitude," she says.

As for last year's Mets big free-agent signing, Billy Wagner, Mallis notes challenging times lie ahead. "Forecast-wise this looks like a season where the Mets would be wise not to depend on Wagner exclusively," Mallis warns. "With Saturn [limitation] in challenging aspect to Mars [energy], this low energy, more susceptible to injury cycle, occurs once every 29 years. Strength, assertiveness and willpower diminish, with Neptune in the picture as well, creating a double-cosmic challenge."

Mallis offers Wagner some advice. "Perhaps he can work with various healing modalities such as acupuncture, herbs/nutrition, medical astrology, etc. to stimulate vitality and offset injury," she says.

What about the star-crossed star across town, Alex Rodriguez?

Mallis says A-Rod, a Leo, is "intense and idealistic in his desires ... For the past two seasons Alex labored under a problematical Mars aspect, a crucial planet for an athlete, from Neptune [planet of confusion]. This produced a very ego-denying experience, where confidence waned."

Did it ever. A-Rod went from MVP to batting eighth. Mallis believes the 2007 season "may get off to a slow start" for Rodriguez, "then should gain momentum." She adds, "A-Rod's dark night of the soul should be a thing of the past."

He's going to do real well at poker or with the Yankees.

Then there are A-Rod's bosses, Joe Torre and George Steinbrenner. "Joe needs to keep taking the high road, avoiding power struggles, especially with those that push his buttons," Mallis says.

That button pusher is the Boss, and she has helpful advice for Steinbrenner, born on the Fourth of July. "Be mindful of negative thoughts, imbalanced energy and misguided

aggression," Mallis says, appearing to hit the nail on the head. "Anti-stress vitamins can help during this tension-filled cycle," she says.

So while the Red Sox reach to Japan for a pitcher, the Boss can reach for potent vitamins. Maybe some green tea, too. As for Daisuke Matsuzaka, Mallis says, "With three planets in perfectionist, meticulous Virgo, he has tremendous self discipline."

Hideki Irabu he is not, no Fat Toad.

"He's hungry for change," she says of Matsuzaka, "but sudden events may challenge his sense of self."

She sees good things ahead for Yankee top pitching prospect Philip Hughes, noting 2008 will be his breakout year and the Yankees conservative approach is good. "Hughes is heading in the right direction with lots of drive," Mallis says.

As for Mets youngster Lastings Milledge, she notes, "Aires energy can be hot-headed and insubordinate. I sense a brash Milton Bradley-type vibe that might flame out and antagonize before his star gets a chance to truly rise."

I couldn't let her get away without asking about Carl Pavano, who has been a complete zero after signing for all those zeroes.

"Unfortunately," she says, "Pavano's 2007 forecast persists in looking like an accident waiting to happen. A melancholy earth sign Capricorn, ruled by Saturn, which governs the skeletal system, bones are Pavano's Achilles heel. Pavano is prone to mishaps, arguments and injuries. More nervousness, stress and strain. He should engage in yoga, Tai Chi, martial arts to help him properly direct his erratic energy."

Mallis says she could have seen this red flag chart before the Yankees signed Pavano. Brian Cashman and Omar Minaya might want to stop by and chat with Mallis in Orlando.

After all, to find the right stars, you might have to look beyond the stars.

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